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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Jun 22-26, 2012	Lions International Convention Busan, Korea
Jun 29-30, 2012	Outdoor Market & Strides 5K Run/Walk/Wheel Bark River, MI Heart of the North Lions Club
Jul 6-7, 2012	64th Annual Strawberry Festival Chassell Lions Club
Jul 8, 2012	Lions Day Bay Cliff Health Camp
Jul 14, 2012	1st SD10 Cabiner Meeting Rapid River, MI 10AM
Jul 15, 2012	Teaching Family Homes Lions Day
Aug 6, 2012	Charity Golf Tournament Riverside Country Club Menominee, MI Stephenson Lions Club
Aug 10-12, 2012	Traxxas OFF-ROAD Racing Bark River International Raceway, Bark River, MI Bark River Lions Club
Apr 15, 2012	American Cancer Society Benefit 9AM - 1 PM Rock Lions Club
Sep 2, 2012	14th Annual Munising Lions Rubber Ducky Race & Raffle
Sep 14-16, 2012	USA/Canada Forum Tampa Bay, FL
Sep 22, 2012	DG Wash Appreciation Dinner Oak Crst Golf Club Norway, MI



Tree Planting at Calumet Lake Lions Park

By PDG Patricia Klarich

At 8:30 AM on a Thursday morning, the boys and girls in Ms. Schneiderhann and Ms. Kinnunen's classes set out walking, trowels in hand. They were on a mission, which was to help the Calumet Lions Club plant 100 hemlock seedlings at the township park.

Ms. Schneiderhann and Ms. Kinnunen are part of the CLK LSSI team, which recently partnered with the Lions Club (already a partner with the township) for the purpose of carrying out projects at the park. The fact that it is within walking distance of the school is an advantage for outdoor education initiatives.

The event was part of a larger initiative with Lions Club International, whose International President Tam, encouraged Lions Clubs worldwide to "Go Green in April" by doing environmental activities. Because there is often snow on the ground up here in April, the activity took place in May, after the Houghton County Conservation District's annual plant sale, which is where the hemlock seedlings came from. The Michigan DNR has encouraged the planting of these trees, which used to be prominent in the northern forests and are slow growing and can live to 500 years old.

After their labors, students enjoyed a snack around the garden and then their voices joined the bird songs in the woods as they headed back to school on a beautiful spring morning.

Two days later, on Saturday, May 12th, community and club members turned out at the park to finish the tree planting, clean up the garden and haul large pieces of junk out of the woods. Many thanks to everyone who participated!

From The Desk Of The District Governor

By District Governor Jim Wash



Governor (William Rowe). I am asking for your support and encouragement for these new officers as they attend your club meetings and events.

As I close out my year as your District Governor, I want to say thank you to the over 1,700 Lions in 60 clubs that welcomed me when I attended your meetings. The word family comes to mind when I was asked to conduct an Induction Ceremony for new members or Install Officers. New challenges will face us in the future as they have in the past, but we will survive because we have a purpose as Lions.

You have volunteered your time and talents to meet needs wherever they exist by serving your community, your District and Lions Clubs International. Our motto "WE SERVE" perfectly exemplifies the dedication you have shown to helping those in need and your membership and leadership will help us to carry on this tradition of service for many years to come.

Thank you again each and every one of you for your support of my tenure as District Governor.



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District Governor Elect Remarks

By DGE Ruth Snyder



Hello once again! Here we are closing out one year as 1st Vice District Governor and the move is coming to step up to Governor. There has been a myriad of activity in this preparation and a great deal of support from many of you to help me get to this

point. I am not sure who all helped me, but thank you to all. I owe a thank you especially to PDG/GLT Sara Doubledee and PDG Don Wojakowski for the training sessions they provided. Also, a huge thank you to all who have agreed to serve in Cabinet positions, Zone Chairs and committee slots. This is what makes our district strong and keeps us moving forward.

As I look into the next 12 months, I look forward to meeting with many more of the fine Lions of District 10 and working with all of you with the emphasis on our motto "WE SERVE".

This past year has been a year of discovery into the wonderful projects and work the Lions of our district provide to our communities. Without our presence and activity there would be a void. My continued encouragement to all the clubs and I look forward to our visits this year. Stand proud, stand tall as members of the world's largest service organization with 1.3 million plus members strong and growing.

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1st Vice District Governor Elect Comments By VDG Jerry Stephens



Fellow Lions,
Well, the year really is drawing to close. But for me, it has been a great year. When I spoke to Lion Bill Whippen over a year ago about the prospect of serving the district as 2nd Vice Governor, I told him that I felt the position was a good idea because it would provide me an extra

year to learn more about the details of the district, and also more time to meet more of YOU GOOD LIONS. For me, at least, this has been a very good thing.

What a great convention! My hat is off to the Lions of Bark River for putting on a great show. Everything seemed to go off as planned. Kim and I had a great time, and it is in no small part due to all the friendly greetings, welcoming handshakes and pleasant conversations.

I want to thank everyone in the district who took time over the last several months to mentor me as I made my way along as 2nd VDG. No one I spoke to ever failed to take the time to speak to me, or explain things to me, when I had questions. I appreciate this, and as I move forward, I pledge to you all that I will apply the same lessons when others may have questions to ask of me.

I have had a truly good time serving as 2nd VDG, and I look forward to continuing next year as 1st VDG. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a question or concern. Yours in Lionism!

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Calumet Lions Club White Cane Fundraiser By PDG Patricia Klarich

The well visible and recognized yellow Lions eye glass recycling station can be found at Dr. Mitchell's office on 6th Street in Calumet. Over the past six months, over 600 glasses and 400 lenses have been collected and mailed to various processing centers.

At these centers

they are sorted, cleaned and the prescriptions are determined. From there they are donated and fitted to people in a host of counties.



The Calumet Lions Club held their annual White Cane fundraiser on May 11th. Lion members were at the Ace Hardware and at Pat's IGA. This year, Lynda Boose with her leader dog, Niema were on site throughout the day, to answer questions in regards to the Leader Dog program.

This was the best year the Club has had in receiving donations. It seems that the leader dog drew a lot of attention from everyone. Of course the members were dressed in their Lion colors and wearing a friendly smile.

Pictured are Lion Barb Vichich, Lynda Boose and her Leader Dog, Niema.



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2nd Vice District Governor Elect Comments

By VDGE Bill Rowe



I have been a Lion since 3/1/1976. My Lions career began with KI Sawyer Lions Club where I was sponsored by Lion Louis James who was a Master Sergeant in the Air Force. At that time, the KI Sawyer Lions was the only Lions Club on a military

installation. One of the unique things about that club was the opportunity for rapid advancement. Due to the frequent transfer of military personnel you could be elected to 3rd vice and a couple of meetings later be King Lion. After several years with the Sawyer Club, I transferred to the Gwinn Club where I am still a member.

I have served As King Lion in both clubs with multiple terms in the Gwinn Club and also served a number of terms as secretary in the Gwinn Club. I

have also served as Zone Chair for Region 4 Zone 1 for the past several years as well. I am Bay Cliff Co-Chair for the Lions of Single District 10, a job I plan to keep. My wife Lee, daughter Kris and son Bill are all Lions. Kris is the Bay Cliff Co-Chair, Bill is the incoming King Lion for the Gwinn Club and Lee will be traveling the UP with me.

I was born and raised in the L'Anse area and have been a Yooper basically all my life except for 2 years



in the US Army. I worked as a civilian at KI Sawyer and retired from there when the base closed.

If you told me a few years ago that I would be writing this as 2nd Vice District Governor Elect, I might have questioned your sanity. However, I have a habit of filling in where needed, and for better or worse, here I am.

Over the years, I think I have been in every town in the UP and I look forward to visiting many of them again as I visit your clubs. I learned as Zone Chair that when you visit other clubs you learn a lot. We often become complacent thinking we are doing great and quite often we are, but there are always new ideas out there and ways to do things better.

Every one has a pet project and, as you probably have guessed by now, mine is Bay Cliff. My daughter Kris worked there for 10 summers and Lee and I, as well as a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, have volunteered to type reports at the end of camp for over 14 years which takes about 9 days each year. So, yes, you will hear about Bay Cliff when I visit. It has not been decided who will visit which clubs this year; however, I should see all of you over the next three years.



Lions Club Plants Tree

The Delta-Menominee Heart of the North Lions Club recently planted a flowering crab tree at the Bark River Senior Center to honor a Charter member Gina Bower who recently passed away after a long fight with cancer. Gina was a dedicated member always being there for the club and its activities. Pictured are (L to R) Allan Mooers, Lion Carolyn St. Juliana, Lions Club President Davida Mooers and Kayton Gagnon.



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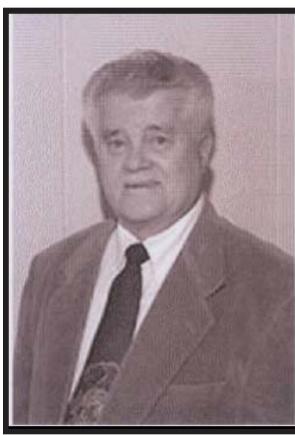
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CRACKS FROM THE WHIP

By PDG Bill Whippen



The Convention is over and we have new Cabinet Officers. Lion Ruth Snyder, from the Munising Lions Club, is our District Governor for 2012-13 starting July 1. I can assure you she hasn't been willing to wait for that date to get going. Her energy can be contagious and when you experience it you, too, will become energized Lions.

Joining Governor Ruth will be, as First Vice District Governor Jerry Stephens, a Sault Ste. Marie Lion, and, as Second Vice District Governor, Gwinn Lions Club member William "Bill" Rowe. Please give them a hearty Lions welcome when they visit your Lions Club. I'm sure we will have a great Lions year.

I have visited several Lions Clubs during this past year as Nominations Chair (seeking potential future Second Vice District Governors). I'm very happy to note that they are relatively healthy and are doing well. All clubs could use more members, of course, to better provide Service to their communities, but they do very well despite, in some cases, very small numbers. We all, including myself, need to (correction – must) try to bring in a new member this year.



Your Lion's Club should have a membership growth target every year, anyway. However, if, in this 2012-2013 Lions year each of us asked at least two people to be a guest at their Lions Club meeting, what might that do for our club. Oh yes, that means buy their meal if the club has a dinner meeting. When they agree to join, their Induction Ceremony meeting should be on the Lions Club. Your personal goal should be to try to bring in one new member this year. Remember – if you don't ask them, how will they know they are welcome?

Another point to remember, and this is critical; if you don't bring in one new member to replace a member who passes away, leaves the club for some reason, moving, for example, or just quits then your club will

eventually die. That fact should be obvious. Attrition always has an ending and only growth can change its finality. As always, it is up to each of us.

Speaking of older members, does your club have an active program to help them to remain involved? Do you offer to pick them up and bring them to a meeting? Eventually they will be unable to drive, you know. For that matter, someday so will we all. It really is a shame when we unintentionally, I know, ignore their many years of service. Loss of vigor truly ought not mean assignment to irrelevance for our older members, should it?

If Charlie or Joe hasn't shown up for a while do you become curious do your officers become curious? Their sponsor might also be too infirm to help. Someone really should step up. I used to enjoy taking older members to our club meetings. I used to pick up "Hub" Perrault and Bob Cowell and brought them to many meetings before they passed away and thoroughly enjoyed it.

I learned a lot about the history of the Munising Lions Club and they were happy to attend. We both gained and so did our club. Think about it! What would you wish for yourself?

One last point: four of us, PDG's Don Myers, Bob St. Peter, Duane Goltz and I went to the Newberry Lions Club on May 7th to present Lion Al Lemaire with his Ralph M. Sheehan award. PDG Myers made the presentation and read Lion Lemaire's impressive accomplishments. He is truly deserving of our highest honor.



The Bark River Lion's Club Donated some of their Icebreaker Profits to the Escanaba Public Library. Toby Kuivinin and Tom Murray, Lion's Members and Icebreaker organizers presented a \$500 check to library director, Carolyn Stacey.

Recycle For Sight

By Peggy Lindeman,
Gwinn Lions Club President



As we all know, May was Recycle for Sight Month. So, I ask you- What did you do differently than any other month? Yes we all have collection boxes out in the community all year round, but what did you do to make May special?

A few years ago, when I first took over the eyeglass recycling program for my club, I went out to the Lions website and found that there were many FREE and or reasonably priced posters, flyers and information packets available to use. If you haven't been out there lately, I encourage you to check it out. Simply go to lionsclub.org and from the main page go to Member center, Managing a club, Club resource center. Click on the "+" sign in front of "activities committee" and then select "sight conservation.". There's a lot of great stuff here that you can use to "spruce up" and draw attention to your collection drop box during recycle for sight month.

May means we're getting close to the end of school. Kids love to recycle! Your local community schools are a great place to explain how the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program works. One year we actually had our middle schoolers pose a challenge to each other to see which home room class could gather the most pairs of eyeglasses. The winner got a pizza party and someone in need got eyeglasses. Win - Win! This year, I took the challenge to work. I work with a phenomenal group of people. Each winter they open up their pantries to the TV6 canathon and closets

to a winter coat drive. Why wouldn't they take the opportunity to bring in their old, unused eyeglasses?

From May 1st till May 14th employees brought eyeglasses in and gave them to their Employee Relations Committee Representative. In all we collected 171 pairs of eyeglasses in 2 short weeks!

And here's another win - win.....Is your club within a short drive from a Walmart Optical Center? Did you know that Walmart will graciously accept your eyeglasses for recycling at a Lions recycling center saving you and your club shipping costs? Win - Win!



Additionally, Lion Mike Kobasic of Saklly's Candies will deliver the used glasses to the Lions of Michigan State Office free of charge. Clubs just need to make arrangements to get the eyeglasses to Escanaba.

Next year, I challenge you to do the same. Work, church, quilters club, golf league (if the snow has melted) - Use the month of May to educate and promote Eyeglass Recycling! Do something to make May special!

Peggy Lindeman, Gwinn Lions Club President shown with the Eyeglasses collected during a 2 week eyeglass collection drive.

International Conventions

June 22-26, 2012	Busan, Korea
July 5-9, 2013	Hamburg, Germany
July 4-8, 2014	Toronto, Canada
June 26-29, 2015	Honolulu, Hawaii
June 24-28, 2016	Fukuoka, Japan
June 30-July 4, 2017	Chicago, IL.

District 10 Conventions

April 26-28, 2013	St. Ignace, MI
April 25-27, 2014	Houghton, MI
May 1-3, 2015	Sault Ste. Marie, MI

USA Canada Forums

September 14-16, 2012	Tampa Bay, Florida
September 2013	Overland, Kansas
September 18-20, 2014	San Juan, Puerto Rico
September, 2015	Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Rock Lions Donate To Cancer Society

Rock Lions president, Zig Wojda, at left, presents a check for \$400 to Becky Carey, a Rock resident and community representative of the Great Lakes Division of the American Cancer Society. The donation was



made from part of the proceeds of the Rock Lions monthly breakfast buffet. The Rock Lions Club is a service organization that provides funding for charitable organizations and local needs.

Heart of the North Lions to host Outdoor Market

The Members of the Heart of the North Lions Club are hosting their 8th annual Outdoor Market at the Bark River Sports Complex on June 29-30, 2012. There will be a \$1.00 gate admission fee.

The schedule of events is as follows: Friday, June 29th, the grounds will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and will feature a Croatian Chicken Dinner from 1-7 p.m.

On Saturday, June 30th, the grounds will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be over 40 vendors with antiques, rummage, plants and planters, arts, crafts, direct and home party sales items, collectibles, food, baked goods and much more. Vendor sites are available for \$40.00. Camping is also available for \$10.00 per night. Call Patti at (906) 399-3001.

There will also be a Race to the Outdoor Market 5K Run/Walk/Wheel starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, with registration between 8-8:50 a.m. at the Bark River Sports Complex. Pre-registered is guaranteed if postmarked by June 13th.

The fees with pre-registration are \$15.00 per person, \$40.00 per family, or \$12.00 for UPRRC members. Race day fees are \$20.00 per person and \$55.00 per family. For more information call Joan Paul at (906) 428-4457.



Old Man Winter Does Not Stop The Les Cheneaux Lions!

By Lion Elizabeth Denoyer & Lion Carol Martin

The Les Cheneaux Lions first-time “Cabin Fever Reliever” was an outstanding success despite having a whopping 14+ inches of snowfall the night prior to the event. The event, on March 3, 2012, at the Clark Township Community Center, Cedarville, was attended by just over 100 people who braved the elements to come out to support our Lions club. Ticket prices included hors d’oeuvres, 3 beverage tickets, a bid paddle, door prizes and a night of fun for all.

With over 100 items donated by businesses and individuals, as well as by Lions club members, there was bound to be something for everyone. Items ranged from \$5 gift certificates to a 10-day African Safari hunt for two people! Also included in the items was a trip to a fishing lodge in Canada, a hot-air balloon ride for two, restaurant gift certificates, lodging packages, casino packages, certificates for services, artwork by local artists, garden items, cedar furniture, and a whole host of other items. Both silent and live auctions were held, with auctioneering duties being shared by two of our Lions club members, Greg Wagner and LeRoy Pieri. Hors d’oeuvres, beverages and snacks were available throughout the night.



All in all, a good time was had by all and we hope to make this an annual event. We certainly appreciate all the support we received from those who donated, from those who attended and from those who purchased items. Watch for our announcement next year in the SD-10 newsletter!

LIONS OF MICHIGAN VISION MISSIONS

To the Lions of Single District 10,

For many years, several of your clubs have been collecting used eye glasses and sending them to the Lions of Michigan Vision Missions operation. For that we are very grateful.

The operation continues, but now in a different location. After twenty-two years of receiving, processing and distributing glasses to those in need in Central America, Mexico and Peru the Muskegon Northside Lions have passed the operations to the Grand Rapids Lions. These Lions have been involved in vision missions for some time and it is expected that they will do a great job of service.

It is requested that in the future that those Lions clubs wishing to assist in this program send their used eye glasses to:

Lions of Michigan Eye Glass Recycling
4282 Brockton SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Speaking for all the Lions who have worked on this project and those who have received the fruits of our labor I want to say "Thank You" for your help make us able to say IT IS GREAT TO BE A LION.

Sincerely,
Lion Edward J. Weessies, PCST
Public Relations Chair Lions of Michigan
Vision Missions



Leader Dogs for the Blind Trip?

By Jack Holzworth, Leader Dog Chairman



Would you like to travel to Rochester, Michigan and witness firsthand the foremost guide dog school in the country? You now have that chance to tour this fantastic facility. Thanks to Lions members like you over 14,000 legally blind people have now gained their independence and can travel freely and can resume a lifestyle that sighted

people enjoy. All this is made possible because of "Leader Dogs for the Blind" providing a trained Leader Dog at no charge to them. I cannot emphasize enough the feeling you will get when you tour this facility. I personally have been to Rochester more than a few times and I always come away refreshed re-vitalized. It's an awesome feeling when you get to see firsthand the fruits of our labor. So many Lions work long hours fundraising and never see just how they are making a real difference in this world. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!!

Please think about making this trip with us. I guarantee this will be a game changer! I would like to leave the UP very early on the morning of July 21st. We would tour the facility upon our arrival, stay overnight and return the next day. If we can get at least 36 to 40 people then I will see about a bus. Otherwise we can caravan down by private vehicles. I will need to know very soon if we travel by bus. If by private vehicles then call me before July 15th. I hope to address our District Cabinet as to the possibility of augmenting some of the cost.

I would like some feedback on any ideas on how to cut costs and the number of Lions interested in making this life changing trip. Contact PDG Jack Holzworth at (906)-399-4061 or email him at jack.holzworth@gmail.com.

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Crystal Falls Assists Yell & Tell Program

By Lion Al Pieper

The Crystal Falls Lions Club recently help fund a Yell & Tell Program at two local schools. The Yell and Tell program is aimed at the young child who sees something dangerous, feels afraid and doesn't know what to do. Many times this child will run away or be quiet because he/she doesn't want to get into trouble or be called a tattletale. Sometimes a child is so afraid, he/she is too scared to do anything. The Yell and Tell program teaches children how to take action and be a hero. There are six teaching lessons to the program: Pools, Rivers/Lakes, Fire, Poison, Guns and Child Enticement. Each lesson covers a dangerous situation that a child might encounter.

Shown is Al Pieper of the Crystal Falls Lions Club and Ed Lindwall of the Kiwanis Club in Iron River. Al is presenting a check to cover some of the costs of the "Yell and Tell" program at Forest Park School and at West Iron School. This is a program that has high school students working with elementary students to encourage the younger students when ever they see something that is wrong or someone in trouble they should Yell and Tell an adult what and where the problem is.

The Crystal Falls Lions Club is also co sponsoring an Honors Banquet on the 25th of April for top students selected by each west Iron High School and Forest Park School. These are students who are out standing academically at their respective schools. The banquet is for the students and their parents, with others in the community encouraged to participate.



Lions Clubs Join Forces for Donate Life

By PDG Larry Klaus

On Michigan "Donate Life" day at Michigan Secretary of State Offices three Marquette County Lions Clubs manned the office from the time it opened to closing time. Lions Peggy Lindeman, Marlene Breit and Chris Adams, members of the Gwinn Lions Club, Ray Jarvis, from the Marquette Lions Club & Larry Klaus, a member of the Chocolay Township Lions Club all spent time at the Marquette Secretary of State's office handing out pamphlets and encouraging people who had business in the office to ask a clerk to put their name on the Donor Registry.

ABC TV 10 sent a reporter who interviewed Lion Klaus. (He was the only Donate Life volunteer there at the time) The interview was on the evening and late night news

show on that ABC network Station. The reporter did a very good job in portraying the need for organ donors in the "ON AIR" Version of the interview. It was also stressed that you can stop in at any Secretary of State office without having any other business than to have your name added to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. It costs you nothing and you could save the life of 5 to 9 people and improve the quality of life of many more. Picture above (Left to Right) are Chris Adams & Marlene Breit of the Gwinn Lions Club and Ray Jarvis from the Marquette Lions Club.



Give thanks. Give life.

Comments About the Convention This Year

By PDG Gary Klop

The convention this year was GREAT. If you were there I hope you experienced a great time like Judy, Yooper and I did. My only hope is that our newer members that went will go back to their clubs and tell them how much fun we as Lions have. My hat is off to the Bark River Lions Club and the convention they put on. They always promise a good time and they have never let me down. We had several really good speakers and some very good breakout sessions. A member of my club went to the Presidents session and was very impressed with Lion Art Anderson's presentation. I went to the Leader Dog for the Blind session and was entertained by Leader Dog representative Mike Dengate. What a speaker and he is so full of information. Puppy raisers are always in demand and I can't say enough about the program. If any of your clubs want a presentation or if you know a group in your area who you would like me to talk to, give me a call and let me know. I have done many presentations and they can last 15 minutes to over an hour. I have learned so much over the past 3 years that I have been raising puppies and love to spread the word about Leader Dogs any chance I get.

Thanks to all of you at the convention. In one way or another you all help me raise my puppies!! We have been to so many conventions over the years and it is so neat to look for people we have met. I hadn't seen PDG Charlie Lundmark or PDG Bruce Andrews in quite a while and it was such a pleasure to see them



once again. All of us age, but our love of Lions never diminishes and its people like them that show me what it's like to be a GREAT Lion. They are just 2 of the many people I have admired as Lions over the years!!

We have such great groups we help. Teaching Family Homes, Leader Dogs, Michigan Eye Bank, Bay Cliff Health Camp, Northwood's AirLifeLine, Project KidSight, Our Youth Exchange Program, Hearing Aids and the lists go on. So much of my life involves all these programs. How can you talk with people and not explain what we do?? Northwood's AirLifeLine is one of our best kept secrets. Get the word out about these programs and let people know that we as Lions care and want to help.

You haven't heard the end of my ramblings unfortunately maybe for you....but..... get your articles in about what your club and area is doing. Be proud to be a Lion and let it roar about what you are doing!!! OUR MAGAZINE is hurting and on the edge of where it is heading--do you enjoy the articles and pictures?? If you don't start helping you may not have a magazine much longer. TAKE ACTION today and get involved before it's too late.

One last note---Conventions----next year it will be in St. Ignace and the year after in Houghton. When is the last time you remember a convention up in copper country--if you have never been there (like me until I was Governor) you truly haven't experienced God's country. Make plans now to attend and take the chance to meet so many more people with your interest to help people and enjoy each other's company!!!! Isn't it great to be a Lion!!!!?????

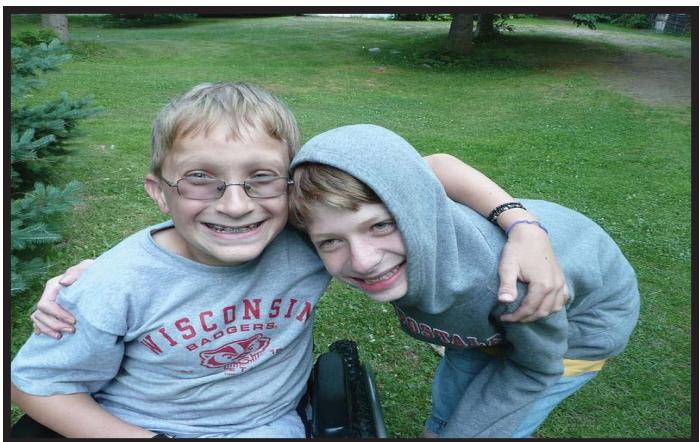
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Summer Approaching at Bay Cliff!

By Karen Schlicher

It's a busy time of year with last minute preparations for the start of camp! Bay Cliff's summer therapy program for children with physical disabilities will begin June 16 and run through August 4, 2012. Each summer nearly 170 children, ages 3-17, are referred to Bay Cliff for the opportunity to receive the therapy they need to help them develop their abilities and become more independent. The types of disabilities the children

may have could include cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, juvenile arthritis, limb loss, burns, cleft palate, dwarfism, polio, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, congenital abnormalities, speech & language impairments, hearing loss, and blindness. At Bay Cliff the children are immersed in a therapy-rich environment. The children work toward goals designed to increase functionality and independence in activities of everyday living that so many of us take for granted.

The children come for therapy, but they also have the experience of great summer camp fun! The children participate in classes that would be found at any summer camp such as Nature, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, and Swimming. And on some of the weekends, they go camping! They go home with new skills, new friends, and memories to last a lifetime. Lasting friendships are most important to the children themselves.

Not long ago a survey was done with our teen campers and their parents. They were asked to comment on the benefits of the Bay Cliff program. Parents listed the impact of the therapy program as



the most important benefit their children receive at camp. The teen campers rated the therapy program as an important benefit, too, but their number one response was the value of friendships made at camp. Tied for second in the teen campers list were – fun at camp, and the feeling of normalcy. It would seem then, that where friendships are cultivated and fun exists, a feeling of normalcy is experienced, no matter ability or disability. Growing up is difficult for every child, but it can be even harder for kids with a disability to feel that they fit in and are accepted by others. At Bay Cliff, the children feel that important sense of normalcy and strong connection with their peers. Thank you for helping us to make that possible. We look forward to seeing you on Lions Day at camp!



Calumet Lions Receives Donation

By PDG Patricia Klarich

At the April 4th meeting of the Calumet Lions Club, Sharon Turovaara of the former Community Church of Calumet was in attendance to present a check for \$3,000 to the club. The money will be designated toward the completion of the nature trail at the Calumet Lions Park.

The Community Church was closed in 2008, and the building was purchased in 2009 by the Calumet Art Center. Turovaara had given the members a brief history of the building and the church's roots in the community. She also had stated that monies left over from the sale were donated to local nonprofit organizations, one being the Lions Club. Lions President Barbara Flanagin accepted the check and expressed the club's gratitude for the generous gift. Pictured are (left to right) Lions Treasurer Pete Manderfield and President Barbara Flanagin receiving a check from Sharon Turovaara of the former Community Church of Calumet.



Munising Lions Celebrate 75 Years of Service

By Amanda Ingraham; The Munising News
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On Saturday, May 5, several dozen individuals helped the Munising Lions Club honor the 75th anniversary of the group's 1937 charter meeting.

Representatives of Lions Clubs from across the U.P., as well as current and past members of the Munising Lions Club, came to help celebrate the 75-year milestone.

Past Club President Gordon "Duke" Snyder served as emcee for the night, offering historical snippets, key statistics and accomplishments of the Munising Lions Club and its members over the 75-year span. 46-year Club member and Past President Don Paajanen continued this line of historical references, having several other past club leaders talk about their own favorite memories and club accomplishments.

Those accomplishments have spanned from fund raising events such as the long-running traditional Munising Lions Carnival and its replacement by the Rubber Ducky Races, to the various entities the Lions Club supports with those funds. The Munising Club has assisted with Lions district, state, and international-level projects such as Bay Cliff Health Camp, Kid Sight, Leader Dog, the Michigan Eye Bank, White Cane, and more. Local assistance has gone, and in several cases continues to go, toward the purchase of lights at the R.W. Nebel field, the Alger Centennial Arena, the Ken Gruber Scholarship Fund, Alger Historical Society, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Life of Lake Superior, and once again, much more.

Some of these special memories were also attributed to generous, hard-working Lions who have passed away, including names well known to the Munising



area in Hubert "Hub" Perrault, Dennis "Fuzzy" Boyak, and Ken Gruber. The list of those remembered and honored certainly did not stop there, of course.

A former District Ten (U.P. Lions Clubs) leader, Past District Governor Robert St. Peter of the Dafter Lions Club noted the Munising Club's ability to produce leaders who served beyond the scope of the Munising area. "Talk about leadership...When we talk leadership, Munising is one of those clubs," he said, citing its production of four Past District Governors, Earl Chaltry, Victor Verbunker, William "Bill" Whippen, and Charles "Chuck" Nicklas, as well as the 2012-13 District Governor-Elect, Munising Lion Ruth Snyder. St. Peter continued to list several Munising Club members who have received top U.P. to international-level Lions awards.

Mayor Robert Beauprey, also a Munising Lions Club member and past Club President, presented a resolution by the City of Munising, in honor of the occasion. "As my term as Mayor comes to a close, showing gratitude to the Munising Lions is one of the better things I get to do," he said before reading the resolution aloud.

Current District Governor James Wash of the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club provided an extra service during the dinner, installing three new members, Greg Quinn, George Young, and George Sisco, into the Munising club.

Several U.P. Lions Clubs donated to the Munising group's project fund, or directly to Bay Cliff, in honor of the occasion. Current club President Nicklas offered a word of thanks to these clubs, as well as those who came from as far as Drummond Island or the Norway-Vulcan area, simply for support and to share the joy of the day. "We hope to reciprocate when you hit your milestones, too," he said.



Chocolay Lions Easter Egg Hunt

By PDG Larry Klaus

On Saturday, April 7th, the Chocolay Township Lions Club sponsored its 11th annual Easter egg hunt. The Easter egg hunt was co-sponsored with the Silver Creek Church and the Chocolay Area Business Association and was held inside and on the grounds of the church. A group from Teaching Family Homes also worked the 5 and under room for the toddlers.

We started setting up Friday evening and continued starting at 8:30 AM. The doors opened to the public at about 10:30 AM and the egg hunt started at 11:00 AM and lasted until noon.

The team of Loren and Salem Prince along with two of the residents of their home, Megan Demoines & Zaida Neimi, all from Teaching Family Homes, manned a table outside the 5 & under room and traded special candy bags for the plastic eggs gathered by the toddlers.

The Chocolay Lions Club staffed the outside area for the older children, along with the snack area where they served apple juice, coffee and cookies for all to enjoy after the egg collection. Outside in the back yard of the church building, the Chocolay Lions scattered the plastic eggs and exchanged them for bags of candy. We had filled 335 bags of candy the Wednesday before and had to fill about 75 more as the Easter egg hunt progressed, said Lion "Pete" LaRue.

After the clean up of the church after everyone left the Easter Bunny, Chocolay Lion Dan Chartier, and Lions Pete & Marilyn LaRue and Larry Klaus went to Mill Creek Assisted Living and their Nursing Home Unit and handed out small soft bunnies at the nursing Home area and handed out candy in the assisted Living area. We think that everyone we served enjoyed us and we enjoyed serving the people in our community.



Les Cheneaux Lions Awarded Crystal Pin

By Marie Denoyer

Membership Chair Lion Rose Miller is shown with Les Cheneaux Lions Club, King Lion Bill Kish following presentation of a crystal pin from Lions Clubs International. The pin is awarded for achieving positive net growth for the year ending June 30, 2011, and is awarded to the club president by LCI Immediate Past President Sid Scruggs, III. King Lion Bill, in the nearly two years since he became president of our club, has sponsored eight individuals into Lionism. Since joining our club in June, 1988, he has sponsored a total of 20 individuals. He will become the new Zone Chair for Region 5, Zone 1 in July, 2012. Congratulations Lion Bill.

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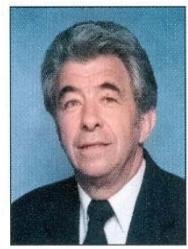
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LIONS DAY AT BAY CLIFF!

Lions Day is July 8th with 11 AM tours, 12:30 lunch, a short presentation to follow by campers and staff. Please consider attending and bring a friend. Please RSVP by July 1, 2012. Krowe@nmu.edu or call Kris at 906-362-0202.

Directions to Bay Cliff Health Camp - Bay Cliff is located in Big Bay, Michigan, on Lake Superior about 28 miles northwest of Marquette



Coming from the south on U.S. 41 or M-28:

Highway 41 & 28 funnel into downtown Marquette and become Front Street. Take Front Street to Washington Street and turn left on Washington. Drive 2 blocks (the second stop light) on Washington and turn right (by Citgo Gas) on Fourth Street. Follow Fourth Street 2 or 3 miles until it comes to an end (Fourth Street becomes Presque Isle Avenue as you pass Subway and the Superior Dome). At the end of Fourth/Presque Isle, turn left on Hawley Street (Hawley Street is also County Road 550). Stay on County Road 550 all the way to Big Bay (approx. 26 miles).

Coming from the west on U.S. 41 or M-28:

At the Wal-Mart/Target stoplight, turn left onto Wright Street. Stay on Wright Street for 2 or 3 miles until you come to a traffic light (Sugarloaf Avenue). Turn left onto Sugarloaf Avenue. At the end (stop sign) of Sugarloaf Avenue, turn left. Stay on County Road 550 all the way to Big Bay (approx. 26 miles).

In Big Bay:

As you go through Big Bay, you will sweep around a sharp curve. Shortly beyond that will be a road to the right with signs pointing towards "Harbor", "Lighthouse", and "Bay Cliff Health Camp". Turn right on this road. A block later you will see the entry sign for Bay Cliff. Turn left at the sign. Follow the driveway slowly to the parking lot. Park there and walk into camp.

"Welcome to Bay Cliff!" Check in at the office which is the first large building past the parking lot on the right.



Les Cheneaux Assist Local Township

By "The St. Ignace News"

At the May 17, 2012, Clark Township board meeting, the Les Cheneaux Lions Club presented the township with two checks totaling \$10,000. Of that amount, \$7500 was earmarked to complete outfield fencing at two baseball diamonds at the Snows Heritage Recreation Park on Blindline Road in Cedarville. The Les Cheneaux Community Foundation matched the Lions' donation to bring the total to \$15,000 for the fencing. The recreation field has been a long-time dream for the area, and the Lions Club has been providing support for several years. Still planned for the recreation park are horseshoe pits, walking trails, an ice rink, playground equipment, basketball courts, public restrooms, improved parking area and electric access.

The remaining \$2500 of our donation was earmarked to go toward the purchase of benches and picnic tables at the Hessel Beach Project in Hessel. The beach project has been several years in the planning and is nearing completion this year. A group of dedicated volunteers, in 2011, removed rocks from the water, brought in clean beach sand, established an access ramp, and installed water and electric access. In 2012, the group will be installing an ADA ramp, split rail fence, picnic tables and benches, landscaping, providing parking area upgrades, and installing signage.

The majority of the Lions Club funds donated were raised at a very successful "Cabin Fever Reliever" held at the Clark Township Community Center on March 3, 2012. Even though the Les Cheneaux area received up to two feet of new snow overnight on March 2, the community turned out for the first-ever event and helped the Lions Club raise funds to support community projects.



Lion's Club Donates \$10,000 to Mackinac Straits Hospital

By Aebra Coe; The St. Ignace News

The Lions Club of St. Ignace pledged to donate \$10,000 over the next three years to the Mackinac Straits Health System Foundation Monday, April 9. That brings the foundation closer to the goal of raising \$400,000 by May 12, to meet a challenge by Richard and Jane Manoogian of Mackinac Island, who will donate an additional \$200,000 if the goal is reached.

In making the pledge, members said, to show strong support of the local hospital and its impact in the community. "We like community involvement. The fundraising we do, all that money goes back to the community," said Lions Club President Mary Kay Tamlyn, "We felt this was a good organization to support."

The club is one of 88 individuals and organizations that have donated to the foundation since the challenge grant began.

Lions Club member Paula McNamara-Underwood said she believes a donation to the hospital would directly benefit the community. "We need this hospital," she said. "We all use it in one way or another."

She explained that having a hospital nearby has many immediate and secondary benefits for local

residents. It offers emergency medical care to those who need it, she said, and also encourages people to retire here and creates jobs in the community.

"I think it's important because it gives back to the community what the community has given the Lions year after year," she said.

Mrs. McNamara-Underwood said this is a good time to give because the Manoogian challenge grant would allow more benefit to come from the donation.

"This is an incredibly generous gift from our Lions Club organization," said Mackinac Straits Health System CEO Rodney Nelson. "We appreciate their generosity and community support. The Lions Club has been supporting the Straits area for many years."

Pictured are Lions Club members (from left) Mike Wilkins, George Ford, Mary Kay Tamlyn, Mackinac Straits Health System Foundation Assistant Kim North, Don Gustafson, Paula McNamara-Underwood and Merlin Doran.



Les Cheneaux Initiated New Member

By Lion Elizabeth Denoyer

On April 9, 2012, Shirley Jewell was initiated into the Les Cheneaux Lions Club by Membership Chair, Lion Rose Miller. Shown in the photo are (L to R) Sponsor Lion John Shoberg, Membership Chair Lion Rose Miller, Lion Shirley Jewell, and King Lion Bill Kish. Lion Jewell is the postmaster in Cedarville and is also the new co-chair of our Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show, which is held the second Saturday of August every year. She is a busy lady!



Distinguished Visitors and Speakers

Highlight 2012 SD10 Convention

By Lion Amanda Ingraham

The Bark River Lions Club hosted the 90th Annual Single District 10 Lions Convention at the Island Resort and Casino Convention Center near Bark River on April 27th-29th. The Convention was open to all Lions members of the Upper Peninsula with visitors coming from Multiple District 11 (Lower Peninsula of Michigan) and Lions International. To help insure that the attending Lions Members enjoyed themselves, the Lions Convention Committee provided free beer and pop to the attendees for the weekend festivities.

The District 10 Convention was an excellent success with a lot of activities taking place throughout the weekend. Thirty-one of the sixty Lions Clubs were represented along with the Bark River-Harris Leo Club with 221 Lions in attendance along with two Past International Directors; PID Jim Frendewey and PID Ronald Duffe. The State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck and State Secretary Wendy Burns also attended as well as Representatives from various State Projects.

The annual event started out with great weather on Friday, April 27th which benefitted those who wished to “par”take in the allotted Tee Time on the Sweetgrass Golf Course from 8am to 10am EST prior to the Convention formal activities beginning.

This year an additional program was offered on Friday morning for those participants that arrived early at the Convention site. A Club Excellence Process (CEP) workshop program was offered at 10am and was presented by PCC Sara Doubledee in the Bear Room. Each attendee received the Club Excellence Process Participant Workbook, which provided Lions Clubs the resources and strengths needed to build club membership. The workshop was dedicated to club improvement. Any club agreeing to participate would be shown through a four step process guided by a facilitator, which would take approximately an hour per session. The program can be delivered in one, two or four sessions and should take no longer than 4 months to complete. Assessments included; Discovering and discussing community needs and how to fill those

needs. Analyzing club membership experience, characteristics and improving effectiveness. Using the resources to set goals and develop action plans. If you are interested in enhancing your clubs “We Serve” attitude, please contact PCC Sara Doubledee at sara.doubledee@gmail.com or phone (906) 226-2345.



Several display tables were set up throughout the weekend so the attendees could learn more about some of the District, State and International projects that Lions support. Representatives were also on hand to answer questions and assist Lions members. Some of the projects represented were the Upper Peninsula Diabetes Outreach Network (UPDON) of which were providing free blood testing for Diabetes, the Delta-Menominee Heart of the North Lions for their Strides 5k run/walk/wheel and Outdoor Market, the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMSF), as well as Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Teaching Family Homes, Lions Club International Peace Poster displaying the poster winner Emma Jezek, Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Opportunities were abounding to refresh old acquaintances and create new ones throughout the week. First time Convention goers were easily identified this year with the first time attendee Blue Ribbon attached to their name badges allowing members to single them out. This way they were sure to receive a welcome and “come on in” attitude from the We Serve Family. Convention attendees also received a Casino package after each meal for their entertainment between Convention activities/functions.

A hospitality room was also set up at the Evergreen Inn throughout the weekend by the Munising Lions

Club and the 1st Vice District Governor, Ruth Snyder, just a short drive down the road from the Island Resort & Casino. The hospitality room had food and drinks for those who took the short ride throughout the weekend.

The Convention officially began at 1 PM with the gathering of the Cabinet officers, Zone Chairpersons and Committee Chairs for the 4th Cabinet meeting. The Cabinet meeting progressed smoothly and efficiently with a majority of the Zone Chairs and the forty-two District Committee chairs making their quarterly reports and recommendations to the Cabinet. Past International Director (PID) Ron Duffe, Convention Keynote Speaker briefly addressed the Cabinet prior to the Cabinet Meeting adjourning.



Mix & Meet

Lion members, guests, partners and friends gathered on Friday evening for the annual Mix & Meet. The event was well attended and an outstanding meal was enjoyed by all. There was plenty of time to mingle and greet others during the evening doings. There was no better place or time to have a good time with other Lions, be refreshed with new ideas, and renew old acquaintances that we haven't seen for many years.

There were many Lions who were talking up a storm about their clubs and activities. This was an excellent example of clubs learning from other clubs and taking new ideas to incorporate into their own club. After savoring a wonderful dinner buffet of Roast Pork Loin Dijon and Chicken Breast Parmesan with all of the fixings, both a live and silent auction was held to raise funds for various District 10 projects, followed with music and dancing.

Auctioneer Col. Dan Samson presided over the live auction, which featured three vests full of pins from the Gladstone Lions Club, a Lions quilt made by the Hannahville Homemakers, an Antique hand saw painted by Mike Ashley of Perronville, handmade quilt donated by Patti Hebert, a framed fish print, a quilt rack from Cretens Bros. Furniture, a greenhouse kit donated by Don Wojakowski, and a Remington shotgun donated by Jeff Lundquist. After holding to agreements to donate partial purchase amounts from some items back to other organizations, total amounts for District 10 came to a respectable \$727.50.

Among the items donated for the silent auction were more quilts, various pin sets, a Sayklly's gift basket, a Leader Dog gift basket, crocheted baby afghan, cribbage board, Webkinz lions, wooden game, handmade basket, wooden lion head carving, and much more. Sales of the 26 total items brought in an additional \$695.50, for an event total of \$1,423.00 for the District 10 projects.



Business Session

On Saturday, the day started bright and early for those who wish to partake in a full breakfast before the General Business meeting at 9 AM. For others, the morning came way too early as they partook in the Hospitality Room at the Evergreen Inn and the ensuing conversations that followed. Still others tried their luck on the Casino floor to the wee hours of the morning. It is rumored that several of the delegates never seen their motel rooms Friday evening.

Lions Members and Delegates gathered to deal with the essential business of electing new Officers and hearing from a wide assortment of Speakers. The general meeting session covered a number of business

items, including annual reports and consideration of the future of the District 10 Lions Magazine.

District 10 Treasurer Bruce LaBelle offered each the delegates a copy of the annual financial report, as well as a synopsis of the report highlights. Four clubs still owed dues at the time of the meeting, for a total of \$288. Clubs with a past due balance of 120 days or greater are reminded that suspensions will be placed in effect. If you do not have a copy of the report, and are unsure whether your club is up to date with dues, please contact Lion LaBelle for more information or visit the District Website; www.district10lions.org.



The highlights of the Project KidSight budget included the purchase of the District's two new Pedia Vision SPOT cameras on January 10. Ten organizations donated toward the purchase, LeBelle continued. These include the Trenary Lionesses, with \$5,000 given upon disbanding; the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Bay Mills Indian Community, and the Hannahville Indian Community (\$2,500 each); Drummond Island Lions Club (\$1,500); the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (\$1,000); the Pickford, Les Cheneaux, and Sault Ste. Marie Lions Clubs (\$500 each), and the St. Ignace Lions Club (\$200). Thanks go out to other clubs who also contributed to the camera purchase.

The total purchase price of the cameras came to \$21,500. The remaining amount needed to complete the purchase price, \$4,800, was approved by delegates of the 2011 District Convention, for disbursement from the District account. As of April 20, 2012, the District's assets amounted to 51,743.45. The July 1, 2011 starting balance was 49,921.88. The 2012 financial report was accepted by delegates.



A total approved budget of \$26,610 minus \$50 for Welcome Homes, which is no longer open, was approved by District 10 delegates. Summarizing the lower proposed budget amount, LaBelle said "it shows what we all know. Membership is declining. We're doing a great job at recruiting - we're having problems with retention. The annual budget is calculated by the estimated number of Lions members in the District at the beginning of the Fiscal Year at \$12/member.

District 10 Bay Cliff Co-Chair Kris Rowe announced that the Bay Cliff Health Camp Lions Day will be held on July 8, with tours beginning at 11 a.m., and lunch and a short presentation at noon. Lions were urged to bring other Lions and non-Lions alike, but to please let Rowe know how many will attend, by July 1st.

On a more somber note, Rowe stated that the donations for the Capital Campaign for the proposed Shady Nook building had fallen well short of the \$400,000 originally necessary to build the new facility. In addition to not being able to match grant funds obtained for the project, missing this target date has resulted in total project costs increasing to nearly \$900,000, due to rising construction costs, she said. Now Bay Cliff is moving on, looking to let the earned money be used somewhere else at the camp, she continued. PDG Gary Klop made a motion to invite Bay Cliff Executive Director Tim Bennett to a cabinet meeting to discuss the matter. The motion carried.

Scholarship Committee chairman, PDG Jim Decremer, gave a brief report on the status of donations and scholarships disbursed. A total of \$4,650 was received as of April 15, from interest on CDs as well as donations from individual clubs.

Scholarships were selected at a meeting on April 24. From 25 applicants, seven were selected to receive a \$500 scholarship. Among those selected, he continued, three are in wheelchairs, one has had rheumatoid arthritis since the age of three, one is a special education student, and two have learning disabilities. "We thought we did a pretty fair job," Decremer said. "Without the clubs' donations, we could not have given these scholarships out. On behalf of the committee, thank you very much," he added.

PCC Sara Doubledee, Chair of the Global Leadership Team, announced that she has not yet received any response to her call for help in creating a pool of Lions skilled in education or leadership, who could help with various projects or presentations. "I'm putting out my call again, for the leadership of the District to let me know where you'd like to serve," she said.

PDG George "Captain Bill" Kelly gave an update on the Northwood's Air Lifeline. The program has now flown over 2,000 missions, at an average of 45 flights per week, he said. Each flight costs approximately \$1,500, he continued. Kelly asked for Lions Club members to please keep their communities informed about this valuable service, and also thanked the Lions Clubs for their continued support of the program.

PDG Rose Olson offered a report on an event that will be coming up in September, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, in Tampa Bay, FL. "Leadership is a work of service," she said. The event hosts 72 seminars in two-and-a-half days, and includes motivational speakers, Lions and non-Lions idea exchanges, goal reviews, and more. "We get so motivated. Whether you go by car, RV, plane, or bus, it's a great experience. Think about it - you'll never be sorry," she said. More information may be found online at www.usacanadalionsforum.org.
Lion Joe Baczkowski, LCIF Chairman was very brief, simply asking clubs and individuals present to please donate to the Lions Measles Initiative.

LMSF Trustee Lion Mike Kobasic talked about the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, their purpose and funding as well as what kind of assistance that the Foundation can help local Lions Clubs with.



Additionally Leader Dog Chairman PDG Jack Holzworth and PDG Bruce Andrews each briefly addressed the assembled delegation.

Over \$130 was raised by the Tail Twister during the meeting. A motion to donate the amount to Teaching Family Homes carried.

PDG Larry Klaus announced that \$105 was raised during the Friday evening dinner, for Leader Dogs for the Blind, thanks to placement of quarter collection cards on the dinner tables by the Chocolay Township Lions Club President-Elect Jerome Larue.



PDG Bill Whippen led the process of nominating the Single District 10 leaders for 2012-13. Candidates identified included: for District Governor, current First Vice District Governor (VDG) Ruth Snyder of Munising; for First VDG, current Second VDG Jerry Stephens of Sault Ste. Marie; and for Second VDG, current District 10 Bay Cliff Co-Chair William "Bill" Rowe of Gwinn. For the representative seat on the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, two candidates were named, current representative Bruce LaBelle, and Tom Lanaville of the Bark River Lions Club. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

A motion to unanimously support the nominations carried. All of the nominees for District 10 leadership were approved, and Tom Lanaville was voted as the new Lions of Michigan Service Foundation representative. Ballots were to be destroyed following the election.

PDG Chuck Nicklas, the current President of the Munising Lions Club, presented the District Governor patch, as he said, "to someone from my own club, who's been bugging my ear for five or six years - Lion Ruth (Snyder)." PDG Don Wojakowski of the Stephenson Lions Club presented the First VDG patch to Jerry Stephens. Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle presented the Second VDG patch to Kris Rowe, who accepted on behalf of her father Bill Rowe who was currently out of state.

The main topic under Old Business was the fate the Single District 10 Lions Magazine.

The issue at hand involves the lack of submissions of articles, photographs with background information, or advertisements from individual clubs, despite repeated calls for such. This leaves Magazine Editor LaBelle and one assistant, Lion Dayna King, to spend many extra hours, including personal time away from their own jobs, in making up for that lack.

Between this search and the myriad of other tasks necessary to complete the high quality magazine and prepare the finished copies for mailing, it has simply become too much or two volunteers to take on.

"It's been my pleasure to serve as editor," LaBelle began, before offering a brief history of his years with the magazine, including just how many hours of work go into publishing, and how many times attempts were made to gather assistance, in either man hours or in club cooperation for sending items for publication.

A resolution was presented for the delegates of the 2012 Convention to determine the future, including the funding, of the magazine.

Currently, \$2 is assessed for each of District 10's 1,700 members to fund the publication and mailing of the magazine. That amount, however, only covers the cost of printing and mailing one issue, so advertisements are necessary to cover the rest of the editions. "If I don't have enough ads, I have

to take time off of work, and go to the different communities," LaBelle said. "I cannot continue to put this kind of time into this magazine."

A show of hands by delegates seemed to indicate that members did indeed want the magazine, or some sort of publication, to remain. "If we want to keep the magazine in its current format, we need to make some changes. I've watched the frustration build up in this good Lion for a long time, and it finally came to a head," said PDG Bill Whippen.

Whippen added that the magazine's prime function is to serve as the main means of communication between the District 10 Cabinet and individual members. A suggestion of trying a newsletter format to meet this communication need was also addressed. LaBelle said that while yes, it is necessary to have something published, he checked into mailing costs involved with sending an eight-page folded newsletter, sent in a regular envelope. The amount to send one issue came to \$1,280, he said, which would still end up requiring solicitation of advertisements, even with a continued \$2-per-member assessment. Others asked about offering compensation, as other districts are known to do. "I will not accept pay for this job," LaBelle responded. "I just want help. I would like 12 people to be staff - one per zone. I want to be able to do the main stories (as an editor-in-chief)."

Responses included the possibility of having Zone Chairs each appoint a staff member, to having a publication officer at the club level. "If you can get me ten writers by July 1, and every club is willing to get one ad by July 1, I will retain this job," LaBelle answered.

Lion Art Anderson added, "I don't think we're going to be able to resolve this today. A committee needs to be created by our governing body to make a resolution on how the thing is to be reorganized." Whippen asked for a motion by substitution of the resolution to authorize the new District 10 Cabinet, at its changeover meeting in July, to come to a finality on this issue. The motion was made, and carried.

Meanwhile, names of people willing to help are to be given to LaBelle as soon as possible, and individual clubs across the U.P. are challenged to send at least

one ad by July 1.

A number of Lions Clubs made bids for the SD10 Lions Convention for 2014 and 2015. Spearheaded by the Chassell Lions Club, with assistance by the Houghton Lions Club, a proposal to hold the 2014 Convention on the weekend of April 25-27, at the Houghton Magnuson Hotel Franklin Square Inn was presented. The Magnuson features a top-floor convention area, a bar/restaurant, and much to do in the downtown Houghton area. A block of 75 rooms will be set aside, although there is also a Super 8 on the waterfront close by, and a Travelodge not far. A motion to approve the bid was made, and carried. The Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club also put in a bid to host the 2015 District Convention, likely during the first weekend in May that year. A motion was made, and carried, to make it so.

New District Governor-Elect Ruth Snyder stated that this year's focus from International First Vice President Wayne Madden is on literacy. Last year for Lions Day at Bay Cliff, toys were brought as donations. The facility has plenty of toys, so to go along with the literacy focus, Snyder asked that anyone attending on July 8 this year please bring books instead. Snyder also invited all to the Munising Lions Club's 75th anniversary dinner, which would be held on May 5.

With no further business, a motion was made for adjournment and seconded. Oh, and one more thing: if you happen to bump into PDG Bruce Andrews, be sure to ask him about turkey hunting!

Award Luncheon

At lunch on Saturday, a handful of guests addressed the Convention participants, and the first round of special service awards was presented by District Governor James Wash.

Michigan Senator Tom Casperson, a ten year member of Bark River Lions Club, gave a brief talk on volunteerism. Our elders learned through the Great Depression, to help one another through tough times, he started. "One thing they learned was how to come together and help each other" and how we'd do well to teach this concept, way of life, to the younger generations; "it's not just that you're serving in your



communities, it's that you're setting an example, and that's even more important sometimes"

Lion Casperson continued to say we need to be encouraging others, and recruiting younger people, to teach them to help each other, especially in these hard times.

Lion Mike Dengate, Lions Regional Representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind, gave a brief comment about Lion Mark Mansell, a California resident who is riding from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine to raise funds and awareness of the Leader Dogs for the Blind program. Mansell holds a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership, and is taking time off from his school superintendent duties to complete the journey. "He simply wants to serve," Dengate said.

Mansell will be at the Leader Dog headquarters in downstate Rochester Hills between July 18-21, as part of his cross-country tour. A pin has been designed to commemorate the event, including the Lions logo nestled in the front wheel of a bicycle. That was by design, Dengate explained, as "Lions are always out front, leading the way."





Special guest, Past International Director Ron Duffe of New Richmond, Wisconsin, welcomed the new Leo Club members, and reiterated the point Lion Casperson made about needing to get younger people into Lions. “Don’t invite one 25-30-year-old into your club, invite five,” he said. The same concept holds true for those clubs wishing to gain more female members, he added. “You’ll lose them if it’s just one alone in a group (of all older folks or all males).”

Several annual Service Activities Awards and various special achievement awards were presented by District Governor Jim Wash assisted by PID Ron Duffe during the Saturday Awards Luncheon.

The 100% Secretary Awards were presented to the following individual club secretaries and their respective clubs: Lion Margaret Boline, Bessemer; Lion Gerald Plattenberg, Champion; PDG Robert St. Peter, Dafters; Lion Donald Scott, Escanaba; Lion David Riedel, Iron Mountain-Kingsford; Lion Knut Strom, Ishpeming; Lion Ben Leiker, Lake Linden-Hubbell; Lion Elizabeth Denoyer, Les Cheneaux; Lion Robert Beaker, Manistique Lakes; Lion Jolene Hetherington, Munising; Lion Alfred Lemaire, Newberry; Lion Richard Malak, Powers-Spalding; Lion Lido Paoli, Range; Lion Alice Majestic, Rapid River; Lion Mike Wilkins, St. Ignace; Lion David Kauranen, Tri Town; and Lion Laura Doney, Vulcan-Norway-Loretto. Thank you each for your diligent work! Your timely submissions of reports helps the District function more smoothly and saves hours of follow-up calls.

A 40-Year Anniversary Patch was presented to the Rapid River Lions Club, in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Club's Charter date, April 28, 1972.



An International Relations Award Certificate was presented to Lion Joseph Baczkowski of the Marquette Lions Club, for outstanding achievement in Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) activities.

The Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club was honored with an Outstanding Club Banner Patch Award, for their International Club Twinning with the Sault Ste Marie Lions of Canada. PDG Don Miller accepted the award on the Club's behalf.

A Community and Cultural Activities Banner Patch Award was presented to the Calumet Lions Club for a “Lions Crew at Work” project, for its efforts in developing and restoring to the community the Lions Club Nature Trail in Calumet.

Breakout Sessions

After lunch, several breakout sessions were available to provide various learning experiences. Lion Mike Dengate offered an informative session that would continue to elaborate on the Leader Dogs for the Blind program. See separate article on Page 30.

PDG Duane Goltz led an informal session to expose Lions to the District's two new Pedia Vision SPOT vision assessment cameras. He, PDG Jenny Ware, and PDG Chuck Nicklas are all available as trainers for use of the new cameras, and are currently in the process of providing training sessions in various club areas.

A couple pointers Goltz noted included always planning to take a second “picture” of a child’s eyes, to verify the results. Another tip he offered is to position the camera on one side of a 3-4-foot-wide

table, have kids sit at the other side with their chin resting on their hands, and take the pictures that way. This way, he said, you may only need to adjust the camera distance by a few inches, and the kids are relatively still for the shot.

Parent permission is required for Lions to assess a child's eyes with the camera, he also noted in response to a question.

Other breakout sessions included Zone Chair training by Lion Art Anderson, Club Officer training by PCC Sara Doubledee and 2nd VDG Jerry Stephens, and an update on SD10 membership rates and trends by PDG Don Myers. Computers were also available throughout the weekend so that Secretaries and Treasurer could have access to the Lions International Website for training on how to utilize the website to get information on various programs and submit their club reports on-line saving time and money.



Governor's Banquet

The Governor's Banquet got a bit of a late start on Saturday evening, thanks to a fire alarm in the building, but once going, the messages given were imperative to the success of Lions Clubs in the future.

Following the ceremonial parade of banners, for which 22 of the 60 U.P. Lions Clubs were represented, the introductions of guests, a second round of awards, and of course dinner, PID Duffe presented a speech on leadership in Lions Clubs and Districts.

PID Duffe began his address by offering thanks to governors of other districts in attendance, including Multiple District 11-A2 Governor Robert Bobee of Warren, and Multiple District 11-D2 Governor

Margaret Oldenberg of Minden City.

Next, he passed along a message from the International President, Dr. Wing-Kun Tam. "Your President wanted to shake hands with all 43,000-plus Lions Presidents around the world," Duffe said. Of course this isn't necessarily possible, so Duffe invited all Lions Clubs Presidents who were in attendance to come forward and take a handshake on his behalf.



His main topics of discussion for the evening, as he said, "have been a problem for many Lions in the world this past year." Those topics were the Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT).

The main goal of the GLT is identifying future leaders in the organization, not just at the club level but districts, he said. The main GMT goals include attracting new members, forming new clubs, and the last he emphasized: retaining members.

Focusing on GLT, he continued today that in the U.S. and Canada, the leadership aspect has been taking a back seat to membership. This reached into causing membership issues, too, as many clubs and districts forgot about retaining the members through effective leadership, he said. Overseas, on the other hand, the leadership push "became a power base for some people."

Duffe believes several issues around leadership have led to membership declines. For example, he said that Lions Clubs International (LCI) has never set a rule on meeting attendance. "Never in the policy of LCI was there a rule that says 'you miss three or more meetings, you're out,'" he said, adding that Lions Clubs have lost many good members because of such imposed rules. "That's a leadership problem." Other leadership-based issues that hinder or reduce

interest in membership include long, boring meetings, allowing cliques to form within the membership, having the same club president for years on end, or ignoring a member when they come to a meeting.

The last issue is especially a problem with newer club members, Duffe continued. "Good leaders make the new Lions feel good about being there, welcome," he said.

The GLT is aiming to turn these issues around at the club and district levels, in order to work toward a team concept, Duffe concluded.



Following his address, the Convention hosts, the Bark River Lions Club, presented Duffe with a thank-you package of items from the U.P. Also, a \$500 donation will be made from the SD10 Convention to the LCI Foundation, in his name.

District Governor Wash made a number of Award presentations during the Governor's Banquet.

A Certificate of Achievement for Diabetes Awareness and Action was awarded to Lion Davida Mooers of the Delta-Menominee Heart of the North Lions Club.

Lion Joan Paul received a District Diabetes Awareness and Action Chairperson's Award, for outstanding district leadership in furthering the program.

The Marquette Lions Club received a New Horizons Award in Diabetes Education for dedicated service in promoting diabetes education, prevention and control. Joseph Baczkowski accepted it on behalf of the Marquette Lions Club.

A District Environment Award was presented to Lion John Crady and the Republic Lions Club, for

promoting a tree planting program with his club, as well as cleanup sessions at the town park and along a stretch of Highway M-95.

A District Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action Chairperson's Award was presented to PDG Charles Nicklas, for outstanding district leadership in providing programs and assistance to aid blind and visually impaired people.



A Certificate of Achievement for District Hearing Preservation, Awareness, and Action was awarded to PDG Robert St. Peter for outstanding district leadership in furthering the program.

A District Leo Club Chairperson Achievement Award was presented to Lion Judy Racette of the Delta Menominee Heart of the North Lions Club, for dedication and initiative in Leo Club extension, leadership, activities, administration and promotion.

A Recognition Award for District Lions Opportunities for Youth was presented to Lion Davida Mooers of the Delta-Menominee Heart of the North Lions Club, for promoting and maintaining district youth activities with the Bark River High School Leo Club.





PDG Robert Miller of the Drummond Island Lions Club received a District International Relations Award Certificate of Accomplishment for starting an International Culture Exchange with Romanian Lions to begin club twinning.

For Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action in providing programs and assistance to the visually impaired and working at eliminating preventable blindness through Project Kid Sight, an Excellence in Effort Award was presented to the Crystal Falls Lions Club. Don Conners accepted on behalf of the Club.



PDG Jenny Ware was the recipient of a Certificate of Achievement for District Lions Services for Children, for her outstanding leadership in the district, and in appreciation of dedicated service to improve the lives of children in adverse circumstances. PDG Jim Decremer accepted the award on behalf of Ware.

Four International President's Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to deserving recipients by Past International Director Ronald Duffe and District Governor Jim Wash. The first went to PDG Robert St. Peter of the Dafters Lions Club, for writing and receiving grants from Native American Casinos for Kid Sight.



The second went to PDG Duane Goltz from the Drummond Island Lions Club, for going to various Lions Clubs on his own time and asking for donations for Project Kid Sight.

Next was to Lion Thomas Lanaville of the Bark River Lions, for his many years as Secretary for District 10. The fourth and final certificate was presented to PDG Donald Wojakowski from the Stephenson Lions, for his many hours working with various clubs as a Guiding Lion.





The two highest Single District 10 awards that were presented on Saturday evening included the prestigious Ralph M. Sheehan Award and a Distinguished Service Award.

The 2012 recipient of the Ralph M. Sheehan Award was Lion Al Lemaire of the Newberry Lions Club, in appreciation of outstanding and dedicated service to his community, Club and District. Lemaire was unable to attend this year's convention, as he had more pressing family matters to attend to, so Lion James Whalen accepted the award on his behalf.

The Single District 10 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Lion Donald Conners of the Crystal Falls Lions Club, in recognition of his unselfish, significant and continuous contributions to the club, community and district through Lionism.



Following Saturday's dinner, a special thank-you was offered to the staff of the Island Resort and Casino, as well as the members of the Bark River Lions Club who comprised the 2012 SD10 Convention Committee: Roger Charbonneau, Scott Kwarciany, Bruce LaBelle, Bill Lake, Tom Lanaville, and PDG Joe Potvin.

Special thanks also go out to all the other guests who visited from outside SD10, including State Executive Director Wendy Burns, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck, Carole and Wayne Schultz of the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and Robb Chabie of the Michigan Eye Bank.

Necrology

Sunday morning began with the gathering of the Past District Governors (PDGs) at 8 AM for the induction of District Governor Jim Wash and others dignitaries into the Past District Governor's Association. This year the event was open to the general Lions Membership so they could observe the traditional ceremony lead by PDG George Kelly.



At 9 AM, the final events of the convention began. Lions and family members gathered together to remember the twenty-five dedicated Lions that we lost this past year. The Necrology Service started out with a tremendous rendition of Amazing Grace played by Chad Racine of Ishpeming on the bagpipes. Everyone was awestruck by the performance as he was fully dressed in the fashionable attire to make it a grand opening to this service. The sound flowed thru you and created remembrance and memories of what this service was to be all about, the Members of our 'we serve' family who have passed away this year.

PDG Don Myers welcomed everyone and commenced with reading from Scripture "Everything Has It's Time" Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9. After silence and prayer, Honor Roll Call began, wherein narrated stories were told about each and every Lion being paid tribute to. Announcing their names and lighting a candle in honor of them. One by one names were called and candles were lit along with a brief story told as a chosen member of the 'family' walked up

to the front of the room for placement of the candle by PDG Charles Lundmark. A sapling tree was presented to each person who placed a candle in honor of the lost Lion who devotedly served his/her community. The tree is to be planted and grown in a place “someplace special,” which coincidentally the U.P. is known for.

Remembered this year were Rudolph “Rudy” Ballo of the Crystal Falls Lions Club, William A. Barber of Pickford, Gina Bower of Delta-Menominee Heart of the North, Edward Dembowski of Marquette, Walter K. Dickson of Escanaba, Hugo A. Filizetti and Wayne Weingarten of Negaunee, Catherine Gonyon and Rev. Lois D. Rank of Manistique Lakes, James A. Gregg of Kinross, Jarl Hiltunen and Joseph D. Schrader of Sugar Island, and William W. Hoch of Rock. Also remembered were Delwin Horton of Daft, Rufus Kibler of Newberry, Donald LeBoeuf, Frank Nowak, and Walter Peterson of Powers-Spalding, Norman Muench of Drummond Island, Frederick Neimi of Keweenaw, Gary P. Olsen of St. Ignace, William Pajnich and Richard Vietzke of Rapid River, Kenneth Sahn of Trenary, and Raymond Tuttle of Germfask-Seney. As with all who have gone before us, these 25 Lions will be sorely missed.



Tolling of the Bell signified the near completion of the service and as each candle was extinguished, a name was read and the bell sounded its toll. After the last candle was put out, taps was played by two trumpeters from Bark River Harris High School Band Members, Haley Strahl and Matthew Wagner.

After the Necrology Service, the Lions enjoyed a Brunch followed by some closing remarks from the District Governor Jim Wash and International Director Ron Duffe. Each Attendee was given a ticket

upon entering the facility for the Necrology service. Convention Chairman Tom Lanaville and Committee member Scott Kwarciany drew winning tickets for the many door prizes that the Committee had gathered such as a Casino weekend package with concert tickets, Off-Road tickets and various gift certificates.

The convention concluded with thanks expressed to the six Convention Committee members from the Bark River Lions Club who planned and hosted this year's convention. Once again setting the bar high for next year's Convention Hosts. Next year's convention will be jointly hosted by the Les Cheneaux, Pickford and St. Ignace Lions Clubs at the Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace on April 26th-28th, 2013.

Thirty-one (31) District 10 Lions Clubs plus the new Bark River-Harris Leo Club were represented at this year's Convention, with over 200 attendees. The Les Cheneaux Lions Club earned the travelling fellowship trophy, for having the most members come, from the longest total distance. Congrats and enjoy Snaggletooth's company, well, until it's nabbed by another visiting club, anyway!



Additional pictures of the Single District 10 Lions Convention can be viewed on the District 10 website, www.district10lions.org. There are over 400 photos of the Convention weekend posted on the website. If you would like a certain picture, contact the District Lions Magazine Editor at either (906) 466-2439 or email Bruce.LaBelle@Honeywell.com. High resolution photos can be sent either by email or mail. The photos on the website have been reduced in size in order to allow them to download faster.

See you at next year's SD10 Convention in St. Ignace!

Leader Dogs for the Blind Presentation

By Amanda Ingraham

One of the breakout sessions on Saturday proved to be quite a wealth of information, thanks to Mike Dengate, the Lions Regional Representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Before diving into the meat of the Leader Dog program itself, Dengate offered a bit of background on himself, and how he managed to end up in the position he now holds dearly. As a 40-plus year specialist in financial and quality services for various banks, one of his positions included management of sponsorships and contributions.

That position was how he first learned about Leader Dog, he said. As he toured the Leader Dog headquarters in downstate Rochester Hills for the first time, for work purposes, he was given the task of taking a walk with one of the leader dogs, while blindfolded. It turned out to be an experience he'd never forget. "They commented how natural I seemed doing it. I put my whole faith in that dog," he said. As he took off the blindfold, Dengate continued, he swore he would return to the facility one day.

Dengate finally experienced enough severance-and-rehires, which came each time his bank was purchased by a larger corporation, that he opted to retire. A few years later, however, he was in need of something to keep himself busy.

Remembering the Leader Dog headquarters tour, just out of curiosity he looked online for any open positions there. Sure enough, he continued, a puppy care attendant position had opened in Leader Dog's Puppy Land. While the position sounds awfully cute, Dengate joked that he quickly learned there was a different acronym meaning for PUP - "picking up poop." As the laughter subsided, he offered the matter-of-fact reminder that 30 or more puppies do indeed produce much out the back end, an average of 57 gallons a week.

From this point on, the talk shifted to discussions on the lives of the dogs training for the program, the effects on those who receive a leader dog or who just come to tour the facility, statistics, and more,

including answers to several audience questions. While breeds first used for guide dogs included German shepherds and Dobermans, these have shifted, for two main reasons. First, these dogs gained a perception as being war or fighting dogs, Dengate said, and second, retrievers, both golden and Labrador, tend to be better at adapting to change. When one figures how many life changes a potential leader dog will endure during its life span - from birth to the Leader Dog headquarters, to living with puppy raisers, back to Leader Dog headquarters for full training, to life with a client partner, back to Leader Dog at retirement, and off to a retirement family - a dog's adaptability becomes very important. Because they generally do well with training and the changes associated with the leader dog life, around 80% of the dogs used in the Leader Dog program are Labradors, he said.

Only about 35% of the dogs that start in the Leader Dog program make it through to actually become a leader dog, however. Even if the temperament is good for training, health issues can result in pulling a dog from the program, even if it has already begun training with a client. PDG and Leader Dog puppy raiser Gary Klop of Pickford, for example, raised potential guide dog Liberty as a puppy, and recently took her back in for life, as chronic ear infections caused her to be removed from the training program. "As gut wrenching as it can be," Dengate said, "(a leader dog's health issues) can be too hindering on the client in the long run."

Since the Lions Leader Dog program began in 1938-9, 14,373 dogs have been paired with blind clients, with 237 of those staying in Michigan. Just over 200 dogs per year are placed with clients, Dengate said, adding that that number is expected to rise in the years to come.

The program relies heavily on the work of volunteers, he continued. About 47 volunteers help in Puppy Land, and many more, around 450, assist as puppy raisers. For these people, who currently come from 22 states and Canada, expenses of raising the puppies come out of their own pockets for the twelve to thirteen months they will live and work with the potential leader. As it is, it costs Leader Dog roughly \$35,000-\$40,000 per dog to get them into the hands

of a client, Dengate said. “But to this day it costs \$0 for a client to get a dog from Leader Dogs for the Blind,” he added.

Training of the dogs at the Leader Dog headquarters is as gentle as possible, utilizing praise, positive reinforcement, and clicker correction methods. Klop added that like other dogs in the Leader Dog program, Yooper, his current puppy in training, wears a “Martingale” collar, which is easier on a puppy’s neck and lighter than a traditional choke training collar. Only a small section of the collar is chain, Klop said, which prevents neck bruising, and still gives corrective effect through the sound of the chain.

The extensive training received by potential leader dogs back at Leader Dog includes learning to anticipate traffic patterns, stopping a client from crossing a street, and even intelligent disobedience, in the case of an unsafe situation in which the client is unaware of an imminent danger.

Considerations for those wishing to receive a leader dog include their physical needs, health needs, and age, being at least 16 years old. The potential client must demonstrate some mobility, and be able to use a cane. “But, we’ll teach them how to use a cane if needed...we don’t like to say no,” Dengate said.

Even those who are blind and deaf can be eligible for a leader dog, Dengate said. The Rochester Hills facility, in fact, was the first of only two in the world to be able to provide this level of training. In the cases of blind and deaf clients accepted into the program, they and the dogs are trained in hand signals and tactile communication.

An extensive review of the clients and dogs is conducted to most adequately match one to the other, Dengate said. Just some traits considered are personalities, walking speed, height, weight, habits such as whether the person enjoys being outdoors or around a lot of people, and more. Even the client’s home climate is taken into consideration, and in the case of a significant difference from that of southeastern Michigan, final training can be completed in that location so the dog can adapt appropriately.

Currently, the time between a client requesting a guide dog and beginning training with one is between 60 and 90 days, shorter than many people may guess. The process is faster for those who have already had a leader dog.

Once a client and leader dog complete their final training and leave the facility for home, the Leader Dog program continues to monitor them consistently during their years of partnering.

Upon reaching the end of a dog’s working life, they will be brought back to Leader Dog. A grief counseling process is provided for when a dog moves on to retirement, or worse, passes on. “It’s hard enough to lose a pet, but when you’ve been with this dog as a partner...,” Dengate said before choking up. “Consider the impact of the client and the families they live with; it’s a life-changing program,” he added.

Tours of the Leader Dog headquarters facility are available, and Lions Club members are given extra time there, between an hour-and-a-half and two hours total. District 10 Leader Dog Chair Jack Holzworth said of the tour, “you don’t know what it’s like to be enthused until you go through Leader Dog and see what good you’re doing.” He continued to say just seeing students meeting their dog for the first time, the smile they have, is rewarding enough. “Your whole attitude changes, you’re so pepped up you can’t sleep,” he said. “It’s an experience you’ll never forget,” Dengate added.

Holzworth is planning to get a trip together for interested District 10 Lions. He is hoping to coordinate the trip with the arrival of Lion cyclist Mark Mansell, who is riding across the country over a period of 63 days, to raise funds and awareness for Leader Dog. Mansell, who is aiming to earn \$35,000 for Leader Dog, anticipates being in Rochester Hills from July 18 to 21.

For more information on Leader Dog, visit www.leaderdog.org. Mansell’s cross-country fund raising trip information can be found at <http://cyclingforleaderdogs.blogspot.com>.

Cycling for Leader Dog

This fall, La Center, Washington school superintendent Lion Mark Mansell will have plenty to talk about.

A member of the La Center Lions Club, Lion Mark



is planning to ride his bicycle from Portland, Oregon across the country to Portland, Maine or approximately 3,500 miles. The 63-day journey begins Saturday, June 16 and concludes in Portland,

Maine on Sunday, August 17. It will include a stop at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan the week of July 15. The purpose of his journey is to raise awareness and money for Leader Dogs for the Blind. "I enjoy challenges and I love to learn" Mansell said, "Given the chance to attempt something like this is a very special opportunity that is extremely exciting."

A few ways Lions can show their support:

- If you would like to donate \$35 to support Mark and receive a Cycling for Leader Dogs pin, visit his blog and click the "Donate Now" button.
- Bike along with Mark for a short while.
- Cheer him on as he passes through your community.
- Email him at mansell.lacenter@gmail.com if you would like to host him overnight.
- Share this with family and friends.

Lion Mark would like to raise \$35,000. With a 3,500 mile trip, anyone who provides a penny per mile sponsorship (or at least \$35 donation) will receive a Cycling for Leader Dogs sponsor pin. To meet our goal, we will need to secure 1,086 individual "one penny per mile" sponsors.

Lion Mark and his Team have created a blog (www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org) so people can easily follow his journey and donate.

Sincerely,
Leader Dogs for the Blind



Lions Move Playground

By PDG Don Wojakowski

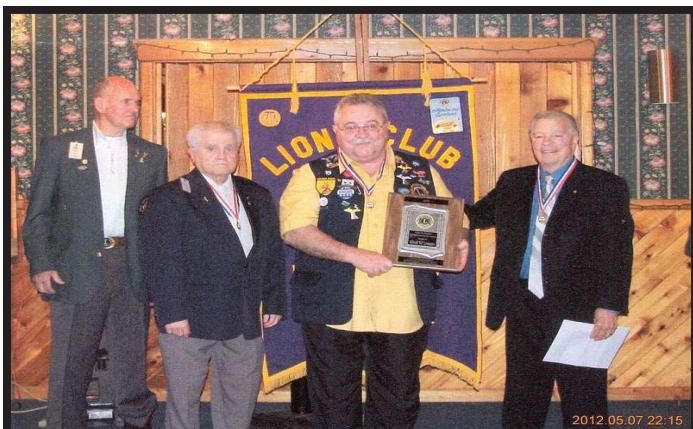
Fifteen Stephenson Lions club members worked two Fridays to disassemble, moved and erected massive play ground equipment. The equipment was from a closed school and was donated to the township. The Lions took on the move as a project. All of the pipe mounts were in concrete and had to be jack hammered out. Three of the Lions members came with their big equipment without their machines this move could not have been done. It took 270 man hours to complete this move. The township provided lunch both days.



Lions Assist Local Resident

By Karen Stroobants

On May 19, 2012, 4 members of the Republic Lions Club purchased materials and built a ramp for a community member who has become disabled because of multiple surgeries. This ramp will now allow him to come and go from his house under his own power. Shown in the photo are Lions Roy Kemppainen, Bill Carne, and Jon Mykkonen. Not shown is King Lion John Crady.



Ralph Sheehan Distinguished Service Award

The SD10 most prestigious award, the Ralph Sheehan Distinguished Service Award was presented to Newberry Lions member Alfred “Al” LeMaire. Lion Al has been a Lion for 41 years in three different cities; Terre Haute, Indiana, Allegan and Newberry, Michigan.

The award was established in 1979 in honor of PID Ralph Sheehan who was the President of the Marquette Evening Lions Club from 1941-43 and an International Director from 1944-46. To receive this award, Al has performed outstanding achievements at the State and District Levels, and has an outstanding record on the District Service Committees. He has made outstanding contributions to Lionism at the Newberry Lions Club and performed humanitarian achievements in the community.

Picture (R to L) presenting Lion LeMaire with the prestigious Award are PDG Duane Goltz, PDG Bill Whippen, Lion Al LeMaire, PDG Don Myers and PDG Bob St. Peter (Not shown). Lion LeMaire was unable to attend this years District Convention in Bark River so a group of PDG agreed to travel to Newberry and present Lion LeMaire the award personnally.



SD10 District Cabinet Visits MD11

Recently some members of Single District 10 Cabinet traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan to attend the MD11 92nd Annual State Convention held on May 18th & 19th, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

District Governor Wash accepted an award for Lion Judy Goltz for her work with Youth Exchange this past year while they were there.

Shown are (L to R) Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle, Lion Duke Snyder, District Governor Elect Ruth Synder, International Director Dana Biggs, District Governor Jim Wash, Lion Jane Lanaville and Cabinet Secretary Tom Lanaville.

An advertisement for Don Machalk & Sons Fence Corp. The top half shows a black and white photograph of a white picket fence curving through a wooded landscape. Overlaid on the top left is the company name "Don Machalk & Sons Fence Corp." in a stylized, slanted font. To the right is the website "www.machalkfence.com". On the right side, there is a diamond-shaped logo containing vertical wood planks and the text "Since 1979 Northern White CEDAR With". Below the logo, there are two decorative scroll-like banners with the words "Made" and "With". At the bottom left, there is bold text advertising "ALL STYLES OF RUSTIC WOOD FENCING" and contact information: "906-753-4002 • Fax: 906-753-4080" and "P.O. Box 117 • Ingalls, MI 49848".

The logo for Anderson Diehm Funeral Home LLC. It features the company name in a large, stylized script font for "Anderson" and a bold, serif font for "DIEHM". Below the name is a horizontal line, followed by the text "FUNERAL HOME LLC" in a serif font. Underneath that is another horizontal line. At the bottom, there is a list of names and contact information.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE BARK RIVER HARRIS LEO CLUB

By Lion Judy Racette & Leo Tiffanie Meyers

The Bark River Harris Leo Club was chartered on May 31, 2011 and I think you could say that they "hit the ground running".....



They made their debut in the community in the 4th of July parade in Bark River. There were a number of members that rode on the float decked out in their club t-shirts as they tossed candy to the children along the route. They were awarded a First Place in the Kid's Division and received \$100.00 for their float.

In keeping with school tradition, the club created a "Haunted Hallway" for the Halloween festivities at the school and charged small fees to the students that passed through. They also aided residents at the Bishop Noa Home in painting pumpkins and delivered them to resident's rooms.

There was a canned food drive organized by the Leo Club from October 31 to November 18 with two food pantries at local churches benefiting from their efforts.

During the November parent/teacher conferences at the school the club held a bake sale. The proceeds of that sale were used to purchase supplies for a local animal shelter.

The Salvation Army had the benefit of some persistent bell ringing on the part of the Leo Club for a day at a local store during the Christmas season. There was also a friendly competition between the boys and girls to see who could collect the most money! They also

created over 250 Christmas cards to be delivered to an Upper Peninsula Veterans Facility.

There were "crushes" for sale at the Bark River Harris School put on by the Leo Club for Valentine's Day. A student could purchase a "crush" message along with a small treat to be delivered to the person of their choosing. The club also sponsored a Sadie Hawkins Dance at the school, which was enjoyed by many.

Again, with the January parent/teacher conference, there came another bake sale held by the club.

The month of April is "Leo Awareness Month" and in working to better our environment, the Club collected newspapers and plastic bottles at the Bark River Harris School and delivered them to a local recycling center.

As the school year comes to a close, the club is involved in a Sayklly's candy bar fund raiser.

So you can see, it has been a very busy school year for the students involved in the Bark River Harris Leo Club. I'm sure that there are other schools in our District that would benefit from having someone step forward to spend the time to establish and guide a "young" club. This is the future of our organization – please consider carefully how your community would benefit from having these energetic volunteers working to make a difference.



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Bark River Lions Club President Gary Pach (left) recently presented a check for \$5000 to Bark River Fire Department Fire Chief Dan Adams to assist with the outfitting of a new pumper truck that was purchased this spring.

New Members
March 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012

Member Name	Date Joined	Sponsor
Bark River		
Jason Lockwood	04/01/2012	Tom Lanaville
Greg Scheeneman	04/01/2011	Brian Adams
Chassell		
Mary Eckhart	02/01/2012	Al Eckhart
Dawn Maise	02/01/2012	Pamela Hiltunen
Matthew Maise	02/01/2012	Pamela Hiltunen
Christina Smigowski	03/01/2012	Judy Evert
Dafter		
Barton St. Peter	03/01/2012	Robert St. Peter
Daggett		
Steven Carlson	02/01/2012	Unknown
Drummond Island		
Richard Spencer	02/01/2012	Duane Goltz
Iron Mountain-Kingsford		
Kara Rettick	03/01/2012	Rose Olson
Keweenaw		
Babette Jokela	05/01/2012	Thomas Tikkanen
Robert Zander	05/01/2012	Frank Carlton
Kinross		
Patrick Maloney	04/01/2012	Tom McKee
Jennifer Metro	04/01/2012	James Suggitt
Les Cheneaux		
Shirley Jewell	04/01/2012	Unknown
Walt Wilhide	05/01/2012	Unknown
Manistique Lakes		
Kenneth Howe	04/01/2012	Robert Beaker
Margaret Howe	04/01/2012	Robert Beaker
Marquette		
Mary Jo Doll	03/01/2012	Barbara Lucas
Stephen Herman	04/01/2012	Elmer Moisio
Katelynn Jensen	03/01/2012	Maureen Jensen
Nolan Jensen	03/01/2012	Maureen Jensen

Menominee

Muriel Moore	03/01/2012	Unknown
Deborah Raygo	02/01/2012	Barb Callahan

Mountain

Darren Weisinger	04/01/2012	Brett Huntzinger
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Negaunee

Jesse Jezek	03/01/2012	Jeremy Hosking
Louis Koskey	02/01/2012	David Hallgren
Steven Krook	03/01/2012	Don Featherstone
Cody Scanlon	03/01/2012	Walter Scanlon

Newberry

Jennifer Whalen	04/01/2012	James Whalen
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Skandia

David Laurich	03/01/2012	David Humphrey
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ST Ignace

William Brown	05/01/2012	Mike Wilkins
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Stephenson

Lowell Bengry	02/01/2012	Donald Machalk
Francis Nemetz	02/01/2012	Gene Phillips
Kristie Rice	04/01/2012	Donald Machalk

Trenary

Kyle Krysiak	03/01/2012	Roy Aho
Nicole Maki	01/01/2012	Kristy Wojtyniak
Joan Nachtman	03/01/2012	Clayton Cote
Mark Nachtman	03/01/2012	Roy Aho
Sara Salo	01/01/2012	Fred Burton
Carlotta Wojtyniak	01/01/2012	Fred Burton

Wells

Bill Wiles	01/01/2012	Jon Gartland
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District 10 Y-T-D Membership

2011-12 Opening Balance-----	1724
Total 2011-12 New Members-----	131
Total 2011-12 Dropped Members-----	143
Total 2011-12 Deceased Members-----	22
2011-12 Closing Balance-----	1690
2011-12 Net Loss-----	-34

Status as of
June 1, 2012





Range Lions Collect Eyeglasses

By Duane Pangrazzi

The Range Lions Club collected 237 pairs of used prescription eyeglasses that were donated by local residents at the various dropoff sites around the community. The used eyeglasses were donated to the local ministry of the Upper Peninsula Friends of Honduras which were given to the needy of Hondurans according to their vision needs. Pictured above is a Honduras lady that was able to read the printed word clearly from a book for the first time since early adolescence.

The USA/Canada Leadershi Forum will be in Tampa Bay, Florida on September 13-15, 2012. The theme is "LEADERSHIP is a WORLD of SERVICE". For more information go to usacanadalionsforum.org or contact Jim or Rose Olson at (715) 696-6030.



IN MEMORIAM

March 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012

Lions Club	Member Name	Deceased
Crystal Falls	Rudolph Ballo	10/01/2011
Crystal Falls	Alec Malkin	11/08/2010
Drummond Island	Norman Bailey	05/17/2012
Keweenaw	Frederick Niemi	03/29/2012
Les Cheneaux	Gordon Hubbert	05/24/2012



Total 2011-12 Deceased: 22

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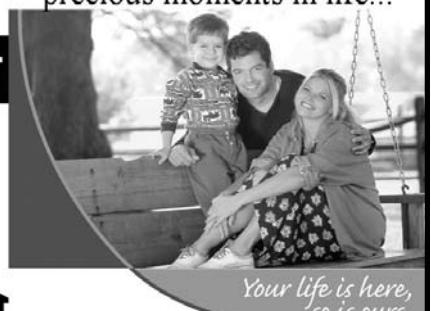
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