



## FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Blessed Holidays and happiness into the new year!

As we close the first six months of District 10's 2012-2013 year it is time to project the final six months and the expectations. We have had a productive year so far with Zone Chair trainings and many club visits by your governor and vice district governors. We have found much to brag about and many stories to tell from our visits. We are experiencing club renewals and great activity within the District.

At this time I encourage our secretaries to keep the MMR reports coming and be sure you get them to the International office as well. Another reminder, to please be sure your clubs are making a contribution of some amount, small or large, to LCIF. LCIF is our connection with the major disaster relief in the nation and the world. I just received an email about Lions of Newtown, CT being present to support the community in their struggle with disaster.

Zone Chairs, continue the visits and bring the positive message about the quality Lions Clubs provide to our communities. A huge thank you to all District Cabinet officers, Leadership Team members, Committee members, Zone Chairs and Clubs for a great beginning to our year in LIONISM.

Committed to WE SERVE

Ruth Snyder, District Governor, SD10

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SD 10 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting,  
Saturday, January 26,  
Trenary Lions Club House  
(Mathias Township  
Community Center, E2997  
M-67) 10:00 am.

## FIRST VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Fellow Lions,

With the approaching Christmas Season also comes the half-way point of this Lion Year. I'm sure you have all been busy with service projects, fund-raisers and club meetings. The same holds true for me.

I was off to a slow start visiting clubs on my list, missing most of August and September with other obligations. But I sure made up for it in October, November and December. When I visited the Lake Linden-Hubbell Lions Club in mid-October I told them that I had never been west of Ishpeming, let alone to "Cooper Country." As it turned out, I made three trips to the Keweenaw Peninsula in a month!

I have also been extremely busy working on specific training sessions that are mandated by Lions Clubs International for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors. Over the last few years, LCI has put forth a major effort to build extensive documentation and training regimens for incoming District Governors. The work begins with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, and continues right up until the annual International Convention when Governor-Elects are sworn into office. Major emphasis is on leadership training and membership training. LCI has committed a lot of time, effort and money to ensure those of us who assume leadership roles are prepared to serve our district, not only during our year as Governor, but beyond.

I have already begun to build the team of Lions who will serve on my cabinet next year, having "penciled in" names of those who I plan to ask to serve. I will not be an effective Governor if I am not able to fill the SD-10 cabinet positions with competent people. I have already approached a few people, and so far have positive commitments. If I ask you to serve, please give careful thought and consideration to my request. Remember that I am asking you to serve all clubs of District 10, including your own club. Please also remember that although service at the district level will certainly involve a commitment of time on your part, I would never ask you to serve if I did not have confidence in your ability to perform that job at a high level.

That's all I have for now, except to say that I hope everyone has/had a Merry Christmas, and I look forward to a New Year!

Sincerely Yours in Lionism,

Jerry Stephens

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, SD-10

*To all Upper Peninsula Single District 10 Lions Clubs; this is the first edition of the new District newsletter. The newsletter was created to at least try to restore a District-wide communication as we no longer are able to publish the former District magazine. Please feel free to send articles to the Upper Peninsula Single District 10 Cabinet Secretary and we will include them in future newsletters. It is very important the any article be attached to an e-mail as this makes it easy to format them as part of future newsletters. Please feel free to contact the Upper Peninsula Single District 10 Cabinet Secretary if you have any questions.*

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## SECOND VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Job has been enjoyable to date. Every club I visited was very friendly and treated my wife and I very well. I have about half of my visits in with two more scheduled. I feel I am learning a lot more than I am teaching. Some thoughts to share:

Treasurers, be sure you have completed your 990N's (except for Bark River and anyone else who doesn't qualify)

Secretaries, be sure you do the end of month reports. They are simple to do on line, just be sure to do them immediately after the last meeting for the month. As a past secretary I found a direct correlation between the number of days I procrastinated and the probability I would forget to do the report.

Don't forget to brag. Tell everyone what we are doing. Most newspapers are pretty good about providing coverage but you have to give them the info.

O yes I am also Co Chair for Bay Cliff. It was another great Bay Cliff year with 153 campers and 125 staff. There were many positive comments from parents. They tell us that the camp experience is a long time to be separated from their children but they realize that the gains in more independence and in self-esteem make it all worthwhile. Don't forget Bay Cliff still needs your donations to continue operations.

Don't sell yourself or your club short. You are doing a very important service to your community and neighbors and I don't see the need for our help going away any time soon. This leads to another factor membership. The more members you have the more you can do. Remember membership in the Lions is by invitation only so if you don't ask, they won't come.

We still need a Zone Chair for Region 1 Zone 1 which includes Bessemer Mountain, Ottawa, Tri Town, L'Anse and Baraga Township.

### **Club activities:**

Powers Spalding Pasty sale fundraiser

Donations to Pinecrest for necessities and Christmas gifts.

Marquette donations Eye Glasses, Adopt a Child, Teaching FamilyHomes,LCIF Hurricane Sandy relief and support for local youth swim team.

Munising donation Alger parks and Rec. Little League

## **NEWS FROM GUIDING LION, P.D.G. DON WOJAKOWSKI**

On the December 3rd ten members of the Menominee Lions club assembled 175 stocking gifts for the needed children of the area. These were filled with candy and other goodies. They were presented to the children at a party at the local legion club.

On December 15th about twenty members of the Stephenson Lions club assembled 175 fruit baskets. These were then delivered to single senior citizens in the Stephenson area.

PDG Don Wojakowski

## **Lions construct wheelchair ramp**

The Munising Lions Club recently assisted an area family in need of handicap access improvements. Club members gathered at the home of a Munising area family to construct a wheelchair ramp, to allow one of the family members easier access into and out of the home.

The project was made possible through additional assistance by U.P. Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP), Alger County Veterans, Vartti Construction, and private donors.

The Lions also anticipate constructing a ramp for another area home in the near future.

Munising Lions Club members shown above following completion of the project are (front row, from left): Ruth Ann Pokela, George Sisco, and Charlie Vartti; (back row, from left): Terry Beauchaine, Jolene Hetherington, Kenny Green, Dan Theoret, and Greg Quinn, plus Melissa Churill with her father, Lion Keith Churill. Also helping but not present for the photo include Lions Duke Snyder, Gordon McDonald, and Rick Nebel.

by Amanda Ingraham

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## Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lion,

Every year at this time, I send my personal greetings to you, the members of my Lions family. This year is no different, except I want to take the extra time to reflect on what we have accomplished together through our Foundation. Thanks to your donations and your service, we have met needs all over the world and made a great impact in many people's lives.

Together, we met the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge grant to raise US\$10 million for measles. Through this major accomplishment, we helped vaccinate 157 million children against measles in 2012.

Lions also provided disaster relief worldwide following typhoons, flooding, tornadoes, wildfires and other disasters this year. One recent example is Superstorm Sandy in the United States. Many Lions gave generously, and even Lions who were affected by the storm were out serving their communities the next day.

In addition to disaster relief, Lions and LCIF have been continuing to fight preventable blindness. When I was in Thailand for the 10 year celebration of Sight for Kids with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, I was able to see the impact that a simple vision screening can have in a child's life. It is easy to see why organizations like Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Bausch + Lomb, The Carter Center and more partner with us in our efforts to save sight.

Our Foundation has also supported youth in many ways during this year. The Lions Quest program is continually growing to help provide children with positive life skills. The U.S. State Department is helping the program expand in Africa, while the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is working with Lions Quest curriculum in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe.

I am amazed at all the different kinds of service that we are able to provide together. Though I have been Chairperson of our Foundation for just six months, it is easy to see all the good that we have accomplished this past year, and every year since the Foundation was created. All of our accomplishments are because of your generous donations. I invite you to see the impact your donations have made by viewing this video.

As this year ends, I look forward to a new year full of service and caring. Though we always pray for no disaster and diseases in this world, they still happen. Please continue your support to LCIF so that we can strive for a better world to live in with no disaster and diseases in the coming future.

Wing-Kun Tam - Chairperson, Lions Club International Foundation