



District Governor Jerry Stephens

November 2013

By the time you receive this letter, we will likely be into November. I have traveled to various parts of the U.P., visiting clubs during September and October, and I witnessed some very nice fall colors. But more inspiring than the scenery was the clubs I visited, and the good work they all continue to perform in our communities. I have had some great visits, with a lot of knowledge transfer and exchange of ideas.

October is/was officially "Membership Month" for LCI. I forwarded a document to all Club Presidents with ideas for promoting membership in our clubs. This document, compliments of the District Governor from District 11-E1, has numerous ideas to promote awareness of Lions Clubs in your community. Some ideas were grand, others more simplistic. There is no doubt in my mind that each club in our district can take away at least one idea to use to promote awareness and interest amongst the general public about Lions Clubs, the largest service organization IN THE WORLD! Each club must reach out to its own community. No one else can do this work. These are your people, and you know them best. JUST ASK! You may be surprised by the result.

In early October I attended a Michigan Council of Governors meeting. One item discussed was the election to be held for 2nd International Vice President at the 2014 LCI Convention in Toronto in July. The Lion elected to this position will be our Association's President during the 2016-17 year, the first half of the centennial anniversary of the Association. There are two candidates who are vying for this position, and our district is being asked to endorse one. PID Robert "Bob" Corlew (Tennessee) served as International Director from 2011-2013, and is endorsed by the current International Board of Directors. PID Mike Butler (Texas) served as International Director from 1984-1986. Both candidates will be in Mt. Pleasant on November 22nd to meet with Lions from Michigan. Our SD-10 Cabinet voted to send two members of our district to Mt. Pleasant to meet the candidates, and report back at our next cabinet meeting in early February. PDG Jenny Ware and I will represent SD-10 at this event. More information will follow.

Regarding the SD-10 Cabinet Meeting, we also met in October, at the Teaching Family Homes (TFH) campus in Harvey. I want to again thank the staff of TFH for providing us with the use of their facility. Thanks also to Lions Larry Klaus and Pete LaRue of the Chocoy Twp LC for their help in organizing the meeting. The district seems to be moving through the year as expected. Committees are functioning, and Lions are growing into new roles as Co-Chairs. We have a couple of serious issues with which to contend. We will deal with these issues, and I will report to you the status at the appropriate time.

One of my goals this year as District Governor is to enhance our ability to reach those members who have an email address on-file with LCI, and send the District Newsletter directly to them. To help accomplish this, I am relying on Club Secretaries to update the email information with LCI for their club members. In July, there were about 300 email addresses on-file with LCI for the more than 1600 members in our district. Today there are more than 550 email addresses on-file. We are making progress. Based on very informal studies I have made, I suspect there are still a lot of members who have an email address which is not on-file with LCI. So, Secretaries, please keep up the effort!

That is all I have for now, except to say I hope you all have a great fall and (early) winter. If you have any questions of me, or anything you care to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Yours In Lionism,

DG Jerry Stephens

jstephens@lssu.edu

906-322-0251

From the desk of the 1st Vice District Governor Bill Rowe

Yes, it is October; the first quarter of the Lions' year is gone. Ten of our clubs have not yet submitted MMR's, 18 have not submitted activity reports as of 5 October. This is the computer age, which makes the reporting very simple. If you are a Secretary and not a computer person, every club should have someone you could work with so you could save yourself time and effort. There is nothing wrong with a secretary having a secretary. If you use a computer and are having trouble with your reports, ask your Zone Chair or me; we can either help you or find someone who can. There are also 16 clubs out there who have not responded to my e-mail requesting a couple of times which would be convenient to have me visit.

Membership: I have 1 new Lion this year and expect to have 1 more this month and am working on a couple more. How many people have you invited to join? Remember you do not have the ability or the right to determine if a person would be interested or would have the time to become a Lion, only the potential Lion can decide that, give him/her the chance, ask that person to join. But even before you ask, spread the word, tell anyone who will listen about what Lions do and how good it feels to help others. Be selfish, get some more people to help you with the good you are doing as a Lion and perhaps you can do even more without increasing your work load.

I went back and looked at my last article and, yes, I am tending to repeat myself, but only because the problems still exist.

From 2nd Vice District Governor Tom Lanaville

Greetings SD-10 Lions

Now we are a few months into the Lions year and I have visited some great clubs so far. At Dafter I installed their Officers and a new member. Great job Dafter Lions on recruiting a new member and all Lions that bring in fresh ideas with new members. Stephenson Lions are doing a great job with their Community and Calumet has a beautiful Township Park for all to enjoy. I will continue this quest to visit other great clubs in the District. The following clubs still need to be scheduled: Barbeau, Champion, Chatham, Chocoy Twp, Endadine-Naubinway, Ford River, Lake Linden Hubbell, Les Chenaux, Mackinac Island, Munising, Negaunee, Newberry, Pickford, Rudyard and Wells. So if your club's name was listed I will be contacting you to schedule a visit or if you have something special scheduled please let me know.

I got the chance to go to the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Overland Park, KS this fall. What a great experience and the chance to meet so many great Lions from the all over. This is such a great way to network with other Lions from the USA and Canada. The presentations were informative and thought provoking and the Speakers were very motivating. Next year it is in San Juan, Puerto Rico and would be a great get-a-way for some Lions. In 2015 it will be in Grand Rapids and would be a great opportunity for you to make a USA/Canada Leadership forum being close to home.

I have been asking the Secretaries of the clubs to check the information for club members that are listed on the Lions International database. Especially check the members of clubs that have been members for years. A lot of the veteran members just have the basic information in LCI. Club members can also help to check their address and inform the Club Secretary of any changes, especially if you have an email address. I know some of the members don't use computers, but email has become a great way to communicate with the masses. Maybe your son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter would be willing to receive an email on your behalf.

SD-10 Convention will be in Houghton this coming April 25-27, 2014, please make plans to attend. It has been a long time since a Convention has been held in this area and I am looking forward to strong turnout from the western end of the peninsula. I just attended a function at the Franklin Square Inn and what a great place to hold a Convention.

Remember to wake up each morning and Roar like Lion to serve humanity!

2VDG Tom Lanaville

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Editor's Note

Thank you for all the local contributions for this newsletter! Hopefully you can continue to send your photos and articles highlighting your club activities and contributions.

A sincere apology to those who made a contribution that was not included regarding an activity that occurred before we could get this issue out.

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Kinross Lions Club
P.O. BOX 76
KINROSS, MI 49752

Greetings Fellow Lions,

I have sent this out for my sister Lori Pieri (wife of Les Cheneaux Lions Treasurer LeRoy Pieri and niece of Dafter Lions Secretary Bob St. Peter and the daughter of longtime Dafter Lions Club member Oren "RED" Suggitt) who is the Executive Director of H.O.M.E of Mackinac County (and now is serving the ENTIRE UPI). Her organization is severely underfunded for the work and area she serves.

This event is H.O.M.E.'s only fundraiser. Please help our club and her organization by either making a monetary donation or by donating an item for auction! OR, if you can attend the event is a fun night for \$10 they provide beer and wine (LeRoy plays bartender!) and finger foods (donated by local business) I know I have never gone away hungry or empty handed!

Please consider giving to this organization and/or event. Please feel free to contact either myself or Lori if you have any questions!

WE SERVE!!!!

Jim Suggitt
Kinross Lions!!!
440-1426

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL

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Dear Friend of H.O.M.E. of Mackinac County,

You are receiving this letter to ask your support of our only annual fundraising event, the "H.O.M.E. for the Holidays Christmas Auction. This year our event will take place on Friday, November 22nd.

You may support the event in many different ways. Our auction will be featuring themed gift baskets this year. A donation of a gift basket unique to your business or donation of a gift certificate or item that we may use to create a basket would be greatly appreciated! We acknowledge donors of items less than \$100 by tagging the item on the display table, noting the donor in the program and through announcements during the bidding.

Donations of cash or merchandise with a value of over \$100 qualify for benefits as an event sponsor. Please review the attached sponsorship sheet and consider promoting your business while supporting a great cause!

H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) of Mackinac County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our vision is to help Mackinac County become a place where all people are in adequate, affordable homes, resulting in a positive effect on families, children, and adults toward the betterment of the community.

To date we have helped 20 families become responsible homeowners right here in Mackinac County. In the past eight years we have secured over a million dollars of grant money which we have poured back into the community to build homes, seven in partnership with St. Ignace Schools Building Trades. Our current grant allows us to partner with local realtors and homeowners selling homes already on the market by providing rehab to improve safety and energy efficiency for potential qualified homebuyers.

Finally, H.O.M.E. is meeting the foreclosure crisis head-on by offering counseling services and utilizing an AmeriCorps position to help identify resources that can be used to benefit families struggling to maintain their homes. Our caseload averages 70 plus families and to date we have helped over 100 Eastern Upper Peninsula families at risk of foreclosure to stay in their homes. We are the only NeighborWorks certified Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Agency in the Upper Peninsula so we now provide this service U.P. wide for families in need.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this event, please contact me at the phone or email listed above with any questions or concerns. I will happily pick up donated items or they can be dropped off or mailed to me at the address: Lori S. Pieri, HOME of Mackinac County, City Hall, 396 N. State Street, St. Ignace MI, 49781.

Sincerely,

Lori S. Pieri

Lori S. Pieri
Executive Director

Mission
H.O.M.E. of Mackinac county is a not-for-profit organization established to facilitate, arrange, and create adequate housing with an emphasis on affordable home ownership. H.O.M.E. shall provide affordable housing for persons of low and moderate income.

H.O.M.E. for the Holidays Christmas Auction
Friday, November 22, 2013
Sponsorship Information

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to be a sponsor for the H.O.M.E. for the Holidays Christmas Auction. The information below outlines the different packages available. A list of all sponsors will be displayed on-site the evening of the auction. To assist us in marketing the event properly sponsors forms must be returned by October 18th, 2013.

Star \$500

- * Recognition on all print advertising including posters, flyers, newspaper ads, and on tickets (donation must be received prior to 10/18/13 to be included on tickets)
- * Recognition on table tents to be set on each table
- * Recognition on sign at event registration table
- * Display of banner on site (provided by sponsor, up to 3x6, larger sizes allowed at the discretion of the show coordinator)
- * 8 tickets to the 2013 H.O.M.E. for the Holidays Christmas Auction

Tree \$400

- * Recognition in all print advertising
- * Recognition on sign at event registration table
- * 6 tickets to the 2013 H.O.M.E. for the Holidays Christmas Auction

Ornament \$200

- * Recognition on posters and flyers
- * Recognition on sign at event registration table
- * 4 tickets to the 2013 H.O.M.E. for the Holidays Christmas Auction

Snowflake \$100

- * Recognition on sign at event registration table
- * 2 tickets to the 2013 H.O.M.E. for the Holidays Christmas Auction

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Fax: _____

Sponsorship package: _____ @ \$ _____

Total amount included: \$ _____

Make checks payable to H.O.M.E. and Send completed registration form and payment to:

Lori S. Pieri, Executive Director
H.O.M.E. of Mackinac County
396 North State Street
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Proceeds from the H.O.M.E. for the Holidays Christmas Auction benefit the affordable housing programs of
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BAD NEWS FOR CLUBS THAT CREDIT FUND-RAISING AMOUNTS AGAINST DUES

That process cost them their income tax exemption according to the Tax Court, which just revoked the exemption of a booster club that supported kids training at a local gym.

The club was formed to raise funds to pay entry fees for meets and coaches travel costs.

Parents of the gymnasts could lower their dues by selling fundraising items. About half of the members did so and were offsetting their dues in whole or in part.

The Tax Court agreed with the IRS that the fundraising credits they received are impermissible private benefits and the organization lost its exempt status. (TC memo, 2013-193)

Lions clubs need to be very cautious on allocating fundraising to dues. IRS could get very aggressive because of this latest Tax Court Ruling.

Remember that 100% of funds we raise from the public go back to the public.

Paul M Hemeryck, MD-11 Treasurer

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Join us to celebrate our 22nd Annual Lead in the Holidays You are invited to enjoy a wonderful evening with us as we celebrate 22 years of this magnificent event, which features live and silent auctions, gourmet cuisine, a puppy parade, blindfold walks and more.

The event returns this year to the beautiful Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester on Friday, November 22.

Learn more and purchase tickets at leaderdog.org/leadin

NON-PROFIT CORPORATION INFORMATION UPDATE

Your club may recently have received a letter from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. This is a request for Non Profit information updates.

You are required to update your corporation information by October 1, 2013. There is a filing fee of \$20.00 per corporation. Please refer to the State of Michigan website: www.michigan.gov/fileonline for complete filing information.

THE TAX MAN KNOCKS

In 2006 congress enacted legislation to crack down on the misuse of nonprofit entities. These new rules apply to all nonprofit entities including Lions.

All Lions clubs are on a fiscal year that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. The clubs are all 501(c)4 organizations and are covered under group exemption 0239 through Lions Clubs International. Clubs do not have to file form 1024 when they are organized because of the group exemption. However every club must file an annual tax return.

Income tax returns are due 4 ½ months after the year ended June 30. The returns will be due by November 15. Every club will have to file a 990N, a 990EZ or a 990 tax form.

Form 990N is basically an information form wanting to know if your club is still alive and that your annual gross receipts are under \$50,000.

Form 990EZ is a little more complicated and requires financial information. You can use form 990EZ if your annual gross receipts are under \$250,000.

Form 990 is much more complicated and may require the services of a professional. Form 990 is used by organizations with gross receipts in excess of \$250,000.

The term gross receipts is a little confusing to many people. If your club has various fundraisers that bring in more than \$50,000 before expenses, you cannot file form 990N. You may have to file form 990EZ or a full 990. Charitable gaming will make many clubs file more detailed returns.

Many clubs have also set up a charities organization as a 501(c)3 organization. Both the club and the charity must file separate tax returns.

As a final note, Lioness and Leo Clubs are part of the Lions Club. Revenue and expenses need to be added to Lions Club revenue and expenses for tax filing purposes. Remember to account for the Lioness Club and/or Leo Club receipts when deciding whether to file form 990N, 990EZ or 990

Paul Hemeryck, CPA and State Treasurer

Rudyard Lions Club Makes Improvements to X-Country Ski Trails

The Rudyard Lions Club maintains several local cross country ski trails. The trails, which have been a joint venture of the Lions and Rudyard Area Schools are located at the Rudyard school farm (just north of Rudyard), recently received an upgrade of gates to reduce access by vehicles to the trail area. To keep the trails from being filled with tire ruts the trail access is being limited. Portions of the trails are also used by the school for their cross country running competitions in the fall. The gates will also improve the condition of the trails for these events.

Lions ski trail chairperson, Tom Piippo, shared that “the gates were funded by the Rudyard Area Schools forestry committee and installed by the Rudyard Lions Club”.

Photo: (l to r) Alan Jarvie, Barry Davis and Joe Andary set a gate on the Rudyard Lions Club x-country ski trails.





Stephenson King Lion Pete Thoune presenting Lion Clarence Pelkey with his Melvin Jones award at our Oct 28th meeting.



USA/CANADA FORUM 2013 OPENING CEREMONIES, OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

**By 1st Timer, Lion Dayna King
D-M Cty Heart of the North Lions Club**

Instead of Lions, Tigers and Bears.....it was Lions, Lions and Lions.....OH MY!!! That was my first impression as a 1st Timer to the 37th Annual USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum, "Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams", held on September 19th through the 21st in Overland Park, Kansas located just South of Kansas City. This forum is 1 of 6 forums held throughout the world. It was incredible to say the least and fun. Upon arrival at the Overland Park Convention Center there were numerous Lions members already in attendance and little did I realize that there would be so many more arriving as the Forum progressed. Being a first timer, it wasn't long before I realized I was definitely not alone. There were approximately 400 of us in attendance for the First Timers Orientation, which was an immediate eye opener (I'm sure) to all who participated.

The Forum Store, exhibit room, vendors, pin traders were all open. Lines to the forum store were extended well beyond its bounds down the wide expansive hallway. The convention center had plenty of room to move around in and navigation to your respective seminar rooms was easily accomplished. The hum of people conversing and introducing themselves to any and everyone was tantamount. Handshakes, hugs and smiles were plentiful and easily given. Acquaintances were reestablished and/or born anew. It was enjoyable, welcoming and fulfilling in your mind, spirit and soul. Simple "hello's", first name introductions and the State you were from was all that was ever needed to open any conversation. It was wonderful and amazing.

A majority of the forum registration information was provided at your prearranged hotel lodgings when you checked in. Giving a person plenty of opportunity to settle in before advancing into the convention center itself to locate all the convention site rooms and explore.

Lunch and dinners were organized in group colors, which allowed for you to be able to sit in a different area each time in the convention center and since there were so many people, you were more than likely to sit with someone new each and every time. There were over 2,500 Lions in attendance from all over the United States and Canada, as well as other parts of the world. Who can attend? Any Lion can attend.

One of the most difficult parts that I found was trying to choose only 7 seminars to attend out of the 64 taking place. If you missed one that you would like to have attended, details of the seminars were available in a proceedings book for \$10.00 or a flash drive for \$5.00 which could be purchased at the Forum Store.

A lot happens in just three days and the only way to truly experience a Forum is to attend one. Next year's 2014 forum is in San Juan, Puerto Rico and details will be online soon at district10lions.org. If you missed this one and won't be able to make it to Puerto Rico, then try Grand Rapids, Michigan in 2015 or the next in Omaha, Nebraska in 2016.

If you are leery about going on your own for the first time, find someone who has been to one in the past and ask them to be your mentor. They are very helpful in explaining what to expect and I guarantee you won't regret it.



The Houghton Lions Club cooked 530 half's of chicken for their annual chicken barbeque fund raiser.

Calumet Lions held September work bee at Calumet Lake



Courtesy photo
Calumet Lions Club members Don Mitchell, Dave Mendelin and Pete Manderfiled stand before the pile of glossy buckthorn removed in September from the nature path around Calumet Lake. Mendelin said he remembers when hazelnuts were plentiful in Centennial Heights and they would gather them in the fall and save them as a special treat at Christmas. Now native shrubs like beaked hazelnut are being crowded by non-native species like blackthorn. The club was aided in the efforts by a stump wrench borrowed from the Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Association.

Heart of the North Lions Club presentation to Delta Animal Shelter



Pictured left to right:

Sue Gartland: Delta Animal Shelter

Tonya Gartland: Delta Animal Shelter

Jane Lanaville: Heart of the North Lions Club

Jessica Irving: Delta Animal shelter

Judy Racette: Heart of the North Lions Club

Proceeds from August 10th "Rockin on the Hill" event in Bark River at the Bark River International Off Road Track, Food Concessions and Bake Sale run by Delta-Menominee Heart of the North Lions Club. Co-Advisors were Judy Racette and Jane Lanaville. Thank you to everyone who helped, and came and enjoyed the music with us!!

2013 Lions Leadership/Graduate Institute

The Lions Leadership Institute is a unique opportunity for individuals to learn and develop lifelong leadership skills, which can be applied to their job, their Lions Club, and their life.

Training equips Lions with the motivation, knowledge and skills to ensure that a high level of service is provided. It develops more leaders, and more leaders translate into greater service. Training makes Lions more effective.

Attending the Leadership Institute gives participants the tools and confidence to become more effective leaders. The skills learned can be applied to their job, their Lions Club and their everyday lives.

Participants learn key components of team building. By sharing ideas, success stories and humanitarian endeavors, Lions learn how to influence membership and become more open-minded and receptive to change.

How will the institute improve Michigan Lionism?

The Leadership Institute provides each district with a pool of trained leaders. Lionism is also improved by creating more responsive and dynamic Lions Clubs throughout Michigan.

Become Your Best – Train with the Best!

Lions of Michigan Leadership/Graduate Institute **November 8-10, 2013**

Friday morning through Sunday noon

Location: R.A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

The center features a casual atmosphere on the north shore of beautiful Higgins Lake. It is easily accessed from US-127.

\$175/per person

Fee Includes registration, course materials, two night's lodging and six meals



There's an old saying "Never take any Wooden Nickels" but in this case you might just want to ignore that because receiving one of these could just help make your day!

As we all know, Lions are the best kept secret of their communities. This is something we hear much too often. Other organizations seem to toot their own horns with ease but Lions "Serve" with little or no thought of what we can get out of our actions other than helping others.

Clubs are always trying to come up with ways to "GET THE WORD OUT" about who we are and what we do, so this year the COG has decided to launch a very simple PR campaign that should appeal to both young and old alike that will easily get the Lions image out to thousands of people across our state and let them know firsthand that "WE SERVE".

Since the Lions motto is "We Serve" we thought what better way to serve the people of our communities and get our name out than to ask the Lions of our state to pass out 5000 good deeds and then ask whoever receives the good deed to continue and pass it on again. (Pay it forward)

We've created a "Wooden Nickel" with the Lions Logo on one side and the words "One Good Deed" and a Facebook page address on the back. These two things are a perfect example of what the Lions emblem represents; the wooden nickel **looking to our past** and social media **looking toward our future**. By tying these two very different forms of advertising together we're hoping to catch the interest of all age groups and just maybe some attention!

The Facebook page is there so people can check in and hopefully track some of those good deeds. Sharing will maybe inspire someone else, with or without a wooden nickel, to go out and do the same and in doing so help to make the world a better place one person at a time.

We are asking the public to please post on the website if they receive one of the wooden nickels and include where and how they got it. Did someone pay for your cup of coffee, or hold a door open for you, whatever it was. Then if they can share where and how they passed that good deed on to someone else, or even if they just heard about what we're trying to do and it motivates them to do a kindness for a stranger, please share that with us there too!

This mass act of Lions Community Service is scheduled to launch around the state within all districts starting on September 1st and continuing over the following weeks. A virtual version of the "Wooden Nickel" is also available to be shared through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, or emails starting on that same date. **Please remember:** if you do a good deed for someone post what you did on the website. We are hoping to get at least 5000 posts on this site! A media campaign announcing what we are doing is also planned to launch on September 1st.

The Governors have all been given Wooden Nickels to pass out around their districts and they also have flyers for those that might need it explaining how to create a Facebook page and then how to get to this Lions page once you are on Facebook. If you don't have or want a Facebook account you can have anyone post for you the important thing is just getting the word out on what we are doing. Now let's go out there and ROAR!

Membership Month Ideas

Print up and pass out customized Lions Book Marks @ Book Stores, Libraries

Coupons – Offer a local business, party store, restaurant, or bakery, anything really to partner up with the Lions Club for the month. They can offer a 10% discount off whatever they choose and the Lions will makeup and distribute the coupons. At the top of each one are the words “Compliments of the Lions” It’s good cross advertising and you leave them at checkout counters all over town.

Hold a visible Project & Promote it:

- Food Drive
- Highway Clean up
- Fall Candy Days
- KidSight Screening
- Setup a Trick or Treat Candy Station or Trunk and Treat on Halloween

Speak or hold a presentation for your local Council of the Blind

Pass out your Wooden Nickels if you still have them only this time to people you see doing a good deed

Talk up your club and what it’s doing using Social Media “Facebook”

Post good deeds — DG.
Get your club meetings / events into the community calendar of your local newspaper

Take part in Fall Buddy Day at the Secretary of State’s office – October 22nd will allow you to reach a whole new group of people coming in and out and help the Michigan Eye Bank at the same time

Make it FUN bring a friend to a meeting and your excused from being fined for that meeting

Give out a “Heart of a Lion” Award to a member of your community

Michigan Reads – This program continues until the end of the month so go in and read at your local library!

Hand out a short fact sheet about your club and what it does to “Serve” your community

Display “Did You Know” sheets or boards at projects or around town telling about our projects

Hold a Donor Station at a Sports Event or Fall Festival

Send out Community Needs Assessments to various business in your community

Add promo cards with information about your club to your Mint Stations

Besides all those things you can: Wear “Just Ask pins”, Hand out meeting invitation call cards, Send letters to potential candidates from your club, Collect the Lion magazines from your members and distribute around the community, Publicity in your newspaper or area newsletter, Develop place mats for restaurant use.

“Just ASK!”



Marquette Lions Club recognizes three with pride!

The Marquette Lions Club, in the form of Past District Governor Bill Whippen, on right, recognizes three of its newest members. All joined club within the last year or two. Bill gave brass lions to each for their enthusiastic, deep involvement, and quick start.

Victoria Dinkin, left in photo, an audiologist in Marquette, has been exceptionally active in planning and staging special events for the club. In addition, she sponsored a new member. She has 100% attendance and was recently elected third vice president.

Steve Herman, center of photo, a pre-optometry student at Northern Michigan University and a former Army Sergeant in Iraq, led Project Kid Sight and the Pancake Breakfast for the MLC. He and his fellow optometry students screened 81 pre-schoolers finding 12 that were in need of physician assessment. One youngster was later found to be nearly blind in one eye. With the pancake breakfast, the Lions served a new high of 183 meals. Because of Steve, the Marquette Lions Club was able to donate \$2,000 to the Warrior Relief Fund. Steve, despite carrying a full academic load, also had 100% attendance. And, he sponsored a new member.

Sarah Juday, right in photo, a Northern Michigan University senior, majoring in elementary education, has led, over the last two years, the NMU Kickball Tournament for Leader Dogs. As a direct result, the Marquette Lions have contributed \$2,200 to Leader Dogs for the blind. Sarah ran these projects while managing two part-time jobs and a full academic load.

And one of the Lions newest members joined because she wants to be a leader dog puppy trainer. The Marquette Lions Club signed six new members in 2012/2013.

About Marquette Lions Club

Founded in 1919, the Marquette Lions Club is Michigan's oldest Lions Club. They meet on the first and third Mondays of the month, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Landmark Inn, Marquette.

They focus on five areas: vision services, youth, health & wellness, community & environmental services, and disaster relief. Recent examples of the local Lions' Club activities: Michigan Eye Bank (began in Marquette with Dr. Ahmed), pre-school vision screening, eye glass grants, vision care scholarship, eyeglass recycling, peace poster competition, dictionaries for 3rd graders in Marquette Area Public Schools, Leader Dog for the Blind kick ball tournament, pancake breakfast to support local Warrior Relief Fund.

The Lions welcome new members. For information on membership, contact Lin Dembowski at 906.226.0193. For mail use: Marquette Lions Club, P.O. Box 55, Marquette, MI 49855.

2013 ASB Pin



2013 State Pin



2014 State Pin



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S&H = 1-10 Pins \$5.50, 11-\$7.50, 26-50-\$9.00

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Lions Convention

HOUGHTON AREA LODGING

Please ask for Lions Convention Discount when making reservation. The Magnuson Hotel below is the location for our convention.

April 25, 26 & 27th, 2014

Magnuson Hotel Phone 906-487-1700 Rate \$74-79
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Houghton, MI 49931 www.super8.com

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Houghton, MI 49931 www.travelodgeofhoughton.com

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Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Jerry Arthur,

On behalf of International President Barry Palmer, I am pleased to share with you that Lions Clubs International's Board of Directors has approved a special pilot program to waive the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans of all ages.

The ***Involve a U.S. Veteran*** program is being offered only in the United States. The program waives the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing Lions club between July 1st, 2013 and June 30th, 2015.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to the first 5,000 qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members are honorably discharged from the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Click below to learn more about this special program. You'll find a program fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release you can use to promote this program in your community's news outlets.

[LCI Veteran Program
Learn More](#)

Veterans Day is November 11th, just two weeks from today. Make plans now to reach out to veterans in your community and offer them the opportunity to make a difference and change lives as Lions.

Sincerely,

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Unofficial Slogan: “**L**oving **I**ndividuals **O**ffering **N**eeded **S**ervices,” Past International President Sid Scruggs