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**87th ANNUAL CONVENTION
SINGLE DISTRICT 10 - LIONS OF MICHIGAN
DRUMMOND ISLAND, MICHIGAN
MAY 1-3, 2009**



MIX & MEET
May 1, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Drummond Island, Michigan

The Mix and Meet featured a buffet supper. Pastor Rich Kornoelje, a trumpet player and ventriloquist, provided the entertainment. A silent auction and live auction raised nearly \$2,000 for Drummond Island charities and local projects. Additional funds were raised from a 50/50 raffle.



GENERAL SESSION
May 2, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.
Town Hall, Drummond Island, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by District Governor Bob Miller. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, dignitaries and guests were introduced.

CREDENTIALS REPORT – Duane Goltz

The preliminary report from the Credentials Committee showed that 26 Lions Clubs were represented, with 155 Lions registered. There were 81 certified delegates and 17 Past District Governors in attendance.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT - Bill Whippen, PDG

1. **Order of Business:** Except as herein otherwise provided, the “Order of Business” shall be in the order given in the Business Session Agenda, a copy of which has been furnished each certified delegate and alternate.
2. **Deviation from the “Order of Business”:** Deviation from the “Order of Business” as adopted by the convention shall occur only when authorized by proper motion approved by a majority of the delegates duly assembled.
3. **First “Order of Business”:** The first “Order of Business” shall be the report of the Credentials Committee. No other business shall be transacted until the Credentials Committee shall have certified the number of delegates and alternates registered at the convention.
4. **Second “Order of Business”:** The second “Order of Business” shall be the report of the Rules Committee. No other business shall be transacted until the Rules have been adopted.
5. **Parliamentary Procedure:** Except where otherwise herein provided, the “Newly Revised Edition of Robert’s Rules of Order” shall govern matters of Parliamentary Procedure.

6. **Quorum:** A quorum for any duly scheduled meeting shall consist one more than half of the registered delegates certified to the Convention by the Credentials Committee and present at such meetings.
7. **Resolutions:** All proposed resolutions, except amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be presented to the Convention by the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws under the conditions prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
8. **Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws:**
 - A. **Amendments:** Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be presented to the Convention by the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws under the conditions prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
 - B. **Discussion:** Except as authorized by the Chair, discussion shall be limited to one principal speaker for and one principal speaker against, and three additional speakers each, pro and con. All discussion on any one amendment shall be limited to fourteen (14) minutes.
 - C. **Voting:** Any vote pertaining to amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, or resolutions requiring a vote, shall be by show of hands, except where otherwise required by the Constitution and By-Laws of District 10 and Lions International.
9. **Limitations on Speakers:**
 - D. **Subjects Before the Convention:** Each speaker discussing any matter, including proposed amendments or resolutions requiring a vote, shall be limited to three (3) minutes. An additional three (3) minutes shall be granted by the Chair without objection from the delegates.
 - E. **Presentations:** Presentations shall be limited to the time allowed by the presiding officer.
10. **Duties of the Sergeants-At-Arms:** The Sergeants-At-Arms are authorized to enforce the rules herein set forth.
11. **Call for Nominations:** The Call for Nominations shall be made three times before a motion to close nominations is in order.
12. **Suspension of the Rules:** Suspension of the Rules may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates assembled.

MOTION – Whippen, Kelly, to adopt the Rules. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION – Nicklas, seconded, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried.

INTERNATIONAL GUEST

International Director Beverly Stebbins was introduced, and she briefly addressed the delegates in attendance.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

The Lions of Michigan Single District 10 checking account began the 2008-09 fiscal year with a balance of \$14,692.77 on July 1, 2008. The total income for the fiscal year is \$28,283.79 with disbursements totaling \$18,326.87, leaving a balance of \$24,649.69 as of April 20, 2009.

As of April 30, 2009, the Germfask-Seney Lions Clubs is the only Lions Club that has not paid their 2nd half 2008-09 district and state dues, for outstanding receipts of \$114.00. The club also owes Lions International an additional \$252.50 for international dues which are currently 120 days past due. The club will be placed on status quo within the next month if payment is not received in full to Lions Clubs International. Numerous invoices have been mailed to the club's Treasurer and President, including certified mail, without a response. Phone calls by the Vice District Governor and the Cabinet Treasurer have not been returned.

The Single District 10 Cabinet made donations totaling \$366.50 during the 2008-09 fiscal year. The following organizations were the recipients of these disbursements:

1 st Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign	\$23.00
2 nd Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign	23.50
3 rd Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign	20.00
Budgeted Donation	Lions Leadership Institute	300.00

The Hearing and Speech Restricted Account began the fiscal year 2008-09 (July 1, 2008) with a balance of \$2,322.73; an additional \$1,750.00 was received from 19 Lions Clubs, and \$.92 in interest, bringing the balance to \$4,072.73. Three disbursements were made in March, totaling \$3,030.29, leaving a balance of \$1,043.36 as of April 30, 2009. The following organizations were the recipients of these disbursements:

Delta-Schoolcraft ISD	Language Development Program	\$1,583.00
Dickinson-Iron County ISD	Speech Training Programs & Materials	403.29
Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD	REDCAT Sound System	1,044.00

Hearing & Speech Donation Summary

<i>Lions Club</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Lions Club</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bark River	\$100	Negaunee	\$100
Daggett	\$ 50	Powers-Spalding	\$100
Delta-Menominee County	\$100	Rapid River	\$100
Drummond Island	\$100	Rudyard	\$100
Escanaba	\$ 50	Sault Ste. Marie	\$100
Iron Mountain-Kingsford	\$ 25	St. Ignace	\$ 50
Kinross	\$200	Trenary	\$ 25
Mackinac Island	\$250	Tri-Town	\$ 50
Manistique Lakes	\$100	Wells	\$100
Munising	\$ 50		

The Mints Distribution and Sales Restricted Account began the fiscal year 2008-09 with a balance of \$1,970.60 as of June 30, 2008. An additional \$1,082.70 was added to the account this fiscal year, along with \$1.57 in interest, leaving a current balance of \$3,054.87 as of April 30, 2009. These funds are received for warehousing and distribution of Lion Mints and 5% gross sales of the mints.

The Cabinet unanimously approved to use 50-cents per member (\$896.00) from District 10 of the mint money (1792 members) to support PDG Sara Doubleddee as ID candidate during the 3rd Cabinet Meeting on February 6th. These monies will be distributed as requested through the district checking account.

The seven-month certificate of deposit (\$10,273.62, purchased on November 6, 2008) will mature on June 3, 2009 which currently has an interest rate of 2.72%. As of April 24, 2009 the certificate of deposit was valued at \$10,389.50. The certificate is set up to automatically renew; however with the interest rates continuing to decrease, a visit will be made to Wells Fargo to see what kind of rates we can obtain.

Single District 10 Assets:

District Checking Account	\$24,649.69
Hearing & Speech Restricted Account	1,043.36
Mints Distribution & Sales Restricted Account	3,054.87
Certificate of Deposit	<u>10,389.50</u>
Total Assets as of April 30, 2009	<u>\$39,139.42</u>

The Single District 10 Lions membership currently stands at 1783 as of March 30, 2009, down 38 members for the year. Although some clubs have made great strides in increasing their membership, the majority of them are continuing to lose membership. The decline in membership has reduced from the highs in 2004-05 and 2005-06 of 109 and 100 respectively, however the decline continues. The district is down 521 members since 1995-96.

The membership dues for international, state and the district will remain the same for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. See attached dues structure for breakdown of dues. There are two exceptions to the full membership dues.

Family Member Dues Rate: A family membership allows relatives to volunteer together at a reduced dues rate. Family members must meet membership requirements, live in the same household and belong to the same club. The first member of the family shall pay the normal entrance fees and full international dues (as well as any applicable club, district or multiple district dues). Subsequent family members, up to a limit of four more, who meet the qualifications shall be required to pay one-half of the normal international dues and be exempted of any entrance fees.

Student Member Dues Rate: Students receive a special student dues concession, paying only half dues (\$US \$19.50) and are exempt of any entrance fees. All students enrolled in an educational institution between the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction in which they reside and through the age of 30 are eligible.

The audit of the Single District 10 2007-08 accounts was completed on April 8, 2009 by Al LeMaire, CPA. Mr. LeMaire issued an unqualified opinion, indicating that the financial statements are correct in all material respects and records are kept in accordance with accepted accounting standards. The 2008-09 records are scheduled to be audited in July/August timeframe so that the Federal Form 990 can be submitted by the 1st of September.

2009-10 District Dues Structure

Dues Payable to Lions International

Each member is required to pay to Lions International \$39.00 per year
(Equivalent to \$0.75 per member per week, billed semi-annually)

Here is the breakdown of the 2009-10 Lions International expenditure:

The Lion Magazine	\$4.75	12.18%
International Convention Fund	.50	1.28%
District Govs/Govs-Elect	8.82	22.62%
Liability Insurance	4.02	10.31%
Special Club Programs (Membership, extension, leadership, club member awards, activities and publicity)	7.40	18.97%
General Operations	13.51	34.64%
Total International Dues	\$39.00	100.00%

Dues Payable to District 10

Each member is required to pay to District 10 \$12.00 per year
(Equivalent to \$0.23 per member per week, billed semi-annually)

Here is the breakdown of the District 10 dues structure:

State Office Service	\$1.49	12.41%
Restricted Fund Service	.50	4.17%
International Convention	.60	5.00%
Lions of MI State Office Total	\$2.59	21.58%
U.P. Lions Magazine	2.00	16.67%
District 10 Admin. Fund	7.41	61.75%
Total District Dues	12.00	100.00%

Semi-annual dues billings are due in January and July.

International Dues (\$39.00) + District Dues (\$12.00) = Total Dues (\$51.00)

Treasurer LaBelle reviewed charts showing membership trends in District 10 over the past 14 years. The number of members has declined from 2,299 in 1995-96 to 1,783 in 2008-09. During that same time period, the number of the Lions Clubs in the Upper Peninsula has decreased from 67 to 60. Additional information showed membership composition by gender in Single District 10 as 82% male and 18% female.

MOTION – Munsell, seconded, to accept the financial reports and the audit report. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the website address should be included on written reports that are distributed at the convention.

PROPOSED BUDGET – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

The proposed budget for 2009-10 was reviewed with the Cabinet during their meeting on Friday.

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS – Bill Whippen, PDG

PDG Whippen announced that there were no amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws to be presented this year.

WELCOME HOMES PRESENTATION – Rod Prys, Chairman of the Board

Welcome Homes Residential Services is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation with its own Board of Directors. The majority of the members of the 15-member board are Lions.

Two homes in Grand Rapids are currently under contract with Welcome Homes Residential Services. The Board of Directors of a facility in Escanaba is in the process of approving a contract. In January of 2007, contracts were signed with TenderCare, which had facilities in six cities through Michigan. Shortly afterwards, TenderCare was sold to another organization, and all those contracts were nullified. Welcome Homes is still working to get those facilities back on board.

PDG Prys shared a letter from the Michigan Commission for the Blind outlining the partnership between the two organizations. MCB resources are not available to individuals who are not legally blind (20/200 vision or worse) or to those who live in an assisted living or nursing care facility. This is where Welcome Homes is able to help by providing services to individuals who would otherwise fall through the cracks. The need is expected to increase as the Baby Boomer population ages. In fact, this generation is already beginning to seek services due to the growing number of vision impairment cases caused by age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and other problems.

PDG Prys stated that Welcome Homes Residential Services will continue to grow. They appreciate the support they receive from Lions.

LEADER DOG PRESENTATION – Eric Berger, Lions Liaison

This year Leader Dog School celebrates its 70th anniversary. The program now serves more people than ever. In addition to the dog guide program, Leader Dog provides cane training. If someone is not quite mobile enough to get a dog, they can come in at no charge for an intensive one-week session on using a white cane. This makes them more independent; but we have found that more than half of those who complete the cane program come back for a dog.

Leader Dog is the only dog guide school in the world that is training people to use a dog guide and an audible GPS device. A lot of people have these systems in their cars, but someone now someone can come to Leader Dog to be trained to use a dog and a GPS unit called the Breeze, at the same time. Why both? The dog will get you where you're going in your physical environment, negotiating around obstacles on the sidewalk or stopping you when a car is turning in front of you; but the GPS will tell you exactly where you are. If the user forgets where he is or doesn't remember how many streets he has crossed, all he has to do is press a button to find out exactly where he is.

Lions are invited to visit and tour the school to see the improvements and new technology that have been implemented.

ALL STATE BAND REPORT – Jenny Ware, PDG

This year the Lions of Michigan All State Band will travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the Lions International Convention. The 2009 band consists of 60 students—with 5 from SD 10. Highlights of the trip include marching in the parade, performing at the first plenary session, carrying the flags during the Display of Nations, performing the National Anthem at the Twins/Yankees baseball game, and seeing the Beach Boys perform at the International Show. Thanks were expressed to the clubs that have donated to the band.

PROJECT KID SIGHT REPORT – Jenny Ware, PDG

Since the Kid Sight program started in June of 2006, the Lions of District 10 have screened 1,248 children, with 33 referrals. During the current fiscal year (since July 1, 2008), there have been 14 fourteen screenings, involving 189 children and 4 referrals. Clubs have donated \$1,745 this year.

Screening results are reported to parents, not Lions Clubs, due to HIIPA laws which protect the privacy of those who are screened. Screenings and training sessions are planned in Manistique Lakes, Chassell and the Keweenaw Peninsula in late summer and early fall.

BAY CLIFF REPORT

Lions Day at Bay Cliff is scheduled for June 27, 2009. Members are encouraged to attend and show their support for this district project.

NORTHWOODS AIR LIFELINE REPORT – George Kelly, PDG

This past Lions year has been very successful in missions flown. Although costs for inspections, maintenance and fuel have increased, support from the Lions has helped NWAL stay ahead of these increases. Many of the families who receive assistance also donate, even though missions are free to those who request this service.

NWAL has flown over 2,200 flights in 18 years. It was featured in the October 2008 issue of the Lions International Magazine.

An aircraft from NWAL was at the airport during the convention for Lions to view, and pilot Steve Phillips was available to answer questions. Thanks were expressed to all of the volunteer pilots who fly missions for NWAL, sometimes using their own aircraft and paying for the fuel.

MICHIGAN EYE BANK REPORT – Larry Klaus, PDG

During 2008-09, the Michigan Eye Bank continued to work toward their goal of sight restoration. They have started supplying pre-cut tissue, which increased the work load for lab technicians. A call center was created to enable them to devote more time to the lab work.

This year all MEB facilities passed an inspection by the Eye Bank Association of America. Last year the Food and Drug Administration inspected the labs. There are some differences in interpretation of rules by the inspectors for those agencies.

To assure that a request for tissue never has to be turned down, the MEB has partnered with Michigan's Secretary of State and Gift of Life in the "I Joined" donor registry program. Make

sure you have a heart sticker on your Michigan driver's license to insure that your desire to donate tissue upon your death is honored.

Donations to MEB from the Lions of SD 10 are behind last year's total. The Eye Bank is thankful for the support it receives from the Lions.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT – Jim Decremer, PDG

Nine \$500 scholarships were presented in 2009. Donations from clubs totaled \$1,000 last year, but additional support is needed to continue the program. The Scholarship Fund currently has \$36,000 invested in two CDs.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Jim Decremer, PDG

In his travels throughout the country, PDG Decremer has discovered that three of the most active Lions Clubs are in the UP—Wells, Bark River, and Heart of the North.

At yesterday's Cabinet Meeting, there was talk of re-instituting a fall conference. PDG Decremer visited Connecticut last winter and saw 240 people in attendance at their mid-winter conference. He is willing train officers at club and zone meetings. There will be a short breakout session at the convention this afternoon on Officer Training.

HEARING REPORT – Bob St. Peter, PDG

During the year funds were disbursed to three Intermediate School Districts because they are able to reach more people faster. Approximately \$1,500 went to the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD for their Language Development Program; \$400 went to the Dickinson-Iron County ISD for speech training programs and materials; and \$1,000 went to the Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD for a RedCat Sound System. They are very grateful for the support of the Lions.

SD 10 continues to work with Lions International and the Lions of Michigan Foundation on the hearing aid program which assists in providing these devices to low-income individuals.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS – Duke Snyder

This year District 10 has three offices to fill by written ballot, along with the election of a Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The only candidate for District Governor is Don Wojakowski from the Stephenson Lions Club. For the office of 1st Vice District Governor, there are two candidates, Al LeMaire from the Newberry Lions Club and Gary Klop from the Pickford Lions Club. There are no candidates for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor. For Trustee of the Michigan Lions Foundation, there is one candidate, Don Gries from the Drummond Island Lions Club. All of the nominees meet the requirements of the office for which they are running. The call for nominations from the floor was repeated three times, and there were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION – made and seconded, to close nominations for the office of District Governor.
Motion carried.

MOTION – made and seconded, to close nominations for the office of 1st Vice District Governor.
Motion carried.

MOTION – made and seconded, to close nominations for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor. Motion carried.

MOTION – made and seconded, to close nominations for the office of Trustee of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Motion carried.

PDG Chuck Nicklas gave a report and held discussion on Welcome Homes Residential Services. Based on the current lack of service to the Upper Peninsula, the Cabinet recommended during their meeting on Friday that they be removed as a state project. The delegates were asked to vote on this issue by written ballot.

FUTURE SD 10 CONVENTIONS

A bid to host the 2010 convention on April 23-25 in Marquette was presented by the Chocolay Twp., Marquette, and Skandia Lions Clubs.

MOTION – Lanaville, Presslein, to approve the bid for the 2010 convention. Motion carried.

Bernie Mattila and PDG Knut Strom presented a bid to host the 2011 convention, to be sponsored by the Ishpeming and Ishpeming Tri-Township Lions Clubs.

MOTION – Potvin, Ware, to approve the bid for the 2011 District 10 Convention. Motion carried.

ELECTION RESULTS – Duke Snyder

Don Wojakowski was elected District Governor for 2009-2010, and Gary Klop was elected 1st Vice District Governor. Don Gries was elected to a 2-year term as Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Acceptance speeches were made by Wojakowski and Klop. Bob Miller expressed thanks to the delegates on behalf of Don Gries.

MOTION – made, seconded, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

On the issue of removing Welcome Homes as a state project, the vote was 54 in support of removal, 25 opposed, and 19 abstentions. The district will continue to monitor the program; and if it sees progress in the Upper Peninsula, it will consider reinstating it as a state project. Individual Lions Clubs may continue to contribute to the program if they wish, but the District Cabinet will not actively solicit club support.

The Business Session adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



AWARDS LUNCHEON
May 2, 2009 - 11:45 a.m.
DIRCC Recreation Center Drummond Island, Michigan

The Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon was PDG Duane Goltz. Township Supervision Frank Sasso welcomed the Lions to Drummond Island. Jill Lowe Brumwell was the luncheon speaker. A

local historian and has authored three books. She talked about the history and development of Drummond Island.

Governor Bob Miller recognized three Lions with 100% Club Secretary Awards: Norm Muench from Drummond Island, Leroy Bloom from Crystal Falls, and Joe Baczkowski from Marquette.

Lions Joe Baczkowski (Marquette) and Tom Brown (Sault Ste. Marie) received the International Understanding and Cooperation Award and banner patches on behalf of their clubs. PDG Bob St. Peter received the Governor's Appreciation Award for his tireless work on behalf of the Hearing and Speech Committee and the hearing aid program. Lion Willie LaMarche of the Wells Lions Club received a Governor's Appreciation Award for his work as Diabetes Outreach Chairman.

Governor Miller presented the Editors Bulletin Medal to three Lions for their club newsletters: Bob St. Peter (Dafer), Donald Demaske (Drummond Island), and Bernadette Haeusler (Heart of the North). Tom Lanaville and Bruce LaBelle (Bark River) received the Editor's Medal for their outstanding work with the SD 10 Lions Magazine and website.

International Director Beverly Stebbins presented the International President's Commendation Award on behalf of International President Al Brandel to VDG Don Wojakowski for his work rebuilding the Menominee Lions Club. Commendations were also presented to Cabinet Secretary Tom Lanaville and Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle.

On behalf of the Crystal Falls Lions Club, Lion Don Connors presented a check for \$1,000 to PDG George Kelly for Northwoods Air Lifeline.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Four workshops were presented on Saturday afternoon. A question and answer session was conducted by International Director Beverly Stebbins. A session on Lions Club incorporation and tax issues was presented by PDG Paul Hemeryck. Information on membership and orientation was offered by PDG Knut Strom, and officer training was conducted by PDG Jim Decremer.



GOVERNORS BANQUET

May 2, 2009 - 11:45 a.m.

DIRCC Recreation Center Drummond Island, Michigan

International Director Beverly Stebbins from Arlington, Texas was the featured speaker. She is a retired school teacher, and her personal theme is "Believe." She emphasized that Lions must believe in themselves in order to serve. She compared LCI's Global Membership program to a layer cake. The bottom layer is existing members and clubs. The second layer is keeping those members (retention). The icing on the cake is new clubs. Director Stebbins listed several letters from the Lions' ABCs—Attitude, Belief, Commitment, Determination, and Enthusiasm. She cautioned Lions to avoid the letter P when it refers to Procrastination. In her travels, she has

discovered that Lions of all states are more alike than different, and that things work smoother when everyone works together.

Director Stebbins presented International President's pins to members with 40+ years of service, and also to new members with less than 2 years of service. She presented her personal friendship ornaments to DG Bob and Mary Miller, VDG Don and Jean Wojakowski, PDG Sara Doubledee and Art Anderson, PDG Duane and Judie Goltz, PDG Jenny Ware, and PDG Jim Decremer.

Rob Chabie presented a certificate and banner patch on behalf of the Michigan Eye Bank to PDG Larry Klaus and the Chocolay Twp. Lions Club for 100% club participation in signing up for the "I Joined" Program. He also presented a certificate to DG Bob Miller for helping to start the program in the Upper Peninsula. During Buddy Day, Lions worked at Secretary of State Offices throughout Michigan to register 5,000 people for the Organ Donor Registry. Upper Peninsula clubs that assisted were Bessemer, Crystal Falls, Engadine-Naubinway, Gwinn, L'Anse, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie, Keweenaw, and Iron Mountain-Kingsford.

Governor Bob Miller recognized a very special "Everyday Hero"—Jane Lanaville of the Heart of the North Lions Club. She was honored for the constant support and dedication she has given to fellow Lion, Cabinet Secretary, and husband Tom Lanaville. Governor Miller presented a silver necklace and a corsage to her.

VDG Don Wojakowski presented checks to PDG Sara Doubledee to assist with supplies and working capital for her International Director campaign. PDG Doubledee expressed her thanks to the district, the clubs of SD 10, her home club (Marquette), and to Jenny Ware, Bill Whippen and Art Anderson for their encouragement and support. She invited everyone to attend the Lions International Convention in Minneapolis in July to help distribute campaign materials and to march in the parade.

The district's highest recognition, the Ralph Sheehan Award, was presented to Past District Governor Joe Potvin from the Bark River Lions Club.

At the conclusion of the program, musical entertainment was provided by the Bass Cove Roberts Brothers.



NECROLOGY & BRUNCH
May 3, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.
DIRCC Recreation Center Drummond Island, Michigan

PDG Don Myers conducted the necrology service, honoring 28 Lions who passed away during the year. As each name was read, a candle was lit and a pine seedling was presented in memory of the deceased member. The service concluded with "Taps," played by Julie Reed, a freshman at DeTour High School.

District 10's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Norman Bailey of the Drummond Island Lions Club.

Bob Miller expressed his thanks to the Lions for allowing him to serve as District Governor. He presented a gavel to Don Wojakowski and urged members to support him as their new Governor in the coming year.

Incoming 1st Vice District Governor Gary Klop announced his plans for a “Hairy” fundraiser to obtain donations for Leader Dog, Teaching Family Homes, Michigan Eye Bank, Bay Cliff, Northwoods Air Lifeline, and the All State Band. For the next two years, he will let his hair and goatee grow, and the club that raises the most money will have the opportunity to cut it off after the Saturday banquet in Ishpeming in 2011.

The convention’s Traveling Trophy was claimed by the Bark River Lions Club. The plaque is awarded annually to the club that drives the furthest and has the most members at the convention.

The convention concluded with brunch and closing comments. Thanks were expressed to the Drummond Island Lions for hosting the convention.

Final convention attendance figures were announced: 157 Lions and guests from 26 Lions Clubs; 81 delegates and 17 Past District Governors in attendance.