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90th ANNUAL CONVENTION  
SINGLE DISTRICT 10 - LIONS OF MICHIGAN  
HARRIS, MICHIGAN  
April 27-29, 2011



MIX & MEET  
April 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 - 6:30 p.m.  
Island Resort & Casino  
Hosted by the Bark River Lions Club

The Mix and Meet featured a Social Hour and a dinner buffet. Both a live and silent auction was held, with money raised going toward the various District 10 Projects. DJ entertainment was provided and the live auction was presided over by auctioneer Col. Dan Samson. Total amount raised on Friday night: \$1,423.00 for District 10 Projects.

Honored guests were Past International Director Ronald Duffe and his wife Judy, of New Richmond, Wisconsin; Governor Jim Wash; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Ruth Snyder and husband, Duke; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Jerry Stephens and wife, Kim; State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck, and State Secretary, Wendy Burns. There was a warm, UP Welcome given by all in attendance.



GENERAL SESSION  
April 28, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.  
Island Resort & Casino

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

CREDENTIALS REPORT - The preliminary report of the Credentials Committee indicated that there were 102 delegates, 15 alternates, 21 Past District Governors present, 30 Lions Clubs and 1 Leo Club. Les Cheneaux Lions Club won the award for total distance traveled and club attendance.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT – Lion Bill Munsell

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, Munsell, to adopt the Rules. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Whippen, Klaus, to approve agenda. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

The Lions of Michigan Single District 10 checking account began the 2011-12 fiscal year with a balance of \$49,921.88 on July 1, 2011. The total income for the fiscal year was \$42,534.38 with disbursements totaling \$40,712.81 leaving a balance of \$51,743.45 as of April 20, 2012.

There are four (4) Lions Clubs that have not paid their 2011-2012 Second Half State & District Dues, creating an outstanding balance of \$288.00. In addition, there is one (1) Lions Club with dues owed to Lions International in the amount of \$161.50.

The Project KidSight Restricted account has received \$16,700.00 from ten (10) organizations. This money was restricted for the purchase of two (2) Pedia Vision Digital Cameras to replace the

aging cameras currently in use. The purchase price for the new cameras totaled \$21,500.00, and the \$4,000.00 difference was financed with district money, as voted on by the Delegates at the 2011 District Convention.

The Single District 10 Cabinet made six (6) donations totaling \$1,272.00. The donations were made to the following organizations:

1 <sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign	\$19.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting Fines	Northwood's Air Lifeline	\$34.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign	\$24.00
Budgeted Donation	Lions Leadership Institute	\$300.00
Requested Donation	Lions Memorial at Sault Sainte Marie	\$845.00
	Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$50.00

The Hearing and Speech Restricted Account began the fiscal year 2011-2012 with a balance of \$1,949.89; an additional \$850.00 has been received from nine (9) Lions Clubs with \$0.41 earned in interest. There have been no disbursements made from this account during the fiscal year, leaving a balance of \$2,800.30 as of April 20, 2012.

Hearing & Speech Donation Summary

Lions Club	Amount	Lions Club	Amount
Daggett LC	\$50.00	Powers-Spalding LC	\$100.00
Drummond Island LC	\$100.00	Rudyard LC	\$200.00
Escanaba LC	\$50.00	Sault Ste. Marie LC	\$100.00
Les Cheneaux LC	\$100.00	Skandia LC	\$50.00
Marquette LC	\$100.00		

The Mints Distribution and Sales Restricted Account began the fiscal year 2011-12 with a balance of \$2,835.00. An additional \$888.90 has been added to the account this fiscal year, along with \$1.25 in interest, leaving a current balance of \$3,726.14 as of April 20, 2012. These funds are received from warehousing and distribution of Lion Mints and 5% gross sales of the mints.

Single District 10 Assets

District Checking Account	\$51,743.45
Hearing & Speech Restricted Account	\$ 2,800.30
Mints Distribution & Sales Restricted Account	<u>\$ 3,726.14</u>
Total Assets as of April 20, 2012	\$58,269.89

Ray Payment, CPA, of Escanaba, Michigan completed the annual Federal Tax preparation for Single District 10's 2010-11 fiscal year on July 25, 2011. The tax forms have been signed and were submitted to the Federal Government August 1, 2011.

An audit of Single District 10's financial records were completed for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2010-11 by auditor Alfred LeMarie. 2<sup>nd</sup> half dues of 2010-11 remain to be audited and Mr. LeMarie declined the request to complete the audits to date. CPA Raymond Payment has been secured to complete the remaining required audits.

The membership dues for the state and the district will remain the same for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The International dues will increase by \$2/year for 2012- 2013 and 2013-2014, based on the results of the voting at last year's International Convention. A breakdown of the dues structure is provided below. There are two exceptions to the full membership dues. The semi-annual membership dues of twenty dollars and fifty cents (\$20.50) shall be levied on each club member based upon the membership of each club as stated by its membership report of June 30 and December 31.

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.

SD 10 Lions membership currently stands at 1713 as of March 30, 2012, down 11 members for the year. District 10 has added 144 new members this year, however we have lost 133 members; 1 transferred, 18 deceased, and 125 dropped. Although some clubs have made great strides in increasing their membership, the majority of them are continuing to lose membership.

#### 2012-2013 District Dues Structure

##### Dues Payable to Lions International

Each member is required to pay Lions International \$41.00 per year/per member (Billed semi-annually)

Here is the breakdown of the 2011-12 Lions International expenditure:

The Lion Magazine	\$ 6.56	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	<u>\$ 13.51</u>	<u>34.64%</u>
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	<u>\$.60</u>	<u>5.00%</u>
Lions of MI State Office Total	\$2.59	21.58%
U.P. Lions Magazine	\$ 2.00	16.67%
District 10 Admin. Fund	<u>\$ 7.41</u>	<u>61.75%</u>
Total District Dues	\$12.00	100.00%

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

International Dues (\$41.00) + District Dues (\$12.00) = Total Dues (\$53.00)

There was a motion to accept the proposed budget. PDG Gary Klop brought to the Treasurer's attention the fact that Welcome Homes is included in the proposed budget. Welcome Homes closed in February, 2012.

MOTION –Whippen, Kisch, to amend the budget to delete Welcome Homes. Kisch second. Carried.

MOTION – Munsell, Whippen, to receive the financial report and place it on file. Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

All in attendance were given a copy of the proposed budget, and Treasurer LaBelle gave a brief overview. When a motion was on the floor to accept the budget as written, PDG Gary Klop pointed out that Welcome Homes was still listed as a line item. Welcome Homes closed in February 2012.

MOTION –Whippen, Kisch, to amend the proposed budget to delete Welcome Homes and approve the 2012-2013 budget. Carried.

REPORTS:

Bay Cliff Report – Kris Rowe, Co-Chair

Bay Cliff will be hosting Lion Day on July 8, 2012. Tours and lunch will be provided and the event begins at 11:00 a.m. RSVP required.

To date, \$8,369.18 has been given for Operations in 2012.

The Lions of SD 10 have given \$147,188.25 toward their pledge of \$400,000.00 to the Capital Campaign. The cost of the Shady Nook building has increased from \$800,000.00 to

\$900,000.00, and Bay Cliff is unable to raise the matching grant money. Kris proposed that the money raised be used for other Lion projects/ needs.

PDG Klop made a motion to invite Time Bennett to a Cabinet meeting to for further discussion as to how to direct these funds. Whippen supported. Motion carried.

#### NORTHWOODS AIRLIFE LINE – DG Jim Wash for George Kelly, PDG

A little over 20 years ago, Lion Bob Larson and I went before the convention to ask the district to support the cost of aviation fuel used in the program that he started with his own aircraft to serve communities in the Upper Peninsula. When he moved to Iron Mountain from Chicago, he saw the need for his program. There was no train service, little bus service, and limited airline service for those needing transportation for treatments and transplants at the major hospitals in the Midwest. He would pick them up at an airport near their home and take them to the hospital where they had an appointment and then return them home, all free of charge. The delegates at the convention unanimously voted to support the cost of the fuel for the missions.

There are no paid positions in the organization. All are volunteers offering their time and, in many cases, the use of their own aircraft. They have their own hangar that was built with the help of a matching grant from LCIF, the Lions and local business community. Your continued support of this program is greatly appreciated.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS – Jim Decremer

The Scholarship committee met on April 24, 2012. \$4,650.00 has been donated by 25 Lions Clubs in the District. The committee selected seven (7) applicants to receive \$500.00 each in scholarship money. Thank you to the clubs for your support of these very deserving recipients.

#### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING –PDG Sara Doubledee, GLT Chair

PDG Doubledee submitted an article to the Lion Magazine asking for Lions who are skilled in teaching or leadership roles to volunteer their time on the Global Leadership Team. No one came forward with an offer for help. PDG Sara asked the assembly to step forward and share your talents and assist with the leadership training in our district.

The GLT coordinated the topics and speakers for this years' SD 10 Convention. Session topics are: Officer Training; Leader Dog presentation; Zone Chair Training; Project KidSight; Membership Growth; Computer Access.

#### LCIF –Joe Baczkowski –LCIF Coordinator

Lion Joe discussed the Measles Initiative program, "Ones Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative." The Gates Foundation is donating \$1.00 for every \$2.00 raised by Lions. Measles is one of the world's deadliest vaccine-preventable diseases, and for less than \$1.00, we can help vaccinate one child for life.

Lion Larry Klaus reported that Friday night's Leader Dog coin fundraiser netted \$105.00 for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

PDG Bruce Andrews reported the Tail Twister fines collected during the Business Session totaled \$130.00

MOTION –Decremer, Smitikey, to donate \$130.00 Tail Twister money collected during the SD 10 Convention to Teaching Family Homes. Carried.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS REPORT – Bill Whippen, PDG

There are three offices to fill by written ballot, along with the election of a Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation for a two-year term. The candidates are: For District Governor, Ruth Snyder, Munising Lions Club; for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, Jerry Stephens from the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club; for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, Bill Rowe, from the Gwinn Lions Club. For the 2-year position as Trustee of the Michigan Lions Foundation, there are two (2) candidates, Bruce LaBelle and Tom Lanaville, both with the Bark River Lions Club, and Cabinet Secretary, Joseph Maki, Gladstone Lions Club.

The call for nominations from the floor was repeated three times, and there were no additional nominations from the floor.

MOTION –Andrews, Stromly, to endorse all nominees. Carried.

Ballots were presented to Delegates and the voting took place.

Election Results:

Ruth Snyder, District Governor 2012-2013

Jerry Stephens, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2012-2013

William Rowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, 2012-2013

Joseph Maki, Cabinet Secretary

Thomas Lanaville, Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee, 2012-2014

MOTION – Decremer, Goltz, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

PDG Chuck Nicklas presented the District Governor patch to DG-E Ruth Snyder; PDG Don Wojakowski presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor patch to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG- Elect Jerry Stephens; Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle accepted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor-Elect patch on behalf of William Rowe to daughter, Kris Rowe.

NEW BUSINESS –SD10 Lions Magazine

PDG Whippen asked to address the assembly at this time to discuss the critical issues facing the Lions Magazine. PDG Whippen introduced the members of the Bylaws Committee, PDG Sara Doubledee; Bernadette Hæusler; Dayna King; Bill Whippen. Currently, \$2.00 per member is applied toward the production of the magazine. If the current editor steps down and the magazine ceases to exist, there will be the need for a change in the bylaws. PDG Whippen asked the editor, Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle to address the assembly.

Treasurer LaBelle is also the editor of the magazine, and it has become a frustrating task for him to continue as editor. Treasurer LaBelle spoke on the challenges he faces with obtaining information from the 61 clubs of SD 10, and the amount of hours he puts into producing one magazine, which last issue was approximately 110 hours. He asked for 10 editors to step up and assist in a recent magazine article. No one responded. Treasurer LaBelle invited the assembly to assist by inviting one Lion from each Zone – a total of 10 (ten) Lions –to supply 1-2 articles per year from the five to six clubs in their Zone. This could potentially provide 60 articles per year for the quarterly magazine.



Content of the magazine was not the only issue at hand. The cost to print and mail each issue is approximately \$2,500.00. This equates to \$10,000.00 annually. Dues collected per year for the magazine is \$3,400.00, which are \$2.00/member time's 1,700 members. We need advertisers to supplement our income. If we do away with the magazine, how will we communicate with the membership? We need roughly 30 advertisers to supplement our dues income to continue to produce the magazine.

This is where we stand: We need editors and advertisers to come forward and commit to supporting the SD 10 Lions Magazine.

PDG Kelly asked by a show of hands how many read and gain valuable information from reading the magazine. The majority assembled raised their hands. PDG Klop spoke to the fact that when he did his "Hairy Gary Fundraiser" last year, he asked people who inquired how they heard of it. The majority stated "the Lion Magazine," proving the magazine is read and of value. PDG Gary suggested going to a smaller, newsletter format that would still provide much needed information to the membership at a reduced rate. Treasurer LaBelle researched this, and was quoted the price for an 8-page, stuffed, mailed piece that was approximately \$1,280.00 for a total \$5,120.00/year. We still do not have enough money generated in dues to print a newsletter four times per year.

PDG Decremer asked if LCI continues to pay District Governors. Treasurer LaBelle responded that they are reimbursed \$50.00 per issue. \* LCI pays the Governors for this?

PDG Andrews noted that MD 11 pays an editor and maybe we should consider paying Treasurer LaBelle as editor.

Lion Judie Goltz stated it was a shame to even consider dropping the Lion Magazine. Lion Judy encouraged the assembly to respond to Treasurer LaBelle and SD 10's need to continue with the magazine. We all need to step forward and assist him.

Treasurer LaBelle assured the assembly the issue at hand is not payment, but assistance. He needs a staff of 12 and needs to train a new editor. It was also pointed that MD 11's editor has resigned, and they are now struggling.

Lion Bill McLaughlin stated that we have agreed today that we want the magazine to continue. We need Zone Chairs to assist in getting the clubs to provide Lions assigned to assist as editors.

Lion Mike Kobasic suggested the Publication Officer's elect one person to submit one article per year.

PDG Jack stated he was the Editor of the magazine for 12 years. We cannot afford to pay an editor, and that District Editors would be the way to go. MD 11 has 12 District Editors to submit information and this works well.

Treasurer LaBelle re-capped his needs to continue as Editor of the magazine:

10 (ten) Editors by July 1, 2012

1 (one) advertisement from each club by July 1, 2012	
\$154.00	1/8 page ad
275.00	¼ page ad
444.00	½ page ad
\$ 825.00	full page ad
1,100.00	back page/ annual fee

Lion Art Anderson of the Marquette club stated the issue would not be resolved today, and suggested forming a committee to decide how the magazine should be produced and how to proceed with the magazine.

PDG Whip suggested the idea of authorizing the Cabinet at their change-over meeting in July to resolve the issue of the magazine.

Lion Tom Brown – Resolution to read: The SD 10 Convention on Saturday, April 28, 2012, authorizes the Cabinet to resolve the issues surrounding the SD 10 Lion Magazine at the July change-over meeting.

MOTION –Chuck Nicklas, Don Conner to support resolution. Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### FUTURE SD 10 CONVENTION SITES –Paul Peterson

St. Ignace Kewadin Casino will be the location for the April 26-28, 2013 convention, and is sponsored by the St. Ignace, Les Cheneaux and Pickford Lions.

The committee proposed the Magnunsen Inn, Houghton, MI as the site of the 2014 SD 10 Convention which will be sponsored by the Chassell and Houghton Lions Clubs.

The 2015 Convention site is Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to be held the first weekend in May. For the “good of the order”, Parliamentarian stated that we must approve the site before a motion can be presented.

MOTION –Miller, Lanaville to hold the 2014 SD 10 Convention in Houghton. Motion carried.

MOTION –Goltz, Brown to approve the 2015 SD 10 Convention site in Sault Ste. Marie. Carried.

Lion Ruth reported incoming International President Madden is focusing on literacy in the upcoming 2012-2013 Lion year. All are invited to visit Bay Cliff Health Camp on July 8, 2012 and you are encouraged to bring books for donation.

MOTION – made and seconded, to adjourn the business session. Motion carried.



AWARDS LUNCHEON  
April 28, 2012 – 12:00 noon  
Island Resort Casino

The Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon was Scott Kwarciany, Bark River Lions Club. Senator Tom Casperson, 38<sup>th</sup> District-Michigan, welcomed the Lions and presented opening remarks. Lion Casperson is a ten-year member of the Bark River lions Club and knows first-hand the value of serving in our communities. He challenged those assembled at the luncheon to continue to encourage others and introduce younger members into Lions.

Mike Dengate, Leader Dog Field Representative, was the luncheon speaker. He told an inspiring story of Lion Mark Mansell from La Center, WA Lions Club, who has challenged himself to ride his bicycle cross-country from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine. The 3,500 mile, 63-day journey begins June 16 and concludes in Maine on Sunday, August 16. Lion Mark's mission is to raise awareness and money for Leader Dogs for the Blind. You can track his journey by following his blog at [www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org](http://www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org). As someone close to Mark stated: "He's not crazy – he's a LION!"

Honored guest PID Ron Duffe welcomed the new Leo Club members and also encouraged us to not only invite one "25 to 30 year-old prospective member into your club – invite 5!" He was pleased with the work of the Lions in SD 10 and stressed the importance of leadership.



AWARDS

Governor Jim Wash recognized first-time convention attendees. 100 Club Secretary Awards were presented to Bessemer; Champion; Dafer; Escanaba; Iron Mountain-Kingsford; Ishpeming; Lake Linden-Hubble; Les Cheneaux; Manistique Lakes; Munishin; Newberryt; Powers-Spalding; Range; Rapid River; St. Ignace; Tri Town; Vulcan-Norway-Loretto. Congratulations!

Rapid River was presented with a 40-Year Anniversary Patch; International Presidents Certification of Appreciation were presented to the following Lions: PDG Duane Goltz; PDG Robert St. Peter; PDG Donald Wojakowski, and Lion Thomas Lanaville

International Relations Award Certificate: Lion Joe Baczkowski; Outstanding Club Banner Patch Award, Sault Ste. Marie Lions; Community and Cultural Activities Banner Patch Award, Calumet Lions; District Environment Award, Lion John Crady and the Republic Lions; Excellence in Effort, Crystal Falls Lions Club; District International Relations Award, PDG Robert Miller; District Leo Club Chairperson Achievement Award, Lion Judy Racette; District Lions Opportunities for Youth Award, Lion Davida Mooers; District Chairperson Award for Sight Preservation/ Awareness/ Action,

PDG Charles Kicklas; District Lions Services for Children, PDG Jenny Ware; Hearing Preservation, Awareness and action, PDG Bob St. Peter; Diabetes Awareness and Action Award, Lion Joan Paul.



#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Several workshops were presented on Saturday afternoon. A Leader Dog presentation was conducted by Lion Mike Dengate; Zone Chair Training by Lion Art Anderson; Project Kidsight by PDG Duane Goltz; SD-10 Membership Growth, PDG Don Myers; Computer Access, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jerry Stephens.



#### GOVERNORS BANQUET

April 28, 2012

Island Resort Casino

The evening began with an impressive ceremonial parade of banners, representing 22 of the 60 clubs in the U.P. Past International Director Ron Duffe of New Richmond, WI was the featured speaker. Honored guests included Governor Robert Bobee of Warren, MI, MD 11-A2; Governor Margaret Oldenburg of Minden City, MD 11-D2; State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck and Executive Director, Wendy Burns.

PID Duffee brought greetings from International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam, saying that President Tam wished to shake hands with the 43,000 Lions Presidents around the world and invited all Club Presidents to come forward and receive a handshake on President Tam's behalf. PID Duffee spoke on leadership within in Lions, the importance of the Global Leadership Team and Global Membership Team. Following the address, the Bark River Lions Club presented PID Duffee with a thank-you gift and a \$500.00 donation to be made in his honor to LCIF.

International Presidents Certification of Appreciation was presented by PID Duffee and Governor Jim Wash to the following Lions for their outstanding service: PDG Duane Goltz; PDG Robert St. Peter; Lion Thomas Lanaville; PDG Donald Wojakowski.

The district's highest recognition, the Ralph Sheehan Award, was presented to Lion Al Lemaire of the Newberry Lions Club, in appreciation of outstanding and dedicated service to his community, club and district.

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

A standing ovation was given to the Island Resort and Casino and staff for their excellent service, as well as to the Bark River Lions Club and 2012 SD 10 Convention Committee: Lions Roger Charbonneau, Scott Kwarciany, Bruce LaBelle, Bill Lake, Tom Lanaville and PDG Joe Potvin.



NECROLOGY BREAKFAST  
APRIL 29, 2012

The service began with the moving sound of lone bagpiper, Chad Racine of Ishpeming playing Amazing Grace. Dressed in traditional costume, 17-year old Chad respectfully performed as he walked through the banquet hall and out into the foyer as we remembered the twenty-five Lions who we lost this past year.

PDG Don Myers read scripture from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9, "Everything Has It's Time". Another very moving tradition – the lighting of a candle in remembrance of each member who passed with the reading of their name and club- was beautifully done by PDG Don and various club members. Each club was presented with a tree to plant in honor of the deceased member, and in keeping with IP Tam's theme of planting trees throughout the world.

The convention concluded with thank-you from Governor Jim Wash, expressing appreciation to all who made his year as SD 10 District Governor a success.

Les Cheneaux Lions Club won the award for total distance traveled and club attendance. The plaque is awarded annually to the club that drives the farthest and has the most members at the convention.

Minutes recorded by: Wendy Burns, Executive Director  
Lions of Michigan

