

District 10
103rd Annual Lions Convention
April 19-21, 2024
Ishpeming, Michigan
Hosted by: Ishpeming Lions Club

Service projects and the Cabinet meeting were both held during the day on Friday, April 19. The Meet & Greet was held at the Mather Inn, known for its set location when filming took place for "Anatomy of a Murder" in 1956. A local historian and pianist provided an accounting of the celebrities who were in the film and local business where filming took place. Food, drink, music by the Black Pearl Band, and a variety of silent auction items rounded out the evening.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – River Rock

Numerous vendors were set up and open for viewing for the duration of the convention.

Governor Dan Perkins called the General Business Session of the Lions of District 10 to order at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. Lion Gary Perala welcomed LCI Guest Speaker PID Dr. Dianne Pitts and husband Lion Dr. Joe Pitts, PDGs, Lions, PCC Darren Van Dyne, visiting MD 11 DG Michael O'Lonergan, C1, Lion Ed Weessies, Lion Stan Masters, MD 11 B1, Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director Lions of Michigan.

Lion Peggy Lindeman gave the roll call of officers in attendance which included Governor Dan Perkins, 1st VDG Dr. Scott Kwarciany, 2nd VDG Colleen Maki, Treasurer Mike Smock, Secretary Lion Peggy Lindeman.

MOTION: Maki, Lindeman, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Lion Mike Smock (complete report attached in separate document)

Promotion of the 2024 D10 pin helped to drive sales, netting \$500.00 to date in the pin account.

The first garden grant was presented to the Munising Elementary School. They are working together with MSU Extension and Alger County Extension to assist in the development of the garden.

Club Technology grants have been budgeted for the coming year. A new line item in the budget is the District Governor Companion expense. LCI currently allow up to \$500.00 for companion travel. At the cabinet meeting a line item was approved to pay expenses incurred above the \$500.00 allowance from LCI for the travel companion of the District Governor-Elect. Up to \$2,000.00 was approved.

Treasurer Smock provided membership history with information on club growth, clubs that have turned in their charter, new clubs, etc. Declining membership results in a decline in money via dues paid.

MOTION: Munsell, Perkins, motion to receive the financial report as presented and placed on file. Motion carried.

Budget Report:

Club dues: Revenue is declining due to loss of members. Some clubs still owe dues for the year.

Community Grants

LCI Convention Companion

MOTION: Lanaville, Schivo, to support the budget as proposed. Motion carried.

Credentials Report:

The following credentials were reported:

110 registered Lions

64 Delegates

10 Alternates

24 Clubs represented

2024-2025 Officer Elections:

There are four (4) position to fill, and they are as follows:

Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee; 2nd Vice District Governor; 1st Vice District Governor and Governor.

Nominees for the positions are:

LMF Trustee – PDGs Duane Goltz and Tom Lanaville

2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Gary Perala, Negaunee Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor – 2nd VDG Colleen Maki, Bay De Noc Lions Club

District Governor – 1st Dan Perkins, Ishpeming Lions Club

A nomination speech on behalf of Lion Perala was given by VDG Scott Kwarciany. DG Dan Perkins gave a nomination speech on behalf of VDG Colleen Maki, and PDG Tom Lanaville gave a nomination speech on behalf of VDG Scott Kwarciany.

Ballots were given to delegates for voting, returned to the elections committee and counted. The following results were announced:

For the position of LMF Trustee: PDG Tom Lanaville

For the position of 2nd Vice District Governor: Lion Gary Perala

For the position of 1st Vice District Governor: 2nd VDG Colleen Maki

For the position of District Governor: 1st VDG Scott Kwarciany

MOTION: Doney, Perkins, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Upcoming District 10 Convention Dates:

PDG Jim Svinicki reported he has contacted the Island Resort Casino located in Harris regarding future conventions. The 2025 date will be May 2-4, 2025 and the date for 2026 is May 1-3, 2026. The date is set also confirmed for April 23-26, 2027 due to the fact that the casino books quickly for advance dates and it has become difficult to find a venue that fits the needs of the convention criteria. PDG Joe Maki suggested making Island Resort Casino “the home of the District 10 Convention.” DG Perkins suggested booking as far as 2028, and if a club wishes to host the convention in their town adjustments to the schedule can be made if they are done far enough in advance.

MOTION: Munsell, Cole, to approve the dates for 2025, 2026, 2027 at Island Resort Casino, Harris, Michigan.

Motion was amended to state approve a five (5) year schedule with Island Resort Casino, 2025-2029. Motion carried.

Tom Lanaville announced that reservations can be made for the 2025 convention beginning now.

New Business:

Adoption of UP Human Trafficking as a District 10 endorsed project.

Lion Stephanie Graef is a newer Lion and serves as 2nd VP for Chassell Lions Club. She works to educate everyone on the exploits of human trafficking.

Human trafficking affects individuals across the world and right here in Michigan. It is commonly regarded as the second largest criminal enterprise after drugs. Human trafficking affects every community in Michigan across age, gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic backgrounds.

The U.P. task force began five (5) years ago. They work to prevent, protect and prosecute. The UP is a rich environment for sex and labor trafficking. Lion Stephanie used examples such as the 5 Tribal Nations in the UP, eleven (11) casinos which tend to attract people ready to exploit those already in impoverished situations. Sacred Beginnings is a safe haven for all victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking in northern Michigan and the UP Taks Force is working to establish a housing and recovery program will meet the needs for all 15 UP counties, providing a safe place to heal. Their three pillars of service are prevention, protection and prosecution.

MOTION: Preston, Perkins, to adopt U.P. Human Trafficking Task Force as an endorsed District 10 Project. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of support.

Partridge Creek Farm and Partridge Creek Compost is a farm to school program designed to build a resistant local food program. 50,000-60,000 pounds of food was grown this year and distributed to local schools. Lion Phil Carter is Business Director for Partridge Creek Compost and gave insight as to the value of composting. DG Dan

Perkins asked for a motion to endorse Partridge Creek Farm and Partridge Creek Compost as a District 10 Project.

MOTION: Pam Perkins, Gary Rasmussen, to endorse Partridge Creek Farm and Partridge Creek Compost as a District 10 Project. Motion carried.

LCIF Report -PDG Jim Svinicki

Special pins are being sold in support of LCIF. Those making donations in the amount of \$50, \$100, and \$200 will be awarded a bronze, silver or gold pin. PID Dianne Pitts stated all money donated will come back to D 10 in the form of a grant.

Tour Da Yoop Bike Ride – Lion Gary Perala

A video was shown from last year's ride that took place, raising funds for childhood cancer. Money raised is used to assist families in need of extra funding for medical expenses and other expenses which may be incurred. Volunteers are needed for this year's event to help with hydration stations positioned every 30 miles of the route for a total of ten stations. There should be a minimum of three people at each station. Contact Lion Perala for details.

Upcoming events were highlighted and included the Motor Mayhem; Bark River Off-Road Race; Stephenson Chopper Dropper and the U.S. Postal Service "Stamp Out Hunger" drive. Clubs purchased yellow bags for food collections to hand out to local residents in support of the food drive.

New District 10 pins are now available for \$3.00 each and feature the five Lions Global Causes.

Lions passed the hat at the close of the meeting and raised \$545.00 to be donated to LCIF.

MOTION: Lindeman, Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director Lions Clubs of Michigan

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Many awards were presented to very deserving Lions. One of the awards, the New Visions Award encompasses Membership, Marketing, Service and Leadership.

Trevor LaChance, Perkins Lions Club, was presented with the New Visions Membership Award.

Lion Jerry Tutor, Marquette Lions Club, was presented with the New Visions Marketing Award.

Lion Trisha Bowie was presented with the New Visions Service Award for her work at the U.P. State Fair screening children through Project KidSight Vision Screening.

Lion Stephanie Graef, Chassell Lions Club, was presented with the New Visions Leadership Award.

Always a highlight of the District 10 Convention is the Leader Dog Puppy Auction with PDG Gretchen Preston as the preferred and favored auctioneer. This year, eight (8) clubs fiercely competed in the bidding with Vulcan-Loretto-Norway Lions coming out the victor. Additional money continued to pour in for a total donation of \$2,301.00 going to support Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Breakout Sessions followed the luncheon and included: Global Action Team; Lions Quest; Mission 1.5.