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**SINGLE DISTRICT 10
LIONS OF MICHIGAN**

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**88th ANNUAL CONVENTION
SINGLE DISTRICT 10 - LIONS OF MICHIGAN
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
April 23-25, 2010**



**MIX & MEET
April 23, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Marquette, Michigan**

The Mix and Meet featured a buffet supper. Entertainment was provided by Black Pearl.



**GENERAL SESSION
April 24, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn, Marquette, Michigan**

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

CREDENTIALS REPORT – PDG Larry Klaus

The Credentials Committee reported that 160 people were registered. There were 81 delegates and 19 Past District Governors in attendance.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT – PDG Sara Doubleddee

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 – Doubledee, Whippen, to adopt the Rules. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

The Lions of Michigan Single District 10 checking account began the 2009-10 fiscal year with a balance of \$23,911.00 on July 1, 2009. The total income for the fiscal year was \$25,776.59 with disbursements totaling \$18,776.32, leaving a balance of \$30,911.27 as of April 23, 2010.

There are outstanding receipts totaling \$306.00 from three Lions Clubs that have not paid their 2009-10 2nd half dues. The delinquent Lions Clubs are Chippewa, Kinross and Trenary. The clubs have been mailed multiple invoices and have been contact by the Governor and other members of the Cabinet. There is also one Lions Club that owes money to Lions International that is more than 90-days past due, Chippewa.

The Single District 10 Cabinet made five donations totaling \$467.00 to the following organizations:

1 st Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign	\$20.00
2 nd Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign	18.00
3 rd Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp Capital Campaign	29.00
Budgeted Donation	Lions Leadership Institute	300.00
In Memory of Frankie Hemeryck to Leader Dogs for the Blind		100.00

The Hearing and Speech Restricted Account began the fiscal year 2009-10 with a balance of \$1,243.48; an additional \$1,450.00 was received from 18 Lions Clubs, and \$.45 in interest, leaving a balance of \$2,693.93 as on April 23, 2010.

Hearing & Speech Donation Summary

<i>Lions Club</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Lions Club</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bark River	\$100	Munising	\$ 25
Chassell	\$1 50	Negaunee	\$100
Crystal Falls	\$100	Perkins	\$ 50
Daggett	\$ 50	Rapid River	\$100
Drummond Island	\$100	Rudyard	\$100
Escanaba	\$ 50	Sault St. Marie	\$100
Iron Mountain	\$ 25	St. Ignace	\$ 50
Mackinac Island	\$100	Sugar Island	\$100
Manistique Lakes	\$100	Trenary	\$ 50

The Mints Distribution and Sales Restricted Account began the fiscal year with a balance of \$2,159.25. An additional \$1,071.07 has been added to the account this fiscal year, along with \$.91 in interest, leaving a current balance of \$3,231.23 as of February 5, 2010. These funds are received for warehousing and distribution of Lion Mints and 5% gross sales of the mints.

The six-month certificate of deposit was renewed on December 3, 2009 for another six months. The current interest rate is 0.30%, down from 0.70%, and is currently valued at \$10,478.86 on February 4. The interest is compounded monthly and the YTD interest is \$5.33. The CD matures on Jun 3, 2010.

Single District 10 Assets:

District Checking Account	\$30,911.27
Hearing & Speech Restricted Account	2,693.93
Mints Distribution & Sales Restricted Account	3,231.23
Certificate of Deposit	<u>10,478.86</u>
Total Assets as of April 23, 2010	\$47,315.29

The audit of SD 10's financial books still needs to be completed for the 2008-09 year. The books were audited through April 8, 2009 by auditor Alfred LeMaire. The books are currently scheduled to audit in June 2010.

The membership dues for international, state and the district will remain the same for the 2010-2011 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.

SD 10 Lions membership currently stands at 1800 as of April 16, 2010, up 24 members for the year. Although some clubs have made great strides in increasing their membership, the majority of them are continuing to lose membership.

2010-11 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 2010-11 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)

MOTION – LeMaire, seconded, to accept the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

The proposed budget for 2010-11 was reviewed with the Cabinet during their meeting on Friday. The proposed budget is \$27,750.00

MOTION – Munsell, seconded, to approve the budget. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

All State Band Report – Jenny Ware, PDG

Because of your financial support, the Lions of Michigan All State Band will be sending 50 band students and 5 band staff to the Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia this summer! This will be the band’s 33rd consecutive Lions International Convention Parade! No other band in the world is able to make this statement. It is all happening because of you and your club’s support.

Of the 50 students, SD 10 is proud to have five members in the band—Lauren Belanger, Rachelle Leveille, and Bridget Schumann from Escanaba; and Ellyn Oswald and Collette Robinson from Bark River.

On behalf of the band staff and the students that participate in this wonderful band, thank you for all you do to allow this tradition in Michigan to continue!

Brian Shepard, CEO of the Lions of Michigan All State Band, will be stepping down after this year’s tour after 10 years of dedicated service.

Project Kid Sight Report – Jenny Ware, PDG

Between July 1, 2009 and April 21, 2010, nine screenings were held; 253 pre-school aged children were screened; and one was referred for further testing. Donations to date total \$2,556.

Thank you to the clubs that have donated so generously to this very worthwhile project!

Our desire to “serve” over this last year continues to grow. A couple trainings were held with more Lions becoming certified screeners. The Lions of Manistique Lakes, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie and Brimley have been additional driving forces this year. I would like to acknowledge Lion Bill MacLachlan, Lion Al LeMaire, and PDG Bob St. peter for helping set up trainings, assuring screeners were trained and that were held. Without your support, this project would not be such a great success.

Since SD 10 started Project Kid Sight, we have screened 1656 pre-school aged children and have recommended 41 of them for further testing by an eye doctor. Due to federal confidentiality laws, known as HIPPA, we are unable to receive the names of the children. Therefore, we are not aware of follow-up by the parents, nor the results of the referrals.

I look forward to continuing on as Project Kid Sight Chair for the next year. I also look forward to working with all of the energetic Lions that are trained and that want to be trained as we continue to help save sight in our most valuable resource, our children!

Bay Cliff Report – Kris and William Rowe

The Rapid River Lions Club raised \$6,000 for Bay Cliff at their Wild Game Feed. Special thanks to them for their support. The Shady Nook project has received \$152,274.50 to date.

Lions Day at Bay Cliff is scheduled on July 31, 2010. There will be tours with teen campers between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Lunch with the campers at 12:30 p.m. A short presentation will follow lunch. Members are encouraged to attend and show their support for this district project.

Hearing Committee Report – Bob St. Peter, PDG

The committee continues to work with Intermediate School Districts because they are able to reach more people, providing information on speech therapy and electronic devices that help people to hear better

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.

Extension Committee Report – Harold Schermer, PDG

To date, 16 have signed up for a new all-female Lions Club in Gladstone. PDG Schermer has been working on the formation of this club for 1½ years.

MOTION – Schermer, Kelly, to approve \$300 for newspaper ads to help promote membership in this new club. Motion defeated.

It was suggested that PDG Schermer try running announcements on the local PSA channel.

Leadership Development Report – Jim Decremer, PDG

PDG Decremer provided officer training for five clubs this year. He will present two breakout sessions this afternoon—Club President and Officer Orientation at 1:30 p.m. and Club Secretary Orientation at 2:30 p.m.

Scholarship Report – Jim Decremer, PDG

Six \$500 scholarships were presented in 2009-10. Twenty-five clubs have donated \$1,720 to date, but additional support is needed to continue the program. Money for scholarships comes from the interest earned on the \$36,081.16 invested in CDs, plus club donations.

The 2010 scholarships went to: Sara Trekas, Bessemer; Katrina Anderson, Iron Mountain; Stephen Alsteens, Kingsford; Toni Wilson, Kingsford; Seven Abbott, Marquette; and Jayson Barrett, Negaunee.

I would like to thank my committee for their help in the selection of scholarship recipients: Lions Maryce Farrell, Alice Majestic, Charlie Lundmark, Willie LaMarche and Matt Reeves. I would like to thank all the clubs who donated to this worthy project.

Michigan Eye Bank Report – Larry Klaus, PDG

The Eye Bank is growing, both in the number of people we can serve, but also physically. We are finally ready to market the software we have been developing over the last several years to other eye banks. We are also working with some countries overseas to develop a market for any excess

tissue. Our new call center came online earlier this year. That job had been done by the lab workers, but now there are so many new regulations and inspections that we would have had to hire more technicians or start the call center with lower wage personnel.

We are now also regulated by the Food and Drug Administration as well as the EBAA. The June board meeting will be my last as a director. The last two years, I have been elected Board Secretary. We have been trying to find a replacement for my spot on the board for at least nine months. We asked at every Cabinet meeting and in the last two issues of the SD 10 Magazine, but before we found someone, we had missed the deadline for submitting applications. It will be voted on at the June Board Meeting if we still have a candidate. I would like to thank the district for allowing me to represent the UP on the Eye Bank Board for the past six years.

I would also like to thank all those Lions who worked in the Secretary of State offices for “Buddy Day” on April 7. A special thank you to the Gwinn Lions Club President Peggy Lindeman, Jill Jenner, Marlene Breit and Marlene’s daughter, Katelyn Polishuk, for helping me at the Marquette SOS office. The Lions did a great job signing up people for the Michigan Donor Program.

Northwoods Air Lifeline Report – George Kelly, PDG

Our volunteer pilots have been extremely busy this past Lions year. This past month they had requests for 17 flights. They have had to cancel four due to weather or equipment problems. We have also worked with other similar organizations (Angel Flights, etc.) in our area.

We realize the demand put on clubs requesting financial support. With the increase in operating costs, an average flight from Sault Ste. Marie to Marshfield, round trip, is approximately \$200 per hour. Inspection of our aircraft costs in the vicinity of \$4,000-\$6,000, depending on what maintenance has to be done. Most of the clubs have been sending in donations, and with help from outside businesses and organizations, we have been able to keep up with expenses. We do not request donations from those we serve, but most of them request information and do send in appreciation amounts.

The all-weather hangar that was built with the financial support of LCIF has been a great help, especially with our winter operation. The aircraft are kept in the hangar and are available for missions or maintenance out of the weather.

I have had the pleasure to serve as Lions Chairperson and on the NWALL Board of Directors since the day it was formed. At that time, our founder, Bob Larson, went to the floor of the convention and asked the lions to help support the cost of the flights. It passed unanimously. This is an excellent PR program for our clubs and district.

If your club has not appointed a coordinator or notified your community of the availability of this free service, please do so and send me the name and information on your appointee.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – Jim Olson, PDG

What: 34th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Where: Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Midwest Airlines Center

Why: Get inspired about Lions and life; experience fun, leadership and fellowship

Theme: A Beacon of Hope Through Leadership and Service

Goal: Return to our club and district with materials, ideas, hands-on programs and opportunities to make our Lions Club stronger and more effective.

There will be exceptional professional speaker, and more than 60 seminars, workshops and opportunities to educate and motivate you.

There will be three keynote speakers. Captain Patricia Murray files as a Major for the California Air National Guard. She has been deployed to the Middle East four times where she has flown 75 combat sorties and been awarded three Flying Air Medals. She was Miss California 1992 and is now First Officer for American Airlines. Ross Bernstein is a best-selling author and professional speaker and has been featured on thousands of TV and radio programs. His entertaining presentation inspires others to follow their dreams and create miracles. Lions International President Sid Scruggs will inspire all with his message about how Lions are a Beacon of Hope throughout the world.

The headquarters hotel is the Milwaukee Hilton. Most hotels are within a 5-block walk of the Midwest Airlines Center. The registration fee covers the cost of the seminars and four meals.

NOMINATIONS REPORT – Bob Miller, PDG

There are three offices to fill by written ballot, along with elections of Trustees for the Lions of Michigan Foundation for a one-year term and a 2-year term. There is also one candidate seeking endorsement for the office of International Director. Letters are on file from the following candidates: For District Governor, Gary Klop from the Pickford Lions Club; for 1st VDG, James Wash from the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club; there is no candidate for 2nd VDG. For 2-year position as Trustee of the Michigan Lions Foundation, there is one candidate, Bruce LaBelle from the Bark River Lions Club. There are three candidates to fill the 1-year vacancy on the Lions of Michigan Foundation board; they are Duane Goltz (Drummond Island), Joe Potvin (Bark River), and Mike Kobasic (Esanaba). Duane Goltz is seeking endorsement for the office of International Director. 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.

The nominating speech for Duane Goltz was made by PDG Harold Schermer. A seconding speech was presented by Lion Al LeMaire, requesting SD 10's endorsement of Duane Goltz for International Director. An acceptance speech was delivered by Duane Goltz.

Nominating and seconding speeches were then presented on behalf of DG candidate Gary Klop and 1st VDG candidate Jim Wash. Both delivered acceptance speeches.

TAILTWISTER COLLECTION

Tailtwister Charlie Lundmark collected \$112.10 on behalf of Project Kid Sight.

AWARDS

District Governor Don Wojakowski presented the following awards:

- 100% Secretary – Patti Ledford (Delta-Menominee Heart of the North Lions Club) and Alice Majestic (Rapids River Lions Club)
- Liaison – PDG Don Myers (Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club) – accepted by Tom Brown
- Bay Cliff – Kris Rowe
- Michigan Eye Bank – PDG Larry Klaus

Rebuilding Lion – William Rowe
All State Band and Project Kid Sight – PDG Jenny Ware
Diabetes – Willy LaMarche
Zone Chairs – Al LeMaire, Don Connors, and Ed Vinoski
Technical Support – Art Anderson

CONVENTION BIDS

A bid to host the 2012 convention on April 27-29 at the Island Resort Casino was presented by the Bark River Lions Club.

MOTION – Lanaville, seconded, to approve the bid for the 2012 convention. Motion carried.

The 2011 convention bid was approved last year. It will be held in Ishpeming on April 29-May 1. It will be sponsored by the Ishpeming and Ishpeming Tri-Township Lions Clubs.

ELECTION RESULTS – Bob Miller, PDG

Gary Klop was elected District Governor for 2010-2011, and Jim Wash was elected 1st Vice District Governor. Bruce LaBelle was elected to a 2-year term as Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation and Mike Kobasic was elected to a 1-year term. Duane Goltz was endorsed by SD 10 as a candidate for International Director.

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

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



AWARDS LUNCHEON
April 24, 2010 - 11:45 a.m.
Holiday Inn, Marquette, Michigan

The Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon was PDG Sara Doubledee. Dr. Gary Anderson was the luncheon speaker. He talked about collecting used eyeglasses and a recent eye mission to the Dominican Republic.

Governor Don Wojakowski recognized the efforts of the Convention Committee by presenting them with miniature classic cars. A gift was also presented to PDG George Kelly in honor of his many years as Song Leader.

Certificates of Service were awarded to Willy LaMarche, Bob St. Peter, Jenny Ware, and Gary Klop.

Campaign Sight First II Awards from LCIF were presented. The Marquette Lions Club was honored for being in the top 5 for per capita giving and for being a Model Club. Lion Joe Baczkowski was recognized as a Top 5 Group Coordinator. The Ishpeming Lions Club was also honored for being in the top 5 in their sector for per capita giving.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Several workshops were presented on Saturday afternoon. How to Approach Prospective Members (The Lions Ambassador Program) was conducted by PDG Gary Anderson. A session on Leader Dogs was presented by Carroll Jackson. Sessions on President/Officer Orientation Training and Club Secretary Orientation were conducted by PDG Jim Decremer. A meeting for Zone Chairs and MERL Chairs was also held.

A Classic Auto Show was held in the parking lot at the Holiday Inn between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Lions could vote for their favorite. The show was sponsored by the Gwinn Lions Club.



**GOVERNORS BANQUET
April 24, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Marquette, Michigan**

International Director Art Marson from LaCrosse, Wisconsin was the featured speaker. She is a college administrator in grants, development and auxiliary services. He informed the group of plans to hold the 2017 Lions International Convention in Chicago, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Lionism. He explained that LCIF give out \$200 million per year for disaster relief. They also have partnerships with the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and the Special Olympics. He went on to give examples of “Lions of action”—individuals and clubs that have made a difference in their communities and around the world. His closing challenge was to share Lions’ projects with the public, and to entice others to become involved in providing these much-needed services.

Director Marson presented friendship banners to DG Don Wojakowski, DG-Elect Gary Klop, and PDG Sara Doubledee.

The district’s highest recognition, the Ralph Sheehan Award, was presented to Past District Governor Bob St. Peter from the Dafter Lions Club. Leadership Medals were awarded to Tom Lanaville (Bark River Lions Club) and Joe Baczkowski (Marquette Lions Club). Presidential Certificates of Appreciation went to Tom Lanaville, Joe Baczkowski, and Art Anderson (Marquette Lions Club).

Special gifts were presented by DG Wojakowski to his wife, Jean, and to PDG Sara Doubledee, PDG Bill Whippen, Lion Roger Fries, PDG Gary Anderson, and DGE Gary Klop.



**NECROLOGY & BRUNCH
April 25, 2010 - 9:30 a.m.
Holiday Inn, Marquette, Michigan**

PDG Bob St. Peter conducted the memorial service, honoring the SD 10 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.

Following brunch, a brief question-and-answer session was conducted by International Director Art Marson. District Governor-Elect Gary Klop addressed the group, expressing thanks for the support he has received and looking forward to the upcoming year.

The convention's Traveling Trophy was claimed by the Drummond Island Lions Club. The plaque is awarded annually to the club that drives the farthest and has the most members at the convention.

The convention concluded with thanks expressed to the clubs that hosted the convention—Chocolay Twp., Skandia, Gwinn, and Marquette.