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91st ANNUAL CONVENTION SINGLE DISTRICT 10 - LIONS OF MICHIGAN

# St. Ignace, Michigan Hosted by: Les Cheneaux, St. Ignace and Pickford Lions Clubs

MIX & MEET
April 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 – 5:00 p.m.
Kewadin Casino Convention Center
St. Ignace, Michigan
Upper Peninsula of Michigan

The Mix and Meet featured a Social Hour and a Mexican dinner buffet. Both a live and silent auction was held, with money raised going toward the various community projects held by Les Cheneaus, St. Ignace and Pickford Lions Clubs.

A brief welcome was given by Past International Director, Peter Cerniglia, of Cross Plains, Wisconsin. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the St. Ignace High School Saints of Steel Drum band, and the Alumni Band, Tempered Steel Drum band. The live auction was presided over by Lion Jack Wagener. Total amount raised on Friday night: \$1,423.00 for District 10 Projects.

Honored guest were Past International Director Peter Cerniglia and his wife, Lion Joann, of Cross Plains, Wisconsin; Governor Ruth Snyder and husband Duke; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Jerry Stephens and wife, Kim; District Governor Steve Horvath and wife, Norma, MD 11-A1, and Executive Director Wendy Burns. There was a warm, UP Welcome given by all in attendance.

# GENERAL SESSION April 27, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. Kewadin Casino Convention Center, St. Ignace, MI

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by District Governor Ruth Snyder. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, dignitaries and guests were introduced.

PID Cerniglia welcomed the Lions assembled, expressing his enjoyment during the Friday evening activities, and how very impressive it was to see "a full house this morning" for the meat and potatoes, voting in new Governors and on issues that affect the Lions of SD 10.

## **CREDENTIALS REPORT - Lion Tracey Movalson**

The preliminary report of the Credentials Committee indicated that there were 73 delegates, 18 Past District Governors present, 33 Lions Clubs and 222 registrants. Three members of a Leo club were also present. 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:** Munsell, Whippen, to adopt the Rules of the Convention as reported. Motion carried.

PDG Sara Doubledee, Marquette Lions Club, reported on a special request to raise money for the Marquette Children's Museum. She suggested all Tail Twister money collected during the convention be donated toward the construction of the Eye & Ear display that is being constructed in the Youth and Health area of the museum. The "model" ear will have a slide designed to take children on an adventure through the ear canal. The goal is to raise \$5,000.00 and it will be recognized as a Single District 10 Donation to the Marquette Children's Museum.

Typically, Tail Twister fines are not collected at the SD 10 Convention, and the assembly was asked to make an exception for this cause.

PDG Gary Klop expressed his objection to the donation of money for this project, expressing that clubs have enough groups on their list to give to, and if this becomes a new project we will open this up to everyone with a special interest group.

PDG Doubledee understands raising \$5,000.00 will be a challenge, and is confident the clubs in the Marquette area will want to support the museum. She is not asking this to become a new district-wide project, but is asking for financial support through fine money collected and donations received at the convention.

MOTION: Doubledee, Carrier, to support donation of Tail Twister fines to the Marquette Children's Museum Eye and Ear project. By a show of hands, motion carried. 7 (seven) opposed.

MOTION: Klauss, Whalen, to approve the agenda as submitted for the Business Session of the 91st Annual SD 10 Convention. Motion carried.

DG Snyder introduced special guest, Past International Director Peter Cerniglia and wife, Lion Joann. PID Cerniglia welcomed the Lions assembled and expressed how impressed he was by the full-house this morning. "This is the meat-and-potatoes of what goes on in the district. Appreciation of Governor Ruth Snyder's hard work this past year, and support of District Governor-Elect Jerry Stephens are important factors of the convention. I wish you continued success in the coming year."

Financial Report – Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Bruce LaBelle Treasurer LaBelle provided complete and thorough financial reports for the assembly to review. He reported that 100% of the clubs have paid their 2013-2013 State and District dues, noting this was the first time in his 12 years as

treasurer.

Single District 10 Cabinet made four (4) donations amounting to \$606.00 for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. Donations were made to the following organizations:

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$606.00

<u>Mints Distribution & Sales Restricted Account</u> began the fiscal year 2012-2013 with a balance of \$3,726.61. An additional \$1.32 in interest has been earned, leaving a current balance of \$3,727.93 as of April 13, 2013. These funds are received for warehousing and distribution of the Lion mints and 5% gross sales of the mints. There have been no disbursements from this account this year.

**The Hearing & Speech Restricted Account** began the fiscal year 2012-2013 with a balance of \$3,100.37; and additional \$1,050.00 has been received from eight (8) Lions Clubs and \$0.18 earned in interest. There have been six (6) disbursements totaling \$2,386.95 made from this account leaving a balance as of April 13, 2013 of \$1,763.60.

#### **Single District 10 Assets:**

District Checking Account	. \$53,479.79
Hearing & Speech Restricted Account	1, 763.60
Mints Distribution & Sales Restricted Account	3,727.93

# Total Assets as of 4-13-13: \$58,971.32

SD 10 Lions Tax forms for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year have been completed by Ray Payment, CPA of Escanaba, MI, and submitted to the Federal Government on November 1, 2012.

A resolution to increase International Dues to be phased in over two years was voted and approved by the membership at the International Convention. The Second half of the dues increase will be effective July 1, 2013. Effective July 1, 2013, the International Semi-Annual Membership Dues will increase from twenty dollars and fifty cents (\$20.50) to twenty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$21.50). See attached Due Structure for the current (2012-13) breakdown of Dues. There are two exceptions to the full membership dues. Dues will be billed as follows:

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

- (a) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$21.50) shall be levied on each club member during the 2013-14 term, beginning July 1, 2013.
- (b) For family membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, the following dues shall apply:
- (1) The first family member, Head of Household, shall pay semi-annual membership dues as provided in sub-section (a) above.
- (2) Subsequent qualifying family members, not to exceed four additional qualifying members per household, shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount paid by the first family member as described in subsection (b)(1).
- (3) For student membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided in sub-section (a).

International Dues do not include District or State dues. Semi-annual dues are billed as follows: July –December and January – June. You can contact Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services for billing questions @membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org.

• 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 (\$25.00) and full international dues (currently \$41.00) 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 (currently \$20.50) and be exempted of any entrance fees.

• **Student Member Dues Rate:** Students receive a special student dues concession, paying only half dues (currently \$20.50) 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.

Fiscal Year	New Member dent	Annual Membership	Semi-Annual	
Family/Stu	dent			
	Entrance Fee	Dues	<u>Dues</u>	
<u>Dues</u>				
2012-13 2013-14 \$10.7	\$25.00	\$41.00	\$20.50	\$10.25
2013-14	\$25.00	\$43.00	\$21.5	50
\$10.7	75			

# **2012-13 DISTRICT DUES STRUCTURE**

Each Club is required to pay dues to LCI:.....\$41.00Member/Year

2012/2013 Lions International Expenditure:

1. Club and District Program Support	38.00 % = \$15.58
2. The Lions Magazine	16.00 % = \$6.56
3. International Convention and Meetings	14.00 % = \$5.74
4. District Governors and District Governor Elect	14.00 % = \$5.74
5. International Headquarters	10.00 % = \$4.10
6. International Officers and Board of Directors	6.00 % = \$2.46
7. Liability Insurance	1.00 % = \$0.41
8. Uncollected Dues	<u>1.00</u> = \$0.41
	100.00% = \$41.00

Dues Payable to District 10:

Each Club is required to pay to the District 10: ----- **\$12.00/Member/Year** (Equivalent to \$0.23/member/week, billed Semi-Annually)

Here is the breakdown of the District 10 dues structure:

1. State Office Service	\$1.49
2. Restricted Fund Service	\$0.50
3. International Convention	<u>\$0.60</u>
	\$2.59 To Lions of Michigan State
	Office sub-total

5. U.P. Lions Magazine	\$2.00
6. District 10 Administrating Fund	<u>\$7.41</u>
	\$12.00

# The Semi-Annual Billing is due in January and July.

Year	International Dues	International Dues		District Dues	
12-13	\$41.00	+	\$12.00	=	\$53.00
13-14	\$43.00	+	\$12.00	=	\$55.00

## **2013-14 District Dues Structure**

Dues Payable to International:

Each Club is required to pay to the Lions International: \$43.00/Member/Year (Equivalent to \$0.83/member/week, billed Semi-Annually)

Here is the breakdown of the 2013/2014 Lions International Expenditure:

1. Club and District Program Support	38.00 % = \$16.34
2. The Lions Magazine	16.00 % = \$6.88
3. International Convention and Meetings	14.00 % = \$6.02
4. District Governors and District Governor Elect	14.00 % = \$6.02
5. International Headquarters	10.00 % = \$4.30
6. International Officers and Board of Directors	6.00 % = \$2.58
7. Liability Insurance	1.00 % = \$0.43
8. Uncollected Dues	<u>1.00 % = \$0.43</u>
	100.00% = \$43.00

# Dues Payable to District 10:

\$10.00/Member/Year Each Club is required to pay to the District 10: (Equivalent to \$0.19/member/week, billed Semi-Annually)

Here is the breakdown of the District 10 dues structure:

1. State Office Service	\$1.49	
2. Restricted Fund Service	\$0.50	
3. International Convention	<u>\$0.60</u>	
	<b>\$2.59</b> To Lions of	
	Michigan State Office subtotal	

4. District 10 Administrative Funds <u>\$7.41</u> \$10.00

# The Semi-Annual Billings are due in July 2013 and January 2014.

#### **Annual Membership Dues**

Year	International Du	ies	District Dues		<u>Total</u>
12-13	\$41.00	+	\$12.00	=	\$53.00
13-14	\$43.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$53.00

## Annual Family/Student Membership Dues

Year	International Due	es	District Dues		<u>Total</u>
12-13	\$20.50	+	\$12.00	=	\$32.50
13-14	\$21.50	+	\$10.00	=	\$31.50

MOTION: To receive the financial report as presented pending audit.

A question was raised from the floor as to the practice of holding two (2) years' worth of revenue into accounts. Treasurer LaBelle explained the money is used to manage the finances of the District. \$2.00 of each member's dues is applied to the District fund for this reason. Dues money is applied only to District expenses.

PDG Klop asked for an explanation of mileage reimbursement. Treasurer LaBelle explained this is money used to reimburse travel expenses if serving on a Cabinet Committee.

There was a request to call the motion.

**MOTION:** Lanaville, Munsell, to receive the Financial Report as presented pending audit. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## Liaison Report - Don Myers, PDG

Esther LaMothe's campaign to become our next International Director is going well but her IPID Gary Anderson has been dealing with the flooded areas of Grand Rapids, which have caused him to move his equipment to higher ground due to ever rising water.

According to her Campaign Manager, Gary Babcock, her expenses for seeking the position of International Director are in line with what is affordable, and they follow specific guidelines for publicity, handouts, and gratuities needed at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. The budget for her campaign was established and approved at the Council of Governors meeting

in October of 2012. Suggestions have been made and accepted in order for her to represent Michigan in a positive way clearing the path to the Directorship.

After stepping down as a candidate for International Director in South Korea last year, paved the way for her election in 2013. Michigan remains as a top choice for candidates because of our involvement in so many areas of importance to Lions. Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Michigan Eye Bank is enough to distinguish our state from all others.

# **GMT** - **PDG Don Myers**

On a monthly basis we receive a club Health Assessment Report for Single District 10. This report shows each clubs progress toward membership improvement or our failure to increase our membership on a regular basis.

In tracking our membership we find we are not on an upward movement, and we lose members overall at the rate of about 2 to 3 per month. Many of these are due to death but over 100 each year are members who have dropped out for one reason or another. This trend is one that all of us would like to see reversed.

Many of our clubs are very sound and some are weaker than we would like to see if we are to continue being a body of people willing to serve our fellow man. While membership as a whole for the United States continues to follow a downward pattern, Single District 10 could be a model for Michigan and a model for other states to follow if we would make sure our Lions of the UP are even more diligent in taking it upon themselves to ask a neighbor to be a part of the most significant service organization in the world.

We are all energized in our beliefs and the dedication of our membership to "Serve" and our jobs are to make sure our clubs continue to grow for the future. New generations of younger adults arrive on the scene every day, and are looking for an activity in which to become involved. Our programs do have a place for them and we need to continue our efforts to entice them into our grasp for the sake of our communities.

For the short time left in Governor Ruth Snyder's term, let's make a giant push to bring in just one more new member per club in the next two months, making her term even more eventful than the past 10 months. We had about 1690 members last Lions year, and wouldn't it be great to have over 1700 for this Lions year?

#### GLT -PDG Sara Doubledee

PDG Doubledee reported working with GMT to strengthen District needs. Teams from Western, Northern and Central Districts are needed to assist with training. A plea was sent to the membership via the newsletter in search of additional members to the leadership team, resulting in no response.

CEP Workshops: The goal is to strengthen the District as a whole, by conducting a Community Assessment to find out what the community thinks of the Lions, as well as a Club Assessment to see how Lions fee about their club, and then compare the results. PDG Sara offered to conduct a facilitator training to be held in Sault Ste. Marie. Choclay Township has stepped forward to start the CEP process.

There will be a Zone Chair training later today, and they are encouraged to attend and work with PDG Doubledee.

PDG Doubledee challenged all clubs in the district to get out and visit at least one other club which is located a minimum of 30-miles away.

# Northwoods Airline - PDG George Kelly

PDG Kelly reported they completed 98 missions out of 120 requests this past year. A single mission could cost between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00 apiece, and pilots donate their time to fly. They have a hanger with two (2) aircraft and eight (8) pilots on call. PDG Kelly asked that you strongly consider Northwood's Air Lifeline as your club allocates funds in the coming Lion year. They are a volunteer organization, proud to serve wherever they can.

#### All State Band -PDG Jenny Ware

The Lions All State Band started in 1978 when they first traveled to the International Convention, held in Japan. The incoming LCI President that year was Ralph Lynam, of St. Johns, Michigan.

Club donations to the All State Band go toward off-setting the expenses for the CEO, Band Director, EMT and Chaperones. This year, two (2) SD 10 students will attend the Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. They are Patricia Lemire of Escanaba, and Shania Miller, also of Escanaba. In all, 47 students are making the trip. Last years' low attendance for Busan, Korea, forced the cancellation of the 36th consecutive year of the All State Band's participation.

# Bay Cliff - Lion Kris Rowe/VDG Bill Rowe, Co-Chairs

Lion's donations to operations for 2013 is \$2,340. The Capital Campaign monies are at \$149,064.25

Lion's Day is Saturday July 20th, 2013

Tours of camp will begin at 11 a.m. Lunch is at 12:30 pm. A short presentation by teen campers will occur after the meal. It is an amazing experience. Please consider attending and bringing other members. Please RSVP to Kris Rowe 906-362-0202 if you plan on attending or email Kris at <a href="mailto:krowe@nmu.edu">krowe@nmu.edu</a>. Thank you for your continued support of Bay Cliff Health Camp.

# Project KidSight -PDG Jenny Ware

In 2011 the district was approved for the purchase for two new spot-screener cameras. Training of Lions on the use of this newer model is done with ease, allowing for more Lions to participate in vision screenings. Immediate reading results are printed out and handed to parents or make referrals to Eye Doctors. Follow-through by parents has been wonderful: PDG Jenny stated some parents have even sent thank-you notes for this service.

Many Lions and Club support Project KidSight screenings, and with the ease of the new cameras, demand has increased by the public to conduct screenings. Requests have come from area schools hosting Kindergarten Round-up, and Early Learning centers. This increase has created a new problem: demand for another camera. The cost has decreased to \$7,500.00. PDG Jenny will continue to train Lions and expand the program.

## USA-CANADA Forum -PDG Rose Olsen

The USA-CANADA Forum will be held the Overland, Kansas, September 19-21, 2013. The forum's mission is to develop leaders, to motivate and to provide an open exchange of ideas and to support programs and goals of Lions Club International.

Featured Guest Speakers:

#### Ed Hearn, Athlete

Our Thursday Evening Speaker, Ed Hearn fulfilled his childhood dream as a member of the World Champion New York Mets in 1986. The following year with the Kansas City Royals, he was set to make those big "million dollar bank deposits" today's professional athletes are accustomed to, when suddenly, a serious shoulder injury brought a premature end to a very promising and brilliant career.

Less than six months after his baseball career ended, he was diagnosed with three potentially life threatening health conditions. Once a strong, vibrant professional athlete, he was reduced to a man who could barely care for himself. Ed hung on, though, and used these physical challenges to make the most incredible comeback of his life.

# Dayna Steele, Serial Entrepreneur

Our Friday Luncheon Speaker, Dayna Steele is a success speaker, business author, serial entrepreneur, and a social media evangelist as well as a Hall of Fame radio personality, FastCompany.com Expert Perspective blogger, business advisor, and nationally recognized media personality. She is the author of 101 Ways to Rock Your World: Everyday Activities for Success Every Day and Rock to the Top: What I Learned about Success from the World's Greatest Rock Stars.

On a stage speaking to and inspiring people since she was a teenager, Dayna shows individuals and companies how to succeed using her Rock Star Principles of Success.

#### Patrick Henry Hughes, Musician, Student and Public Speaker

Our Saturday Evening Speaker/Performer, Patrick Henry Hughes is a remarkable young man who was born without eyes and without the ability to fully straighten his arms and legs, making him unable to walk. Additionally, two steel rods were surgically attached to Patrick's spine to correct scoliosis.

Despite circumstances that may seem overwhelming, Patrick has overcome these physical issues to excel as a musician, student, performer and public speaker. Patrick started playing the piano at the age of only nine months, and also plays the trumpet and sings. He even participated in the University of Louisville Marching Band for five seasons with help from his father, Patrick John Hughes, who tirelessly maneuvered his wheel chair through the formations with the other 220+ members of the Cardinal Marching Band.

# Constitution & By Laws - PDG Bill Whippen

In an effort to keep the membership informed of action to be taken at the Business Session of the SD 10 Convention, a copy of the proposed Resolution was sent to every club Secretary, to be shared with the Lions of SD 10. The intention was for clubs to have a discussion on this issue in advance of the convention, and come prepared to make a decision. A copy has been included in the Business Session packet, as well.

The need for this resolution is due to the discontinuance of the printed copy of the magazine now that we offer the less expensive electronic newsletter. There is a surplus in the budget of \$3,392.00 as a result of this change.

Resolution for the Single District 10 Convention at St. Ignace on April 26-28, 2013

Proposal to Eliminate the District Dues Assessment for the District 10 Magazine

WHEREAS District 10 currently collects \$2 per member for the publication and distribution of the print version of the Single District 10 Magazine to each Lion member in the District as part of the Annual Single District 10 Dues assessment, and

WHEREAS unspent monies from 2011-12 are currently held in the Magazine Fund, a

Restricted Fund subject to Convention consideration, and, in addition, no means
has been determined to return said funds to those individual payees, and

**WHEREAS** there is no longer a print version of the Single District 10 Magazine or other kind of individual communication available to individual District 10 members, and

**WHEREAS** there no longer exists a legitimate reason for SD-10 to collect that \$2 from each member, and

**WHEREAS** according to our Bylaws and past practice, Single District 10 dues are established only at the Annual Single District 10 Convention,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Annual Single District Dues per member assessment be reduced from \$12 to the amount of \$10 per member, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the unspent funds in the restricted fund known as the District 10 Magazine Fund remain in that fund until provided for by future action by a Single District 10 Convention.

Submitted by the Constitution and ByLaws Committee:

**Co-Chairs:** 

Bill Whippen Bernadette Haeusler Sara Doubledee Dayna King PDG Whippen asked that those in favor of the Resolution to reduce annual dues from \$12.00 to \$10.00 signify by saying "I."

It was brought to the attention of PDG Whippen that a motion was not made. PDG Whippen requested a motion.

MOTION: Dembowski, (Marquette) Valenti (Tri Town) to reduce the dues amount from \$12.00 per year to \$10.00 per year.

Lion Bob Beeker, Manistique Lake objected and was asked to come forward and address the assembly. He stated that his club reviewed the Resolution and would like to propose we retain the \$12.00 and use that extra \$2.00 to create a district-wide advertising campaign.

Lion John Stand, Rock LC, stated that the proposal was to decide what to do with the \$3,392.00 in the magazine fund at a later time, and he feels it should be done at said time. Right now the motion is to reduce the dues from \$12.00/year to \$10.00/year.

Lion Bill Munsell referred back to a comment made earlier regarding the budget, and the fact that we carry 2 ½ times more money than needed in the budget. We should utilize the funds we have to address the projects not addressed in the past, much like we are addressing the need for a third camera for Project KidSight.

## PDG Whippen asked:

Those in favor of the Resolution to reduce the dues from \$12.00 to \$10.00 per member, dispose of the balance at a future convention, signify your approval by a show of hands. **Motion carried** by an overwhelming majority.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS -PDG Bill Whippen**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Jerry Stephens has received the nomination for District Governor. DGE Stephens has been a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club since 2003, has attended the Senior Leadership Institute program in Oak Brook, IL, and is prepared to serve the membership of SD 10.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor William Rowe has received the nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governor, SD 10. VDG Bill became a Lion in 1976 and is currently a member of the Gwinn Lions Club; Co-Chair of Bay Cliff. VDG Bill has completed his term as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and has attended leadership training in Oakbrook, IL, at LCI Headquarters.

Lion Tom Lanaville has served on the Lions of Michigan Foundation Board of Directors and has been nominated as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-District Governor. Lion Tom has been a Lion for 23 years and is a member of Bark River Lions Club. Lionism runs in the family, beginning with his dad, a 35-year Lion, his wife, Jean, is club president, their son is the youngest member in the club and their daughter is a Leo. All requirements have been met to become the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-District Governor for SD 10.

PDG Whippen asked if there were any nominations from the floor three (3) times, as outlined in the Rules of the Convention. Seeing none, Nominations Chair Whippen made the motion to close the nominations.

Nomination for Officer for Trustee of the Lions of Michigan Foundation: PDG Duane Goltz has been nominated and highly qualified to hold the office of Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

MOTION: Lion Chuck; Klopp, moved to close the nominations for the Office of Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

PDG Whippen, seeing no new nominations from the floor after asking three (3) times, as outlined in the Rules of the Convention, closed the nominations for LMF Trustee.

MOTION: PDG Larry Klaus, Chocolay Township, Lion Kent, Munising, to suspend the Rules of Voting by use of written ballot. Voting to be determined by acclamation of show of hands. Motion carried.

By a show of hands, the delegates of SD 10 unanimously elected the 2013-2014 District Governor, Jerry Stephens; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, William Rowe; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Tom Lanaville.

By a show of hands, the delegates of SD 10 elected PDG Duane Goltz, Officer for Trustee by an overwhelming majority for the 2013-2014 Lions year.

Presentation of badges was performed by PDG Don Meyers. District Governor Elect Jerry Stephens, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect William Rowe, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect Tom Lanaville were elected and presented with the official LCI crest.

#### **BUDGET PROPOSAL**

MOTION: Whippen, Lindelman, to receive the financial report and proposed budget, based on 1,675 members. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION: Carrier, Loretto, to authorize Single District 10 spends up to \$7,500 toward a new camera for use of Project KidSight screenings.

Discussion: PDG Rowe asked if there was insurance coverage on the current cameras. PDG Ware stated the coverage is provided by Project KidSight. PDG Bill Suggested the purchase of a case.

Lion Lois reported recent problems with the camera at a screening. Due to a malfunction, they were unable to provide screening and cautioned that the camera is not 100% fool-proof.

PDG Ware stated she has been made aware of the malfunctioning camera and has sent it back to the company for repair. The camera is still under warranty, and PDG also stated after 14 months of use, this was the first reported malfunction.

Lion Bill McLaughlin, Manistique Lakes, reported on difficulty in obtaining a camera for use. Numerous communications were sent in his quest to obtain a camera for screening, to no avail. He questioned the need for future screenings due to changes within the State of Michigan, and suggested the screenings may not be in demand once the changes go into effect. PDG Ware reported the State provides Kindergarten screenings only. Our target is primarily the 1 year-old to 5 year-old age group.

#### **POSITIVE SUCCESS STORIES:**

PDG Klaus reported a past problem during a screening. He contacted the company who walked him through the problem, and the screening continued with good results. They were able to detect a vision problem with a young child and were able to refer him for follow-up care.

Lion Peggy Lindeman report she has had excellent results using both the old and new cameras. The new camera is easy to work and offers immediate results. She strongly encouraged the purchase of an additional camera.

DG Ruth Snyder reported the Munising Club provides all screenings in school in place of the health department, due to their excellent screening record.

PDG Ware reported the cameras we own all have warranty insurance and free updates. Glitches from the camera in 2012 were resolved when we received a replacement camera.

MOTION: Miller, Kish, to authorize spending up to \$7,500.00 on the purchase of a third camera for Project KidSight screenings. Motion carried.

PKS will become an "official" committee with a line item included in the budget.

**Future Single District 10 Convention Proposals:** Lion Paul Peterson Houghton Lions Club and Chassell Lions Club will co-host the SD 10 Convention in 2014. Activities will be held at the Houghton Magnuson Center, Franklin Square Inn. Date, April 25-27, 2014. Tours of MI Tech University will be offered.

Lion Munsell reported the 2015 SD 10 Convention dates are conflicting with LSSU graduation weekend and we have been asked hold off on determining the date and to consider the following: April 24-27, 2015; May 8-10, 2015, and May 15-18, 2015.

Discussion followed regarding conflicts with the Multiple District conventions downstate and the MD 11 State Convention which will be held the last weekend in May. PDG Whippen also stated there is an amendment to the By Laws which precludes the scheduling of a convention on Mother's Day weekend.

MOTION: Munsell, 2015 SD 10 Convention to be held in Sault Ste. Marie, MI., to be held April 24-26, 2015. Motion failed due to lack of support.

MOTION, Pudvin, Klaus, proposed the 2016 SD 10 Convention be held at the Island Resort & Casino. Motion carried.

The 2013 Planning Committee was praised for their fine work on organizing this years' convention: Chair, Tracy Movalson and St. Ignace, Le Chenaux, and Pickford Lions Club.

District Governor-Elect Jerry Stephens took a moment to thank the Lions of SD 10 for their support of him as District Governor. He has spent the past two years training through LCI, who have invested time, effort and money into preparing him for this leadership role. He also congratulated 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Bill Rowe, and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Tom Lanaville on their elections, and looks forward to serving together with them. DGE Jerry will focus on making improvements district-wide, including strengthening PKS efforts with a new camera and working with club secretaries on collecting email addresses so the newsletter can reach as many club members as possible.

Governor Snyder reported the Tail Twister money collected totaled \$199.53, and will be donated to the Marquette Children's Museum Eye & Ear Project.

Governor Snyder asked for a final word for the good of the order. Lion Benny O'Neil announced the Powers-Spaulding Club will celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 2, with Immediate Past International Director Gary Anderson, Grand Rapids, MI, booked as the speaker.

Ishpeming has partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and are inviting businesses to sponsor a member into a Lions Club.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Tom Lanaville thanked the delegates for the support, and he looks forward to working with the team of DG and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG. It takes all of you as well to give a helping hand to all in the communities we serve.

1st VDG-E Bill Rowe expressed his thanks for the continued support.

Motion: Lanaville, Goltz, to support the proposed 2013-2014 Budget based on 1,675 members. Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Awards Luncheon: A welcome was given by the Mayor Pro-Tem of St. Ignace, Lion William LaLonde. Lion Bill has been a member for 12 years and welcomed the Lions of SD 10 to St. Ignace, encouraging all to enjoy the city and make a return visit soon.

Special guests included PID Peter Cerniglia and his wife, Lion Joann; Endorsed Candidate for International Director, Esther LaMothe, MD 11 A-2, PDG Gary Babcock and Lion Linda Babcock, MD-11 B1, Mike Dengate, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Wendy Burns, Executive Director, Lions of Michigan.

Lion Mike Dengate recognized PDG Jack Holzworth for his commitment to serving as Leader Dog Chair for 10 years. 1st Vice District Governor Elect Bill Rowe presented PDG Jack Holzworth with this very deserving award.

Club Secretary Awards were given to many clubs in recognition of the work they do. As 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Rowe so aptly stated, Club Secretaries are the backbone of any organization and thanked the Lions who have served in this capacity over the past year.

#### Other Awards Presented:

Community Cultural & Activity Banner Patch
Peace Poster Contest Patch
Club Retention – Drummond Island
Transportation of Used Eyeglasses – Lion Mike Kobasic
District-wide Poster Contest Winner- Joe Bukowski
Sight & Diabetes Award
Diabetes Education Award
Service Award for Children's Opportunities
Greatest Amount of Club Growth – Germfask-Seney – received a traveling award for raising membership by 50%.

PDG Gary Babcock introduced Candidate for International Director, Esther LaMothe. After highlighting PCC Esther's credentials and awards, quoting Walt Disney seemed most appropriate: "All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."

PCC Esther spoke of her campaign, explaining she was asked to step down in Busan, which was expected due to having an International Director, Gary Anderson, already serving. She is on the ballot in Hamburg, and looks forward to serving the Lions of the World as an International Director. Governor Ruth presented PCC Esther with a gift basket of homemade UP treats to enjoy.

MOTION: Wash, Doubldee, to support endorsed candidate for International Director, PCC Esther LaMothe. Motion carried.

PID Cerniglia expressed to the assembly what a great candidate we have chosen in PCC LaMothe and that she will be an excellent asset to the LCI Board of Directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

#### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

The following workshops and breakout sessions were offered:

Officer Training Membership
Certified Guiding Lion Leo Club
Zone Chair Training Leader Dog

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## **SATURDAY AWARDS BANQUET:**

Numerous awards were presented to very hard-working and deserving Lions. The Ralph Sheehan Award was established in 1979 and was presented this year to PDG Don Wojakowski.

SD 10 Distinguished Service Award was presented by Governor Ruth Snyder to Chocolay Lion, Pete LaRue. This is the highest service award the District Governor can present to a Lion in SD 10.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tom Lanaville, Lion of Michigan Foundation Trustee, recognized PCC Bill Whippen as this years' "Hall of Fame" winner, which is an award presented by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The Hall of Fame dinner and awards presentation will take place in West Branch, MI, on July 20, 2013.

A Melvin Jones Fellow was awarded to 1st Vice District Governor William Rowe.

Lion Bill Munsell received the LCI Presidential Award, the second highest award presented by LCI.

Guest speaker, PID Peter Cerniglia, addressed the assembly and spoke of his passion for Lions, dating back to his late teens. One of his favorite Lion projects is the eye screening program. Had he been screened as a young child, a corrective procedure could have solved his undiagnosed vision problem which was not discovered until his young adult life. Not only did this impair his ability to learn, but it prevented him from excelling as a baseball player. He overcame these obstacles and has enjoyed to this day his service to Lions International as a Past International Director.

Governor Ruth had the following closing remarks, after special thanks to husband, Lion Duke, and to PDG Sara Doubledee:

"We will continue renewing, reconnecting and rejoicing about the largest service club in the world. Stand tall, stand proud: You are a member of the world's best service organization!"

## **SUNDAY NECROLOGY SERVICE:**

The service was conducted by PDG Don Myers, who gave a beautiful tribute to all of the Lions who have passed away during the year. Lion Wayne Foot opened the ceremony with "Amazing Grace." PDG Myers ended with a prayer, stating "we go nowhere by accident...God puts us there..."

The Crystal Falls Lions Club had six members in attendance, making them the winner of the club attending from the longest distance, 211 miles one-way.

The 91st SD 10 Convention came to a close at 11:00 a.m.