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SINGLE DISTRICT 10 - LIONS OF MICHIGAN
ISHPEMING, MICHIGAN
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**MIX & MEET
April 15, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
Country Village Banquet & Conference Center, Ishpeming, Michigan**

The Mix and Meet featured hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Entertainment was provided by Bordertown. Governor Gary Klop completed his "Hairy Gary" fundraiser by shaving off his hair and beard.



**GENERAL SESSION
April 16, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.
Cinema 5, Ishpeming, Michigan**

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by District Governor Gary Klop. 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 47 delegates and 14 Past District Governors present.

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. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Two resolutions were added to the proposed agenda.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

The Lions of Michigan Single District 10 checking account began the 2010-11 fiscal year with a balance of \$42,351.86 on July 1, 2010. The total income for the fiscal year was \$27,190.89 with disbursements totaling \$19,747.08, leaving a balance of \$49,795.67 as of April 7, 2011.

There is currently one Lions Club (Chippewa) that has not paid their 2nd half 2010-11 District and State dues, for outstanding receipts of \$72.00.

The Single District 10 Cabinet made five donations totaling \$1,380.25. The donations were made to the following organizations:

1 st Cabinet Meeting Fines	Diabetes Outreach	\$34.00
2 nd Cabinet Meeting Fines	Teaching Family Homes	22.25
3 rd Cabinet Meeting Fines	Bay Cliff Health Camp	24.00
Budgeted Donation	Lions Leadership Institute	300.00
Requested Donation	Lions of Michigan Service Foundation	1,000.00

The Hearing and Speech Restricted Account began the fiscal year 2010-11 with a balance of \$3,144.40; an additional \$1,130.00 has been received from 12 Lions Clubs, and interest totaling \$1.36, leaving a balance as of April 7, 2011 of \$4,275.76.

Hearing & Speech Donation Summary

Lions Club	Amount	Lions Club	Amount
Bark River	\$100	Les Cheneaux	\$100
Brampton-Days River	\$ 30	Manistique Lakes	\$100
Daggett	\$ 50	Munising	\$ 25
Drummond Island	\$100	Rapid River	\$100
Iron Mountain	\$ 25	Sault Ste Marie	\$100
Kinross	\$200	Stephenson	\$200

The Mints Distribution and Sales Restricted Account began the fiscal year 2010-11 with a balance of \$3,231.77. An additional \$602.60 has been added to the account this fiscal year, along with \$1.27 in interest. One disbursement for \$1,000 has been made this year, leaving a current balance of \$2,835.64 as of April 3, 2011. These funds are received for warehousing and distribution of Lion Mints and 5% gross sales of the mints.

Single District 10 Assets:

District Checking Account	\$49,677.53
Hearing & Speech Restricted Account	4,275.76
Mints Distribution & Sales Restricted Account	<u>2,835.64</u>
Total Assets as of April 23, 2010	\$56,788.93

Roy Payment, CPA, of Escanaba, Michigan completed the annual Federal Tax preparation for Single District 10's 2009-10 fiscal year in September 2010. The tax forms have been signed and submitted to the Federal Government.

An audit of Single District 10's financial records were completed for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 fiscal years, as well as the first half of 2010-11, on January 8, 2011 by auditor Alfred LeMaire.

The Cabinet Treasurer has been authorized to invest \$20,000 in Certificates of Deposit; however, current rates (April 7, 2011) continue to be low. A CD of \$20,000 will be purchased at the Northern Menominee County Credit Union as soon as all of the necessary paperwork is arranged.

Bank	6 Mos.	9 Mos.	12 Mos.	Min. Deposit
Northern Menominee Co. Credit Union	1.14	--	1.30	\$2,500
Northern Mich. Bank & Trust	0.50	0.75	1.00	\$1,000
Upper Peninsula State Bank	.060	--	0.90	\$500
Wells Fargo	.010	--	0.15	\$2,500

The membership dues for the state and the district will remain the same for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The International dues may be increasing \$2/year for 2011-12 and 2012-13, based on the results of the

voting at this year's International Convention. A breakdown of the dues structure is provided below. 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 1736 as of April 7, 2011, down 20 members for the year. District 10 has added 90 new members this year, however we have lost 110 members; 19 deceased and 91 dropped. 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 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	<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	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)*

Approximately \$4,200 has been raised over the past two years by Governor Gary Klop through his hair fundraiser. Those funds will be deposited in a restricted account.

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

PROPOSED BUDGET – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

The proposed budget for 2011-12 was reviewed with the Cabinet during their meeting on Friday. The proposed budget is \$27,030.00. Lions International has replaced the MERL program with GMT/GLT. The cost of the new program is not yet known. Sara Doubledee and Don Myers will serve as SD 10’s Coordinators for GMT/GLT.

MOTION – Kelly, Goltz, to approve the proposed budget. Motion carried.

BY-LAWS REPORT – Bill Whippen, PDG, Chairman

There are no amendments to the By-Laws this year. However, the delegates were asked to act upon a resolution confirming action taken by the Cabinet at their meeting in Munising on October 9, 2010.

WHEREAS, Michigan Lions have a sitting International Director, and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International will not allow two International Directors from the same state, even though from a different district, serving simultaneously, and

WHEREAS, supporting a candidate for International Director would be a waste of financial resources set aside for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the already strained relationship between Districts 10 and 11 could only be worsened, and

WHEREAS, the District 10 Cabinet at their meeting in Munising approved the recommendation of the Governor’s Advisory Committee that District 10 should not support a candidate from District 10 for Lions International Board of Directors at the 2011 Lions International Convention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that District 10 will not support a candidate for Lions International Board of Directors until the 2013 Convention.

MOTION – Whippen, Lanaville, to approve the resolution. Motion carried (one opposing vote).

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

All State Band Report – Jenny Ware, PDG

It has been my honor and pleasure to be the District Chair for the Lions of Michigan All State Band this past Lionistic year. It is always exciting for me to talk about and educate Lions and non-Lions on

this wonderful project that we jointly support with our fellow Lions from MD 11, which encompasses all of the Lower Peninsula. The difficult part of this appointment is getting high school band directors, band students, band parents and Lions as excited. Our current band membership is below 50 students, none of which is from the Upper Peninsula. This is down from 99 students, with 10 from the U.P., just 10 years ago.

When the All State Band travels to the Lions International Convention in Seattle, Washington this July, it will continue to be the longest-running All State Band attending the convention in the world. As you may recall, the band was formed in 1979 when our own Lion Ralph Lynam from Michigan went in as International President. Please help me spread the word to all high school students that you know. There is still time to get students signed up for this trip.

The following donations were sent directly to me. If your club sent a donation to the Lions of Michigan State Office in Lansing, I do not have it in my records.

Daggett	\$ 50	Negaunee	\$100
Drummond Island	125	Powers/Spalding	50
Gwinn	50	Sugar Island	75
Iron Mtn/Kingsford	100	Rudyard	200
Manistique Lakes	50	Bark River	250

Thank you for your time, support and ongoing donations to this wonderful project!

Project Kidsight Report – Jenny Ware, PDG

Project Kidsight is a screening process for children aged 1-5 that started in our district in 2005. Since October of 2005, we have screened 2,701 children at no cost to the parents. Of those children, 61 have been referred for further testing by an eye doctor. We do not receive the results of the testing, but parents have written or called us to express their thanks. Their children needed glasses to help them see better, which means they will be more successful in life.

Currently we are using an MTI Photoscreener camera. This instamatic camera requires that two pictures be taken. The photos are allowed 20 seconds to develop. The photos, along with a consent form from the parent, are sent to an eye doctor to be read and findings are sent to our Executive Director; then the results of the reading are then sent to the parents. Yes, this is a lengthy process that we try to accomplish within four weeks. It costs the sponsoring Lions Club \$3 per child, along with the district buying the film at \$1.25 per picture.

I have great news! The digital era of photoscreening has arrived. The Pedia Vision camera is the new digital model that the Project Kidsight Committee would like to introduce to all of you this weekend. It takes a refractory photo of the child within one second. In that one second, it takes 18 photos and provides an instant result on the screen! These results can then be printed and handed to the parent. No more waiting up to four weeks!

As with all improvements, there is a cost. Total cost of the camera, monitor and keyboard is \$10,000. The committee has seed money of \$2,500 received via a grant from the Hannahville Indian Reservation. We also plan to seek other grants throughout the district. Lions Clubs and members are also welcome to donate to the cost of this new camera.

The following Project Kidsight donations were received in 2010-11:

Bark River	\$250	Daggett	\$50
Days River	25	Drummond Island	200
Gwinn	25	Gwinn Kaleidoscope	50
Iron Mtn- Kingsford	100	Ishpeming Kaleidoscope	33.50
Manistique Lakes	150	Munising	200
Negaunee	33.50	Rapid River	100
Sault Ste Marie	69		

These donations do not reflect checks that were sent directly to the Project Kidsight Office.

A question was raised from the audience concerning the possibility of doing away with Project Kidsight’s corporate office because there is no longer a need for them to “read” photos or provide film. Results are provided instantly, but it is up to the parent to follow up. PDG Ware stated that discussion on this subject is ongoing. The Executive Director would like to have clubs and districts continue to report results to her so she can gather statistics and provide additional follow-up.

PDG Jenny would like to have SD 10 purchase one new camera. In addition to the seed money from Hannahville, she will look into the possibility of getting matching grant funds from LCIF. PDG Bob St. Peter will talk to Kewadin Casino about providing additional funding. Use of the three old MTI Photoscreeners will continue until more of the new cameras can be purchased.

A question was raised from the audience about the possibility of using district resources to cover any shortfall in funds. It was further recommended that a time limit be established for obtaining outside funding sources.

MOTION – Munsell, Klaus, to authorize the purchase of two Pedia Vision cameras and to authorize the Cabinet, at the changeover meeting, to use district funds to make up the difference between the cost and the amount raised from outside resources. Motion carried.

Bay Cliff Report – Kris and William Rowe

Bay Cliff is applying for a \$75,000 standard grant from LCIF. The application form has to be filed by April 29, 2011.

MOTION – Rowe, Whippen, to certify the grant application on behalf of SD 10. Motion carried.

To date, \$132,000 has been raised toward the \$400,000 pledge from the SD 10 Lions. Lions Day at Bay Cliff is scheduled on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

PDG George Kelly presented two boxes of games for handicapped children, and the Munising Lions Club presented a check to Bay Cliff.

Membership Report – Larry Klaus, PDG

As of July 1, 2010, membership in SD 10 was 1,756. Between that date and April 15, 2011, the clubs in SD 10 recruited 87 new Lions. As of April 15, 22 Lions have died and 93 have been dropped from

membership. That makes total membership 28 less than it was at the beginning of the fiscal year. There is still time to improve.

Something that makes me think a little is the fact that 38 Lions resigned in good standing. That's almost 25%. If we could just keep those Lions who resigned in good standing, there would be an increase of 10 members instead of a loss of 28 members so far this year.

Let's think about that. We can't stop Lions from passing away. We can, however, take a good look at how we conduct our meetings and how we involve all our club members. That could put a big dent in those "resigned in good standing" figures.

I know I am preaching to the choir when I speak to the SD 10 Cabinet and the convention delegates, but the choir is listening. We have all heard for years, get new members, get new members. Think about what you, as a leader in the district and in your club, have done to make your club meetings more interesting and fun and your fundraisers less work and more enjoyable. Our biggest problem is retention. What have you done to help?

Keep recruiting, but make sure people know what Lions are all about before they join.

Northwoods Air Lifeline Report – 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.

This past year, NWALL flew a total of 138 missions in 95 flights. They also had 33 cancellations, and 54 people they could not help. It depends on the availability of the aircraft and the weather. They also work with similar organizations (such as Angel Flights) in other parts of the country. Keep in mind, there are two requirements for patients to fly with NWALL: They must have their doctor's permission to fly, and they must have an appointment with a doctor in the city where they are going.

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.

Five years ago, NWALL had a very successful fundraiser and purchased two used aircraft, a Sinca 3 twin engine and a Beach Bonanza. These aircraft are kept on alert in the hangar and are ready for use when needed. The average mission costs between \$200 and \$300 per hour. Your support helps to pay for the cost of these missions. The families that NWALL has helped are very appreciative, as seen by the letters and cards received.

The demand on clubs for donations is great, and NWALL appreciates any help you can give. This past year, 23 clubs donated. Any amount you club can send will help them continue the program that Lion Bob Larson started in 1988.

Youth Programs/Leo Clubs – Bruce LaBelle

A new Leo Club has been organized with 54 members in the Bark River-Harris Schools. Work continues on new Leo Clubs in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace. Information on how to organize a Leo Club is available online.

Lions-Quest grants are available to clubs to bring the program into local schools.

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, James Wash from the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club; for 1st VDG, Ruth Snyder from the Munising Lions Club; for 2nd VDG, Jerry Stephens from the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club. For the 2-year position as Trustee of the Michigan Lions Foundation, there is one candidate, Duane Goltz from the Drummond Island Lions Club. The call for nominations from the floor was repeated three times, and there were no additional nominations from the floor.

CONVENTION BIDS

One hundred rooms have been blocked on April 27-29 at the Island Resort Casino and Convention Center near Bark River for the 2012 convention.

Bill Kish from the Les Cheneaux Lions Club presented a bid on behalf of several area Lions Clubs to hold the 2013 SD 10 Convention at the casino in St. Ignace on May 3-5.

MOTION – Miller, Potvin, to approve the bid for the 2013 convention from the Les Cheneaux, Pickford and St. Ignace Lions. Motion carried.

ELECTION RESULTS – Bill Whippen, PDG

James Wash was elected District Governor for 2011-2012, Ruth Snyder was elected 1st Vice District Governor, and Jerry Stephens was elected 2nd Vice District Governor. Duane Goltz was elected to a 2-year term as Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

MOTION – Miller, Nichlas, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS -

A Resolution to Approve Funds to Pay for a Stone Marker for a Lions Monument

WHEREAS, a plaque was presented to the Lions of the United States by the Lions of Canada and was dedicated on February 8, 1950, and

WHEREAS, the wording on the plaque is as follows:

Eternally linked through Lionism by a bond of international fellowship as infinite as the universe and as everlasting as time itself, the Lions of the Dominion of Canada dedicate

this monument to the Lions of the United States of America as a symbol of good will and mutual understanding among all nations, and

WHEREAS, the plaque, placed near the site of the old ferry landing was removed from there when the International Bridge was constructed, and

WHEREAS, a relocation and rededication is planned for the plaque, and

WHEREAS, a suitable stone marker is needed for the plaque to be attached to, and

WHEREAS, the Lions of the Canadian district will pay for half the cost of the marker, and

WHEREAS, the total cost is expected to not exceed \$2,000 US.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lions of District 10 request that a sum, not to exceed \$1,000, shall be taken from the Reserved Fund to pay for the District 10 share.

PDG Bill Whippen pointed out that the new marker will be placed near the Soo Locks on the grounds of the old Federal Building. PDG Bob St. Peter will provide the materials for the granite monument.

MOTION – Potvin, Miller, to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Lion Art Anderson expressed thanks to Bruce LaBelle for providing detailed financial reports for the business session.

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



AWARDS LUNCHEON
April 16, 2011 – 12:00 noon
Country Village Banquet & Conference Center, Ishpeming, Michigan

The Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon was Dr. JoAnn Manty, President of the Ishpeming Tri-Township Lions Club. Jered Ottenwess, City Manager of Ishpeming, welcomed the Lions and presented opening remarks. Pauline Ulrey, Leader Dog Field Representative, was the luncheon speaker.

Governor Gary Klop recognized first-time convention attendees with pins. He announced that his Hairy Gary fundraiser produced \$4,200.50. PDG Don Wojakowski presented checks to NWALL and Bay Cliff from the Menominee Lions Club. Club Secretary Awards were presented to Marquette, Champion, Dafter, Drummond Island, Escanaba, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Ishpeming, Lake Linden-Hubbell, Munising, Perkins, Rapid River, Republic, Rudyard, Sugar Island, Ishpeming Tri-Township, and Vulcan-Norway-Loretto. Recognition was given to Zone Chairs Ed Vinoski, Louis Berg, Don Connors, Debby Bengry, Jim Wash, Winifred Sanville, William Rowe, Al LeMaire, Stan Kennedy and Bill Munsell.

Special recognition was given to Cabinet Secretary Tom Lanaville and Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle. Governor Klop honored several Lions for encouragement and assistance given to him:

Lions Mike Kobasic, Joe Baczkowski, Art Anderson, and Bill Kish, and PDGs Larry Klaus, Jenny Ware, Sara Doubledee, and Bob Miller.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Several workshops were presented on Saturday afternoon. A Leader Dog presentation was conducted by Pauline Ulrey, Leader Dog Field Representative. Sessions were also presented on Secretary/Treasurer Orientation, Club President Orientation, and Zone Chair Orientation.



GOVERNORS BANQUET

April 16, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Country Village Banquet & Conference Center, Ishpeming, Michigan

Past International Director Dennis Cobler from Muskegon, Michigan was the featured speaker. He is an optometrist and has been a member of the Muskegon Northside Lions Club since 1980. He is currently serving as Global Service Ambassador for Lions Clubs International. This year's International President, Sid Scruggs, is emphasizing "service." Through LCIF, Lions provide disaster relief and service around the world. "LCIF belongs to the members. We are the troops on the ground. Our job is to be Lions. We must dare to fail, and then work hard so we don't."

International President's Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Lion William Rowe, Zone Chair Debby Bengry, and PDG Don Wojakowski. A Peace Poster plaque was presented to the Negaunee Lions Club in honor of Kaitlyn Johnson, this year's winner of the Peace Poster Contest.

Jean Wojakowski was recognized for baking cakes for the hospitality room. A series of Upper Peninsula Lions pins was presented to PID Dennis Cobler. The Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Lion Al LeMaire. Blazer patches were presented to Governor-Elect Jim Wash and 1st VDG-Elect Ruth Snyder. A gavel was also given to DGE Jim Wash.

The district's highest recognition, the Ralph Sheehan Award, was presented to Lion Joe Baczkowski from the Marquette Lions Club.



NECROLOGY & BRUNCH

April 17, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

St. Johns Church, KD Hall, Ishpeming, Michigan

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

District Governor-Elect Gary Klop addressed the group, expressing thanks for the support he received during the year.

The convention's Traveling Trophy was claimed by the Heart of the North 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 Lions who planned and hosted the convention.