

District 10 Lions News

July, 2025

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Lion's New Year Edition

July 1st starts our new year! Our District Governor is Colleen Maki from the Bay De Noc Club, 1VDG is Gary Peralá from the Marquette Arts, Music, and Wellness Lions Club, and our 2VDG is Powers-Spalding Lion, Chris LeBoeuf. We look forward to serving with you this Lions year! Special thanks to District Treasurer Lion Mike Smock from the Negaunee Lions and Gwinn Lion Peggy Lindamen for continuing their roles for another year. Huge thanks go out to Gwinn Lions PDG Bill and Lion Lee Rowe for their service as our Global Membership Team. and PDG Bill and Lion Kris Patterson as. district chairs for Bay Cliff Health Camp. As you step back from your Lions leadership positions to make room for new leadership to serve, please know how much we appreciate your service!

Our summer is filled with Lions service and fund-raising projects. In this edition you will have the opportunity to connect with Project Kid Sight vision screening projects at both the Marquette County and U.P. State Fairs. Please organize your club to take a shift or for individual Lions to volunteer in these service opportunities. Speaking of service...with the new year, comes the need to report your service projects through the lionsclubs.org portal. Every hour of service counts!

Please see the article where Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay has made a plea for D-10 Lions to raise funds for two new lawn mowers. We need every club to contribute to our district lawn mower fund-raising project for Bay Cliff.

The Tour Duh Yoop cyclists will soon begin their fund-raising and childhood cancer awareness journey through the Upper Peninsula. Please support them by serving at a hydration station, by providing an end of the day meal or breakfast, or raise a ruckus as they go through your town. We welcome the Marquette Arts, Music, and Wellness Lions Club to our district. Join them for their Charter Night celebration in Marquette in the NMU Ballroom on July 22 from 5:30 to 8 pm. You will find an RSVP link in this edition.

We have a new webmaster who will be updating our website and publishing our future newsletters. Stay tuned for more information!



DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLLEEN MAKI

Welcome to Lions Year 2025–2026!

As of July 1, Single District 10 is officially **104 years strong**, with **48 Lions Clubs** and **3 Leo Clubs**. We have much to be proud of — and just as many opportunities to grow.

Someone recently shared a thought-provoking quote with me:

“Traditions are peer pressure from dead people.”

I’m not sure I agree 100%. Lions are an organization rich in tradition — and rightly so. Many of our traditions deserve to be respected and honored. Others, however, should be re-evaluated to ensure they remain relevant to our ever-changing cultures and communities.

As we begin a new Lions year — with new members on the District Leadership Team and at the club level — I encourage all of us to make decisions **not solely based on tradition**.

I applaud the new **Marquette Arts & Music Wellness Lions Club**, which exemplifies this mindset by providing service through its members’ unique talents and passions, and sharing those with new audiences!

At the recent *Mission 1.5 Membership Summit* in Las Vegas, GET/GMT Scott and I were reminded once again that our district remains quite “traditional.” Among 650 attendees from Constitutional Area 1, we learned about many exciting new club models, including **Specialty Clubs** and **Branch Clubs**. These types of clubs are formed by groups of Lions who share a single focus — but with the same heart and spirit to serve, and to support Lions International causes.

For example, we heard about a Lions Club dedicated to combatting human trafficking; another that knits blankets and hats for children with cancer; and several others focused exclusively on feeding their communities. These are current District endorsed focuses but have we considered them being individual Lions Clubs in the UP?

Our “traditional” clubs sometimes struggle to attract younger members who are driven by a particular passion or cause. Instead of trying to fit them into existing clubs, let’s consider creating Specialty or Branch Clubs that give like-minded individuals a chance to serve together — while leveraging the trusted **Lions brand**, with its long tradition of confidence and integrity.

Together, let’s honor our proud Lions and Single District 10 history — and build an even brighter future.

Yours in Service,
District Governor Colleen Maki



Help Wanted Service Opportunities

When: Thursday, August 7-Friday, August 8th and/or Saturday, August 9th

Time: Shifts available from 9:30am-6PM

What: Project Kid Sight at the Marquette County Fair

Who: Experienced vision screeners, those interested in being trained on the equipment, and Lions to help with the paperwork.

To Sign Up Contact: Peggy Lindemann

When: TUESDAY, August 12-SUNDAY, August 17

Time: Shifts available 10:00am - 2:30pm and 2:30pm - 7:00pm

What: Project Kid Sight at the UP State Fair

Who: Experienced vision screeners, those interested in being trained on the equipment, and Lions to help with the paperwork. Need 1 camera operator and 3-4 other volunteers per shift.

To Sign Up Contact: Colleen Maki 906-280-4365 or Rose Potvin 906-280-0811



Dear Charter Members, Community Partners, and Friends,

The Marquette Arts & Music Wellness Lions Club (MAMWLC) is officially launching — and you're invited to help us celebrate!

🎵 **Charter Celebration Event**

📍 *The Northern Center, NMU*



📅 17 Tuesday, July 22nd

🕒 5:30–8:00 PM

🍷 Cash Bar | 🍴 Hors d'oeuvres Provided

Join us for an evening of music, art, connection, and purpose. We'll share our mission to bring healing through the arts, hear from local performers, and build momentum for what's next.

- 🎤 A short program will highlight our vision
- 🎵 Enjoy performances by MAMWLC club members
- 👉 Time to mingle, connect, and celebrate together

Please RSVP by July 15 using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/dCTV5Kc7LaNWSpUz5>

Northwoods Air LifeLine

NWALL pilots and members meet every other month, usually at one of the hangars. This month it was in Escanaba at President Adam Lambert's hangar. A couple pilots who are not currently flying for NWALL were invited and introduced to what NWALL is all about. They are interested, and may be flying for NWALL in the future.

After several years as the NWALL representative for the District, I will step down in September when Lions Ron and Carol Henriksen from Norway will take over. They are also supporters and part of the Lions Childhood Cancer group. They will bring info of both, a great combination

I have been privileged, along with PDG Bill, to attend meetings and bring support to NWALL. The group of pilots is amazing, kind, and caring. They give up their time, and often flying their own planes, to help those who need flights out of the UP for medical purposes. Please support them in every way you can. Pilots are willing to attend meetings and offer information. Loretto, Norway, Vulcan will host a couple in August, Gwinn will host Doug in September.

So far this year, Lions have donated \$2,750 to NWALL

Lion Lee



Membership, Lions year 2024-2025

At the end of the past Lions year, there are currently 48 clubs, with one new. 159 members added, 144 lost with a total of plus 15. With the addition of a new club, it's a shame that we are only plus 15. We NEED to do a better job of keeping our members.

As of this report, Bill and I will no longer be doing membership. PDG Scott Kwarcianny has taken on this task. When Bill was District Governor in 2014, he began the procedure of sending encouraging letters to new members and thank you letters to sponsors along with the membership packets. We have continued this process for the past many years. We have had the privilege of serving and meeting many of you, and hope our service was a benefit to you and your club. Thank you for your many kindnesses. Thank you to PDG Jim Svinicki and Scott Kwarcianny for the membership info booklets and all the support.

PDG Bill Rowe and Lion Lee



Bay Cliff Health Camp in Desperate Need of New Mowers

Dr. Claire Lutgen the Executive Director of Bay Cliff Health Camp has made a plea to D-10 Lions to assist them with the purchase of two new lawn Mowers. IPDG Scott Kwarciany researched mowers which would meet their needs. He contacted Al Gartland at Northgate Equipment in Escanaba, who recommends the Gravely mower shown in the attached photo. The photo shows a mower with a deck of 52", but the one he is proposing would be 60" cut.



The government pricing which Bay Cliff qualifies for brings the final price down to \$6,000 per mower. The need was presented at the July 5th district cabinet meeting and leadership took the request for donations to their clubs. The Bark River, Bay de Noc, Marquette, and Gladstone clubs have already made commitments to donate to the district mower project. The Stephenson Lions plan to give the proceeds from two rifles they will auction off at their golf Tournament next month.

At this time, it appears that we have commitments for at least \$4,500-\$5000 through a handful of clubs. We need all D-10 clubs to participate in this fund-raiser. No donation is too small. If your club cannot write a check at this time, you could create a fund-raiser or like the Stephenson club, work a donation into an existing event. The mowing of the lawns and grounds at Bay Cliff is more than just aesthetics, it is for the health of the campers and staff by keeping down the exposure to ticks and Mosquitos. Bay Cliff is a long standing district endorsed program. Please take this plea to your club...Where There is a Need...There is a Lion!

Make your checks payable to: Bay Cliff Health Camp and put "D-10 Lions Mower Project in the memo line.

Send your check to:

Bay Cliff Health Camp

C/O Dr. Clare Lutgen-Executive Director

P.O. Box 310
Big Bay, MI 49808-0310

Purple Plaid Represents Kindness

Life is a gift. That's an easy thing to say. It's also an easy thing to believe – when everything is going right. But it's not always. There are times when life is tough, when things happen that are unexpected. Times when people wonder how they will get through. If they will get through. They wonder why. Why me? Why my child? The significance of [Purple Plaid](#). It represents the power of kindness, love, of people who are working to help those that are wondering why. We know this love and support is needed, and we know people are there to give it. But we don't know the answers to why it happens. Why life is so tough sometimes. And sometimes, we wonder if we can make a difference at all.



We can. And we do. The Purple Plaid jersey and the purple shirts stand for Lions U.P. Childhood Cancer and the families we help. It is the colors of Lions Club International. And it carries the Childhood Cancer name along with gold, the color of all childhood cancer.

In 2021 I met Chris Smith and Gary Perala with U.P. Lions Serve Childhood Cancer. We thought [Tour Da Yoop, Eh](#) was an event that can help raise awareness and money for families with children battling cancer in the Upper Peninsula. My cause for originating TDY was bike safety. That cause requires awareness and time. But it doesn't need money. These

families needed money. And they were located throughout the entire U.P. Lions clubs are also located throughout most towns in the U.P. It seemed like a natural fit. TDY gets attention, and we could direct that attention toward raising awareness for the support of childhood cancer. And we can raise money through U.P. Lions Serve Childhood Cancer and give directly to the families. Plus, Lions members throughout the U.P. can further awareness and support by helping at water stations along the route. It was a perfect fit.

