

# District 10 Lions News

## May, 2026

### Spring Has Sprung Edition

It's time to "kick it up a notch" and dive into service, club fund raisers, and revitalizing your club to finish this Lion's year strong! Most clubs have new leadership, watch for officer training opportunities coming your way. The club delegates voted in four new cabinet officers at our convention on the first weekend of May. We welcome Marquette Arts, Music, and Wellness Lion's Club, the energetic Gary Perela as our 2026-27 District 10 Governor. Stepping into the First Vice District Governor position will be the very capable Lion Chris LeBoeuf from the Powers-Spalding Lions Club. You will find a feature article on our new Second Vice District Governor, We welcome Wells Lion Dan **Lamarche** to the Cabinet. Lion Peggy Lindeman, who has served as our District Secretary for the last four years, recently resigned, and was honored by DG Colleen with the fourth highest medal in Lionism at the Saturday night banquet. But don't fret, our 2026-27 and hopefully beyond District Secretary will be the fabulous, Bay de Noc Lion Janice Frizzell. The ever-faithful Negaunee Lion District Treasurer Mike Smock rounds out our 2026-27 Cabinet Officers. District Governor Colleen Maki will serve as our Global Extension Team Coordinator, promoting the building of new clubs and strengthening membership. The Childhood Cancer Team welcomes Bay de Noc Lion Misty Van Brocklin as their Childhood Cancer Co-Chair. Thank you for your service!



Thanks to the Lions attending the convention who remembered to snap a few photos during the convention and send them to Lion Peggy. View the fun in the Convention Photo Gallery as you read through this edition. Don't forget to read the wisdom from Farmer Finley about how to get your garden growing this spring to assure great production. See how a 2-hour tea party netted the Ishpeming Lions over \$1200, proving that a new club event can be well received by the community. The Stephenson Lions have been busy with Project Kid Sight and serving at the Special Olympics, and Lions from throughout the district are engaging in their annual Adopt-a-Highway clean-up projects. Childhood Cancer Chair Engadine-Naubinway Lion Chris Smith showcases Camp Casey, a summer cowboy camp for sick kids where they can experience the healing power of horses. Join the celebration in Marquette as the Arts, Music, and Wellness Lions Club raises the roof at the Black Rocks Brewery to celebrate the first year of their charter, and hold a Fund Raiser for Northwoods Air Lifeline on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm-9pm . Bring your club and party with us!



### **From the Desk of the District Governor - May 2026**

Convention was EPIC thanks to the awesome Bay de Noc Lions Convention Committee! There was 175 registered for 1 or more events. 127 registered were Lions representing 25 of the 46 Lions Clubs in the district. Having over 50% of the clubs in the district represented was outstanding! Please talk with some of those who attended and make your plans to attend next year's convention to "Celebrate our Service".

Congratulations to the incoming District Governor Gary Perala, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chris LeBouef and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Dan LaMarche elected at the 105<sup>th</sup> Single District 10 Convention. All of you will have the support of the rest of the district leadership team as you take office July 1!

As my term as District Governor is approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you:

### **YOU MATTER!**

- To your local Lions Club – you represent 1 of the many Lions in your club working together to serve Lions projects and your communities.
- To your District – each of you represents an important part of 46 Clubs and approximately 1,320 members.  
***Working together we can be certain we are NOT our communities best kept secret!***
- To Lions International – you are a part of 1.4M caring men and women from more than 200 countries representing nearly 50,000 Lions Clubs serving together that can truly make a lasting impact on the world.

**Make your service and fundraising purposeful and FUN! You will show others – especially future generations that WE SERVE and IT MATTERS!**

Thank you to all who have supported me on this journey. I will not be fading into the sunset. I have accepted the position as the chair of the 2026-2027 Global Extension Team (GET) and will be focusing on helping to charter new clubs and also assist the smaller clubs in the district to become more vibrant and visible in their communities.

-DG Colleen Maki



All of D10 would like to Thank the 2026 Convention Committee for an outstanding job coordinating the event!

## Meet Lion Dan Our 2026-27 Second Vice District Governor

Congratulations to **Lion Dan LaMarche** on his election as our 2026-27 Second Vice District Governor. Originally from Escanaba, he is a graduate of DeVry Institute of Technology and Lake State University where he majored in computer systems information and accounting. Now retired, Lion Dan worked as the Chief Financial Officer for Besse Forest Products Group. Dan was widowed in 2024. His 30-year-old son, Sean lives in Gwinn.

Lion Dan is a second-generation Wells Lion. His father, a plumber, was a member of the Wells Lions Club for 30 years. Dan has served as their Club President, Treasurer, the club Eyeglasses Chair, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. "I have been thinking of moving up to serve at the district level for years. Now, I have the time and am looking forward to serving on the Governor Team." Lion Dan's hobbies and passions include German Shorthair Retrievers, traveling, wintering at his second home in Central Florida, and his motorcycle-- a Harley Davidson Street Glide.

### Childhood Cancer News

We are proud to announce a wonderful opportunity for Upper Peninsula families facing childhood cancer. Camp Casey, together with the SD10 Lions, is inviting families to enjoy a fun-filled Cowboy Camp Weekend in beautiful Harbor Springs.

Camp Casey is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the joy of horseback riding to children battling cancer, sickle cell anemia, and other life-threatening illnesses. This special weekend is designed for the entire family, offering a chance to create lasting memories, experience the healing power of horses, and connect with other families who truly understand the challenges of caring for a child with a serious illness.



Families can look forward to a welcoming and supportive environment filled with fun activities, friendship, laughter, and unforgettable experiences together.

Three new members of the Bay de Noc Club were inducted by ID Melissa Washburn at the Governor's Banquet.



### **Teamwork Credited for High Tea Success**

Ladies dawned their spring hats, and gents sported their Sunday best at the Ishpeming Lions Club "High Tea" held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge. The well-attended event was a community fund-raiser. All proceeds went to providing fresh produce vouchers from Partridge Creek Farm for local hungry families and to support the club's eye glass program.

"The food was incredible," reported Marquette Lion Pam Miller who wore a tiara that she later gave to six-year-old Frederica when she admired its sparkles. The menu included homemade vegetable soup, a fabulous green salad, your choice of 10 different quiches including gluten-free and vegetarian, and a dessert plate of cookies, carrot cake, and a scone. The afternoon topped off with a modest glass of Lion Pam's homemade Limoncello. Of note, the forks, spoons, and knives were made of bamboo, the plates and bowls were paper, all compostables. The teacups and teapots were vintage China.

Attendees were entertained by a variety of musical guests including: "U.P. Gumbo's Bill Hart, Ishpeming Club President Keats Dormont, Bill Cody Lakenen, Joey Warner, Colleen Carlyle, Marek Codd, and Ishpeming Lions Aaren Joki, and Dan Perkins.





“I think it went pretty well, I had a great team,” states Ishpeming Lion Pam Perkins the event organizer. “I want to thank the Ishpeming Lions, James Perkins, our special helpers, Alise Perkins (Dan and Pam’s daughter,) and our granddaughters Courtney Perkins and Makayla Heikkinen, who helped with serving.” Lion Pam would also like to extend special thanks to Negaunee Lion Amy Lerlie, for serving as the cashier the day of the event, and to the Ishpeming Elks club for hosting the event. “I am grateful for the hard work performed by the kitchen and prep crew: Kara Livingston, Christina Codd, Negaunee lion Karen Day, and Becky and Vince Swenor. We couldn't have pulled it off without their help!”

An impressive silent auction of donated goods and services drove up the donated funds raised from the tea. In total the event netted \$1202 after expenses. This creative fund-raiser prove to be a profitable event, and we hope it becomes an annual club fund-raiser!



Each year at Convention- “Snaggle Tooth” goes home with the club that traveled the furthest. This year it goes home with Drummond Island.

## Smart U.P. TM Gardening

May 2026 Farmer Finley reporting . . .

Weather continues to be a challenge! It's 60, it's 20, it's 45. When do we get serious about growing food this season? A friend sent me a May prediction for weather – the coldest May in 15 years. Another prediction came out – Super El Niño which suggests unusually warm.



Five Gwinn Lions showed up at the Rooted in Faith greenhouse to help seed 56 trays with between 72 cells and 24 cells per tray on a beautiful afternoon. It was 40 and partly cloudy but by 1 in the afternoon – closer to 85 in the greenhouse! We started at noon. One Lion said she could stay a few hours . . . she was there until after 4! Others in our community showed and by day's end, we had 54 trays of seeds finished. 2 were left for another Lion whose passion is sweet peas. She finished those the next day.



Potting mix – start with an excellent soil base. Call it ten parts (what is a part? Start with a quart for measuring) soil, 3 parts vermiculite, 2 parts worm castings, ½ part blood meal, ½ part kelp meal. Our local store for getting blood meal and kelp meal is Mare Z Dotes in Marquette. I have a worm farm that produces tons of organic worm castings. Let me know if you need any.

Potting mix ingredients are placed on a tarp that you gently roll. I've used a tarp for up to ½ yard at a time, of potting soil to mix. It takes less than 10 minutes using a tarp!

You're reading this in Mid-May. This is a good time to make potting soil, fill cells in your trays and get those seeds into trays ASAP! You'll also have some great sun days where you can place the trays outside under direct sun. Make sure the trays stay in direct sun. Maybe a few hours a day to start. That should boost the growth cycle!



On May 2 at the D10 Lions Convention, a presentation on the Wacky Science of Gardening was provided. It was a compilation of home products that do a remarkable job of needs for garden including fertilizers from your kitchen.



The presentation concluded with Electro-Gardening. It is a fascinating 'science' in determining IF plants can do better in the presence of extremely low voltage created using interesting devices! If you would like a copy of the presentation, email me! [stevefgrower@gmail.com](mailto:stevefgrower@gmail.com). If you are interested in joining us and sharing experiment data, let me know and you can be added to the data sourcing.

Your questions are always welcome! Farmer Steve Gwinn Lion Steve Finley AKA Farmer Finley



Bay de Noc Lions President and incoming District Secretary was celebrated for her service with a Melvin Jones Award!



Dave Hallgren was celebrated for all his years of service with the Ralph Sheehan award!



NWALL Update

Ron Henriksen

Marquette Lion Elmer Morisio and Stephenson Lion PDG Don Wojakowski donated their Lions vest with years of pins to be auctioned off at the Convention May 1-3 and the proceeds to be donated to NWALL. A \$450.00 donation was presented to NWALL at their May 12th meeting.

At the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting I discussed the Tour da Yoop Eh dates July 24-Aug. 2nd. I also updated NWALL on human trafficking.

Through the end of April, NWALL has done 22 passenger flights and 23 positioning legs YTD. We did 9 flights last month, one was for a minor.

**MARQUETTE**  
ARTS & MUSIC WELLNESS  
LIONS CLUB

**1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

**June 24th 2026**  
**5:00PM-9:00PM**  
**Blackrocks Brewery**

Come celebrate the 1 year anniversary of the Marquette Arts & Music Wellness Lions Club with live music and local art!

## Lions Celebrated for Years of Service



Lion Jack Holzworth-  
50 years. (left)



Lion Duke Schneider-  
60 years. (right)



Lion Dave Hallgren- 55  
years. (left)



And Lion Bill Rowe-  
50 years. (right)

Thank you Gentlemen  
for all you have done  
and continue to do for  
Lions!



Lion Stephanie Graef (Left) and Lion Peggy Lindeman  
(Right) both received International Presidents Certificates  
of Appreciation.

(Governor Colleen Maki and ID Melissa Washburn)

## Lions New Voices Awards Presented:



For Leadership- Lion Sara Salo Trenary Club.  
For revitalizing the Trenary club and  
bringing in new members.



For Marketing- Marquette Lions. Received  
by Lion Pam Miller on behalf of Marquette  
Lion Heather Picotte.



For understanding leadership and embracing  
it- Lion Chris Tackman Gladstone Club.

