

SD10 CONVENTION GOVERNOR'S BANQUET -
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PDG Scott Kwarcianny- Welcome to the D10 Lions 105th Convention!

Introductions-

ID Melissa Washburn- Carlsbad New Mexico

PCC Gemma Ferguson-Carlsbad New Mexico

PID Bob Block and wife Brenda- Calumet City Illinois

PID Jenny Ware and husband Lion Jeff

Incoming Cabinet Secretary Janice Frizzell

Retiring Cabinet Secretary Peggy Lindeman

Incoming 2nd VDG Dan LaMarche- (Excused)

1st VDG Chris LeBoeuf and wife Amanda

DGE Gary Perala

DG Colleen Maki and husband PDG Joe Maki

Master of Ceremonies IPDG Scott Kwarcianny and wife Lion Becky

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

We would like to take a moment to recognize the fantastic service we have received from the Island Resort Staff that we have received all weekend.

DG Colleen takes a moment to introduce all her friends and family that have come and thank them for all the support over the last few years.

At this time, there are "Thinking of you cards going around for everyone to sign for PDG Harold Schumer, PDG Jim Decramer, PDG Ruth Schneider and PDG Mike Kobasic.

Introductions of the Convention Committee-

Lions Janice Frizzell, Alexis Springer, Misty Van Brocklin, Tricia Bowie, Amanda Phillips, Shelly Mberg?, Christina Hellburg and the Gladstone Lions.

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*Reminder that the Corn hole Tournament will be going on tonight. Raised around \$900 last year and hope to raise \$1000 this year. Winnings go to the Lions Project of the winner's choice.

Those that have never been to a convention before were asked to stand and were welcomed. PID Bob Block took a moment to present these attendees with International President A.P. Singh's personal pin and thank them for coming.

Governor Colleen Maki took a moment to celebrate all who had a birthday in the last few days and congratulate PID Bob and Brenda Block on their wedding anniversary.

International Guest- ID Melissa Washburn-

My Mission 1.5 story...

In Loving New Mexico they had a new Lion join their club that shared the same name as his father, his son and eventually his grandson. He watched as his son grew and had his family and eventually his son was able to buy land. As 3 generations worked together to set the trailer on the land- happiness turned to terror when the grandson ran threw a barbed wire fence and ended up with a barb stuck in his eye.

The members club and another local club rallied to raise money to cover the medical bills. Unfortunately, at this time medicine was not at a point to return the grandsons eye sight. But 3 years later they were able to take him back and get a corneal transplant and save the grandsons sight.

With this in mind- I was thinking to myself- who wouldn't want to be a Lion. So, one day while in signing a bank loan, I tried recruiting the loan officer. But my husband jumped in and said "You don't want to join- it's always the same 5 people." I told him to be quiet and it made me realize it's important to show up. Because who would have shown up for the grandson if the Lions hadn't.

And that's why Mission 1.5 is important! 1.5 million is a lot. But it's only an 8% increase. 8% seems a much more manageable number. And we're going to work towards that tonight by inducting 3 new members.

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Next year in Washington DC- we will cease Mission 1.5 and move on. But wouldn't it be nice to have a convention in the US, in Washington DC, with an American Governor and to hit the target of 1.5 Million?

What does a New Lion look like?

As a Lion- I treat every single person as if they have a disability. Why? Because you I don't know what they need.

So, awhile back the Carlsbad Lions club brought in a new Lion. But for many, this wasn't a Lion they wanted in the club. PCC Gemma Ferguson had brought this Lion to the club and the club didn't feel this member was a good fit. So, they were very cold to this member who didn't seem to care for life or people. But Lion Gemma had a member start working with this new Lion and this new Lion started showing up at other events. While at one of these events the club was making some deliveries and the "cold Lion" was riding on the back tail gate of the truck. The member driving the truck intentional hit the breaks to know the cold Lion off the back of the truck.

Still Lion Gemma proposed to the board that the club take a chance on this person, so the board agreed to do it, but on a trial basis.

Fast forward- the Lion no one wanted was Melissa Washburn, a Lion International Director.

Melissa had lost her entire family by the age of 17. Murder, suicide, cancer. One loss after another. It was even hard to let her husband in. Eventually she and her husband had bought a gas station next to a banker. Melissa needs a "grandmother" for her son who wanted the same traditional family you always see on TV for the holidays. Someone to teach help teach him how to care. Someone to help teach her and her son what humanity meant. Eventually, over 8 years, she learned how to hug. Learned that Lions were another form of family. And that any Lion, anywhere would step up and help.

What does a Lion look like? Not everyone is made for our organization and our organization is not for everyone. But we are perfect for those that need us.

In Joplin one year they did a Project KidSight screening. She was asked if she liked the event. She said yes, but where's the "as us about being a Lion sign?" To which their reply was that they were not working with the right people. Yet there was a woman there that day needed the Lions assistance and she would have made a great Lion. Everyone deserves an ask! No doesn't mean never, it just means not right now.

We need to start shouting about Lionism. We need to be telling everyone we meet about what we do as Lions.

Service Tourism-

Lions are starting a new venture of Service Tourism. This is the opportunity to go into communities of the less fortunate. Chance to show your face to other countries. My trip to the Philippines changed my life. We had doctors performing cleft pallet and cornea surgeries.

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Closed with a video of the Philippines trip.

Installation of 3 new members:

Installation of 3 new members by DG Colleen Maki and ID Melissa Washburn. Melissa welcomed each new member with a \$5 donation in their name to the foundation to start their Lions account.



Presentation of Chevrons:

As we welcome new people we also have the opportunity to honor our history with Chevrons to present to several of our long time members.

PDG Bill Rowe- 50 years



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Jack Holzworth- 50 Years



Dave Hallgren- 55 years



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And Duke Snyder-60 years



Duke told ID Melissa that he had also experienced many of the points she was making in her presentation. He was asked to join by a barber in 1965. Munising had its first convention, there wasn't enough silverware, so they sent him to borrow some from the local restaurant. Years later he worked his way up to being the clubs tail twister.

Awards:

Before presenting tonight's awards DG Colleen Maki want to take a moment to pay tribute to her mentor Sara Doubledde. Dr. Sara was a guiding Lion beyond the actual vision for it. She encouraged Colleen to support PDG Joe Maki in his run for Governor. I objected because at the time I was not a Lion and could not join the all male Gladstone Lions club. Sara said- "so, then start your own club." And now we have the Bay de Noc club.

Sara was the first female in the Marquette Lions Club and the first female governor for D10.

PID Jenny Ware- So, here the journey of the Bay de Noc club... Colleen started forming the club and went to the Leadership Institute without even being a Lion. This club was being formed during the pandemic and never got a charter night. They also never received their charter.

So, tonight we celebrate our charter of the Bay de Noc Lions Club (6 years old.) We don't let anyone say no. Nothing gets in our way because there are so many other ways to do things.

PID Jenny presented DG Colleen Maki with the Bay de Noc Lions Club.

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1. Melvin Jones- Present by DG Colleen Maki

- a. The value and importance of the Melvin Jones is in the fact that it was named for our founder and is given to a member who exemplifies our motto of “we serve.” Tonight’s award is being given thanks to an anonymous donor. Unfortunately, the plaque has not arrived from the engraver yet, so we are presenting a “borrowed” plaque. Tonight’s award is given to Lion Janice Frizzell and represents everything the DG sees in you.



2. International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation- Presented by ID Melissa Washburn

- a. This is the 4th highest award of Lionism. We will be presenting 2 tonight.
 - i. These awards have been earned by members that have earned this award all the way around. Always there to help, often working behind the scenes, solid, can count on them and always supportive.
 1. Lion Peggy Lindeman
 2. Lion Stephanie Graef



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3. Ralph Sheehan Award- Presented by Lions PDG Scott Kwarciany and DGE Gary Perala
- a. The Ralph Sheehan award is the highest award of our District and named after the first International Director from our District.
 - b. Previous Ralph Sheehan winners were asked to rise and be recognized at this time.
 - c. This year's winner joined Lions in 1970. Was the District Governor of Multi10A in 2000-2001. Has served as the Club Membership Chair and currently serves as the Club Service Chair. Has sponsored 11 members.
 - d. DGE Gary- This person has been a big inspiration to me. Taught me the difference between a quality member and a quantity member and is an inspiration to us all.
 - e. IPDG Scott Kwarciany asks PDG Dave Hallgren to step forward and receive his Ralph Sheehan award.



4. Snaggle Tooth- Snaggle tooth is awarded to the club that traveled the furthest to attend the convention each year.
- a. This year Snaggle Tooth is awarded to Drummond Island.



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5. ^{A 2nd} Lion is awarded to the club with the greatest growth.
 - a. This Lion has been awarded to Gwinn Lions.
6. PDG Jim Svinicki raffled off the Lion Print.
 - a. Winner is Christian Tackman.

Assignment- If your table were a clock, who is sitting at the noon position. Then who is at the 6 o'clock seat gets to take home the plant.

Reminder- Corn hole starts right after this. It will be running in the room next to the hospitality room. Winner gets to decide which Lions project to donate the winnings to.

PID Jenny would like to present our International guests with gifts as a Thank you for coming and speaking at our convention.

To ID Melissa Washburn- a donation has been made in your name to LCIF. Jenny also gave her one of Jenny's friendship banners and a copy of the book "So you wanna be a yooper."

To PCC Gemma Ferguson- a copy of the book "Yooper Glossary."

For Melissa's grandson- a yooper T-shirt

ID Melissa presented DG Colleen, PID Jenny and PID Bob with pieces of Navajo pottery.