



District 10

July 2026 News

Fireworks Edition



Welcome to our new Lion's year! We have many new members in our Leadership Team including a new International President. Lion Mark Lyons is from **Brookfield, Connecticut**. His motto for his year as our International President is, "Rooted in Service." If his name seems familiar, he was our International guest at our convention four years ago. So, let's all go back to our clubs and light some fireworks and expand our service to our communities! We need the service of our membership more than ever! When you do conduct or participate in a service project, don't forget to enter it in the LCI portal. If you need instructions on how to report a club service project, there is a step-by-guide on lionsclubs.org.

In this issue, you will find a new monthly column from our 2026-27 District Governor Marquette Arts, Music, and Wellness Lions Club member Gary Perala. The Governor turns the spotlight up on service. He recently returned home from the International Convention in Hong Cong. PDG Scott Kwarciany also served in Hong Cong, chaperoning the All-State Band members. Don't miss PDG Scott's membership report in this edition, meet Bay de Noc Lion Janice Frizzell as she transitions into her new role as our District Secretary. The Tour Duh Yoop is gearing up for another bicycle tour of our beautiful peninsula raising funds and awareness about childhood cancer. Engadine Lion Chris Smith announces the receipt of a \$25K match to double your generous donation to our Childhood Cancer families and programs. We also want to welcome Bay de Noc Lion Misty *Van Brocklin* as our Childhood Cancer Co-Chair. Farmer Finley shares his mid-summer gardening tips. Our new newsletter staff member, St. Ignace Lion Connie Cullip shares the courses available through the Lions Learning Center. New club officers are encouraged to click the link on the LLC course which pertains to your officer classification. Member orientation and training will be a focus this Lion's year. Lions Clubs International has proposed three weeks of international service in Vision, Youth, and the Environment. Please put these dates on your club calendars and plan a service activity in each category. Inviting perspective members to participate in a service project is the proven best way to recruit new members!

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https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/global-causes-initiatives/weeks-of-service?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=MTG_EN_IPLyonDistrictNewsletter_July_4464832281&utm_medium=email&elqTrackId=AAFCC1155A02112E9986165F75A737A8&elq=c9ea952166c54f2188d1e2dda4e411db&elqaid=51028&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=5979&elqak=8AF5A2F4668E1825E9D5E6437E743F3326A46F82E2BD77251190D28B94442E5D8AF, which connects Leos and

Lions around the world for three separate weeks of service projects centered around a key global cause.



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Spotlight of Service

One of the greatest strengths of Lions Clubs International is that every club serves its community in a unique way. Throughout the coming year, “*Spotlight of Service*” will recognize the projects, volunteers, and moments that demonstrate what it means to serve with compassion and purpose. My hope is that these stories will inspire innovative ideas, celebrate the incredible work happening across District 10, and remind us that every act of service—big or small—makes a difference. Together, we keep “**Service in Motion!**”

As your 2026-7 District Governor, my message is that **service is always moving throughout the Upper Peninsula**, and my monthly newsletter column, “**Spotlight of Service**” will shine a light on those moments. It becomes more than just a newsletter column—it becomes a way to celebrate the culture of service across District 10!

Send your photos, stories of service, and inspirational moments to me:
District Governor Gary Perala
Marquette Arts, Music, and Wellness Lions Club Member
906 399 6233
Email: ggpenergy@yahoo.com



Meet Our New District Secretary Lion Janice

Please welcome Lion Janice Frizzell from the Bay de Noc Lions Club to our District 10 Leadership Team! You will find her to be engaging, motivated, and a dedicated Lion. Enjoy her “story” in her own words below!

“I grew up in the small town of Cornell, in Delta County, West of Escanaba. I was raised on Truax Rd, the same road on which my father was raised. The road is mainly known for its hunting camps. As a kid I made a killing picking up empty beer cans the week after hunting season started. I didn’t know it at the time, but my situation was unique on that road. I had one great-great grandfather, two great grandparents, one set of grandparents, three sets of great aunts & uncles all within a mile of my home on Truax. I heard so many “back in the day” stories, which I enjoyed hearing at that time, and I cherish now more than ever that I had that experience with them. My parents still live on Truax.

I currently live in Gladstone, with my two kids, Brie 18 & Thomas 13, along with our cat, Willow. I work for the City of Gladstone and for three other townships in Delta County as their assessor. I graduated from Escanaba High school in 2001. My bachelor’s degree is in Business Administration- Project Management.

When I am not working, I like to bike and kayak. I love to read. I enjoy movies and traveling as well. Last summer I went to Deadwood SD. It was such a fun trip, with so many interesting things nearby to check out, including Mount Rushmore and Devil’s Tower. I would highly recommend it! I enjoy watching true crime documentaries and listening to a podcast called “Small Town Murder.”

In May 2023, I joined the Bay de Noc Lions Club, IPDG Colleen Maki was my sponsor which was fitting since she was a mentor for me in my assessing career. Since I have joined, my list of mentors has grown, even if some of them have no clue this is how I view them. I wasn’t sure what being in Lions was going to do for me. I joined because I was looking for an outlet to use my talents to better my community. However, at the time that I joined I wasn’t aware that this was what I was looking for. I am glad to say, Lions checked that box for me!



Last spring as I was nearing the end of my year as the President of the Bay de Noc Lions Club, I heard the District Secretary position was open. It just felt like a good fit for me. I knew that stepping up to join the District Leadership Team would provide the perfect opportunity to learn more about the district and Lions as a whole and would give me a voice. I do not have an exact plan yet for my future with the District or the Lions, but I am excited to serve.

In September, I will be attending the Lions/USA-Canada Leadership forum in Memphis. I am looking forward to learning all I can. I have some ideas and goals that I would like to explore but are still just in the initial stages. I am sure as I learn more, I will see more clearly if my goals are viable and will go from there!

My time as a Lion has been a journey I could have never expected, and it is all because of the people I have met in this organization. I have met so many interesting and wonderful people that the experience has really influenced a great deal of self-reflection and a sense of peace that is almost indescribable. Witnessing the dedication of so many, from all different walks of life, and circumstances, who show up and keep showing up has been humbling. The connections I have formed and the lessons I have learned about the hearts of the people around us have been invaluable. I would like to thank Lion Colleen Maki, Lion Jenny Ware, and Lion Scott Kwarcianny for being true examples and patient mentors. Also, a huge thank you to my club, the Bay de Noc lions, you guys rock!"

To contact Lion Janice, email her at: sd10upsecretary@gmail.com or via text or phone: 906-399-8972.

(GMT) Chair Report

As we begin a new Lions year, we enter the last year of Mission 1.5, which has been an initiative to rebuild international membership back to 1.5 million by June 30, 2027. Our district ended the year 2025-2026 with an increase of +3 in membership from the previous year. Even with the loss of two long standing clubs, we had some small growth. Kudos to the Rapid River club for inducting at least 16 new members in June of this year, basically rebuilding the club from the ground up. Please remember that your club dues invoices are only available through Lions Portal.

Revitalize, Rebuild and Retain: This will be our slogan for membership for this year. The growth of your clubs depends on inviting new members. Tell the story of your club and share what your club does to enhance your service. Engage new members and give them the opportunity to share their ideas on what they would like to see in your community. It is important to engage the younger generation of Lions and let them begin to take the reins and lead your club into the future. They will carry the legacy of your clubs into the future. Your community will always have needs that Lions will need to provide.

Reach out to those in your club that you have not seen in a while. Don't let them slip through the cracks and disappear from your club. We all have something to offer, big or small.

PDG Scott

Take Your Leadership Journey to the Next Level

Lions Clubs International has online club officer training courses available. LCI is now requiring all club officers to take a Lions Learning Center (LLC) course online for the position you currently hold in your club. The Lions portal is accessible by your username and password. The courses are free, easily accessible, and can be completed when it's convenient for you.



To access the online courses, once you are in the Portal, click on the word LEARN and a drop-down menu will appear, click on LLC Online Learning. On the next page, you will see Learning Library, click on it. The library of online training will appear, and you can click on the one that relates to your new position.

Here are the Titles and the links to the [Content Library](#) for current training:

- Club President Learning Path
- Club Secretary Learning Path
- Club Treasurer Learning Path
- Leo Club Program Learning Path
- Leo-Lion Learning Path
- Zone Chairperson Learning Path

Upon completion of the course(s) you will gain knowledge in goal setting, meeting management, effective listening, and conflict resolution. In developing these skills, you will be a more effective leader, strengthen your club, all of which will improve LCI as an organization!

Visit: lionsclubs.org today!



Fellow Lions,

District 10 has also recently suffered from the loss of two very special Past District Governors, PDGs Harold Schermer of the Wells Lions Club and Jim Decremer of the Rapid River Lions Club.

I can't help but smile from the memories those two made for so many – myself included. They were both leaders as well as a beloved part of District 10 and the Lions of Michigan. Please keep their families in your thoughts.

Lion Wendy

Those of us in the District who knew these PDG's are saddened by their passing. Their obituaries are attached,
Lion Lee and PDG Bill



The District 10 Lions announce the passing of PDG Harold Schermer of the Wells Lions Club. PDG Harold joined Lions in 1972 and served as District Governor in 2004-2005. Throughout his years of service, he held numerous leadership roles, received many honors and awards, and was deeply committed to serving his community through the organization's mission. PDG Harold was a recipient of the Ralph Sheehan Award, the districts highest honor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, July 7th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Escanaba.

A message of condolence may be directed to the family by visiting www.crawfordfuneralhomes.net.



The District 10 Lions announce the passing of PDG James Decremmer of the Rapid River Lions Club. PDG Jim served as District Governor of then Multiple District 10B, in 1989-1990. PDG Jim was a long-time member of the Rapid River Lions Club and associate of the Wells Lions Club. PDG Jim instrumental in developing the largest Lions district fundraiser to support Bay Cliff Health Camp, a camp for children with disabilities in Big Bay. Bay Cliff still remains a District Endorsed Organization to this day. PDG Jim was a recipient of the Ralph Sheehan Award, the districts highest honor.



U.P. Zen Gardening with Farmer Finley

It's finally July! The work done to establish a garden in the fall to spring is beginning to appeal to our senses. Basil is growing and a simple touch, and gentle inhale will tell you the strength of flavor. Tomato plants are delivering fruit. So much is happening.

Then, there's the seeds that no longer produce and the decisions to replant and with what? In the U.P. and considering our short growing season, the easy solutions to what to plant is: kale, radishes, lettuce, spinach, Totsoi (also known as tatsoi, the vitamin plant,) and bok choy. These seed crops can grow quickly with production results before the cold once again seeps into the garden. Together, they provide salads, braised greens, and roasted veg for a long time with highly nutritious plants you have grown!



Within the radish family, there are easily 30 species from Chinese rare to common early globe. All producing in less than 45 days. Spinach can be found in at least 8 varieties. Having fun with growing a variety of species helps you visually, by scent, and by taste, learn your favorites. When growing, leave 10% of your crop of choice to go to seed production. In that 10%, you'll harvest enough seeds for a few years.

If you must address soil quality in-season, there are many organic solutions out there. If you have access to cow/horse manure, a simple tea can be brewed using 5 gallons of water, a shovel full of manure and some black strap molasses. Let the solution sit for a few days, stirring every morning and evening. Strain the liquid, use it around the roots of your plants. Use the remaining solids by working them directly into the soil.



At the farm, we brew a concentrate in 50-gallon batches that can be diluted 5 times for a total of 250 gallons to apply on everything! The key is air! We have a 110 LPM air pump that aerates water, increasing the dissolved oxygen to 10 – 11 D.O.- dissolved oxygen. This promotes great bacterial growth. Adding worm castings and molasses to the water results in a biologically rich liquid which has a nutritive effect on all food producing plants.

Interested in what we're doing in Gwinn? Come for a tour, see the operation. Grow strong, Lions of District 10!

Gwinn Lion Steve Finley
stevefgrower@gmail.com



Childhood Cancer Report

I am happy to announce that Misty Van Brocklin has joined me as the Childhood Cancer Co-Chair. Misty is a dedicated member of the Bay de Noc Lions, and I am excited to work alongside her in this important role. We will work together as a team in support of Childhood Cancer initiatives.

There were five new family referrals in the last quarter. Two teens in Gladstone. A ten month old in Marquette. A 6-year-old in Laurium, and a teenage girl in Iron Mountain.

It's that time again! Tour Da Yoop, Eh 2026 kicks off in Manistique on Friday, July 24, and wraps up back in Manistique on Sunday, August 2.

This ride is more than just a fundraiser for childhood cancer—it has grown into an incredible district project. The Lions clubs along the route work together to support and care for us throughout the journey, making this experience even more special. I am so grateful for every Lion who gives their time, energy, and support. Thank you so much.

This year, we have already received an incredible \$25,000 matching pledge to support childhood cancer. If we raise \$25,000 in donations, this generous pledge will match every dollar we receive.

That means every \$1 you donate becomes \$2 for childhood cancer research and support of upper peninsula families navigating cancer, doubling the impact of your gift.

So, Lions, I am asking if you are able, please donate and share this with your family and friends and your club!

<https://uplionsserve.org/>

D10 Lions Childhood Cancer

PO Box 107

Engadine, Michigan 49827

7-11-2026

Lion Chris Smith

St Ignace Lions Fourth of July 16, 2026

We helped our local fire department by cooking hotdogs and offering little Lion tattoos for kids.



Powers-Spalding Lions Club Presents \$4,900 Donation to St. John Neumann Church

Spalding, MI — Powers-Spalding Lions Club member Tom Wells recently presented a \$4,900 check to St. John Neumann Church in Spalding, Michigan, following the success of the club's June fundraiser.

The donation was made possible through a collaborative effort between the Powers-Spalding Lions Club and St. John Neumann Church, which partnered to sell raffle tickets for the popular "\$500 a Day Giveaway" held throughout the month of June. Each day during the month, one lucky winner received a \$500 prize, while the fundraiser generated valuable support for community organizations.

The partnership proved to be a tremendous success, allowing the Lions Club to present the church with \$4,900 to support its ongoing programs and mission.

"The Powers-Spalding Lions Club is proud to work alongside St. John Neumann Church on projects that strengthen our community," said Tom Wells. "This fundraiser is a great example of what can be accomplished when local organizations work together toward a common goal."

The Powers-Spalding Lions Club extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, volunteered their time, and supported the fundraiser. Community support continues to make projects like this possible and helps both organizations continue serving the Powers-Spalding area.



Project KidSight at Marquette County Fair

Project Kidsight will be at the Marquette County Fair Thursday August 13th- Saturday August 15th.

We are still looking for assistance if filling shifts- You can help parents fill out forms or learn the camera. What ever you are comfortable with.

We still need 1-2 people Thursday afternoon 2-6pm, 1 person Saturday morning 09:30-2pm and 1-2 people for Saturday afternoon 2-6pm. Your admission is free and then you can grab some grub and look around when your done.

Please call or text Peggy Lindeman if you can help 906-458-4328.



Follow my travels around the world and see our global service in action.



We Serve



President's Message: Rooted in Service with International President Mark S. Lyon

Service is the foundation of our organization. It's at the very root of what we do and who we are as Lions. Meaningful service fuels growth, increases our impact and strengthens our communities and our world. It's why people join us — and why they stay.

That's why my presidential theme this year is "Rooted in Service." I encourage all of us to reconnect with our Lion roots and focus on what matters most. Get creative with your service. Have fun. Look for new ways to meet the needs of your communities. And remember, no act of service is too small — every effort makes a difference.

I look forward to serving alongside you as your international president. Thank you for all the ways you already serve, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish together.

In friendship and service,

Mark S. Lyon
International President

**There is still time to get your tickets for the Stephenson Lions
Annual Chopper Dropper Raffle!**

Tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100!

Contact any Stephenson Lion or

JimSivincki at 906-250-2325

jlsvinicki@gmail.com

A flyer for the Stephenson Lions Club Golf Outing Chopper Dropper Raffle. The background is a blue sky with a helicopter dropping golf balls. A large golf ball with the number 'No. 000' is in the bottom right. The text is arranged in a vertical column on the left and a central block on the right.

AUGUST 3, 2026

**STEPHENSON LIONS CLUB
GOLF OUTING**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTRY CLUB
3459 14TH AVE MENOMINEE, MI**

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2nd Place	\$2,500
3rd Place	\$1,000

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or 3 for \$100**

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