

Facelift Edition

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, guide dog month, the onset of the LCI Membership Challenge, back to school, and a plethora of other worthy causes to celebrate. Most exciting to your District 10 Lions News Team is the facelift our newsletter has endured. You will find an easier to read font, larger print, block paragraphs, and an overall cleaner look! Let us know how you like it, and how we can make this newsletter an email you look forward to opening every month!

In this issue, we celebrate the St. Ignace Lions Club's 90th Charter Anniversary, Farmer Finley shares tips on your fall harvest, view photos from the USA Canada Leadership Forum in Memphis, and Lion Chris shares with you a huge project taken on by the Ishpeming Lions to benefit a local family experiencing childhood cancer.

LCI rolls out its Service Travel program. Find an exciting new way to highlight your next vacation or invite international Lions to serve right here in the U.P!

Our district Governor shares "Service in Motion" by highlighting Lions "Summer of Service" activities. Please send our Governor your club service activities and get your club in his showcase next month!

Enjoy!

Spotlight of Service

District 10 is powered by service! What a month of service we had across District 10! From the Marquette County Fair, U.P. State Fair, Bark River Races and Ore to Shore, to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, garage sales, community projects and so much more, Lions across our district have been out doing what Lions do best... SERVING!

As District Governor, I am so proud of the incredible amount of service happening throughout our U.P. communities. Every project may look different, but they all have something in common: Lions seeing a need and stepping forward to help.

I also had the great fortune of visiting the St. Ignace Lions Club as they celebrated an incredible 90 years of service. Ninety years! Think about the generations of Lions, countless volunteer hours and lives touched through nine decades of serving their community. That is something worth celebrating.

I continue to believe that growth works best when we lead with service. When people see Lions working together, having fun, and making a real difference, people see an organization they want to be part of.

“Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.” And across District 10, that is SERVICE IN MOTION!

Lion Gary Perala

D 10 District Governor

Member Marquette Arts, Music, and Wellness Lions Club

U.P. Zen Gardening: Lion Steve

Greetings Lions! It's September and all the work you've done to grow food is finally showing results. Tomatoes are ripening, though slow this year. Squash is getting there, lots of greens and beans are being harvested.



The big question I get all the time is when do I harvest . . . anything! Tomatoes are easy, unless as we do, we raise less common varieties that are yellow, orange or even black. They are less obvious but color and softness are good indicators. Pulling them from the stem with ease is another.

We grow watermelons and melons. My favorite is Blacktail Mountain Watermelon. It can get to 14 inches in diameter. It's ripe when the usual pattern of color fades to a very dark green exterior as in the picture where I'm pointing to a watermelon. The surprise is, it is cut up and put into a container. The sweetness actually increases overnight in the container!



Another indicator is the connecting vine on watermelon, melon and squash begins to brown. Also, by checking the bottom, a light patch is evident on the ground side. If the stem can be



snapped off (leave some stem) or easily cut off, it too indicates ripeness. Also, here in the UP, the seed envelope may indicate 90 days but always go at least ten more days before considering squash, melon or watermelon ready to pick.

As you pick and clean beds, this is the time to plant for fall! Radishes,

lettuce, kale and spinach should be in the ground now to harvest before the white stuff begins to fall. Radish seeds usually pop within days. The rest within ten days. And, if you wait until it is early frost, the results will be sweeter! Garlic is another crop to plant in the fall for spring/summer harvesting. Pull individual cloves from the bunch, plant them 5 inches deep, 6 inches apart in loose soil. Cover the bed with mulch to 3 inches. You will see garlic pop in early spring. And here's a hint – scapes are the solid tube that grows out of a maturing garlic plant. Cut them as soon as you see them. Garlic bulbs will continue to grow as much as 50% larger!

We enjoy our fall harvests especially butternut, acorn, spaghetti, buttercup, blue Hubbard and New England Pie pumpkins!

Questions? Email Steve at stevefgrower@gmail.com – Enjoy this season and plant for next year!

October will be about seed saving! Go District 10!



To Hear more from Farmer Steve Finley- [Click here](#) to hear his Interview with Upper Michigan Today!

Upper Michigan Today digs into Gwinn Food System's end-of-summer harvest

Upper Michigan Today Monday, August 31.



The Marquette Lions will be raising funds for Bay Cliff Health Camp at the Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday, September 22 from 3-8 pm. Please bring your fellow Lions, family, and friends to share a meal for a district project. Mr. Jack, the new executive director of Bay Cliff will be there to meet and greet you all! We look forward to seeing you there!

Together We Serve,

**Lion Gretchen Preston
MLC Fund Raising Chair**

St. Ignace Lions Club

Celebrates 90 years



(Sitting L to R - Wayne Burnett, Deb Perry, Tracy Movalson, Roberta Adams, Paula McNamara
Standing L to R- Don Gustafason, Ed Davis, John Lipnitz, Elgie Dow, Connie Cullip, Rick Perry, Kathy Perry, DG Gary, Susan Justice, Tim Leeper and Wes Mauer.)

On August 28, 1936, the St Ignace Lions Club received their charter. The Sault Ste Marie Lions club sponsored the new club. A copy of the original charter was on display for all to view at the celebration. While there were no major domestic political, economic, or military events recorded for that date in the U.S. historical records; 1936 was the year the Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in Cooperstown, New York; the Summer Olympics were held in Berlin, Germany and Margaret Mitchell published her bestselling novel, “Gone with the Wind.”

The St Ignace Lions Club celebrated their 90 years of service on Monday August 24, 2026. PDG Joe Maki, PDG Jim Svinicki, PDG Dan Perkins and PDG Gretchen Preston joined us. PID Jennifer Ware, Lion Jeff Ware, and current District Governor Gary Peralá also honored the club with their attendance.





Gretchen Preston presented the club with a check for our birthday celebration. PID Jennifer Ware awarded St Ignace lions members with pins, as did DG Gary Peralá. DG Gary Peralá spoke about what the world was like in 1936 and how the Lions in St Ignace have served this community

for 90 years. DG Gary stated: “A lot has changed in 90 years but one thing that hasn’t changed is when this community needed help, the Lions showed up!” He spoke about his theme this year “Service in Motion” and keeping the momentum going; continue to build your club and provide service to your community.



(Sitting L to R- St Ignace Lions Club board members Connie Cullip, Secretary, Kathy Perry, President, Don Gustafson, Treasurer. Standing L to R-PDG Dan Perkins, PDG Joe Maki, DG GaryPeralá, PDG Gretchen Preston, PID Jenny Ware with husband Jeff and PDG Jim Svinicki.)



DG Gary Peralá and St Ignace Lions Club member Paula McNamara who received an official letter from our new International President Lyon congratulating her on 25 years as a Lion member. The Saint Ignace Lions club also inducted a new member, Tim Leeper. He hit the ground running and was volunteering even before his induction!

We enjoyed cake and punch and the fellowship of Lions from throughout the district.

Welcome new Lion Tim, wishing you and the St. Ignace Lions many more years of service!

-Connie Cullip, St.Ignace Lions Club



Going Gold: How UP Lions Clubs Rally for Childhood Cancer Awareness

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time when we "go gold" to honor our most precious resource—our children. The gold ribbon represents our deep honor and support for all the families navigating the difficult journey of childhood cancer.



The Reality in the Upper Peninsula Childhood cancer hits close to home for us. The Upper Peninsula (UP) has a higher rate of children per capita diagnosed and treated than the Lower Peninsula.

Because treating hospitals are often 300 to 500 miles away, the travel alone places a burden on local families often splitting families up for months. For the last six years, UP Lions Clubs have proudly stepped up to help fill the gap. Together, we provide vital grants for food, lodging, medical bills, insurance co-pays, and travel expenses—covering anything a family needs through all stages of their cancer journey so they can focus entirely on their child's health.

Spotlighting Our Incredible UP Lions Clubs-

This work is only possible because of the dedication of our local clubs. Over the years, our members have gone above and beyond:

- Marquette Lions sponsored a massive community can drive in 2020.



- Gwinn Lions hosted dedicated 5K runs to raise funds and awareness.



- St. Ignace Lions craft handmade stuffed animals to comfort children in treatment.

- Ishpeming Lions took on an enormous construction project to build a custom outdoor playset for a local family in Ishpeming



- Bay de Noc Lions collected all that hair and sent it to support Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids.
- VNL Leo Club created personalized, homemade cards for families and organized community fundraiser round-ups at Culver's.
- Super 8 Round-Ups: A special thank you to Lion Kurt for leading impactful donation drives.
- **Tour Da Yoop, eh: So many clubs and lions across the UP stepped up to sponsor hydration stations and support riders cycling for the cause- Bay De Noc, Gladstone, Stephenson, VNL, Keweenaw, Chassell, Marquette, Munising, Brimley St. Ignace and the Engadine-Naubinway Club.**

**Thank you,
DG Gary!**



Thank You, Lions!

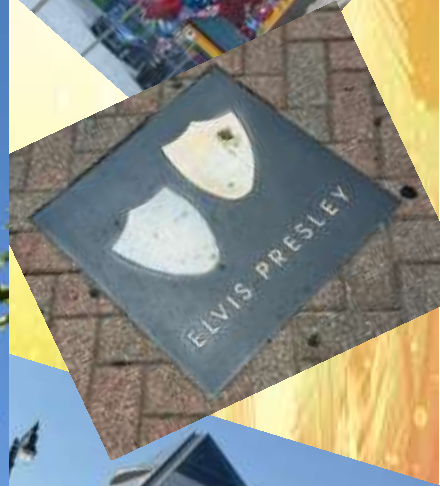
To every single club and individual lion that supports our cancer community through financial checks, volunteer hours, and the delivery of UP Lions Serve Survival Bags for families—know that you are making a difference and giving a big hug to those families.

Let's keep the momentum going. Please continue to spread the word in your communities that the Lions are always here to help!

Submitted by Lion Chris Smith



**D10 Lions Attend USA/Canadian
Leadership Forum in Memphis- A Photo
Montage!**





Blend Service into Your Travel

Through Lions International's service travel, Lions and Leos have the opportunity to serve with Lions clubs in different parts of the world — while being immersed in another culture and fostering global collaboration.

How to get started:

Service travel is a way for all Lions and Leos to further Lions International's mission to encourage peace and international understanding. Any club can host Lions and Leos from other clubs, districts or even countries to take part in their service projects.

If you're interested in getting involved, check out the [Service Travel resource](#) for tips on how to make the most of your experience — either as a host or as a traveler.

Service travel projects:

The following are examples of Lions clubs that have welcomed traveling Lions and Leos to participate in their service projects. Some opportunities may still be available. See below or [click here](#).

Constitutional Area I (USA)



Lions in Sight

King City Lions Club (King City, CA, USA)

The Lions in Sight eyeglass recycling project provides refurbished eyeglasses to people in need, improving quality of life, education and employment opportunities in underserved communities. Every few months, the district hosts a hands-on service event where volunteers sort, clean and measure donated glasses for redistribution. Around 120 Lions, Leos and community members participate, working together in a collaborative effort that also fosters fellowship and service.

Preferred language: English

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Lions & Leos 25+ Exchange Program

Selah Valley Lions Club (Selah, WA, USA)

Hosted by Multiple District 19, the Lions & Leos 25+ Exchange Program is a two-week international exchange designed to strengthen global fellowship, cultural understanding, and awareness of Lions service. From March 1–15, participants travel across five Washington State communities, staying with host families and engaging in local service, club meetings and community activities. Focused on authentic connection, the program builds relationships, encourages collaboration and highlights Lions' impact across diverse communities.

Preferred language: English

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Water by Women

Louisville Water by Women Cyber Lions Club (Jeffersontown, KY, USA)

Water by Women equips women in underserved communities with simple water filters and training, ensuring sustainable access to clean drinking water at the household level. The initiative empowers local women to drive water treatment and health education, creating lasting impact within their communities. Lions are invited to a 5-night, 6-day cultural immersion in Honduras to observe this model in action, support training and assist with distributing reading glasses alongside local partners.

Preferred language: English or Spanish

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Special Needs Dances

Bay Area Special Olympics Lions Club (San Bruno, CA, USA)

The Bay Area Special Olympics Lions Club hosts inclusive Special Needs Dances several times a year for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing a safe space to build social skills, independence, and friendships. In addition, monthly activities like craft, movie, and game nights offer consistent opportunities for engagement, serving around 100 participants aged 19 to 78. In partnership with organizations like Kainos Homes, these events promote inclusion, reduce isolation, and strengthen community bonds, with volunteers supporting through service and social interaction.

Preferred language: English

Contact: Maryah Tucker, maryahlutucker@gmail.com

Constitutional Area IV (Europe)



Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program (SOHAP)

Lions Club Herentals (Herentals, Belgium)

Lions of Belgium support the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program (SOHAP) by providing free health screenings for athletes with intellectual disabilities during the national games. Lions work alongside healthcare professionals to guide, support, and encourage athletes, ensuring a respectful and welcoming experience. The initiative promotes inclusion, health equity and meaningful connection while inviting Lions from around the world to participate in shared service.

Preferred language: French, Dutch, English or German

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Activity Alliance National Junior Para Athletics Championships

Tring Lions Club (Tring, UK)

Activity Alliance, a UK-based charity, hosts the National Junior Para Athletics Championships each July in Coventry for athletes aged 8–24 with a range of disabilities. Participants compete in track and field events using specialized equipment, with results recorded to support progression to higher-level competitions such as the Special Olympics. Volunteers assist with event operations, including logistics, food distribution, record keeping and supporting athletes throughout the competition.

Preferred language: English

Contact: Penny Tregillus, tregillus@hotmail.com



Lions Feed the 5000

East Anglia New Century Lions Club (Great Yarmouth, UK)

This one-day community event transforms surplus, field-fresh produce from the Lions Gleaning Hub into free meals for up to 5,000 people, highlighting the impact of reducing food waste. Visiting Lions will support all aspects of the day, including set up and pack down, food preparation and serving, children's activities, public engagement, and operational support. The event includes interactive activities and more that promote sustainability, environmental awareness and responsible resource use.

Preferred language: English

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7 Regions – 7 Services

Akik Lions Club (Istanbul, Türkiye)

The 7 Regions – 7 Services project is a unified multiple district initiative that strengthens solidarity and sustainability by bringing Lions and Leos together across seven regions of Türkiye. Each region identifies local community needs to deliver meaningful service projects aligned with Lions International's global causes. By fostering collaboration, shared responsibility and active participation, the initiative enhances service quality, builds unity and creates lasting impact in every community served.

Preferred language: English

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Constitutional Area VI (India, South Asia and the Middle East)



"Manusath Athwela" Disaster Relief Project

Naiwala Centennial First Lions Club (Naiwala, Sri Lanka)

This disaster relief project was implemented in response to Tropical Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka through a collaboration between the Lions Club of Naiwala Centennial First Sri Lanka and the Cheltenham Lions Club in the United Kingdom. Supported by international and local donations that help ensure disaster preparedness the initiative provides essential dry rations and supplies to vulnerable families over five days, ensuring timely relief during a critical period. This project exemplifies the spirit of Lions, demonstrating unity, compassion and a shared commitment to serving communities in times of crisis while strengthening international partnerships.

Preferred language: English

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Mega Service Project

Lions Club of Guwahati Care (Guwahati, Assam, India)

The Mega Service Project takes place during the sacred month of Sawan (July 30-August 28), where Lions and Leos serve over 10,000 Kanwariyas by distributing drinking water and juice to support the physically demanding Kanwar Yatra pilgrimage. Organized across four Sundays, the initiative unites 24 Lions clubs and seven Leo clubs from the Guwahati area, demonstrating strong unity and service. Visiting volunteers are invited to participate, with continued opportunities for future service projects beyond this event.

Preferred language: English or Hindi

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Mega Health Camp

Butwal Central Lions Club (Butwal, Nepal)

The Butwal Central Lions Club's Mega Health Camp brings free medical consultations, diagnostics, and treatments to rural communities, addressing limited access to healthcare. Covering multiple specialties, the initiative emphasizes preventive care, early disease detection, health education, and support for vulnerable groups. Lions and Leos assist with operations, awareness and logistics, ensuring smooth delivery while encouraging ongoing community engagement and future volunteer involvement.

Preferred language: Hindi or Nepali

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