

## 2009 CONVENTION

Once again another annual Convention has past. I would like to congratulate the many great people that made the 2009 Convention an outstanding success. Gov. Chuck and First Lady Nancy for the leadership that these two wonderful people provided. Gov. Chuck has done a great deal of extra work in making the raffles very successful and his leadership during the convention made everything go off without any problems. First Lady Nancy with all of her hard work in making the raffle gifts and her help at all of the committee meetings. Lion Whitey Simons for doing all our printing. He works to make up all the programs, tickets, badges and mailings. Lion Jerry Hilliker for taking good care of the International Director and spouse. To the other members of this years District Convention Committee, DGE Bob Ryan, CC Terry Bowerman, Lion Les Selby, Lion George Loomis, again another great job. In order to give them all the credit they deserve, it would take many pages. The Convention Committee meets every month and put in many hours to make your convention successful. I cannot continue without also thanking all of the spouses of the committee. They put in as much time as the members of the committee. To Lion Dave Eberlein many thanks for a job well done as our MC at the banquet. The members of the Ugly Lions Club and Lion Justin Faber who helped in making the raffles and the auction a success. And to the many others who help make the convention run smoothly. I can only finish this thank you by giving Lion Mary Dykstra all the credit and thanks that she deserves. Without her assistance, the 2009 convention would not have been a success.

Now let's begin planning for the 2010 District Convention. This convention will be held at the Treetop Resort in Gaylord Mi. on April 9,10,11, 2010. All of our rooms and events will be in the main lodge. Relax in comfort with all the amenities. Interiors feature a blend of contemporary and traditional design, incorporating custom pine and oak woodwork and furnishings. Enjoy comfortable accommodations with a variety of conveniences and amenities as Jacuzzi tubs, small refrigerators, coffee makers, indoor/outdoor heated pools, children's game and arcade room, and much more. All of the details of the 2010 Convention will be mailed to each Lion in the District on the day after Thanksgiving. Those wishing to attend, please get your reservations in as early as possible as the number of rooms will be limited.

I am confident that DGE Bob Ryan, with his leadership, the District Convention will again be a great success.

Lion Dave Dykstra  
District Convention Chairman

### 2009 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS .... SEE BELOW. ...A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



“BIG SHOT DAVE” ( Dave Bishop) of the Emmett Lions is showing off the Grill that he won at the District 11-D2 convention. He told us “ It took me 5 hours (and 12 beers!) to put it together”. (Get ‘Er Done Dave!) ”Thank You” to all those that purchased tickets ! You made our raffle a HUGE success.



Greeting International Director, Debra Wasserman  
At the mini Cabinet Meeting



ID Debra Wasserman and her husband, Lion Steve  
at dinner Friday night.



DGE, Bob Ryan at Friday night's dinner.



CST John Cowan and wife, Lynne at Friday  
Night's dinner. (What a happy couple!)



DG Chuck and "First Ladybug, Nancy" at  
Friday night's dinner



DG Chuck and family at the dinner on Friday  
Night. (Quality family time)



2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE  
Margaret  
Oldenberg and  
her pet Lion.



Emmett Cowboys and Cowgirls are ready to  
PARTY!



Emmett Lions and their families  
Barn Dancing... Yee Haw !



Lions Pat and Terry Bowerman



This is a tough looking bunch of Lions!



Which way to the Saloon?



Pete and Diana Lapka



Some of Almont's finest!



Snyderville Lions members Anita, Henry and newest Member (One Week) Welcome aboard Gert!



Jeddo/Berville Lions



Line Dancing



DG Special dance before "Fifi's" arrival



First Ladybug TRYING to save Governor Chuck  
(Didn't Work! Ooooh- la-la..Gov!)



Fifi and Governor Chuck - Ooooooh-Du-Twa!



Governor Chuck trying to speak French w/Fifi.



PDG'S Peggy and Duane Farnsworth



Pearl Beach's Country duo – Dave  
and Brenda Hacker



Lion George and Cheryl Loomis – dancing is fun!



The Best Dressed Cowgirl is from Applegate



Lions from Imlay City, Emmett and Applegate



Lion John and Rose Gallagher



North Branch Lions



Dave Eberlein, Dave Dykstra,  
Jack and Kitty Belesky



The Almont / Dryden Ladies



The Dykstra Outlaws are here!



Doing the Western version of "YMCA"



Saturday's Luncheon



Lion Don Clark receiving a Leadership Award



Marysville Lions Pati Fritz and Lucie DeLine put on a fun forum on tailtwisting. They sure know how to put fun in a meeting!



Snyderville and Emmett Lions collect tabs for Ronald McDonald House... this year they collected approx. 600 pounds!



Governor's Cocktail Party ... Saturday night ID Debra and husband Lion Steve.



Visiting dignitaries – Gov. Frank Revett and First Lady Mary Jane, Gov. Larry Morlack and First Lady Gayle.



DG Chuck and First Ladybug Nancy



First Ladybug Nancy was Presented with Twin Ladybugs from Lion Dave Eberlein and Girls from Emmett.



Lion Mary Dykstra from the South Park Lions club Receiving the Presidential Award! Surprise!



ID Debra presents Lion Dave Dykstra with a special tote for a job well done. Debra's husband Steve looks on.



Newest Lion member receives a special tote from Lion Steve and ID Debra.



DG Chuck and wife Nancy with ID Debra and Lion Steve.



Live Auction.... going ... going ... GONE! Many Wonderful items were auctioned.



2009  
"Vest of Pins"  
Winner!



Lion Margaret Oldenberg's and Lion Jerry Hilliker's Hospitality Room. (SWEET!)



Jerry Howard's and Bob Ryan's  
Hospitality Room



ID Debra with Howard Jackson of the Pearl Beach  
Lions Club (Howard has been a Lions Member  
For 52 years and held the title of "longest active  
Member" at the 2009 convention)



Sunday morning Elections



Our New Cabinet: from left to right

- DGE – Bob Ryan
- 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE - Jerry Howard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE - Margaret Oldenberg
- CST - Justin Faber
- RC - Jerry Hilliker
- RC - Wes Wagester
- ZC – Skip Ball
- RC – Dave Wineman

CONGRATULATIONS !



DG Chuck presenting his personal banner to  
ID Debra Wasserman



PREVIEW THE  
2010 CONVENTION  
BEING HELD  
AT THE TREE TOP INN  
IN GAYLORD



THE GREAT OUTDOORS!





THE INTERIOR LOOK'S GOOD TOO !

