



5M7 GRAM



July 2014



Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M7,

When you read this, I will be attending the **97th Lions International Convention** in Toronto doing the "meet and greet" with Lions from all over the world. The biggest highlight for me will be my installation as your **District Governor on July 8th**! A number of decisions need to be made during the convention. Probably the biggest is who will be voted in as your next 2nd International Vice President. Lion Bob Corlew from Tennessee has the official nod from LCI, as well as the Lions of Multiple District 5M. Lion Mike Butler from Texas is definitely the dark horse, but is still actively seeking the office and campaigning hard. I look forward to the last three days of the DGE training

scheduled for July 1, 2 & 3. It has been a long and winding road over the last two years to get to this point, but well worth the time and effort. I want to thank all of you in 5M7 for your trust that you have placed in my hands. I will try to not let you down.

Upon my return from Toronto, I will be meeting with my family and setting aside important family dates that will be blocked out of my schedule. The balance of July and beyond will be busy with club visits, meetings and events. Now that I have been given the dates for my *Council of Governors* meetings, your Governors Team, (*consisting of Me, IPDG Norm Kelzenberg, 1st VDG Tom Fiecke, 2nd VDG Steve Linder, GLT Coordinator Dan Kaiser, GMT coordinator Judy Herrala, Cabinet Sec./Treas. Nancy Schroeder and all of the Zone Chairs*) is in the process of setting the dates and locations of the District Cabinet meetings for the coming year, which, when set, allows the scheduling of the Zone meetings to follow. All this will be presented in the Gram in a timely manner.

If any of the returning or new club officers are having difficulty with club reports or procedures and were unable to attend the recent Leadership Training sessions, please ask any member of your Governors Team for assistance and/or guidance. These reports need to be submitted in a timely manner for the information in them to be a meaningful tool to help us manage your district. Your LCI website is a wealth of knowledge and has a large selection of tutorials you can access. Knowledge is power and the better you know your job, it will be easier and more enjoyable.

Please review the comments I made in the June issue of the Gram. I look forward to having fun and meaningful discussions with all of the clubs during my scheduled visits. Please reserve your 1st and 2nd choices early and **PLEASE** give a full address (including zip code) of the meeting location. If you do, you stand a good chance for me and my TomTom GPS to show up at the right time and place!

I wish all the Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 5M7 a progressive, prosperous and enjoyable year of 2014-2015.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Lion Terry Wold
612-759-5433
Serve the Need





Hello Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 5M7 --

The way the weather looks today, June 24th, just maybe we will have some nice weather ahead, I hope. I see that some of my neighbors are in their fields today trying to get their crops planted.

This past year really went by fast being 2nd VDG of 5M7. It was a lot of fun and I had good times going to the different Lions Clubs activities and *Governor's Night's* with Governor Norm and Lion Barb. I am looking forward to serving as 1st VDG of 5M7 for 2014/2015.

I know when Lion Terry, as your new District Governor of 5M7, gets back from the **Lions 97th International Convention** in Toronto, Canada; we are going to have a busy month of July with meetings and Clubs Activities. When your Lions Club has activities going on, get the word out by submitting the information to the 5M7 Gram newsletter and onto the District Calendar of 5M7.

I wish all Lions, Lioness and Leos who are going to the **Lions 97th International Convention** in Toronto, Canada to have a safe trip and have fun.

Lion Tom Fiecke 1st VDG of 5M7
Service from your Heart

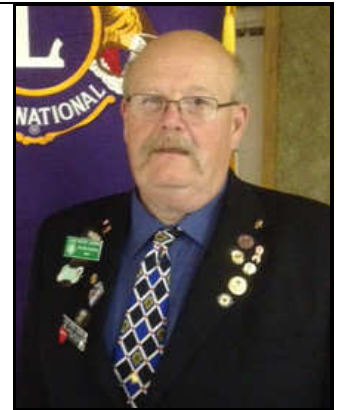
Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M7,

As I pass the gavel to the new President of the Spring Lake Park Lions Club, I start a new journey as 2VDG. As Governor Terry has said in his last article of the Gram, he would like me to visit the clubs in the District. I've always enjoyed attending different club events so I'm really looking forward to visiting all the clubs. To listen and learn about the different things other clubs are doing. If a club has any problems I'll be able to help out before it becomes a big problem. So please take the time to invite me out to your clubs.

Maybe a little about me — Lion Kathy and I have been married for 40 years and have been involved in Lions for quite awhile. We have two children and six grandchildren. I have been a club President twice, Zone Chair twice and Region Chair twice. I have been working with *Can Do Canines* since PDG Mary Ellen asked me to hold that position when she was Governor. That was a job I really enjoyed. The things those dogs can do is amazing.

Again, please invite me out to your clubs for a visit and also use the calendar on the 5M7 web page so Lions from other clubs can enjoy all the activities your clubs are doing.

Thank you for all you do.
2VDG Steve Linder





DG Terry's Calendar:

July

- 1-3 DGE final training Toronto, Canada
- 4-8 97th Lions International Convention
Toronto, Canada
Installation as 5M7 District Governor
- 9 Return from Toronto
- 11 North St. Paul Car Show
- 12 Andover Fun Fest Car Show
- 13 Ramsey County Fair Car Show
- 14 Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Board Meeting
- 17 Blaine Central Governor's Night
- 18 North St. Paul Car Show
- 19-29 Highland Park Festival
- 25 GMT/GLT training, St. Cloud, MN
- 26 Council of Governors meeting, St. Cloud

August

- 1 North St. Paul Car Show
- 2-3 Family reunion in Wisconsin
- 5 42nd Wedding Anniversary 
- 5 Otsego Lions Club, Install officers
- 8 North St. Paul Car Show
- 9 Carpenters Union Car Show & Food Drive
- 10 Lake Ridge Car Show, Buffalo, MN
- 12 Cabinet Meeting #1, Gabe's Rinkside
- 15 North St. Paul Car Show
- 17 Vadnais Heights Heritage Days Car Show
- 18 Special Olympics Project Chair Meeting,
location TBD
- 22 North St. Paul Car Show
- 29 Minnesota State Fair, Sell tickets @ Midway

District Camps



Editor's Note — Please send your articles and photos for the **5M7 Gram** by the 25th of each month. Be sure to include your club name, and captions for your photos. Send to: beckymom@comcast.net



Blaine Central Lions Club



Pictured is Lion Dottie McKinley.

The Blaine Central Lions spent several hours on May 31st at Fort Lions Park in Blaine pulling weeds, planting new shrubs and spreading mulch to make this long neglected park a beautiful place for families to spend time. We plan to host the upcoming **Night to Unite** on August 5th at the park for the surrounding neighborhood.

Montrose Lions Club

We had our officer installation meeting, with the Lioness as guests and Lion Steve(Fuzzy) Halseth as the dignitary to officiate. We had a social hour, potluck and chicken for dinner. Lion Fuzzy spoke to us, installed our new officers, swore in our newest member, Lion Tony Steffes and presented Lion Dean Bartosch with the Melvin Jones Award.



Welcome to Lion Tony Steffes, the newest member of the Montrose Lions Club.



PDG Steve Halseth and Melvin Jones Award recipient, Lion Dean Bartosch.

Spring Lake Park Lions Club

Lions Mary Curtis, Mike Wisner and Ann Kaduce have been working with *Biff's* and have coordinated a **Bean Toss Tourney** with all money raised going to the SLP-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department. The money will be used by the Fire Department for their *Home Safety Program*. Besides tournament prizes there will also be a Silent Auction and a meat raffle.

Please spread the word and encourage people to ***'Extinguish the Competition in supporting the Fire Department'*** Saturday July 26th. (See flyer on p. 8)



Youth Outreach

Just Planting Seeds...

Many of our Lions Clubs have accepted the challenge to become more involved with the nutritional needs of our school children left home during the holidays and school breaks. They have also accepted the idea of the PowerPaks and have provided food to hundreds of children.
Thank You!



Today the need is even greater. More children are home alone for summer vacation. Schools are closed down for weeks, months — *now what?* Where do children go for their daily meals? Is it convenient for them to get their PowerPaks from their food shelf? Is the local food shelf open limited hours? Just a few days a week? Maybe the food shelf needs more volunteer help? Maybe they need YOU!

Don't forget our young people.

This is what the Circle Lexington Lions are doing:

Centennial Schools are going to have someone on staff at the Middle School so our kids can pick up PowerPaks. We also will be asking *Festival Foods* to keep selling PowerPaks at the store for the local food shelf. Just remember, no more hungry kids in 5M7!

Lion Virginia Hestekind
Youth Outreach Chair

Don't forget your Peace Poster Contest!

A Salute to the US Armed Forces

Taken from the 2014 5M Pin Traders Newsletter, Vol. 2, Issue 4

By Lion Bill Guthrie

Lion Stacy Lanou is one of the newest members of the Coon Rapids Lions Club. She served in the US Army in Afghanistan from September 18, 2012 to June 18, 2013 with C CO 2/211th Air Ambulance.

When she became a member of our Lions Club, I asked her if she would like to have any Lions pins that honored the military. She replied that YES, she would love to have them.

I gave her the four pins "*Honoring the Helicopter Medivacs*" (see photos). She informed me that she had a patch on the back of her helmet that matched the pin that I gave her that said "The Louder You Scream, The Faster We Come." That particular pin in the series was put out by Lion Jim DeRouchey of Texas.

As a Vietnam veteran who served in the Army, it made me very proud and happy to be able to share my love of pins and in particular with someone who is still serving in the MN Army National Guard.



Lion Stacy Lanou (above) served in the US Army in Afghanistan with C CO 2/211th Air Ambulance. The patch on the back of her helmet matched the pin below by Lion Jim DeRouchey.



"Honoring the Helicopter Medivacs" Lion Pin series



2014-2015 The Bruce Gagnelius Drug Awareness Awards

(Former Drugs Awareness Poster Contest)

The 5M7 Youth Outreach chairs are proud to announce that there will be a district-wide Poster Contest at the Mid-Winter Convention in January.

This will be our **29th Annual Drug Awareness Poster Contest**, and each age group winner will receive \$50.00 cash at District Level and a plaque. The winner will have their meal, two parents and one teacher paid for by the District. The club will need to send the bill to me.

Objectives of the contest are:

- To actively involve young people in drug awareness at the local club level throughout the District and to encourage cooperation of school officials in the Lions Youth Outreach Program, or any other accredited program.
- The poster contest is open to all Lions and Lioness Clubs in the District. The contest has had great success the past 28 years with Lions and Lioness Clubs promoting the contest within schools of their area.
- Winners of the poster contest are chosen at the *5M7 Mid-Winter Lion's Convention*. This procedure will again be followed at the 2014-2015 convention to be held in January at the Marriot Hotel in Bloomington.

Club Contact Suggestions Include:

1. Contact local school officials to coordinate a poster contest with their school drug education program.
2. Contact local businesses to display all contest entries.
3. Select judges [ex.: law enforcement officers, counselors, etc] to judge on how effective the presentation of the anti-drug message is, as well as on artistic skill.
4. Award appropriate prizes to winners in each age category [trips to youth activities, money, saving certificates, school activities, etc.]
5. Publish winners in each category in local newspapers; announce winners on radio, etc.

District Guidelines:

1. Age Groupings are [K] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6-7-8] [9-10-11-12]
2. Anywhere on backside of poster please put: Students Name – School - Grade - Teacher - Phone number of student. Also, include sponsoring club's phone number and hotel room number.
3. Clubs are to take down their poster entries by Saturday evening.
4. Poster paper shall be only 11" x 17" or 12" x 18"
5. Winners will be honored at the Club (winning posters will stay with the club until you honor them).
6. Posters will be judged the FRIDAY EVENING of the Mid-Winter Convention.
7. Clubs are to bring ONLY 1st place winners from each school in each grouping -- not every poster.

Submit local winner in each age category to District Youth Outreach table at the main entrance on Friday evening by 6:00 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE:** If your club can not have them there by 6:00 p.m. Please see that the Youth Outreach Chair has them before the convention.

Youth Outreach Chair



Lions Clubs International

The next *Emerging Lions Leadership Institute* for the Lions of United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas & Canada will be offered in Oak Brook, IL on October 4-6, 2014. We seek your assistance to help recruit qualified Lion participants for the institute. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the club level.

This institute is targeted to Lions that have not yet been club president. For details, see the application materials. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/emerging-leadership/index.php>

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Additionally, LCI will make appropriate hotel reservations for each participant on a twin-share basis. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US \$95.00 will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. Participants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the designated venue inclusive to all relevant ground transportation charges.

Please help us recruit qualified Lions for this institute by providing a copy of the application packet to Lions leaders in your district, including your district governor team and region and zone chairpersons, to remind them of this event. Please ask them to promote the institute and actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. The success of this institute depends on the support of Lions leaders from across your constitutional area. More information is also available on the website.

We will be accepting 75 Lions, total. This institute will be conducted in English and French.

Completed forms must be returned by July 21, 2014

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

Institutes & Seminars | Lions Clubs International
Fax: 630.706.9010 or Email: institutes@lionsclubs.org

If you have questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 630.468.6740.

Kathryn H. Ryan, Mgr Institutes and Seminars
Lions Clubs International & LCIF
300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523

A Note from PDG Norm --

I would suggest that anyone interested in attending the Institute contact the District GLT Chairperson to make them aware of their interest.

PDG Norm Kelzenberg
Service and a Smile

BeanBagToss TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser

Extinguish the competition!

Join Spring Lake Park Lions and Biffs in supporting
**Spring Lake Park - Blaine - Mounds View
Fire Department**

July 26, 2014

Registration 10:00-11:00am

First toss at 11:30am

\$30.00 per team (2 players per team)

Payouts for 1st-4th place teams

\$1000 in prizes to be given away!

Meat Raffle at 3:00pm
(50 packs)



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Spring Lake Park, MN 55432



all proceeds go to fundraiser

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TICKETS \$25 (\$35 day of)

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3-7 PM

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Chomonix's Largest Fall Tournament!

Great Time! Great Course! Great Fun! All Golfers Welcome!



22nd Annual Circle Lex Lions

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Community Fundraiser



Chomonix Golf Course

700 Aqua Lane, Lino Lakes, MN

Friday, September 5, 2014

- ◇ Shotgun Start 12:30 pm
- ◇ Registration from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- ◇ Lunch will be served beginning at 11:15 am
- ◇ 4 Person Scramble
- ◇ Many contests and other events!
- ◇ No Coolers/containers allowed
- ◇ All beverages sold by Chomonix
- ◇ Team Captains must check in for their team and make sure all golfers are paid before receiving your packets

Early Registration Discounts! Includes: 18 holes, power cart, starting gifts, door prizes and lunch!

- ◇ **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:** One Check One Team (4) \$300.00 (must be postmarked by August 16, 2014)
- ◇ \$80.00 per golfer until August 29, 2014
- ◇ \$90.00 per golfer at the event



Enter as a team or singles or doubles. We will make the groups.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Mail to: Circle Lex Lions, Box 13, Circle Pines, MN 55014

Questions: Call Lion Ginny Hestekind (763) 786-3474



Lioness Clubs

Well....June is finally here! Who would have guessed it would be one of the wettest months in years! I hope this doesn't lead into a hot, dry summer.

As we come to the end of our year, first and foremost I wish to thank all the Lioness Clubs and membership for their support of Lion/Lioness Illa and myself. District Governor Elect Lion Terry still searches for someone in the Cabinet to assume the role of Lioness Associate. So to that end, until someone steps up, I'll remain a contact person for the Lioness Clubs in District 5M7.

In order for me to assist all the Lioness clubs, if clubs in Group 2 would forward to me the names of their presidents and secretaries, I would greatly appreciate it. Information can be sent to me at:

Lioness Judie Zaske
211 Leighton Drive
Big Lake, MN. 55309
H: 763.263.2782
C: 612.670.7772

Email: judiegolfer@yahoo.com

Due to a lack of response of Lionesses planning to attend the *Leadership Forum* in May; it was cancelled. I have given thought to holding one in September [no date has been set yet] with the same agenda/program as was scheduled in May. Many of you have held officer positions many times over; but the *Leadership Forum* will also be discussing issues such as decreasing membership or clubs struggling to keep members. Some clubs may be considering disbanding or partnering with another club to keep their members. All of which, are important issues to club officers and membership.

During PDG Lion Paul's term, he passed out a club evaluation form. I asked clubs in Group 1 to have their membership complete, have the Board of Directors review the responses and formulate an action plan to deal with the issues as seen by the membership. To my knowledge, only one club has completed and is working towards making their club more responsive, while dealing with issues that are important to their club membership. If you are interested in reviewing the assessment form, please contact me and I will forward one to you.



Club Activities in Group 1

Big Lake: The ladies delivered 43 May Baskets to seniors in the community. These baskets hold items such as snacks, note pads, assorted cards, pens, stamps, etc. Seniors enjoy getting these decorated and fun filled baskets. In May the ladies attended the matinee production of the *Church Basement Ladies* at the Paramount in St. Cloud. The end of June, the Lioness will be participating in the city's annual *Spud Fest* activities and in July will be holding their annual awards evening.

Clear Lake: These ladies have already begun knitting mittens for area elementary schools and worked at their local food shelf. Several of the Clear Lake Lioness also attended the production of the *Church Basement Ladies* at the Paramount in St. Cloud.

Montrose: The Montrose Lioness has been busy donating to their local food shelf as well as helping with ditch cleanup in their area. They held the installation of officers with their Lions Club on June 2nd.

If you haven't already, please send in your [100% President and Secretary Award](#) forms to DG Norm.