



5M7 GRAM



September 2014



Lions, Lioness & Leo's of 5M7 —

Summer is winding down with Labor Day just around the corner. That means for many of us travelling to a favorite spot for that last bit of summer fun before we head into the fall season. Please celebrate responsibly and return everyone home safely, and as Lions, let's hit the ground running. We have a lot to do in the next 10 months.

To date, I have about 20 out of 52 *Governors' Nights* scheduled. There are still openings in September, October, November and December. My preference is to be notified by email, using the form provided in last month's Gram as well as

on our 5M7 website. You can start the process with a simple phone call to me at 612-759-5433 or mail the completed form to me. It is important to visit your club prior to the *Mid-Winter Convention* in mid-January in order for me to present Int'l President Preston's theme of "*Strengthen The Pride*" as well as to share in your club successes and identify any needs your club may have in order to effectively help in any way we can. **Governor's Night is also a GREAT time to induct new Lions.** Your District Governor team exists to serve you.

We are finishing up our second month of this Lions year already! The first 5M7 Cabinet Meeting was held on July 28th with a number of new members who bring fresh ideas and energy, and of course, our returning members who contribute and mentor so graciously. I am proud to have them all serving you! Please invite them to visit your club. They are a wealth of knowledge and may just light a fire to go out and further serve.

A few additional jottings of note:

- Our District has openings for a maximum of six (6) Lions who, if interested, may attend the upcoming **MD5M Regional Leadership Institute** to be held in Mahanomen, March 26-29, 2015. It is on a first-come-first-serve basis. If interested, please contact me or your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coord., Lion Dan Kaiser for the details. Our deadline for registering is December 1st.
- I encourage our Zone Chairs to take the LCI online Guiding Lion course.
- I want to give a big "*Thumbs-Up*" to Fridley's Lion Tom Bourque, the new Diabetes Education & Awareness Cabinet Chairman, for taking the initiative in developing a pilot program with Cub Foods to identify a list of food groups beneficial to diabetics when conducting a Lions-sponsored food drive. The program is in its infancy, but looks promising. Stay tuned for additional reports during the rest of the year.
- Engage in youth, our Leo's want and need to be a part of Lions to get ready for their future in Lions. Invite them to help in a service project, or for a small stipend, have them help at a fundraising event.
- Contact either Lion Susan Johnson or Lion Joanne Toews with any questions or concerns about the 5M7 website.
- Please "**ASK 1**", give someone an opportunity to serve their community and the world — ask them to become a Lion!

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Remember, **COMMUNICATION** is an important key to success. Contact any of your Governor's Team (including me directly) to discuss any concerns and/or successes as together, *"We Serve"*!

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



Lions, Lioness and Leos --

Where has this summer gone to so fast? You can tell fall is right around corner — I can see that by the activities going on in the month of September; plus the Governor's Night visits with Governor Lion Terry and Zone meetings coming up.

This past month has been very busy with a trip out to *Leader Dog for the Blind* in Rochester, MI. I would like to say thank you to all Lion's who donate to *Leader Dog for the Blind*. To raise a dog from birth until they go to work for a blind person, it costs around \$ 40,000.

I helped out at the Wright County Fair at the Kirby Puckett Eye Mobile. If you see this van around, go and have your eyes tested. We had two year old kids test that day and they were told to go see their eye doctor.

I was at *Camp Friendship (True Friends)* to serve lemonade, bars and cookies with the 2013 Mrs. Minnesota, Kimberly Stommes, and Alison Sherman of *True Friends*. I would like to say thank you to all Lion's who have asked someone to be a Lion member this past month.

1st VDG Lion Tom Fiecke
Serve from the Heart

Lions, Lioness, and Leos —

It's already the end of August and school will be starting or has started. So far it's been a busy time for Lion Kathy and me. We are trying to attend as many club events as we can, but you have to let the Lions in our District know by putting the events in the 5M7 Gram and on the 5M7 website calendar.

So far we have attended the Clear Lake Lioness & Lions Chicken and Corn Feed — they really put on a feed! We went out to Monticello Lions BrewFest and had a great time, but just too many beers to try them all. We stopped out at the Music in the Park in Chisago and had some corn.

I have attended the zone meeting for Zone 7 in Forest Lake and have attended two Zone planning meetings. Governor Terry has given me the opportunity to work with the clubs in Zones 5-9. So if you have any questions or problems just give me a call. Please advertise your events in the Gram and the website.

Thanks For all You Do

2VDG Steve Linder





DG Terry's Calendar:

September

- 10 - District Office Webinar online
- 13 - Can Do Canines "Woofaroo"
- 13 - Otsego Lions Corn Feed
- 13 - Blaine Central Lions Club
5 year Anniversary party
- 15 - 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention Committee mtg
- 16 - Lions Orientation - Elk River
- 18 - Forest Lake & Wyoming Lions Joint
Governor's Night
- 23 - Governor's Team Meeting, Blaine
- 24 - Coon Rapids Lions Governor's Night
- 26 - Can Do Canines Tour - New Hope

October

- 06 - Columbia Heights Lions Governor's Night
- 12 - Spring Lake Park Lions Pancake Breakfast
- 13 - Almelund & Taylors Falls Lions Joint
Governor's Night
- 14 - Anoka Lions & Lioness Governor's Night
- 16 - Hanover & Rockford Lions Joint
Governor's Night
- 18 - Multiple 5M Council of Governors mtg -
Detroit Lakes
- 21 - Clear Lake Lions & Lioness Governor's Night
- 22 - Governor's Team Meeting, Blaine
- 23 - Rush City Lions Governor's Night
- 27 - Waverly Lions Governor's Night
- 28 - 5M7 Cabinet meeting - Blaine

November

- 11 - Can Do Canines Fall Graduation
- 15 - Can Do Canines Fetching Ball Gala
- 17 - Monticello Lions Governor's Night
- 19 - Coon Rapids North Star Lions }
Governor's Night

December

- 02 - Cambridge Lions Governor's Night
- 03 - Buffalo Lions Governor's Night
- 08 - Zimmerman Lions Governor's Night

January

16-18 - Mid-Winter Convention - Bloomington

February

17 - Elk River Lions Governor's Night

March

13-15 - Council of Governors - Brooklyn Center

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



MD5M Convention 2015



Lions, Lionesses, and Leos from Multiple District 5M will be gathering for great fellowship, learning, and entertainment during the 96th Annual MD5M Convention -- April 17-19, 2015 -- Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, MN.

A special hotel rate of \$99.42 (including tax) will be available through November 1, 2014. We expect the hotel to sell out quickly at this great rate. So make your reservations TODAY! Call 1-800-228-9290 and tell them you are with the MD5M Lions Convention.

More information regarding seminar topics and schedules will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

You can access the **MD5M Convention** registration form on the MD5M website, <http://lionsmd5m.org/default.php#>, select **Conventions** and select the **registration form** or see p. 4 in this Gram.

Entertainment by **The Rockin' Hollywoods**
www.rockinhollywoods.com



96th Annual MD5M Convention

April 17-18-19, 2015

Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington, MN

Registration Form

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

email address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

District Number & Club Name: _____

Is this your first MD5M Convention? __Yes __No

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

email address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

District Number & Club Name: _____

Is this your first MD5M Convention? __Yes __No

YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals # Attending _____

EVENT	Before March 15	After March 15	# Attending	Amount
Hospitality Book	\$130 USD	\$140 USD		
Friday Evening Social	\$15 USD	\$20 USD		
Saturday Breakfast	\$30 USD	\$35 USD		
Saturday Luncheon	\$30 USD	\$35 USD		
Saturday Banquet	\$45 USD	\$50 USD		
Sunday Brunch	\$30 USD	\$35 USD		

No meals will be available after April 10th, 2015

Make Check Payable to: 5M6 PDG Association

Send registration form and payment to: *PDG Joe Fox, 1821 Myrtle Street, Maplewood, MN 55109*
Cancellations accepted & refunded prior to March 15, 2015. A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be applied.

Registration Questions: Joe Fox: foxxx012@umn.edu or Dave Dominick: david.dominick@ymcatwincities.org

Special Hotel Rate: \$99.42 per night for a regular room (tax included)
Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel - Free Parking- rate guaranteed through 11/1

Beginning 11/2 - hotel rate will be \$110.85 (tax included)
Hotel will begin accepting reservations beginning May 1, 2014

To Make Room Reservations- Contact: MPLS Airport Marriott Hotel at 1-800-228-9290
Make reservations early ~ Tell them you are with MD5M LIONS Convention



Centennial Service Challenge



In the year 2017, we as Lions will celebrate the Centennial of the founding of our great organization, the International Association of Lions Clubs. This 100-year Anniversary will be marked by many celebrations and festivities. It will also be a time of retrospection and re-dedication. What we have accomplished to date and what challenges await us in the future.

In preparing for that anniversary, we are challenging all the Lions and Clubs in District 5M7 with the "*Centennial Challenge*".

The *Centennial Challenge* is driven by this year's theme of International President Lion Joe Preston, "*Strengthen the PRIDE*".

The result will be strong clubs for today and into tomorrow; clubs strong in membership, new members working with revitalized and re-dedicated members proudly serving their communities.

Clubs strong in membership retention as well as letting all Lions feel their time is well spent and of value to themselves and the communities they serve.

Clubs strong in service; a balance comprised of hands-on service and fundraising that will make their communities better places to live and work.

The *Centennial Challenge* will consist of four challenges dealing with membership and service to be accomplished over the next three years. Each challenge will be specific and measurable. Successful completion of each challenge will be celebrated and rewarded:

- ⇒ **Challenge 1:** Each club in the district, by the end of the Lions year 2017, will have increased their membership to equal the original membership at the time that club was chartered if they are below that number at this time.
- ⇒ **Challenge 2:** Each club in the district will grow their membership by at least six (6) members with at least two of these members to be age 35 or younger.
- ⇒ **Challenge 3:** Each club in the district will reduce their net member loss rate to 4% or less.
- ⇒ **Challenge 4:** Each club in the district will grow hands-on service in their communities by creating and implementing one new service project per year.

These challenges will be tracked over the next three years by the district GMT Coordinators team and a special surprise will be provided to the successful clubs in each category. Details to come!

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



Blaine Central Lions Club

On August 5th the Blaine Central Lions hosted their first **National Night Out** at Fort Lions Park in Blaine. They combined this with a food drive with the food going to Kingswood Church in Blaine. The Blaine Police Department stopped by for a visit with the neighbors in attendance. Games were provided for the kids with prizes and rootbeer floats for all! Fort Lions Park has been abandoned for many years. This will continue to be one of our ongoing community service projects to help provide a safe and fun place for families to visit.



On September 25th, **Can Do Canines** will be visiting the Blaine Central Lions Club at their monthly meeting. **Can Do Canines** brings greater freedom, independence and peace of mind to your life by creating a mutually beneficial partnership with a specially trained dog matched to your personal assistance needs.



We invite all Lions to attend this meeting to learn more about the services provided and volunteer opportunities available by **Can Do Canines** and the Blaine Central Lions Club. This meeting will be held at the Sgt John Rice VFW, 1374 109th Ave NE, Blaine MN at 6:00pm. For more information contact Lion Shirley at 612-590-7519.

Otsego Lions Club



From left to right they are President Bill Christian, Secretary Deanna Ward, 2nd Vice-President Jim Breitbach, Director Ellie Christian, Tail Twister Bill Murphy and Past President Chad Christian.

Montrose Lions Club



The Montrose Lions Club has taken on a new project with Montrose Elementary School (MES), to help refresh some of the schools playground equipment.

The project's cost is expected to be around \$25,000, and the Lions have started the fund with \$5,500 and will continue to add funds from other projects throughout the next 10-12 months.

Over the last several years, this Lion's Club has donated funds for other school needs such as: New Computer Equipment; Winter Clothing; School Carnival; Music Program; and other programs which help students advance in education.

This project will result in an updated playground which will last for many years, and a lot of children will have lots of fun. The Lions will be performing some of the labor to help reduce costs overall, and help from outside the club would be appreciated.





Montrose Elementary School Secretary Kerri McDonald, Principal Tony Steffes, Montrose Lions President Roger Vanderlinde, and Secretary Lion Lonnie Weber.

If you would like to help out with this project by donating to the school or with some labor at the time the refresh takes place, you can contact Tony Steffes at MES 763-682-8350 or Lion President Roger Vanderlinde at 763-658-3423. Assistance monetarily or physically, would be greatly appreciated.



To help fund the **Playground Project**, you can send checks to:

Montrose Elementary School
Attention Kerri McDonald
100 2nd St South
Montrose, MN 55363

Please earmark the check for the *Lions playground project*. All donations are tax deductible.

The Montrose Lions club and MES would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that contributes in any form to this project!
THANK YOU!

Zone 6 Announcement

The next zone meeting for Zone 6 will be held on September 22nd at 6:30 at Murzyn Hall, 591 Mills St, Columbia Heights.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing 2014



I would like to encourage Lions in all of the Clubs in our District to get involved in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year. The season runs from approximately Nov. 10th thru Dec. 24th, Mondays thru Saturdays with no bell ringing on Sundays and Thanksgiving. The hours are from 10am thru 8pm.

You can either ring bells as a group or by yourself. If you ring by yourself, please ring in two-hour increments on the even hour. If you ring as a group, you can take the whole day or weekend or whatever.

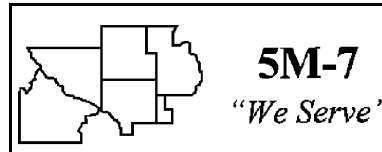
The advantage of signing up early is that you have a better chance of getting your choice of the place and time and date you want to ring. When you sign up, you can call the Salvation Army scheduling dept. at: 651-746-3519. If you need any more information, you can call the Salvation Army at the above number, or contact me.

If there are any Clubs out there that would like for me to come and speak to them about Bell Ringing, I would be more than glad to do so.



Yours in Lionism,

PDG Ed Nelson
Cell: 612-709-0698 or etnelson1943@yahoo.com



Mid-Winter Convention Update

The food committee for the *Mid-Winter Convention* is seeking your input. It seems that in the past we have received the most comments concerning the Saturday luncheon menu.

A common complaint/suggestion is that the lunch meal should be "lighter". With that in mind, this year we want your help in selecting the meal.

We have these options at the same price:

1. Turkey Club croissant sandwich
2. Chicken salad croissant sandwich
3. Chicken wild rice soup
4. Vegetable soup

The meal will come with soup, sandwich, and beverages. The final menu will be announced in the December 5M7 Gram.

Now here is what you do:

1. Select the sandwich of your choice and the soup of your choice.
2. Notify your club secretary and have them contact PDG Pat Kennedy with the numbers selected for each selection.
Contact PDG Pat Kennedy by email: pckennedy@frontierner.net or by phone: 651-257-1900.

PDG Pat will tally up all the votes and the "Majority will rule." If there are special diet requirements, they can be posted on the club's convention reservation form.

Here are some things we would like to have you keep in mind.

- This is *your* convention.
 - ✓The convention committee is made up of Lions just like you. If you would like to be a member of the committee in the future, notify one of the current members. There are two (2) non-PDG members appointed each year.
- The food served at the three meals is just food. The prices are as low as the hotel can go. Nobody is making a lot of money off the food served, but what you get when attending the meals is *a lot more* than food.
 - ✓You sit at a table with other Lions and have the opportunity to meet and greet old or new friends.
 - ✓You have the opportunity to hear what other clubs are doing.
 - ✓You have the opportunity to hear the speakers.
- If you attend the meals, you have a **real opportunity to learn what it means to be a Lion.**
 - ✓This is the real reason to attend a Lions convention — This is where you get the *Spirit of Lionism* in your hearts. The more you attend, the more that Spirit grows. Then you will come to understand why LCI is the largest volunteer organization on earth.

Thank you from the food committee,
PDG Pat Kennedy, PDG Mary Ellen Storley,
PDG Clay O'Flanagan, PDG Jim Mulroy

Global Membership Team



Does your club do an ORIENTATION for all of your new members? I surely am hoping so! This is a very important part of the membership process. The information presented during orientation provides a foundation for all of our new members. It helps them understand how the club functions, what their role will be and gives them the big picture of their district and the association.

When you were a new member how did you learn about your club? How did you learn about the tail twisting? How did you learn what impact your club makes in your community?

I want to share a quick story with you. In my own club, we had a new member. Before we could get an orientation set up at a satisfactory time for all, she had attended a few meetings and also a project or two. So we got the orientation set up and this member wondered why she should join because *"it seems every time someone says something, people make them pay!, and your Lions in this state don't operate like the Lions in my old state, I am not sure about this."*

Folks, this is why that orientation is very, very important to your club and the new member. It gives the club a chance to talk about how you operate and also it gives this new member a chance to ask questions in a smaller setting. New members don't always feel comfortable asking in a large group setting. When new members are properly informed, they are way more likely to feel comfortable with your club, become active and remain Lions for years.

There are tools available to assist us with orienting our members! Lions Clubs International has a handy dandy **New Member Orientation Guide** which you can go through with each of your new members. I think this book is amazing! It covers all aspects of Lions and by going through this booklet, you can tell your new member, *"this is how we do it in our club."* All the information is there, you just tailor to your own club information. Members can also use the guide as a reference during their time as a Lion.

How does your club do new member orientations? There are so many ways to do this! And each club is a bit different. Some ideas for your club:

- **Invite all members to each of your orientations.** In this way your new member can have a chance to meet many of your members. Not all will be able to make it, but it allows for the new member to get input from current members and meet them as well.
- **Do an orientation over coffee.** I have personally done this many times. The orientee then feels as if you are focused on them and they feel they are able to ask questions one-on-one. Some people feel more comfortable in that setting.
- Maybe your club has **time set aside on your calendar** monthly or bi-monthly for orientations for new members. If there are no new members, then you don't need to meet, but if so, there is already time set aside for this.
- There is one club which has an orientation time set aside one hour prior to their meetings so as not to add "another meeting night." That is okay too.

There are many ways to get new member orientations completed. If your club does not regularly do this, I encourage you to make this happen. I have and am able to get more [New Member Orientation Guides](#). Please ask me for them.

Judy



Your *Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation* (MLVF) Board of Directors representatives, PDG Paul Hansen and

Lion Lyle Goff, are hoping your Club or Zone will offer them a chance to make a brief presentation at your next meeting. There is lots of exciting news surrounding the research and treatment being performed at the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, the Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic and the Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Center. You can learn more about eye tissue donations, retinal imaging research and the latest procedures in restoring sight to patients young and old. Please contact PDG Paul and/or Lion Lyle to schedule your meeting.

In addition, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle are hoping all of the Clubs in 5M7 will help with a project. This project is the updating of the list of used eyeglass collection locations each Club maintains in their community. [We are asking each Club to verify the locations where they collect used eyeglasses, sunglasses and reading glasses.](#) Once your list is complete, we ask you to please send it to your

Zone Chair, who will forward the list to us. We, in turn, will pass these lists along to the MLVF so the master list can be revised. To see what locations are currently reported for your Club, check out the master list by going to the [5M7 website](#), click on the [Links & Documents](#) tab on the left, click on the link to the [Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation website](#), click on the [Used Eyeglass Program](#) link and then click on the [Used Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Locations](#) link found at the bottom of the page. Please send your revised list as soon as possible!

There are some big events taking place this autumn involving the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation so please mark your calendars with the following events:

- ✓ **Saturday, September 27th** – Fall Tours @ the U of M: Come visit the clinics where work is being done every day to improve the hearing and vision of those in need. This is a great opportunity for new Lions to check out what we all can do when we Lions put our efforts together towards a goal! Make your reservation today!
- ✓ **Sunday, October 12th** – MLVF Donor and Family Recognition @ the University of St. Thomas: This event honors those families whose loved ones cared enough to donate their eye tissues for transplant and research.
- ✓ **Saturday, October 25th** – Thanksgiving for Vision @ the Earle Brown Heritage Center: This event celebrates the partnership between the Minnesota Lions and the University of Minnesota. Each Club President is invited to attend this event each year. If you are unable to attend, we ask you to please consider sending someone to represent your Club. Invitations will be mailed to the Clubs in September.

Finally, if you are in need of any used eyeglass collection boxes, we have FREE boxes available upon request. Please contact us or your Zone Chairs to request your collection boxes today!

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Paul Hansen – MLVF West
pjhansen@windstream.net
 H) 320-274-3234 C) 612-840-5960

Lion Lyle Goff – MLVF East
gofflt@msn.com
 H) 763-754-8921 C) 763-229-6145

Can Do Canines



Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, *Can Do Canines* continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide to those in need, free of charge.

We're on track to graduate 46 new teams in 2014, an increase of ten additional teams over 2013. That's more dogs than we trained ever before! We plan to increase the number graduates annually and by 2017 expect to graduate more than 70 teams per year.

To celebrate, we invite you to join us at the following events:

⇒ **Can Do Woofaroo** –
Saturday, September 13, 2014



Join pet lovers, assistance dogs and their partners, volunteers and supporters for a fun and educational day at the *Can Do Woofaroo*.

Watch demonstrations of amazing dogs doing the jobs they love. Chat with Katie K-9 from MyTalk 107.1. Enjoy live music, food, games for people and pets, vendor exhibit booths, prizes, tours of our facility... and the fundraising walk!

The *Woofaroo 1-mile Walk and Festival* are held at: **Can Do Canines**, 9440 Science Center Drive in New Hope. Register today at candowoofaroo.org or call 763-331-3000 to request a brochure.



⇒ **Fall Graduation Ceremony** –
Saturday, October 11, 2014



Left to right (back row): Thomas Sandness & Diabetes Assist Dog Freida, Tennille Petersen & Diabetes Assist Dog Frances, John Ewing & Diabetes Assist Dog Floyd, Andrea Vavra & Diabetes Assist Dog Gideon, Krista Mohs & Seizure Response Dog Dexter, Deborah Javinsky-Wenzek & Mobility Assist Dog Zach.

Left to right (front row): Jessica Hagenah & Mobility Assist Dog Georgia, Verda Grabinski & Hearing Khloe, Collin Shaughnessy & Diabetes Assist Dog Giles, Tyler Pinor & Mobility Assist Dog Geena, Colleen Kaldun & Hearing Assist Dog Elsa, Cordelia E.Grom & Autism Assist Dog Woodrow, Stephanie Ruutsinoja & Diabetes Assist Dog Stella.

Mark your calendars and join *Can Do Canines* in celebrating the many months of hard work of our assistance dogs at our **Fall Graduation Ceremony** on Saturday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.

After a puppy raiser takes a puppy into his/her home to train and love for up to 18 months, then they go through the emotional experience of giving the dog back to *Can Do Canines* for final training. But, it is all worth it when they participate in graduation by seeing their dog again and walking on stage to formally present the dog to their new life partner. It is a very inspiring scene that you don't want to miss!

The ceremony will take place at **Can Do Canines**, 9440 Science Center Drive in New Hope.

⇒ **Are You A Top Dog?**

Can Do Canines “**Top Dog**” Award can be given to any club, member or non-Lion's member with a \$500 donation. If you or your club has made it to “Top Dog status” contact Kathy Broten at 763-331-3000 x152, or email kbroten@can-do-canines.org to receive your award.



2015 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Wanted:

YOU!!



For: An Unbelievable Opportunity

What: 2015 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute

When: March 26-29, 2015

**Where: Shooting Star Convention Center
Mahnomon, MN**

We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the **2015 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute!** Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.



The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and three meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$100 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program. Participants **MUST** be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions. The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2014. Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

Institute graduates from your district will tell you that the **Regional Lions Leadership Institute** is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact:

Lion Bruce Beck – subdriver660@gmail.com.

We look forward to giving YOU this UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY!!

MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute Student Application Form

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your District Governor no later than December 1, 2014

Name: _____ Date joined Lions: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

Club name: _____ Member number: _____

Current office held: _____

Other offices held: _____

Why do you wish to attend the MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute?

Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space

Application must be signed by the following:

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Club President or Zone Chair: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute. Your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration to MD5M Executive Secretary Robert Harms by January 15, 2015.

SAVE THE DATE

True Strides Therapy Horses Open House



Sept. 20, 2014 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Camp Courage
8046 83rd Street NW, Maple Lake, MN

Come for the horses, stay for the fun!

*See how our horses
change lives*



10 a.m. - Donor Recognition & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

11 a.m. - Horse Therapy Lesson Demonstration

Noon - Horsemanship Demonstration

Every half hour: Hay Ride Tours

Meet our herd

*Horse-themed
games for kids*

*Involvement
Booth*

Coloring Booths

Refreshments

Door Prizes

Accepting donations of new or used tack

RSVP by Sept. 10 to be entered into a drawing for a True Friends gift bag!

To RSVP contact Breanna Chapman:
email: BreannaC@truefriends.org or
call: 952.852.0101 ext. 379



True Strides is a core
service of True Friends
truefriends.org

Special Olympics and Lions Clubs International Opening Eye Clinic Summer Games, Stillwater High School ~ June 26th & 27th, 2014



A Big thanks to Lion Ray Moonen, MD5M Co-chair and Lion Jim Cain, 5M5 Special Olympics Project Chair for Co-chairing this event. (pictured to the left)

Pictures submitted by Lion Laura Maki, (photo right) MD5M Special Olympics Co-chair.



The Lions of 5M5 hosted Opening Eyes, a partnership program with Special Olympics, at the Summer Games in Stillwater with Lions from around the state coming to serve the athletes and provide them with an opportunity to see the world in new light. LCIF provided a grant of \$19,550 to assist with this project. Some glasses were able to be cut onsite thanks to Donald Rosene, a sales consultant with Santinelli and the machine they had available. On Friday, June 27th, 400 pair of glasses were given, a record number in one day. With our team of Lions, sponsors, SOMN staff, optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians, students, friends, kids and spouses, we shattered last year's record! 530 athletes were screened with 55 referred for care and 611 pairs of prescription glasses were provided. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.





Lioness Clubs

As August draws to a close.... we begin to

hear and read about local schools starting and all the school sales that go along with it. I remarked the other day to a friend that I had no idea where summer went. I still have a number of outside

projects and painting that needs to be done yet and am thinking I may not have a whole lot of time left. It would be nice if we could count on a nice long fall but I'm not going to hold my breath on that!



Big Lake Lioness [16] are busy getting things in order for their upcoming garage sale September 13th at Lions Park in Big Lake. If you're in the area, I know the ladies would love to have you stop and look around. A couple of the ladies have

volunteered to sell tickets at the MN State Fair Midway the last weekend in August. I hear it's a pretty interesting job for those who like to people watch!

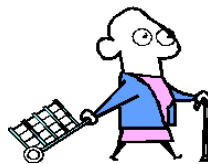
Montrose Lioness [15] finished their Montrose Days in August. From past info, I know these ladies help or handle the cake walk, bingo, root beer floats, as well as other activities during the weekend. In July, four of the members served ice cream at Camp Friendship. Now there's a job I could handle!



Clear Lake Lioness [16] worked at their local food shelf, donated clothing and is continuing to knit mittens for the area elementary school which is an excellent idea for our upcoming winter. These ladies

save Box Tops for Education and have attended several outside Lions activities in July.

In July the **St. Francis Lioness [12]** were busy helping their local seniors with daycare, house cleaning, delivering a dryer and taking seniors grocery shopping. The seniors in their community are very lucky to have these ladies! These ladies found time to work at their local *Night to Unite* in their community. **Great Work Ladies!**



The **Anoka Lioness [35]** have been working at the Anoka County Fair with the Anoka Lions and selling tickets at the MN State Fair Midway. Money is collected each month for the Anoka High School Food Shelf. Homelessness has become a big issue in the area and the Lioness became very aware of this when a homeless individual was

sleeping at an area park when we arrived for our annual picnic. He didn't join the picnic but was given some of our food. The club will be looking into other projects in order to feed the hungry.



Notes to Self...

- ✓ My thanks to Anoka, Big Lake, Clear Lake, Cedar East Bethel, Coon Rapids, Lino Lakes and North Branch for sending me your PU101 reports.
- ✓ I would appreciate Lioness clubs forwarding their monthly M&A reports [and newsletters] to me at judiegolfer@yahoo.com so I can share what you're doing in the 5M7 Gram.
- ✓ If you're thinking about having a *Governor's Night*, I would suggest you plan a date [and alternate] as soon as possible. The form for the Governor's Night is on the 5M7 website <http://e-district.org/5m7/site>. If you have any questions/ concerns or need assistance, just let me know.
- ✓ Lioness presidents and secretaries were emailed a list of their counterparts this past weekend. Sorry it took so long to get out to everyone. Please check it over and let me know if any corrections are needed.
- ✓ I like to get info into the Gram at the latest by the 20th of each month. Feel free to email me any items you wish placed for upcoming months. Do you have any ideas for the Gram? If you do and wish to share, let me know.
- ✓ Watch for more info on upcoming fall group meetings in your area.

DID YOU KNOW.....Homelessness is the condition of people without a regular dwelling. People who are homeless are most often unable to acquire and maintain regular, safe, secure, and adequate housing, or lack "fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence. The legal definition of "homeless" varies from country to country, or among different entities or institutions in the same country or region. The term homeless may also include people whose primary night-time residence is in a homeless shelter, a warming center, a domestic violence shelter, a vehicle (including recreational vehicles and campers), cardboard boxes, a tent, tarpaulins, or other ad hoc housing situations. American Government homeless enumeration studies also include persons who sleep in a public or private place not designed for use as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. There are a number of organizations who provide provisions for the homeless for example, The Salvation Army.

An estimated 100 million people worldwide were homeless in 2005. Modern homelessness started as a result of economic stresses in society and reductions in the availability of affordable housing. In the United States, in the 1970s, the de-institutionalization of patients from state psychiatric hospitals was a precipitating factor in urban areas. By the mid-1980s, there was also a dramatic increase in family homelessness. Tied into this were an increasing number of impoverished and runaway children, teenagers, and young adults, which created more street children or street youth.

Most counties provide a variety of services to assist homeless people. They often provide food, shelter and clothing and may be organized and run by community organizations (often with the help of volunteers) or by government departments. These programs may be supported by government, charities, non-profits, churches and individual donors.