



5M7 GRAM



October 2014



Lions, Lioness & Leos of 5M7 —

The saying, "*time flies when you are having fun*" really is true. We are 25% into the 2014-2015 Lions year and memories of the Toronto Convention and my installation as District Governor seems like yesterday!

We have a great start in many areas, but have a lot of work (and fun) needed to accomplish the goals we set for 5M7 last June.

The first round of Zone meetings should be completed by the time this issue is out. Our second Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th at **Gabe's Rinkside** in Blaine. Zone Chairs, please contact your Clubs and solicit their input for your Cabinet report.

I have attended three *Governor's Night* club visits to date. There are eight clubs in the schedule for October, two in November, four in December and only seven in the first quarter of 2015. This means 28 Clubs still have to schedule their required Governor's visits. My schedule is light in late October and most of November and December. Please contact me as soon as possible to get your visit scheduled! Again, please email me the form found on our 5M7 website or get the process started with a phone call to me at 612-759-5433.

Plans are coming together nicely for our upcoming *Mid-Winter Convention* being held again at the **Bloomington Airport Marriott** from January 16-18, 2015. At our September 15th convention committee meeting, specific members of the committee were assigned clubs — to visit and to promote club member attendance and participation. Be prepared for a visit! Some things out of the ordinary are being planned. One thing is for sure, you will not have any fun if you are not there.

A few additional jottings of note:

- Multiple District 5M is having its annual convention on April 17-19, 2015. The location is also at the Bloomington Airport Marriott. The "*Rockin' Hollywoods*" are scheduled to perform. Look elsewhere in this issue of the Gram for more details.
- 5M7 still has openings for a maximum of six Lions to attend the *MD5M Regional Leadership Institute*, being held in Mahanomen, on March 26-29, 2015. The deadline for registration is December 1, 2014. If 5M7 does not have six attending, our unused spots may be given to Lions from other Districts in MD5M.
- Rumor has it that a new Leo Club is being formed in 5M7. Keep tuned for more exciting details next month!
- IPDG Lion Norm Kelzenberg and I are scheduled to attend a meeting at the Lakeside Oasis Hospice in Buffalo. We will be presenting the LCIF Grant check in the amount of \$69,904 at that time. We will also attend a meeting with Ms. Alison Sherman from "*True Friends*" to determine the feasibility of applying for an LCIF Grant to assist in revitalizing the old Camp Courage program.
- Club Presidents, please review with your members the details of the *Centennial Service Challenge* I presented in the September issue of the Gram.

As I said last month, COMMUNICATION is the most important key to success. Contact any member of your Governors' team to discuss any concerns and/or successes as together, "*We Serve*".

5M7 DG Lion Terry Wold
"*Serve the Need*"





Lions, Lioness, & Leos of 5M7 —

It's hard to believe that we are 25% into the 2014-2015 Lions year. I know it has been a lot of learning and training.

I have been to a couple of Zone meetings, *Mid-Winter Convention* meetings, and Lions Club activities. One thing that I have learned from Zone meetings is that Lions Clubs of 5M7 would like to work with other Lions Clubs to do projects together.

One of the things was to share their equipment (food trailer, tents) with them. Any Lions Club that would like to do something like this with another Lions Club of 5M7 should put something in 5M7 Gram.

I will be gone from October 15-19, 2014 attending training in Detroit Lakes, for DG of 5M7 for the year 2015-2016.

We are still doing the *Recycle Program for Ink Jets and Laser Cartridges* for District 5M7. I will come to your Lions Club and pick them up, or you can bring them to Zone meetings, Cabinet meetings, or the *Mid-Winter Convention*.

I hope when you attend the *Mid-Winter Convention* on January 16-18, 2015 that you buy meal tickets, I hear that Governor Terry has some good speakers for the meals. This is a good way to learn what is going on and coming up in Lions.

Lion Tom Fiecke 1st VDG of 5M7
Serve From the Heart

Lions, Lioness, & Leos of 5M7 —

The days are getting shorter and the temperatures are starting to drop, that means the white stuff is soon to follow.

I was lucky enough to be invited to a meeting with *Loop Minnesota*. *Loop Minnesota* uses technology that turns hearing aids into wireless receivers that will enable people with a hearing aid to hear more clearly. Looping refers to hearing loops or audio induction loops. Most hearing aids contain a component called a t-coil that is designed to help hearing aid users hear better on the telephone.

When public places like auditoriums, churches and conference rooms install a loop system, a copper wire encircles the room in the ceiling or floor and is connected to the microphone at the podium. The speaker's voice becomes a magnetic signal flowing through the room inside the wire perimeter. *Loop Minnesota* will have a table at the *Mid-winter Convention* and may loop one of the rooms so anyone with a hearing aid will be able to give it a try.

A little more about getting the word out. Please use the 5M7 Gram to advertise our clubs activities. The website is another place to put what your club is doing so more Lions from other clubs can come out and take part in what your club is doing. If we don't know, we can't come! So please let us know what your club is doing.

Thank you for what you do!
2nd VDG Steve





DG Terry's Calendar:

October

- 06 - Columbia Heights Lions Governor's Night
- 11 - Circle/Lex Booya - Circle Pines
- 11 - Can Do Canines Fall Graduation
- 12 - Spring Lake Park Lions Pancake Breakfast
- 12 - Chisago Lakes 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
- 25 - Thanksgiving for Vision
- 27 - Waverly Lions Governor's Night
- 28 - 5M7 Cabinet meeting - Blaine
- 30 - Convention committee meeting - Location TBD

November

- 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

The DG's Travels...

Coon Rapids Lions Club



Governors Night at the Coon Rapids Lions presenting Helen Keller, Hearing Foundation, Vision Awards and Melvin Jones Fellowships along with induction of newest Lion Stacy Lanou. A great time was had by all! What a surprise to see a cake of my Governors pin!



Forest Lake Lions Club



Forest Lake Governor's Night -- Governor Terry along with the recipients of their Chevron Awards for years of service.



Can Do Canines Woofaroo

This year's **Woofaroo** on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 brought in a total of **\$95,967**, making this

highest year ever! This amazing amount was made possible by the generosity of supporters like you and will help fund four new assistance dog teams next year (at \$25,000/each).



DG Terry Wold and his wife Donna, along with 2VDG Steve Linder and his wife, Lion Kathy.

In total, 202 walkers, 107 dogs and 90 volunteers joined us for the 1-mile walk and festival. Highlights included Katie K-9 from myTalk 107.1 answering "doggy-inquiries," a demonstration from Officer Brian Sheehan and explosive detection dog "Mesa," face painting, dog-centric games and more!



Thank you to everyone who walked, pledged and volunteered—we hope to see you again next year for another record-breaking event!



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



Cedar East Bethel Lions



Pictured are Lion Ron Novak on the left and Andy Kelbe, owner of Hunter's Inn, on the right.

The Cedar East Bethel Lion's Club recently held a hog raffle fundraiser and the winner, drawn by Ron and Andy, was Mike Regan of Ham Lake. The Lion's Club holds their monthly meetings at Hunter's Inn (East Bethel). The first Tuesday of the month is a business meeting and a dinner meeting/program is held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Upcoming events for the Lion's Club will be:

- Road Clean Up on Saturday, October 4th
- Food Drive bag drop off on Sunday, October 5th
- The Lion's will be holding a *Chili Cook Off* at the Fire Station on Co. Rd. 22 during the *Firemen's Open House* on Saturday, October 11th.

For more information, call Lion President Ruth Larson at 763-434-9423.

Circle Pines Lexington Lions

Circle Pines-Lexington Lions just completed their premier project of the year, the *Sandburr Golf Tournament*, held at Chomonix Golf course. Twenty-six teams competed for money and prizes in this 23rd annual contest. The weather cooperated, sunny blue sky, puffy white clouds, a perfect day for a great fundraising event.

For you golfers, the tournament next year will be on Friday, September 11th, 2015 — Save the date.

See our photos on page 6.



In Remembrance...

Agnes Zierdt joined the Circle Pines-Lexington Lions in 2008. She had an active role in all Lion projects until her death September 4, 2014 at age 98.

She was an advocate for children, elders, animals and the environment. She worked tirelessly for youth, families and community through her church, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Daughters of the American Revolution, 4-H, Job's Daughters, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTA, was an election judge and hospital volunteer.

She was a descendent of signers of the Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence and US Constitution, a president, supreme court justice, senator, representative, a supreme court justice and a governor.

Recently she was honored as *2013 Woman of the Year* by the Anoka Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution and with an honorary bench at the Minnesota State Fair, outside the 4-H building.

Spring Lake Park Leos

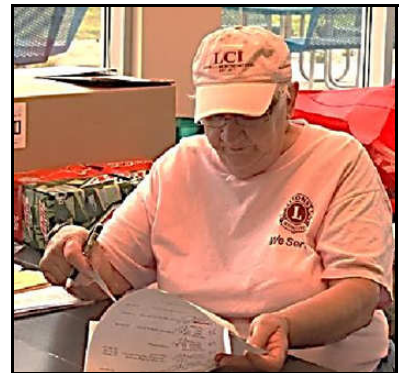


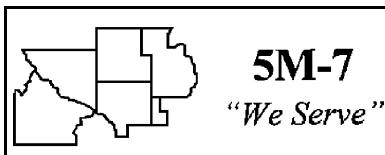
SLP Leo Stephon working at the Panther Foundation 5K Run and Carnival on Saturday Sept 20. 22 SLP Leos were volunteering for this school district event on a beautiful Day.



Circle Pines-Lexington Lions Sandburr Golf Tournament

September 5, 2014





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@frontiernet.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



Lions Environmental
PHOTO CONTEST

Lions Environmental Photo Contest 2014-2015

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions Club in the following 2014-2015 Lions Environmental photo contest categories:

- **Animal Life**
- **Landscape**
(Urban or Natural)
- **Plant Life**
- **Weather Phenomenon**
- **Special theme:**



Lions' Pride in our Environment: Capturing the magnificent beauty and grandeur of our natural environment.

Send photos (8"x10") by 12/31/2014 to:

Lion Jan Dubats
12967 Crooked Lake Lane NW
Coon Rapids MN 55448
or jdubats@q.com



Lions Clubs International

Essay Contest Rules

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2014. Local prizes will be awarded as well as one grand prize winner of US\$5,000.

The contest theme is *"Peace, Love and Understanding."*

- ⇒ Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, or individuals may be sponsored as well. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions Club.*
- ⇒ Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.
- ⇒ Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form (found on p. 6). Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.
- ⇒ Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- ⇒ Essay entries cannot have already been published. Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Deadlines

November 15 Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the District Governor. *Note: A participating club should notify its District Governor in advance of sending an entry.*

December 1 Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry directly to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

December 1 Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the Multiple District Council Chairperson. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

December 15 Postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

February 1 International grand prize winner will be notified on or before this date.

If you would like further information and/or have a student who would like to participate, please contact PID Debra Wasserman at liondebra@charter.net or 507-332-2792.



Mailing address:

Essay Contest, Public Relations Division, Lions Clubs International, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842;

fax at 630-571-1685; or email to pr@lionsclubs.org (the words "Lions Essay Contest" must appear in the Subject Line of the email).

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Essays cannot be published without written permission from Lions Clubs International. However, sponsoring clubs, districts and multiple districts have permission to publish their sponsored essays. In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Lions International Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names, photographs and essays for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Essay Contests. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.



Lions Clubs International

Essay Contest Entry Form

Please type or print clearly. All information and signatures are required.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Winner's Name _____

Essay Title _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____ Check One: Male _____ Female _____
Day/Month/Year

School _____

Grade _____ Home Phone Number* _____

E-Mail _____

Student's Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Postal or ZIP Code _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____

II. LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name _____

Club Number _____ District Number _____

President Name _____

Cell (or Home) Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

E-Mail _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Postal or ZIP Code _____

Club President Signature _____

III. DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Governor _____

Cell (or Home) Phone _____ *Work Phone* _____

E-Mail _____

District Governor Signature _____

IV. MULTIPLE DISTRICT INFORMATION

Multiple District Council Chairperson _____

Cell (or Home) Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

E-Mail _____

Council Chairperson Signature _____

**Include area code in the U.S. or country and city codes outside the U.S.*

MONTROSE LIONESS & LIONS PORK CHOP DINNER



**Come out and support this
fundraiser for the
Montrose Elementary School
Playground Project!**

Dinner Includes:
Potatoes, Coleslaw and Rolls

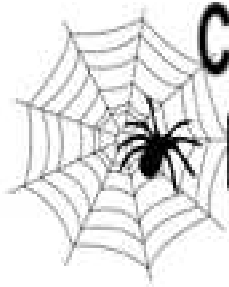
The Lioness will be selling their
Ice Cream and Brownies for Dessert

Cost: \$8 for 1 chop meal
\$10 for a 2 pork chop meal

October 4, 2014 4-7 p.m.
or until chops are gone

Montrose Community Center





**CIRCLE PINES - LEXINGTON LIONS
LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

OCTOBER 11, 2014



Next to Lexington Fire Dept

Circle Pines Lexington Lions

BOOYA



**9:30 AM to sold out!
Profits for community projects**



Lexington Fire Department

OPEN HOUSE

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Lions Diabetes Benefit

Please join us for some food, fun and goodwill.

25% of sales donated to Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

Easiest Fundraiser ever, just stop by and have dinner!

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 2014---530-830 PM



The Coon Rapids Potbelly
12485 Riverdale Blvd-Coon Rapids
763-422-4813

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST !

Sunday, October 12 from 8:00 a.m. – noon
Spring Lake Park High School door #33
Cost: Free-will offering (*give what you're able*)

Bring the family and enjoy pancakes,
french toast, sausage, scrambled
eggs, juice, coffee, and milk!

Face painting

Craft sale

Bake sale

Community Exhibits

*Donate used eyeglasses, hearing
aids, ink cartridges, cell phones*

*Free blood pressure & cholesterol
screenings by The Wellness Van*



Proceeds will support
community projects!

Please bring non-perishable
food items to donate to the
Panther Pantry (Spring Lake
Park High School Food Shelf).

**Hosted by the
Spring Lake
Park Lions**



Coon Rapids Lions



Fall

Community Breakfast!

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Coon Rapids VFW

Located at 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd.

8:00 AM– Noon

TICKETS

Adults :\$8

Kids (5-12) & Seniors: \$6

Kids Under 5: FREE!



**Breakfast Includes Many of Your Favorites:
Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Hash Browns, Eggs,
Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk**



October 31st 2014

6PM

Sanburnol Park

520 Sanburnol Drive

Spring Lake Park

Hosted by the Spring Lake Park Lions

For more info www.facebook.com/slpgambling

Lic. #00584



Lioness Clubs

As we move from September into October and the days get shorter and night's cooler, I begin to start thinking of warmer places to go when Old Man Winter decides to hit us with snow and cold. I have pictures up in my office of all the nice, sunny, warm places that would be good for me to visit. Hopefully this winter, I'll be able to cross some off my list because from all reports I've read; it will be another 'Polar Vortex' hitting us again this year. For those who live in Minnesota, I think it should be mandatory you must go South for at least four weeks sometime during a MN winter to 'refresh' oneself and to remember what warmth feels like!



Here's what the Lioness Clubs have been doing in their communities...

- ⇒ **Anoka** [34] served lunch to 27 youth and leaders at the *Youth First Fishing Event*. Several Lionesses will be attending a *Hope 4 Youth Brunch* to find ways the club can care for young people experiencing homelessness.
- ⇒ **Big Lake** [16] provided scholarship monies to two deserving seniors for their college education. Resumed their nursing home bingo and held their 5th annual garage sale with much success!
- ⇒ **Coon Rapids** [7] worked their community living bingo and *Ice Cream Social*.
- ⇒ **Lino Lakes** [10] participated in the *Stacy Days Parade* and *St. Joseph's Festival* as well as collected soup labels, glasses and box tops for area school.
- ⇒ **Montrose** [13] sold tickets at the State Fair.
- ⇒ **North Branch** [8] set up for breakfast at their *Fall Festival* and will be entering the *Scarecrow Contest* for the Fall Festival. Hope these ladies win!
- ⇒ **St. Francis** [12] worked the Wellness Van at the *Oak Grove Acorn Day* event as well as chaired the event.

I know each and every club will be extremely busy over the holiday season doing Thanksgiving baskets, gift certificates or dinners. And December will bring Santa Shopping Day events to most of the clubs. I encourage everyone to take the time to share what's going on with the other clubs and support them in some way.

A big THANK YOU to those clubs sending me their meeting minutes and newsletters so I can keep abreast of what's going on in your club.



Notes to Self.....

- 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.
- Start getting feedback from Lioness Clubs on what they want for *Mid-winter Convention*, *Leadership Forum* and *Spring Group meeting*.
- Don't forget to submit articles to your local newspaper about your activities in your community.

Group 1
Fall Group Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2014
Montrose Community Center
200 Center Ave
Montrose

Social: 6:30pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

Menu:

Pulled Beef Sandwich

Creamy Cole Slaw

Potato Chips

Pickles

Dreamy Dessert

Cost: \$10

RSVP By: Thursday October 2nd to
judisalonek@gmail.com or call
763.675.3444



Sponsored by Montrose Lioness Club



GROUP II FALL MEETING

Hosted by:

CEDAR EAST BETHEL LIONESS CLUB

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Hidden Haven Golf Club – Fireplace Room

(Just off Hwy 65 - 20520 Polk St NE, Cedar, MN)

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Dinner

Menu - \$15.00/person

Teriyaki Chicken

Coleslaw

Baked Potato

Dessert

Lioness Clubs:

Anoka

Cedar East Bethel

Coon Rapids

Lino Lakes

North Branch

St. Francis

RSVP by October 1, 2014

Lioness Helen Hawkinson-Mike

Email: hhawkinson@fwhtlaw.com

Cell: 651-276-2151