



# 5M7 GRAM



November 2014



Lions, Lioness & Leos of 5M7 —

Looking at my pocket calendar confirms we are well into the thick of *Governor's Nights*, Zone Meetings and individual Club functions.

At this writing, I have visited 12 Lions Clubs for Governors Nights and have 17 confirmed visits scheduled. There are numerous dates open in November and December. Dates in January are being held open until I know the dates of the Conventions for the other Districts in MD5M. Please check my schedule in this issue of the Gram for the dates I would be unavailable and plan accordingly.

My presentation to the Clubs leans heavily on International President Preston's theme "**Strengthen the Pride.**" I prefer to give the message early in the year so your Club has time to respond to and act on its message. At each Governor's club visit, I pass around a container to receive free-will donations to my charity-of-choice, which is **Can-Do-Canines**. If I am scheduled to induct new Lions into your Club, please have the proper new member package (available from LCI) along with the member and sponsor certificates filled out properly and in a presentable fashion. I will make every effort to have pictures of the induction as well as the names, printed in the next issue of the Gram. It's a great way for all the Lions of 5M7 to meet your newest Lions.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> cabinet meeting is being held on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at *Gabe's Rinkside* in Blaine. I look forward to meeting with the Lions who unselfishly volunteer their time to work on the Cabinet, keeping 5M7 one of the best Districts in the Multiple.

The *2015 Mid-Winter District 5M7 Convention* booklets have been printed and will be handed out to the attendees at the cabinet meeting. The rest will be mailed shortly afterwards. Please present this at your November meeting(s) and get registered as soon as possible. The Convention is only 12 weeks away! If you need additional copies, contact me.

At our recent *MD5M Council of Governors* meeting held in Detroit Lakes, your MD5M Governors Council decided to go to a "Navy Blue" jacket instead of the "Slate Blue" for the future Governors of MD5M. This was a decision difficult to make, but necessary due to the slate blue fabric being unavailable for next year and beyond. The color for the slacks will be determined later this year by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors.

A goal of mine for this year is to be accessible as possible to your questions and/or concerns as Lions of 5M7. Please feel free to contact me by phone 612-759-5433 or email [terry\\_wold@hotmail.com](mailto:terry_wold@hotmail.com).

To borrow a phrase from PDG Paul Hansen,  
"Ask someone to be a Lion today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow, etc."

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and if you are travelling for the holiday, drive safely!  
Thank you all for being in Lions!

Lion Terry Wold, District Governor 5M7  
"Serve the Need"





Hello, Lions, Lioness & Leos of 5M7 —

This past month has been a busy one for sure — *Mid-Winter* convention meeting, Governor Team meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Training for District Governor that was held at Detroit Lakes, Thanksgiving for Vision, and attending the Group 1 Lioness meeting held in Montrose. I must say, that a big hand of welcome should go out to the Lioness for all the hard work they do for their community. Plus, we got our Governor suit order this past weekend, which is going to be Navy Blue for now.

I hope that Lions and Lioness are thinking about the *Mid-Winter Convention* that is coming up here very soon -- January 16-18, 2015 held at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington.

The **MD5M Regional Lion Leadership Institute** (held in Mahanomen on March 26-29, 2015) deadline for application is December 1, to be turned into Governor Lion Terry of 5M7. It is good training for you to learn more about Lionism and to become a good officer for your Lions Club and hope someday to become District Governor of 5M7.

I see that the last week of October is busy with one Governor's Night, the Cabinet meeting, and a *Mid-Winter Convention* meeting.

Lion Tom Fiecke 1<sup>st</sup> VDG of 5M7  
"Serve From the Heart"

The weather has been just great this week, mid to upper 60s — why does winter have to come? Oh well. Lion Kathy and I were very busy last month. We have attended a couple of Governor's Night visits with Governor Terry and Donna; Lion Kathy and I also had the opportunity to attend the Lioness Group 2 meeting. The meeting was very well attended by the Lioness and they had great speakers. Tom and Renee McDonough talked about their son Bryan giving up his life during [Operation Iraqi Freedom](#). They have started a Foundation called [MN Fallen Heroes](#) in honor of Bryan. They also talked about the [Fisher House](#) and how it helps returning veterans and their families.

Last weekend we headed north to Detroit Lakes for my first Council of Governors meeting. It was really exciting for me to see what goes on in the planning and operations of the Multiple District. I met all the District Governors and a few of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors. Lion Kathy got to head out to the area quilt shops and then work on quilts in one of the rooms.

Last Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, we had the honor of attending *Thanksgiving for Sight*. First a presentation about what is going on at the U of M and then we heard the stories about family members that had passed and donated their eyes and organs. We also listened to a story about a person that received a cornea; quite moving.

This week is the 5M7 Cabinet meeting and zone meetings after that. The Governor has asked me to help the clubs and Lions in Zones 5-9. So if I can help please give me a call.

The information booklets about the *Mid-winter Convention* have been printed and are being handed out. Please attend the Convention. And last, please advertise what your club is doing in the 5M7 Gram and on the Web Page. We can't attend if we don't know what your club is doing. Thank you for all you do!

Lion Steve Linder, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG of 5M7





## DG Terry's Calendar:

### November

- 01 - Blaine Central Lions Club - Food Drive
- 05 - 5M5 Camden Lions Club - Spaghetti Dinner
- 13 - Blaine Central Lions Club – Granny's Closet
- 15 - Can Do Canines Fetching Ball Gala
- 16 - MN Lions Eye Bank - Donor Reception
- 17 - Monticello Lions Governor's Night
- 18 - St. Francis Lions/Lioness & Oak Grove Lions  
Joint Governor's Night
- 19 - Coon Rapids North Star Lions  
Governor's Night
- 22 - Columbia Heights Lions - All Star Wrestling

### December

- 02 - Cambridge Lions Governor's Night
- 03 - Buffalo Lions Governor's Night
- 06 - Blaine Central Lions - Meeting/Christmas  
Caroling at White Pines Senior Home
- 08 - Zimmerman Lions Governor's Night
- 09 - North Branch Lions - Governor's Night
- 13 - Andover Lions - Governor's Night &  
Christmas Party

### January

- 08 - Delano Lions - Governor's Night
- 14 - Chisago Lakes Lions - Governor's Night
- 16-18 - Mid-Winter Convention - Bloomington

### February

- 02 - Cokato-Dassel Lions - Joint Governor's Night
- 03 - Otsego Lions - Governor's Night
- 07 - 5M8 Convention Banquet - St. Cloud
- 16 - Grandy Lions - Governor's Night
- 24 - Fridley Lions - Governor's Night
- 17 - Elk River Lions Governor's Night

### March

- 13-15 - Council of Governors - Brooklyn Center
- 24 - Cabinet Meeting #3 - KJ's Refuge, Orrock

### April

- 17 - Council of Governors Meeting #4 - Blmgtn
- 17, 18 & 19 - MD5M Convention - Bloomington

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



## The DG's Travels...

### Almelund & Taylors Falls Lions

#### Joint Governor's Night...



Taylors Falls President Tim Lauer placing Lions pin on newly inducted Lion Duane Olson.



L to R: Taylors Falls President Tim Lauer, Zone Chair Dan Kaiser, Almelund President Kevin Lundgren, and District Governor Terry Wold.



## Anoka Lions



DG Terry presenting the Governor's Award pin and his personal pin to Lion Al Gobel for 58 years of service to Anoka Lions.



Induction of newest Anoka Lions Ryan Kelly, Ron Forsyth & Chris Forsyth.



Lion of the year Lion Vicki Violet.

## Clearlake Lions



DG Lion Terry, Newest Clear Lake Lion Dave Neiman & sponsor Lion Joe Gruenes.



DG Lion Terry addressing the Clear Lake Lions & Lioness

## Columbia Heights Lions



Installation of Club Officers, presenting the gavel to President Lion Roger Gillespie.



Induction of Lion Ron Rubeck with his sponsor  
Lion Nick Novitsky.

## Hanover & Rockford Lions



DG Terry addressing the Hanover and  
Rockford Lions Clubs.

## Coon Rapids Lions



DG Terry flipping the pancakes while VDG Steve  
photo-bombed the shot!



DG Terry inducting Lions Shane & Jeanne Burns  
along with their sponsor Lion Judy Lapp.



The Coon Rapids Lioness sold their goodies at their  
bake sale and craft tables.



DG Lion Terry installing the 2014/2015 slate of officers  
for the Hanover Lions Club.

## Rush City Lions



Rush City Lions will be selling **Christmas Trees** November 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Chisago County Fairgrounds.

### Governor's Night -- October 23



DG Terry inducting new Lions Tim Morris & Missy Martin along with sponsors PDG Dave Schroeder & Lion Anders Johnson.



DG Terry presenting 10 & 20 year chevron awards to Pres. Lion Nancy & PDG Dave Schroeder.



Zone Chair Lion Chris Thoma introducing DG Terry.

## Waverly Lions



DG Terry with Lion Joe Campbell who was awarded a Lions Hearing Foundation Award by I-PDG Lion Norm Kelzenberg.



I-PDG Lion Norm, Lion Joe & DG Lion Terry.



Group picture of Governors Night attendees.



**We Serve**

## Blaine Central Lions



Members of Blaine Central Lions meet to prepare bags for their upcoming food drive. 900 bags were delivered on October 25<sup>th</sup> and then picked up November 1<sup>st</sup>, with the food being dropped off at Kingwood Church in Blaine.



Blaine Central Lions had District Governor Terry Wold induct their newest member, Lion Troy Stern on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Lion Troy!

## Howard Lake Lions

Thank you to all the Lions and volunteers for helping with the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Lions Cathy Jo, Susie, Bonnie and Steve for chairing this event.



Lions Susie and Karen posing "Frightened"



Lion Renee helping with a game.



Lion Cathy Jo with a winner of "Let's Make A Deal" – a potato!

## Maple Lake Lions

Four members of the Maple Lake Lions provided a handicapped ramp for Reggie Walton, a Maple Lake area resident, who now has many medical problems. We put about 30 hours and \$750 into building the ramp. Reggie was a strong supporter for the *MS Foundation* for 35 years and he also worked for 30 years at Camp Courage, which is now part of True Friends along with Camp Friendship.



Reggie Walton is pictured standing on his completed ramp.



From L to R: Lion Bruce Klein, Lion John Becker, Lion Ed Trager, and Lion Steve Mooney.

## Montrose Lions

The Montrose Lioness Club donated 63 pairs of gloves and mittens, 52 hats, 5 scarves, and 4 headbands to the Montrose Elementary School for students who need them. Considering the fact we only have 13 active members that is a great accomplishment. Fantastic job ladies!



Pictured is Lioness members Judi Salonek and Marlette Babatz and Montrose Elementary Principal Tony Steffes.

## Stacy Lions

The Stacy Lions have had a busy two years. We celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012! We have 52 active members and are looking forward to another 35 years of service in our small community. We have taken on some big projects over the last several years.

- In 2012, we upgraded our ball fields which are also located at the Rick Doyle Memorial Building; League-approved field lighting was installed to accommodate the teams to hold night games and to hold tournaments. With these improvements we

were able to host the 2013 Men's C Teams Tournaments. In August of this year we will host the State Women's Softball Tournament. Every year during spring and summer there are adult and children's league ballgames played here.

- In 2013 we remodeled our kitchen at the Rick Doyle Memorial Building to meet state requirements.
- This year we took on the project of a playground for the children next to the ball fields so small children could play in a safe enclosed area while older family members play ball. It was a big project! With the help of Xccent Playground Company of Wyoming, MN and the Stacy Lions members, we managed to erect the play equipment in one long day. Lion members also installed fencing around the playground and spread sand for additional safety and to finish the project.



The Stacy Lions also serve the best breakfast anywhere around our small but active community from September through April each Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. These breakfasts are not only a fundraiser for the club but it allows the community to come together and socialize right here in our community.



Each year, the Stacy Lions with help from the community, host our largest fundraiser "Stacy

**Daze.**” The community summer celebration begins on Friday evening with a car show and Stacy-Lent Fire Department. Saturday events begin at 8:00 a.m. at Lions Park with a pancake breakfast followed by food all day hosted by the Lion members.



In October we have two main events; our famous and fantastic **Booya** -- you better get there early if you want a bowl as it is normally gone by 12:00. This event is the first weekend in October. The second is our **Halloween party** which; is free to the public and filled with games, prizes and more; it is a safe and warm place to bring the kiddos. We are proud to serve!

## Zone 5 & Zone 6 Meetings

A combined meeting for Zones 5 and 6 will be held on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Zone Chairs Lion Joanne Toews and Lion Joel Anderson are coordinating the event, and the meeting will be hosted by the Fridley Lions.



It will be held at the **Fridley Broadway Pizza**, social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. For \$15 per person: All you can eat pizza, salad, milk and coffee, cash bar. Each club should bring a door prize; individual Lions please bring canned goods and non-perishable items for the local food shelf.

Broadway Pizza is located at University Avenue and 81<sup>st</sup>. Club presidents or secretaries please RSVP with names to your zone chair — Lion Joanne ([jotoews@gmail.com](mailto:jotoews@gmail.com)) or Lion Joel ([janderson@jemtechnical.com](mailto:janderson@jemtechnical.com)).

Our guest speakers will be GMT Chair Lion Judy Herrala, and GLT Chair Lion Dan Kaiser. For this meeting club reports will be limited to one minute only. Agenda and details to be sent out soon.

## Zone 9 Meeting

The Rush City Lions will be graciously hosting our second Zone Meeting of the Lion year. It is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the **Rush City Community Center**. The address is 740 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Rush City, MN 55069.

The theme of the meeting is **“Hunting.”** Lions attending are encouraged to wear clothing for their favorite hunting season. There will be prizes for the best dressed.



Please RSVP by November 6th to:

Zone Chair Chris Thoma at e-mail address ([cwthoma@yahoo.com](mailto:cwthoma@yahoo.com)) with the number of club members that will be in attendance. If you have any questions please call him at (651) 325-6336.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



**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](mailto:jdubats@q.com)

## Mid-Winter Memorial Service

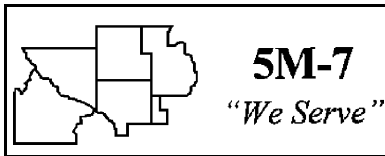


We need clubs to provide biographical and service information including an original photo (scanned photos do not project well on the video screens) of our fellow Lions and Lioness who have passed in the last year. The Memorial Service is planned for Friday evening at the Mid-Winter Convention.

Please send the information no later than January 1 to:

Lion Dan Kaiser, 36455 Oasis Road, Lindstrom, MN 55045. Contact him at 651-583-3428 or [danandcathy@frontiernet.net](mailto:danandcathy@frontiernet.net)

Family members of these Lions and Lionesses who have passed should be invited to attend the Memorial Service while we honor them and their service to Lionism. If you have any questions whatsoever, please call Lion Dan.



## 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](mailto: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

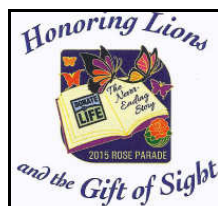
## Mid-Winter Speakers...

Our seminar speakers for Saturday afternoon are going to be:

- Lion Al Peters from *Can Do Canines*

- A representative from “Northern Voices” will make a presentation about their programs and mission. They work with hearing impaired children; using early and specialized techniques to help children learn to listen and to find their voices. Northern Voices is located in Roseville.
- Our *International guest is ID Kembra L Smith*, she and her husband, who also is a Lion, are from Decatur, GA. She will bring greetings from our International President at the Governor’s Banquet Saturday evening, along with making the hospitality room rounds on Friday night following the Memorial service.
- Following the Governor’s Banquet Saturday evening, we are going to have a K-9 demonstration, by a team from the *St. Paul Police K-9 Unit*, it should be a very interesting program.
- At the Sunday morning brunch, we are having a speaker from the *Lions Voice Clinic*. This promises to be a very interesting presentation.

Club President attends or sends a representative of your Club to this proud Lions cause.



On Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>, the *Minnesota Lions Eye Bank* is holding a reception honoring Lions eye donors. This event will be at the McNamara Alumni Center at the U of M from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This event is to honor Lions and their family members who have donated their eyes to the Eye Bank.

Stories and photographs will be displayed and a special tribute will take place honoring a Lion near and dear to the hearts of 5M7. Lion Cheryl Kennedy, wife of PDG Pat Kennedy, will be recognized for donating her eyes to the Eye Bank.

In addition, she has been selected to be a part of the Donate Life America float at the Tournament of Roses Parade this coming January. Her likeness made out of flowers and seeds will be part of the float that will be seen by millions of people around the world who watch the Parade. Her floragraph will be on display at this reception. Quite an honor for a special Lion, congratulations PDG Pat and family for this recognition!



PDG Paul and Lion Lyle are eager to speak at your Club or Zone meetings about the MLVF and all the great work being done to help restore and preserve eyesight. We have some exciting new breakthroughs in treatments and diagnosis procedures to report. All of this was done with the financial support provided by the Lions of 5M7 and from across the Multiple.

You will also hear about the great work done in recycling used eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses and hearing aids. The *Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC)* in Sauk Rapids recently hit a milestone in their recycling efforts. With a recent shipment of eyeglasses to the processing center operated by the Lions of Wisconsin, the MLERC has shipped over 10 million pairs of eyeglasses to the processing center. This is all due to the efforts of your local Lions Clubs in collecting these eyeglasses in your community. Congratulations to everyone involved with this on-going project and keep up the good



Lions of 5M7,

This past Saturday, the annual *Thanksgiving for Vision* celebration took

place at the Earle Brown Center in Brooklyn Center. Nearly 400 attendees heard presentations from some of the doctors and staff about the research and treatments being performed at the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology. In addition, touching stories were shared with everyone from an eye tissue donor's mother and also a corneal transplant recipient.

The silent auction and other fundraising efforts brought in over \$3,300 to the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)** and those funds will go to support the work being done at the U of M and the *Minnesota Lions Eye Bank*. If you haven't had the chance to attend a *Thanksgiving for Vision* celebration, you've missed on a great experience! Every Lions Club President receives an invitation each year to attend this event. Please insist your



work! Your efforts have helped improve or restore eyesight to millions of people all over the world!

Speaking of eyeglass collection efforts, [please send your list of collection sites](#) to your Zone Chair, PDG Paul or Lion Lyle. The MLERC is looking to update the list and needs you to supply an accurate accounting of where all the collection sites are across the State. [When sending the information, please include the name of the business, the street address and the city where it is located.](#) This will aid the MLERC in providing the proper information to those individuals who contact them every day.

Finally, if you are in need of any used eyeglass collection boxes, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle have free boxes available upon request. Please contact them or your Zone Chairs to request your collection boxes today!

Yours in Lionism,

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## Lions International Grant Received

*Lakeside Oasis* a new end-of-life care wing at Lake Ridge Care Center in Buffalo, recently received a grant for over \$63,000. Lions and Lions Clubs in District 5M7 either donated themselves or helped raise nearly \$70,000 which the Lions International Foundation then matched with this grant.



Shown here accepting the check are Lion Joe Campbell, Chairman of the Community Health Foundation (CHF) Board and a Waverly Lion, Immediate Past District 5M7 Governor Norm

Kelzenberg, Stephanie Golden, Development Director of CHF, District 5M7 Governor Terry Wold, and Lion Mike Bauer, Bauer Design Build the general contractor for Lakeside Oasis.

The Community Health Foundation after over 30 years of serving Wright County with community health initiatives, merged with Elim Care, an industry leader in senior adult housing and healthcare. Out of this partnership came the vision to build a specialized end-of-life care center. Many options were considered including a stand-alone "*Hospice House*." The CHF board and Elim Care decided the best option would be to attach this unit to Lake Ridge Care Center.

A capital campaign was conducted from 2008-2012, which raised over \$1,000,000. Under the direction of then Executive Director Laura Jones, the goal was achieved and construction began in the fall of 2013. During the campaign a lead gift of \$200,000 was received from the Buffalo Clinic and doctors. With this gift came the naming rights to the facility. They chose the name "*Lakeside Oasis*." This name fit the culture of Elim Care as the name Elim comes from the Bible and was an "Oasis" in the desert, a place of physical and spiritual rest and comfort.

Lakeside Oasis, which has been open since August, has five patient suites all with views of Buffalo Lake. Each room is equipped with amenities which provide for the comfort of the families visiting their loved one in his or her final days. Besides the suites the building also has a lovely patio, children's playroom, chapel, conference room, kitchen, and beautiful living room, which is the area that the Lions club donations and grant helped to build and furnish.

Extra staffing is needed to provide specialized end-of-life care. The Community Health Foundation board of directors has committed to raising at least \$75,000 per year to cover these extra costs. The vision of Lakeside Oasis is also to have many volunteers helping provide extra love and support for the families going through this difficult time of transition.

For more information on CHF, visit them on the web at [CHFwc.org](http://CHFwc.org), or call (763) 684-1477

## TLC Toys

With Christmas just around the corner, here is an opportunity to buy that special child (son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter) a wonderful wooden toy for them. All of the toys are made by volunteers at TLC Toys in Andover, MN.



The sale will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2014, at Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids from 5:00-7:00 PM AND also on Sunday, November 30, 2014 from 7 AM until noon at Epiphany. If you want to see some of the toys that may be for sale, check it out at their website: [www.TLCToys.org](http://www.TLCToys.org)

Last year TLC Toys made and gave away over 30,000 toys. TLC Toys is always looking for volunteers and, of course, \$\$ to help cover the costs of making these unique toys.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mel Hartman (a member of the Spring Lake Park Lions Club), who is President and Founder of TLC Toys. His number is 763-421-3891.

## Camps Update



What has **True Friends** been up to? They are requesting a \$200,000 LCIF Grant with the match included. What will this be used for?

**\$118,000** - *Camp Courage Ropes and Challenge Course*. This will provide challenging, rewarding and life-enhancing experiences to an often overlooked population – people with disabilities. This plan includes:

- A unique climbing tower with two high platforms and 16 traversing elements that will be completely accessible for those in wheelchairs or other physical disabilities.
- A zip line will enable users to approach via a ground-level platform, enter a special chair-type safety harness and launch themselves on the 800 foot zip line, fully controlling the entire experience.

**\$82,000** for two wheelchair accessible vans. This will allow for transport of campers from one of the

five **True Friends** sites to another; allowing them to fully participate in innovative **True Friends** programs. Without these vans, **True Friends** ability to serve campers with the most advantageous, personally tailored learning experience is curtailed.

How is **True Friends** going to raise these funds?

First and foremost, they will be soliciting donations from local Lions Clubs. Secondly, **True Friends** will be joining forces with **Camp Confidence** in doing a Minnesota-wide raffle during the *Mid-Winter Conventions* and ending with the *2015 MD5M Convention*. Half of the proceeds will go to the Hearing Foundation and the other half to Camps.

They will be selling 2,500 raffle tickets which include three large prizes. The tickets will be sold for \$10.00 each. These tickets will be sold to the general public as well as Lions -- you need not be present to win. In April at the *MD5M Convention*, there will be a separate raffle. Tickets will be sold the weekend of the convention for a \$1.00/ticket. There will be 20 prizes for drawings and 10 silent auction items. Prizes will have a value of \$50 or more -- you must be present to win. At the Sunday brunch there will be a live auction on four large items. This should be a great fund raiser and FUN Convention!

### Camp Needlepoint

**WANTED:** Arts & Craft project ideas for 8-9 year olds.



We have been invited to **Camp Needlepoint** in August 2014 to lead an arts & craft project for the Pioneers (8-9 year olds). The group can vary from 10-40 campers. We would do the project with the kids and then have lunch with the campers. We would be responsible for all the supplies for the project. The dates for **Camp Needlepoint** are: **August 16 thru August 22 and August 23 thru August 29**. If you have project ideas or are interested in helping lead the project, please contact me as soon as possible. I have to notify **Camp Needlepoint** of our decision.

Please contact me for any questions or with comments.

Lion Theresa Goff  
District 5M7 Camps Chair  
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