



5M7 GRAM



February 2015

Lions, Lioness & Leos of 5M7—

A successful *Mid-Winter Convention* has again come and gone. I want to thank the many guests from around the Multiple District for attending portions of our annual gathering. PDG Lion Pat Kennedy tells me our attendance was up over last year. I have been receiving positive feedback and great comments about the seminars put on by [Can Do Canines](#) and [Northern Voices](#) as well as the informational session on [How to start a Leos Club](#) moderated by Lion Pete Yelle. I enjoyed the food selections at all the meals (and I still lost 2 lbs.) over the three days we were there. The presentation put on by the *St. Paul Police K9 Foundation* and the following demonstration by officers and their canine partners from the St. Paul and Bloomington Police K9 Units was AWESOME! Very few, if any, attendees left the ballroom until it was over.



The Officers remarked they were overwhelmed by the appreciation shown for them for what they do. International Director Lion Kembra Smith and her husband, Lion Bill Lowe were welcome guests. ID Lion Kembra shared the theme of International President Preston, "*Strengthen the Pride*" in a way that touched us all. I sincerely hope that my message on just by asking a friend to become a Lion and subsequently showing what we as volunteers then do hit home to some of you. I was so glad to have my family in attendance at the Saturday luncheon. My grandchildren were a little intimidated at first, but warmed up soon after.

We actually passed a couple of items of business at the Cabinet and Business meeting. The Convention Committee for next year was modified to try to get more input from experienced Lions and to have fewer PDG's involved and the convention fund is to be incorporated into the district accounting. At the Friday cabinet meeting, I was especially proud of our Zone Chairs presentations. ID Kembra and Lion Bill Lowe were really impressed with them.

Congratulations to the Lions awarded the **International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation**: Lions Terry Thorson (Howard Lake Lions), Deborah Roberge (Spring Lake Park Lions) and Deborah Weston (Elk River Lions). Lion Hal Hinchliffe (Spring Lake Park Lions) was awarded the **International Presidential Award**. The Lions Clubs of Coon Rapids, St. Francis and Stacy were awarded **Club Excellence Awards**. Congratulations to the winners of the elections for 5M7 District offices for 2015-2016, Lion Dan Kaiser (Almelund Lions) for 2nd VDG-Elect, Lion Steve Linder (Spring Lake Park Lions) for 1st VDG-Elect and Lion Tom Fiecke (Buffalo Lions) is your new District Governor-Elect. Last but certainly not least, I want to thank my Blaine Central Lions Club for the fantastic job of hosting my Governor's hospitality room. The *Back to the 50's* theme along with the White Castle Sliders and vintage Hamm's beer was a definite hit.



If your club has not scheduled their annual Governor's visit, please contact me soon. Lastly, I want to thank all the Lions of 5M7 for their support shown me for the past six months, we have much work to do and only six more month to do it in!

Best Wishes,
Lion Terry Wold, District Governor - 5M7, "Serve The Need"



Lions, Lioness and Leos --

The *Mid-Winter Convention* is gone for another year. I hope that everyone who came to the 37th Annual District 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention had a great time. I would like to thank Lion Cheryl Thompson of the Buffalo Lions Club for nominating me and to Lion Steve Mooney of Maple Lake Lions Club for seconding the nomination for District Governor of the great District 5M7 for Lion Year 2015-2016. Big thanks goes out to Spring Lake Park Lions Club for a very nice hospitality room and good food served that weekend. I am looking forward to a busy year in 2015-2016 as your District Governor of 5M7.

My congratulations to Lion Steve Linder of Spring Lake Park Lions Club for being elected 1st VDG and to Lion Dan Kaiser of Almelund Lions Club for being elected 2nd VDG. But I must not forget my District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Deb Roberge of Spring Lake Park Lions Club. I am looking forward to working with them as part of my Governor's Team for 2015-2016. Lions Clubs of District 5M7, remember that time of year has come again to elect your Club Officers for 2015-2016. Be nice to see all P101s turned in by April and have it done before the 96th Annual MD5M Convention held on April 17-19, 2015.

I see the next five months of this year is going to be very busy with Governor's Nights, Cabinet Meeting, Zone Meetings, Council Governor Meeting, Lions Clubs activities, and the first training for District Governor on February 28-29. I will be leaving on June 18 thru July 5, for Honolulu, Hawaii for District Governor training and the Lions International Convention to be held there.

Best Wishes to everyone of this Great District 5M7

"Serve from the Heart"
Lion Tom Fiecke DGE 5M7

Lions, Lioness and Leos --

Another *Mid-Winter* is in the books. I think it was a great one. The food was great, the K9 demos were great and the Lions at the *Mid-Winter* were the best. Thanks to the following, my wife, Lion Kathy, for having my back on this wonderful journey. Lions Debbie and Hal for the great nominations speeches they gave for me. Thanks to the Spring Lake Park Lions for their support. Lions Sue and Debbie for doing the hospitality room. Congratulations to DGE Tom and Lion Jenny, 2nd VDGE Dan and Lion Kathy, enjoy the upcoming year; and to Governor Terry and Donna for their company and words of wisdom.



Lion Kathy and I have been out and about in the last month with pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and helping the Leos from Spring Lake Park with *Feed My Starving Children*, packing meals. We've been to two other Mid-Winter Conventions, 5M5 and 5M6.



Please put your club activities in the 5M7 Gram and on the calendar on the 5M7 website. It's great getting to visit other clubs, but we have to know what's going on to attend.

Thank you Lions of 5M7 for all you do!

1st VDGE Steve



DG Terry's Calendar:

February

- 02 - Cokato-Dassel Lions - Governor's Night
- 03 - Otsego Lions - Governor's Night
- 05 - Post-Convention meeting - Bloomington
- 07 - 5M8 Convention Banquet - St. Cloud
- 09 - Governor's team meeting - Blaine
- 12 - Maple Lake Governor's Night
- 14 - 5M2 Convention Banquet - Mankato
- 16 - Grandy Lions - Governor's Night
- 17 - Elk River Governor's Night
- 19 - Howard Lake Governor's Night
- 20 - 5M13 Convention Dinner - Virden, Manitoba
- 21 - 5M3 Convention Banquet – Marshall
- 23 – Wyoming Lions Governor's Night
- 24 - Fridley Lions - Governor's Night
- 26 - Delano Governors Night - Delano

March

- 05 – Spring Lake Park Governor's Night
- 07 - U of M Vision Tour - U of M
- 10 - North Branch - Governor's Night
- 12 - "Be The Match" breakfast - Fridley
- 12 - Blaine Central meeting
- 13 - MD5M Friendship Dinner - Brooklyn Center
- 13-15 - Council of Governors #3 - Brooklyn Center
- 18 - Albertville & Crow River Governor's Night -
Location TBD
- 24 - Cabinet Meeting #3 - KJ's Refuge, Orrock
- 26 - Blaine Central meeting
- 28 - Blaine Central Lions Club Operation Snow -
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April

- 09 - Blaine Central meeting
- 17 - Council of Governors #4 - Bloomington
- 17-19 - MD5M Convention - Bloomington
- 21 - Ham Lake and Cedar/East Bethel
Joint Governor's Night
- 23 - Blaine Central meeting
- 25 - Blaine Central Lions Shop For Charity - Blaine

- 27 – Big Lake Lions & Lioness Governor's Night
- 28 - Circle/Lexington and Lino Lakes
Joint Governor's Night

May

- 14 - Blaine Central Lions - Regular Meeting
- 28 - Blaine Central Lions - Regular Meeting

June

- 06 - D-Feet Hearing Walk
- 11 - Blaine Central Lions - Regular Meeting
- 25 - Blaine Central Lions - Regular Meeting

Note: The dates listed for regular meetings of the Blaine Central Lions Club are available for scheduling Governor's Nights.

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



First Timers Program 2015 Results

1st Place Winner -- Lion Mark Dvorak of Annandale Lions Club will receive one night's free hotel room for next year's Mid-Winter Convention.

2nd Place Winner -- Lion Patrick Wilder of Hugo Lions will receive a Convention Meal Book for next year's Mid-Winter Convention.

Help Wanted

Pay is very good ==== We Serve

As your District Governor of 5M7 for 2015-2016, I am looking for Zone Chairs for all Zone's from 1-9, a 5M7 Gram editor and some other spots on District 5M7 Cabinet 2015-2016.

Kindly get in touch with me by my email: lionfiecke@yahoo.com or cell 612-310-6235.

Lion Tom Fiecke DGE 5M7

Photos from the 2015 Mid-winter Convention



Saturday's Business meeting



PDG Brian, Lion Joanne, ID Kembra, Lion Bill



Donna, ID Kembra, DG Terry, PDG Norm



ID Kembra, DG Terry, Lion Ginny with Peace Poster Contest winner Sophia Park and family.



Can Do Canine's seminar



Elk River's hospitality room.



VDG Steve having fun in the VDG's hospitality room.



Lion Al Peter with Sam



St Paul Police Canine Unit demonstration

Blaine Central Lions



L to R: Lions Gaylene Gunberg, Karen Markert, DG Terry Wold, Lions Shirley DiMassi and Bryn Markert

The Blaine Central Lions would like to thank everyone who visited the Governor's room during the *Mid-Winter Convention*. We had an awesome time getting to know you better!

The Blaine Central Lions are planning their 2nd *Shop for Charity Event* on April 25th. If you or anyone you know would be interested in being a vendor at this event, please contact Lion Jennifer at jstern1104@yahoo.com.



Awarded Chevron Membership Awards to Lions: Joe Wishy, 10 years; PDG Pat Kennedy, 20 years; Ron Bonesky, 25 years; Don Bungum, 45 years.



DG Terry inducted new Lions: Steve Cvinar sponsored by Lion Steve Level, Dave Ertl sponsored by Lion Joe Thimm, Josh Campbell sponsored by Lions Jim & Colette Campbell, Joel Jordet sponsored by Lion Brad Mattson.

Chisago Lakes Lions



DG Terry addressing the Chisago Lakes Lions Club.

Elk River Lions



Elk River eye glasses collection.

Montrose Lions



DG Terry presenting a 15 year milestone Chevron Award to Lion Gerald Ramthun.



DG Terry sharing a light moment with the group.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 24, 2015

ID Mike Molenda

(speaker extraordinaire)

ZONE 7 DINNER MEETING

ST. MARKS CHURCH 6:30PM

MORE LATER

meals that were being shipped to feed the hungry in Nicaragua. Lions Terry Wold 5M7 DG, Norm Kelzenberg 5M7 IPDG, Steve Linder 5M7 VDG and Pete Yelle, Norm McCarthy and Jack Hines and other friends helped out.



Spring Lake Park Leos

On January 21st Spring Lake Park HS Leos and OEC students, Champlin Park HS and Rogers HS Leos packed food at **Feed My Starving Children**. One hundred fifteen students and adults volunteered and packed over 28,500



Dream Catcher Award

The [MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Inc.](#) would like to thank the Lions Clubs of Minnesota for your contributions to diabetes research and programs.

We would like to remind you to please check with your District

Diabetes Co-Chairs if your club or individual members are eligible for a *Dream Catcher Award*. A total of \$1,000 in donations is needed to qualify for this award.

Starting July 1, 2014, to qualify for a *Dream Catcher Award*, a club or individual must have accumulated \$1,000 in donations to the [MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.](#) All accumulated donations for any diabetes contribution in the past are still eligible for qualifying for the *Dream Catcher Award*. There is no time limit for the accumulation of donations toward the award.



Your [Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation \(MLVF\)](#) board representatives, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle, would like to thank the Lions of 5M7 for their generosity shown at the recent *Mid-Winter Convention*. Your cash donations during the Business meeting and your contributions for the Parade of Green provided over \$12,000 to the [MLVF](#). This funding will be going towards important research and treatments for those persons, young and old, who are suffering with a vision ailment. We appreciate what you have contributed and hope that you will continue to consider a monetary donation towards the [MLVF](#) as the year progresses.

One such way to continue the support is to make a contribution to the Foundation is by making a donation in memory of a Club member, family member or friend who has passed away. By making a Memorial Donation of \$200 to the [MLVF](#), the name of the person you wish to recognize will be posted on the wall at the Clinic. If you're interested in such a donation and have some questions regarding the memorial donation or

need the donation cards, please contact PDG Paul or Lion Lyle.

Thank you all for the used eyeglasses that were turned in during the *Mid-Winter*. It appears there were over 5,000 pairs of used eyeglasses dropped off at the [MLVF](#) booth. Thank you for collecting these glasses and giving the opportunity for someone to have better sight. By improving the vision of another, you give that person a chance to improve their life. Keep up the good work, 5M7 Lions!

PDG Paul and I are **still looking for the list of used eyeglass collection sites** from about a third of the Clubs in the District. Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Zone Chairs – **please check your e-mails to see if you have a request from PDG Paul or Lion Lyle.** The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC) is in need of your list of collection sites and need them as soon as possible! The sooner we get the list to them, the sooner the public will be able to drop off their used eyeglasses!

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle are available to speak for Club and Zone meetings. You can hear about all the exciting things going on with new research and treatments being performed everyday by the clinics and doctors supported by the donations. One such item is the Argus II artificial retina that is about to be implanted in a patient at the U of M. This 'bionic eye' will help this person with very limited vision see objects that will allow them the possibility of greater mobility and independence. The doctors of today are making what was science fiction into reality. This and other stories or information are waiting for you if you have PDG Paul or Lion Lyle make a visit to your Club or Zone meeting.

If you have any need for eyeglass collection boxes, information brochures, details on where your Club stands on *Helen Keller Awards* you can give away or have used eyeglasses to turn in, please make sure to contact your Zone Chair, PDG Paul or Lion Lyle. Thank you all for being 'Knights of the Blind!'

Yours in Lionism,

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Argus II Artificial Retina

The University of Minnesota and the [Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation \(MLVF\)](#) are proud to announce a revolutionary new treatment being implemented in the clinical trial stages at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences. This artificial retina will help restore some vision to persons suffering from retinitis pigmentosa. This FDA-approved device will hopefully be implanted in the first patient at the U of M the very near future. This “bionic eye” is something that has long been the subject of science-fiction stories but will soon be a reality.

Copy and paste the link below to access the press release. The second link included is to the story from Channel 5 that was aired.

<http://www.health.umn.edu/news-releases/university-minnesota-offer-new-retinal-prosthesis-device-clinical-trial>

<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S3650391.shtml>

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Collection Box Contest

Your [Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation](#) representatives, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle, are sponsoring a District-wide contest. Your efforts to collect used eyeglasses are to be commended, especially for the unique styles of custom collection boxes utilized by some of the Clubs. Your traditional cardboard collection boxes may not be suitable for all collection sites and some Clubs have created their own boxes for these locations.

In order to promote and celebrate these special collection boxes, the first-ever **Eyeglass Collection Box contest** is being held for 5M7. If



your Club has a special or hand-crafted collection box, we want to see it. Just send some photos of your unique collection boxes, along with a brief story about them, to PDG Paul and Lion Lyle. We'll share your photos in the 5M7 Gram and, at the end of the contest; winners will be announced at the Governor's Celebration Dinner in June

The contest is open to all Clubs in 5M7 and the winners will be awarded the following prizes:

- 1st Place** - \$100 donation to the MLVF in the name of the Club
- 2nd Place** - \$50 donation to the MLVF in the name of the Club
- 3rd Place** - \$25 donation to the MLVF in the name of the Club

The contest will run from **February 1st to May 31st**. A panel of judges will decide the winners. We hope to see some great photos and hear some interesting stories about your collection boxes!

Don't forget, your collection sites can collect used eyeglasses, used sunglasses, used reading glasses, used hearing aids and used toner cartridges.

In addition, if your Club or one of its members makes your collection boxes, we want to hear from you. There are some Clubs looking for hand-made collection boxes for their sites. If you would like to share your plans or consider making boxes for others, please send us your contact information. If your Club is interested in purchasing unique collection boxes, please let us know. We will make sure to share the information with the interested Clubs.

Good luck to all the Clubs in 5M7!

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**THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB
PROUDLY PRESENT**

*The
Sweetheart
Dance*

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 7th**

**Admission \$5
Doors @ 8PM**

JOHN P. MURZYN HALL
530 Mill Street NE Columbia Heights

Big Lake Lions Annual



February 20, 2015

4:30pm to 7:30pm

Big Lake Lions/Township Park
21960 – County Road 5

Potato

FRIED FISH

Coleslaw

Baked Beans

Milk and Coffee

Dinner Roll

Big Lake Lioness Club will be selling dessert!

Adults - \$10.00

Kids 5 to 12 - \$6.00 / Under 5 – Free

See you there!

Please bring a donation of a non-perishable
food item for the local food drive.

Lynn Johnson Memorial
Ice Fishing Contest
Hosted by the Centerville Lions Club



On Centerville Lake

February 21st, 2015

Young Eagles Airplane Rides for Kids	9am
Tournament Ticket Sales	9am
Fishing Contest	11am
Final Weigh-in	2pm

Tickets will be sold on the lake, one hole for \$10,
two for \$15.

Door prizes, kids handouts, same day raffle, bouya, chili,
hot food, beer and drinks

No portable ice houses, coolers, alcohol, or glass
containers may be brought in. Contestants must have
fishing ticket in plain view at all time.



This is a fundraiser event for the Centerville Lions Club.
Non-perishable food items will be collected for the food shelf.
Special Assistance available for those in need.

For more info, visit www.centervillelions.com



Clear Lake Lions Fish Fry

All You Can Eat!!

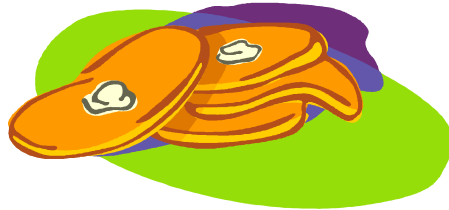
St. Marcus Parish Hall

**Friday February 20th
&
Friday March 6th**

Serving From 4:30 -7:30 p.m.

Adults \$10.00, kids 10 & under \$5.00, kids 3 & under Free!!





NORTH BRANCH LIONESS
FRENCH TOAST/PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MARCH 15TH 8 AM – 12 PM

NORTH BRANCH AMERICAN LEGION

Age 12 and up \$6.00

Advanced Sale \$5.00

Under 12 -4 \$3.00

Age 3 and under Free

CALL: 651/674-5127 for advanced tickets

Breakfast includes: All you can eat —

French Toast, Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Milk and Coffee



Lioness donate funds to: Food shelf, Senior All night Party,
Women's Refuge, Youth Bureau, Wellness Van,
Children's Eye Clinic, Lions Hearing Foundation,
North Branch Senior Center and many others.



The Anoka Lions proudly present
Their 27th Annual Country Music Show
Featuring Williams and Ree

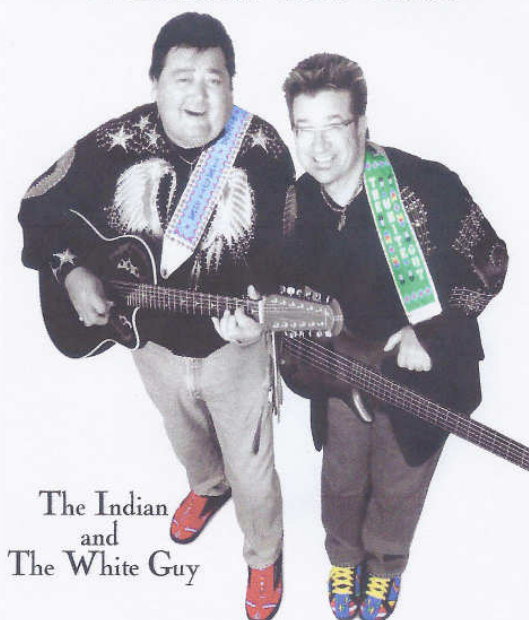


We Serve

Also starring Sherwin Linton and the Cotton Kings

Saturday, March 28, 2015 Anoka High School 3939 7th Ave N.
3:00 PM Matinee -- 7:00 Evening Show Reserved Seats \$25.00; \$20.00 Gen. Adm.

Williams and Ree



The Indian
and
The White Guy

Williams and Ree, aka The Indian and the White Guy, is a great music and comedy team. Politically incorrect (and proud of it) this duo is the antidote to staid and stagnant entertainment choices. Bruce Williams and Terry Ree began touring the country as a musical act, but soon incorporated their own unique brand of humor into the show in Nashville, TN. They became very popular in the Country Music scene. Today they tour extensively, sharing the stage with country and contemporary music acts. Williams and Ree bring joy and laughter everywhere they play.

Sherwin and Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings open the show with their own great performance, then join Williams and Ree for a memorable and enjoyable musical experience.



For Tickets please **mail the coupon below**, or call for more information;

CLIP

Lions Bill or Jan Dubats (763) 757 4143 or Lions Joe or Lynn Zimmerman (763) 421 4361

Yes! We want to see The Anoka Lions Music Show featuring **Williams and Ree and Sherwin Linton, Saturday, March 28, 2014**, Anoka High School, 3939 7th. Ave N., Anoka, MN

Tickets are \$25.00 per ticket for reserved seats, \$20.00 for general admission.

Please reserve our tickets as follows: **Circle one:** ☐ Reserved Seats or General Admission

3:00 PM Matinee Show # of tickets Name:

7:00 PM Evening Show # of tickets Address:

Phone # () City/Zip:

Mail coupon & payment to: Anoka Lions, 12967 Crooked Lake Lane Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Forest Lake Lions Club invites you to join us for a

BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST

includes sausage, milk,
juice & coffee

All Waffles Made By Coon
Rapids North Star Lions!

March 28th, 2015
8 am to Noon

Forest Lake Floral Gift & Garden

508 S. Lake Street - Forest Lake

\$6 in advance • \$7 at the door

Children under 5 eat free • All you can eat!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THESE LOCATIONS...

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Forest Lake Floral

BAR Outfitters

Trail Cycle

Rapid Press

Contact Lion Nancy Immel at (651) 982-0627 with questions.

COME MEET THE
EASTER BUNNY
AND GET YOUR
PHOTO TAKEN
WITH HIM.





Lioness Clubs

Another Mid-winter Convention has come and gone... and depending on who you talked too, some felt the overall attendance was down. I would assume that not many Lionesses chose to attend due to no Associate Program so that would account for some. But of course some of those I'd previously seen on Friday evening, I saw Saturday so some may have 'shifted' their weekend stay to be a Saturday/Sunday vs. the Friday/Saturday.

The Memorial Service, which pays tribute to our deceased members, was well done and the hall was full of Lions and Lioness paying tribute to their members. This program is a reminder of those who have served and I'm always amazed at the number of years they have served in Lionism. It just goes to show everyone, the dedication that this organization has instilled on its members.



Some of our clubs are taking a few months' hiatus and that **A-OK!** We have a number of club members who go 'South' for a time in the winter and I applaud them for doing so! Nothing like getting some extra sun and warmth! **Montrose [13]** and **Clear Lake [14]** do that but that's not saying the those remaining aren't working on projects such as knitting mittens for area schools or working and/or donating to their local food shelves.

Coon Rapids [7] still plays bingo at both Park River Care Center and Camilla Rose Care Center with seniors. **Big Lake [17]** is busy getting ready for their semi-annual **Bloodmobile** on Monday January 26th in Big Lake. This is another opportunity for the community to know about the involvement [hosting a bloodmobile] of Lions/Lioness in their community. The need is always great!

Anoka Lioness [34] served a meal to the **Hope 4 Youth Drop in Center**, donated food to their high school food pantry and delivered birthday cakes to the Anoka Treatment Center. **St. Francis [12]** is taking a breather after their **Breakfast with Santa** and will have their regular and board meetings these next few months. That doesn't mean that the ladies are not busy because they continue to provide day care for a senior citizen as well as donate monies to their favorite causes.

Although I haven't received any reports from **Lino Lakes [10]**, **Cedar East Bethel [15]** and **North Branch [17]** I assume they are busy with upcoming projects but then again...we are **ALWAYS BUSY IN LIONESS!**

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 I don't get them, I can't share your events and info with other clubs!**

✓We could really use some pictures of events the Lioness are doing/have done for the Gram.

✓Don't forget to submit articles to your local newspaper about your activities your club is doing in your community. This is a great opportunity for your club to let your community know who and what you are!

✓Our **Leadership Forum will be May 9th from 9 am to 12noon at the Big Lake Lions Park, CR 5, Big Lake** so mark your calendars. All Lionesses are invited to attend this forum since program and discussion will affect us all. More info will follow, but if you have any immediate questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

