



5M7 GRAM



March 2015

The 2015 *Mid-Winter Convention* is in the books, roughly 62% of the required Governor's visits have been held. All the rest have been scheduled with the exception of **BECKER, CENTERVILLE, CLEARWATER, COLUMBUS, HUGO, RAMSEY** and **ST. MICHAEL** Lions Clubs. My schedule is listed in this issue of the Gram. Please contact me ASAP!!

Our **5M7 Peace Poster winner** — 13-year-old Sophia Park, sponsored by the Spring Lake Park Lions, is the winner of the Multiple District contest and also named as a merit winner on the International level (she will be awarded both Multiple & Int'l. awards at the Multiple Convention).

We have a new Leos Club in the District! **Coon Rapids High School Leos** received their Charter from LCI last week. Look for a Charter Night celebration in the near future.



Spring is on the way and with spring comes the nomination and election of club officers. These offices are not just honorary, they are an opportunity to hone existing, and to learn and apply additional skills to become an effective leader in your club and your community. We want the existing and new officers to succeed, and in order to help them do that we have again scheduled the **Leadership Training** sessions for all the new and returning officers. The first will be held at the **Buffalo Junior High School on May 27th** and the second at the **Centennial High School East Building in Blaine on May 28th**. As of now, tentative hours are from **6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. We hope to have all club officers current on procedures and protocol as it makes the position more enjoyable, easier to perform and more productive. As I have traveled throughout District 5M7 these past eight months as your Governor, I find the difficult issues such as dues not being paid on time, current club membership activity (adds/drops) not matching LCI numbers, etc. can often be traced back to incomplete or incorrect information given on the PU-101 form submitted to LCI after your annual elections. In addition, incorrect or lack of training for club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs all add to the level of frustration. *"If you don't know what is expected of you, how can you know if you are performing well in your position?"* I adhere to the principle that we, as Lions volunteer our time and talents willingly and want to do well in the specified tasks and duties assigned and expected of us. We owe it to ourselves to get as much pertinent training as is available to us. In all my years as a Lion I have had the privilege of holding all the elected club officer positions and know the challenges we face. I also know how it feels to be acknowledged for doing well in these positions.

The next four months are turning out to be extremely busy, with the third 5M7 Cabinet meeting, remaining Club Governor's Nights, Zone meetings, the third Council of Governors meeting, the Multiple District Convention, Club Leadership Training, Spring District Awards meeting and last, but not least the **International Convention** in Hawaii at the end of June.



By the time you read this, I will have participated in the **Polar Plunge** to support Special Olympics. Look for details in the next Gram.

DGE Lion Tom Fiecke is working on his District Cabinet for next year. If he contacts you to serve, please seriously consider it. Help him continue to make District 5M7 the leader in Multiple District 5M!

Lion Terry Wold, District Governor 5M7 — *Serve the Need*



Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Boy, it's hard to believe how fast this year has gone by since July 1st, 2014. In June, I will be going to the *98th Lions Clubs International Convention* in Honolulu, Hawaii from June 18-July 1 to learn how to become a good District Governor of 5M7. But before all that takes place, I still have one District Cabinet Meeting, a Council of Governors meeting and training the week of March 10-15, Zone Meetings, Governor's Night, *96th Annual MD5M Convention* April 17-19, at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott hotel in Bloomington, Lion Clubs Leadership Training held on May 27th in Buffalo, and May 28th in Blaine. You can see that as I become your District Governor of 5M7, it is a busy time and a good learning experience!!!

I hope the Lions, Lioness, and Leos are working on their new officers for the coming year for 2015/2016. Kindly get your PU101 sent in by April, to make my job a lot easier and for the MD5M Cabinet Sec./Treas.

I am in the process of working on my District Cabinet for 2015/2016. Right now I am looking for Zone Chairs for zones 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8; Long Range Planning, and a Newsletter Gram Editor.

I would like to thank all Lions, Lioness, and Leos who "**ASK 1**" opportunity to serve their community and the world.

Lion Tom Fiecke DGE
Service from the Heart

Lions, Lioness, and Leos —

I know what it's like to visit clubs, being a Zone Chair, a Region Chair and working with **Can Do Canines**, see Lions that I've known for a long time and meeting new Lions.

Lion Kathy and I are having the time of our lives. We have been out with Governor Terry and Donna for a lot of Governor visits; meeting more new Lions, watching as new Lions are being inducted and just visiting with Lions that we've known for a while. To see the different projects and fundraisers that clubs do. Amazing!!!

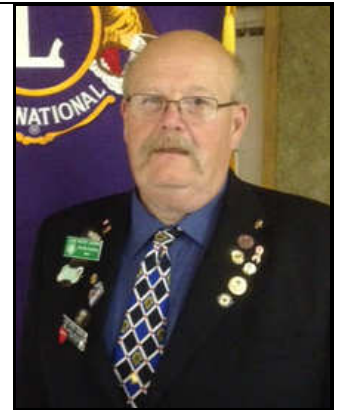
Please do us a favor and send your activities to Lion Becky for the 5M7 Gram, also send it to Lion Joanne or Lion Susan to have it put on the 5M7 website. If we don't know about your breakfasts, or other events, we can't come and visit with you. So please let us know!

Lion Kathy and I have also attended many other *Mid-Winter Conventions* in our multiple District. We do have the best *Mid-Winter Convention* around. We saw a lot of different things and actives at these conventions.

Last, PCC Bob has had to give up being the Co-Chair of **Can Do Canines** due to health reasons. So I was asked to finish up the year as co-chair of Can Do. I'm able to come out and talk to your club and will try to get a client and dog to visit your club.

Thank you for what you do and for inviting us out to you clubs.

1st VDGE Steve





DG Terry's Calendar:

March

- 02 - 2016 Mid-Winter Convention Committee
#1 meeting - Monticello
- 05 - Spring Lake Park Governor's Night
- 07 - U of M Vision Tour - U of M
- 10 - North Branch - Governor's Night
- 11 - Governors Team meeting - Blaine
- 12 - "Be The Match" breakfast - Fridley
- 12 - Blaine Central meeting
- 13 - MD5M Friendship Dinner - Brooklyn Center
- 13-15 - Council of Governors #3 - Brooklyn Center
- 16 - Stacy Governor's Night - Stacy
- 18 - Albertville & Crow River Governor's Night -
Location TBD
- 19 - Nowthen Governor's Night - Nowthen
- 21 - Grant County Lions Club Charter Night
(Dist. 5M4) - Location TBD
- 24 - Cabinet Meeting #3 - KJ's Refuge, Orrock
- 26 - Blaine Central meeting
- 28 - Blaine Central Lions Club Operation Snow -
Afton
- 28 - Diabetes Update & Lunch - U of M

April

- 02 - Zone 6 Meeting - Location TBD
- 09 - Blaine Central meeting
- 13 - Governor's Team meeting - Blaine
- 14 - Santiago Governor's Night - Santiago
- 17 - Council of Governors #4 - Bloomington
- 17-19 - MD5M Convention - Bloomington
- 20 - Zone Meeting - Location TBD
- 21 - Ham Lake and Cedar/East Bethel
Joint Governor's Night
- 23 - Isanti Governor's Night - Isanti
- 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
- 16 - Blaine World Fest - Blaine
- 27 - Club Officer Training
Buffalo Middle School - Buffalo
- 28 - Club Officer Training
Centennial High School East Building - Blaine

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.

Youth Outreach



The Peace Poster kits for the sixteen clubs who will receive free ones, have finally arrived this week. If your club had a poster last year, you can have a free kit for 2015-2016.

The Circle Pizza Party for the posters winners and the teachers in January -- this is just a few students wearing the ribbons. Fun was had by all!



I hope all clubs have the bright green Youth Outreach book, "*Just Planting Seeds*" --it's filled with a lot of ideas, plus the rules for the Peace Poster, Drug Awareness Posters, Power Paks, Anti Bullying Ribbons and others. It's up to your club to "*water, use fertilizer, and weed*" to get involved with the youth.

Lion Ginny
Youth Outreach Chair

The Circle Pines Lexington Lions honored the poster winners and their teachers. We sent them home full of pizza and ice cream. Everybody had a great time.



Circle Pines-Lexington Lions Club
Pizza Party & Ice Cream Sundaes
for winners of:

Lions International Youth Outreach Program
Peace Poster Contest
Drug Awareness Poster Contest
Anti-Bullying Campaign















Annandale Lions



Lion Jerry Geske receiving Governor's personal pin and Award pin.



Sec. Lion Russ Fortner receiving Governor's personal pin and Award pin.



Lion Mark Dvorak receiving Governor's personal and Award pin for being first place in convention First-Timers contest.



Presenting President Lion Corey Czycalla Governor's personal and Award pins.

Blaine Central Lions



Blaine Central Lions received recognition from Mayor Tom Ryan for their community service in adopting and cleaning up Fort Lions Park in Blaine. Pictured are DG Terry Wold, Lion Shirley DiMassi and Mayor Tom Ryan.

Announcement...

The Blaine Central Lions are holding their **2nd Shop for Charity** event on **April 25th**. We are looking for vendors. If you or anyone you know would be interested in having a table at this event, contact Lion Jennifer at 763-639-0321.

Cokato Dassel Lions Club



DG Terry presenting his personal & District Award pins to Pres. Abe Abrahamson & Sec. David Pitchford at the Cokato Dassel Governor's Night.

Delano Lions Club



DG Terry performed a formal induction on four existing members: Lions Mike Hernandez, Rob Pendelton, Steve Rogers and Shakil Kahn. Not pictured is our newest Lion, Jamie Aulwes, who joined on Governor's Night.



Coon Rapids North Star Lions



Lion Mike Stack, Sight Chair for the North Star Lions Club, with Lion Lyle Goff, MN Lions Vision Foundation board member.

Lion Todd Williams, president of Coon Rapids North Star Lions, sent this photo of 13 boxes of eyeglasses; the club wishes to challenge the rest of the clubs in 5M7 to top their mark.

Elk River Lions Club



DG presenting a Banner Award Medal on behalf of Project New Hope to President Kevin.



DG presenting his personal pin and District Award pin to President Kevin and Sec. Beverly (Bobbi).



DG presenting Membership Key Award to Lion Deb Weston (District 5M7 Diabetes Fdn. Co-Chair).



PDG Brian Toews with a 20 year Chevron Award presented by DG Terry.



DG & Pres. Kevin awarding 25 years Milestone Chevron Award to PDG (5M6) Lion Ed Nelson.



1st Vice Pres. Dean Saba and Sec. Sandra Ackerman receiving Governor's pins from DG Terry.

Fridley Lions Club



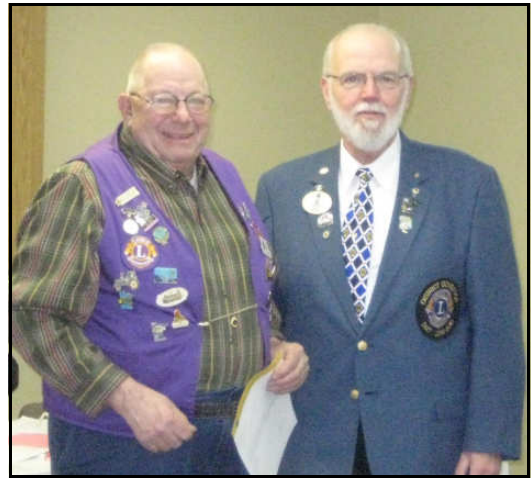
The "suits" have arrived!



Newest Fridley Lions Rebecca Toews and Shawn Rahaman with DG Terry.



Lion Norm Reznicow receiving a 40 year Chevron Award from DG Terry.



Presenting a 30 year Charter Monarch Chevron Award to Lion Wendell Fridstrom.



Lion Greg Gardner receiving a 40 year Chevron Award from DG Terry.



Presenting a 30-year Charter Monarch Chevron Award to Lion Don Bistodeau.

Grandy Lions Club



Presenting Governors pins to President Steve Beckman and Secretary Diane Clemmer.



DG Terry addressing the members (1st VDG-Elect Steve appears to be sleeping).

Howard Lake Lions Club



Alex Stueven - Drug poster winner - Kindergarten level with Pres. Gary and DG Terry.



Secretary Lanette with DG Terry presented with his personal and District 5M7 pins.



President Gary Hagemann with DG Terry presented with DG and District 5M7 pins.



Lion Don Oestreich with 25-year Membership Chevron Award presented by DG Terry.



Cheyenne Zitzloff - Drug poster winner - 5th Grade level with Pres. Gary and DG Terry.

Maple Lake Lions Club



Pres. Jon Fries, DG Terry and Sec. Mark Redemske - DG Terry presenting personal pin and District Award pin.



Inducting newest Lions Judy Baker, Pat Hickey and Amy Paumen. All three sponsored by Lion Ricci Smelzer.



3. DG Terry with Lion Ken Hennen — awarded a 55-year Chevron Award.



New Otsego Lions are Sharon Brenny, Nicole Busch, Ashley Christenson, Kathe Jones, Phil Lutgen, Diane Lutgen, Tracy Kincanon, Eric Soerens, Carrie Soerens, not pictured: Brad O'Leary.

On Feb. 3rd we had our New Member installation with DG Terry and 1st VDGE Steve Linder present. We had dinner with installation following. We installed nine new members.

Otsego Lions Club



Wyoming Lions Club



The "suits" were there! 2VDGE Dan Kaiser, Lion Kathy Kaiser, Donna Wold, DG Terry, Lion Kathy Linder, and 1VDGE Steve Linder.



Venture scouts were honored for all they do to help the Wyoming Lions with a plaque, a huge pizza and bowling.



DG Terry and newest Lion Patricia Kilian.



DG Terry inducting Lion Patricia Kilian and her sponsor Lion Barb Grams.



PDG Lion Pat Kennedy with the lady Lions.

Spring Lake Park Leos Club



Around 125 kids and adults participated in the 2nd Annual Sweetheart Dance at SLPHS. SLP Lions and Leos, along with the City of Spring Lake Park Park and Rec Dept. provided a fun afternoon with activities, treats and dancing with DeanoMite (Dean Downs).

More Sweetheart photos...



Another project was having the Leos decorate flower pots for senior citizens at their meeting.



Lions of 5M7,

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle are looking for our first entries to the

Eyeglass Collection Box contest mentioned in last month's 5M7 Gram. We are hoping the Clubs of 5M7 will be sending us photos and a description of their unique collection boxes. Donations on behalf of the winning Clubs will be made to the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** (MLVF). We hope to have some photos and stories to share with everyone in next month's 5M7 Gram!

We are interested in hearing from Clubs *looking for unique* collection boxes. We also would like to hear from Clubs who have *built their own unique collection boxes* and are willing to either share their plans or sell/donate boxes to other Clubs. PDG Paul and Lion Lyle would love to help make the connection between Clubs.



Regarding the **list of used eyeglass collection sites** we've been collecting from the Clubs in 5M7, we are proud to say that we have heard from **41** of the **52** Lions Clubs. **We have not heard anything from 7 Clubs** and are **waiting for follow-up from 4 Clubs**. Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Zone Chairs have all been sent requests a number of times for the collection site lists. PDG Paul and I would like to get this project finished before the end of March. The *Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center* (MLERC) needs your list of collection sites and needs them as soon as possible! Please feel free to contact either PDG Paul or Lion Lyle to confirm your list submission or to provide them your collection site information. In addition, if you are a Lioness or Leos Club that has eyeglass collection sites, please let us know. We would love to add your sites to the list and we just need the name of the location, street address and what town/city it is located in.

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle have made many presentations during the course of this year at Club, Zone and Multi-Zone meetings. We are available to speak at any of your upcoming events/meetings, barring schedule conflicts. Please feel free to get in touch with us and we



would be happy to share with your group the latest information and news regarding the MLVF.

Finally, if you need 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!'

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The **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** is the largest and best Lions Clubs training event in the world. The Forum is for you, the rank-in-file Lions as well as

the present and incoming leadership. The forum has over 50 specific training sessions related to developing quality Lions clubs and Lions leaders, as well as thousands of Lions leaders to share their experiences with you. There will be a total of approximately 120 seminars or discussion groups, on a variety of subjects, available over the three day period.

In addition, there will be fabulous, inspiring speakers at the luncheons and dinners as well as some great entertainment. Grand Rapids is also a very nice tourist destination. It is known as the *"Beer City."*

I am suggesting that every Lions club should send their newly elected 1st Vice president to the Forum to get them enthused and educated in their new leadership role.

Discounted registration ends on June 1st, so do a little fundraising and send them on their way. You will not be disappointed.

For information and registration go to
www.lionsforum.org or
www.usa/canadalionsforum.org

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