



5M7 GRAM

August 2015



“ Aloha, Lions, Lioness & Leos ! “

Well, your DG Tom Fiecke and companion Lion Jenny Long are back from the 98th Lions International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

We got to Hawaii on Thursday, June 18, and had the next five days to ourselves.

We went to Pearl Harbor, Atlantic Submarine & Cruises, went down to 110 feet in the ocean, and did some site seeing around Honolulu.

Yes, we went shopping, too. There are a lot of ABC stores there, “75 stores to a square mile.”

We did see Union 76 gas station, Phillips 66 gas station and a 7-eleven store.

On June 23, we had our picture with Lions International President Jitsuhiro Yamada and his wife Toshiko. Lions International President Jitsuhiro Yamada's theme is “Dignity, Harmony and Humanity.”

June 24 to 26 was for DG Training. The parade was Saturday, June 27. June 28 to 30 was the Lions International Convention.

Well, on to Lion business now. First VDG Steve Linder will work closely with Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4. Second VDG Dan Kaiser will work closely with Zones 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

We had your Lions Council Governor Meeting July 26 and 27 in St. Cloud.

The first Lions Cabinet Meeting will be July 30 at Beef O Brady in St. Francis.

I would like to thank those Lions, Lioness and Leos who sent in their Governor Night Visit form back to me, as I do appreciate it early in my yearly schedule.

As Lions, Lioness and Leos, go out and “ Ask 1 “ to become a member that has Dignity, Harmony & Humanity for all people.

DG Tom Fiecke
Service from the Heart





Aloha,

Lion Kathy and I have returned from the International Convention in Hawaii. It was an experience to see the International President Lion Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada being sworn in and to hear his very moving speech about all Lions working together to move forward. To be able to witness all the District Governors in Multiple 5M having their elect



ribbons removed by their spouses or partners in serve and to be able to be one of the first to congratulate the new District Governors for me was a thrill. All the

Lions that were in the area and the buses ran very smoothly and the delegate voting ran great. It was amazing.

The time Lion Kathy and I spent in Hawaii – nine days and eight nights – were pretty great. We had time to “bond” with the other three 1st VDGs and spouses. We all went shopping for eight matching Hawaii shirts. It took two hours, lunch and a couple drinks, but we looked pretty good. We met Lions from all over the world, traded pins with a lot of them, and marched in the International Parade. This parade took more than four hours before the whole thing was over.

If you as Lions are able, please try to come to the next International Convention in Japan. Yes I know it’s not cheap, it wasn’t cheap for us this year, but it’s something you will never forget. Just ask pretty much any Lion that attended all the activities that were offered and you’ll find out you can’t go wrong!

We are looking forward to meeting with a lot of you this year, so please let us know what your clubs are doing by putting your ads in the 5M7 Gram and posting it on the we page calendar.

Thank You For All You Do
1st Vice District Governor Steve

Lions are known for their great sense of humor. Unfortunately, the Internal Revenue Service and liability lawyers are not.

All clubs are reminded that Form 990 tax filings are due no later than Nov. 15. For most clubs with typical revenue, the form can be as simple as a postcard, but filing is necessary to protect your club’s tax status and avoid penalties. All Lions tax years are July 1 through June 30. So, in all cases, your Lions year has just ended, so don’t forget about your books, total them up and send them off.

Also, if your club is not already Incorporated, consider doing so as soon as possible to protect your individual officers and members from potential lawsuits. Presidents and secretaries are urged to discuss these issues with their boards and take the necessary actions immediately. For the clubs, also remember to update your status with the Minnesota Secretary of State each year.

Lions International has on its website where you can have a Certificate of Liability insurance for \$1 million for any event that your club is hosting. And the MD5M has a site where you can get another \$1 million policy for hosting events on school, and public property. It is there for those that need it, its part of your District and International Dues for you to use.

Finally, please join DG Tom, 1VG Steve, and myself in supporting other club activities and functions in this District and others. We are all in this mission together and what better way than to support other clubs and help bring awareness that we are the best service club in the nation and around the world



2VDG Dan Kaiser



2015-2016 DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISIT REQUEST

Type of Visit: Attend Regular Club Meeting _____

Awards Banquet and /or Celebration with Governor Talk _____

Working Meeting to Address Specific Club Issue _____

Club: _____ Dinner? Yes _____ No _____

Preferred Date: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Social Hour Time: _____ Dinner/meeting time: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Meeting Location _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Directions: _____

Will this be a joint meeting with another club or clubs? _____

If so, list the other club(s): _____

Additional requests of Governor during visit?

(Install officers, induct new members, present awards, or other):

1st Vice District Governor invited? Yes _____ No _____ Spouse? Yes _____ No _____

2nd Vice District Governor invited? Yes _____ No _____ Spouse? Yes _____ No _____

Zone Chair invited? Yes _____ No _____ Spouse? Yes _____ No _____

Please return this form to me ASAP so I may get the visits scheduled. The sooner I get your form back, the better chance you have of getting your 1st choice of dates. I will get in touch with you to let you know what date will fit with my schedule. I am looking forward to visiting your club.

Approximately 7 - 10 days before your Governor's Night, I will reconfirm the date and find out if you have any special requests.

Please mail form to:

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DG Tom's calendar:

August

- 4 Night to Unite at Buffalo Police Department
- 5 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 11 Zone 9 Meeting at North Branch Lions
- 12 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 26 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention Meeting
- 27 Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Concert at Sturges Park, Buffalo

September

- 5-7 Labor Day Weekend
- 9 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 11-13 MD5M GLT "Train the Trainer" at Minneapolis Airport Marriott in Bloomington
- 15-20 USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 23 Gov. Night Visit at Coon Rapids Lions

October

- 7 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 13 Gov. Night Visit at Anoka Lions
- 14 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 16-18 Council Governors Meeting in Mahanomen
- 20 Gov. Night Visit at Elk River Lions
- 21 Buffalo lions Club Meeting
- 24 Buffalo Lions 70 Years Anniversary Party in Buffalo
- 27 Gov. Night Visit at Circle Pines Lexington Lions, Lino Lakes Lions and Lioness
- 29 5M7 Cabinet Meeting at St. Francis Legion
- 31 Thanksgiving for Vision in Brooklyn Center

November

- 4 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 6-8 Deer Hunting
- 10 Gov. Night Visit at Clear Lake Lions
- 11 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 16 Gov. Night Visit at Monticello Lions
- 18 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Day Weekend

December

- 2 Gov. Night Visit at Buffalo Lions
- August 2015

- 3 Gov. Night Visit at Howard Lake Lions
- 7 Gov. Night Visit at Zimmerman Lions
- 9 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 23-Jan. 3 Christmas and New Year's week

January

- 13-17 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention at Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington

March

- 11-12 Council Governors Meeting
- 31 5M7 Cabinet Meeting at St. Francis Legion

June

- 6 or 13 District 5M7 Year-End Celebration at St. Francis Legion
- 21-30 99th Lions International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan

5M7 District Cabinet Meetings for 2015-16

The 5M7 District Cabinet Meetings will be hosted at the St. Francis Legion, 3073 Bridge St NW, St. Francis, MN 56070, on Thursdays:

- October 29, 2015
- March 31, 2016

Social and meal 6-7 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. I would like to take group picture at the First Cabinet Meeting.
DGE Tom Fiecke

'Share it in the Gram'

Please submit everything for the 5M7 Gram, including the name of your club and captions for your photos, to glicht@heraldjournal.com by the 25th of each month. Please send any suggestions for the 5M7 Gram or to whom it should be sent to the same email address. Please note when submitting information that PDFs and docs work best for flyers and JPGs work best for photos. Thank you!

5M7 Membership as July of 25, 2015

Lions Members	1901
Lioness Members	100
Leos	200

Gender Distribution

Males Membership	1408
Females Membership	428

Family Unit Members 367

We had a growth of 9 Lion Members for year 2014-2015, with 45 Lion Clubs out of 52 Lion Clubs adding one or more Lion Members. We did have 24 Deceased Lion Members.

Recap of Membership 2014 - 2015 MD5M

7-1-2014	21,639
New Members	2,164
Dropped Members	2,195
6 - 30 - 2015	21,608
Net Loss	-31

MD5M is still the second largest Multiple District in North America. One of goals for year 2015 - 2016 is close the gap with State of Texas by Membership Growth of 5,000 in MD5M. We could then be the Largest Multiple District in North America. So, go out and "ASK 1."

Prayers for all

PDG Kenneth Steies, passed away June 28, 2015. Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, July 11, at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Blaine.

PID Dick Tyler gave a nice eulogy at PDG Ken's Funeral. Ken will be miss by his family, Lions, Lioness, Leos and by all he touched in his life.

PID Dick Tyler is in Abbott Hospital for lung surgery. He will be returning home in the next couple days. Prayers are needed and will be appreciated for Dick and Joyce and all his family.

2016 Lions Mid-Winter Convention

The 2016 District 5M-7 38th Lions Mid-Winter Convention will be Jan. 15, 16, 17, 2016, at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Friday, Jan. 16, will be the Gambling Seminar, Cabinet Meeting, Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service.

The Lions Roar talk from PID Brain Sheehan will be Saturday, Jan. 17. In the morning will be Seminars & Alternative Program. Noon Luncheon will follow with a Business Meeting.

Saturday night will be Governor's Banquet with ID speech from ID Edward Farrington from Milford, New Hampshire.

Sunday, Jan. 17, will be Church Service, Breakfast and Speaker from Leos, Alayna Mackievicz of Forrester Lake.

WANTED: 5M7 2nd Vice District Governor candidate for 2016-17

We as Lions of District 5M7 are looking for someone to run for 2nd VDG for year 2016-17. You must have been a Lions Club President and Lions Zone Chair.

You can send a letter of your qualification and a letter from your Lions Club to show their support for you as 2nd VDG of 5M7.

It would be nice to have one or more Lions apply for this position.

You would be going in as District Governor of 5M7 in year 2018 in Las Vegas. The convention will be June 29-July 3, 2018. You would need to go out about a week early for DG Training.

Election of 2nd VDG of 5M7 will take place at 2016 District 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention, which will take place Jan. 15-17, 2016, at Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington.

DG Tom Fiecke
Service from the Heart
E-mail: lionfiecke@yahoo.com

MD5M Train the Trainer Institute

Bloomington Marriott Hotel

September 11-13, 2015

The purpose of the Train the Trainer Institute is to develop and expand the pool of skilled Lions faculty for use in training at the district and multiple district levels.

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates should have had some experience serving as instructors for Lions training events. Those with extensive training experience with Lions or professionally are not recommended for this program but are welcome to apply. Qualified district governors will be considered for participation in the Train the Trainer Institute on a space available basis only.
2. Candidates must be willing to commit to a two and a half day institute, including group meal-time activities, and understand personal time is extremely limited. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.

COST OF THE INSTITUTE

MD5M will provide the following according to the schedule of the institute: A participation fee of US\$125.00 will be required to offset these costs. Please include payment with your application. Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site. Hotel rooms are available for \$93/night. Book rooms directly with the hotel by August 30, 2015. The link to reservations is: Book your group rate for Lions Training Meeting

SELECTION PROCESS

Because of the high number of applications, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. All candidates will be notified of selection status via the email address provided on the application form. MD5M reserves the right to cancel the institute due to insufficient applications submitted by the stated application submission deadline date.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All candidates must complete the following application form and submit as indicated below. Applications must be submitted by the stated application submission deadline date in order to be considered.

Expectations of Train the Trainer graduates:

1. Serve as a leadership resource and pursue additional leadership and training roles and responsibilities in their respective zones, regions, districts, and multiple district.
2. Share their institute experiences with members of their zones, regions, districts, and multiple district, and encourage other qualified Lions to apply to the institute.
3. Continue to enhance training facilitation skills through practice and participation in further development opportunities.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE:
September 1, 2015

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
PCC Bruce Beck
PO Box 74
Palisade, MN 56469-0074
Phone: (218) 845-2204
E-mail: subdriver660@gmail.com

To ensure timely receipt of your application, please submit by e-mail.

APPLICATION FORM

Application Submission Deadline Date: September 1, 2015

Purpose: The purpose of the Train the Trainer Institute is to develop and expand the pool of skilled Lions faculty for use in training at the district and multiple district levels. Ideal participants are Lions who have had some experience serving as instructors for Lions training events. Those with extensive training experience with Lions or professionally are not recommended for this program but are welcome to apply.

Please type or print. Please attach additional sheets if needed.

District Number _____

Membership Number _____

First/Given Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last/Family Name _____

Current Lions Title _____ Highest Lions Office Held _____

E-Mail* _____ Preferred Telephone _____

*Will be used for ALL communication regarding the institute – PLEASE TYPE

State/Province _____ Country _____ Gender _____ Male _____ Female

Lions Club Name _____ Club Number _____ Month and Year Joined _____

Lions Leadership Institutes Previously Attended (Locations & Dates)

Have you conducted or contributed to Lions trainings? (List training course names and dates)

Have you conducted or contributed to trainings outside of Lions Clubs? (List types of trainings and dates)

How do you intend to use your training at the Faculty Development Institute in the future?

Why is this institute of interest to you?

MD5M is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property of participants. Participants are requested to carry medical insurance information in the event they require medical services.

Candidate Signature _____

Date _____

The Mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum...

To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.



We have listened to you and have made many changes to our lineup of seminars and improved our meal time procedures and featured guest speakers.

Our seminar schedules have been expanded for more learning and communication. Plus, we will make your opening night a night to remember. Our Thursday Night event will give you the opportunity just to have fun. It's a **Lions Fun Festival**. It's our way of thanking you for all you do!



There are so many reasons to attend, but not the least of these is to prepare for specific roles in our association. Are you taking on a new role? At the Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids you will find seminars with information critical to your success.

So, regardless of whether you just became a Lion and never experienced a Forum, this is your opportunity to be part of a wonderful learning event and meet impressive Lions like yourself that serve for the betterment of their communities and the world.

The Leadership Forum is for any Lion who wants to enhance leadership capabilities in an atmosphere that's non-stop learning and fun. There are over 60 seminars for you to choose from in 2 1/2 days!

The Grand Forum IN GRAND RAPIDS



September 17-19, 2015
Grand Rapids, Michigan



For details & registration, visit: www.lionsforum.org



Welcome 2015 USA/Canada Forum Attendees

General Chairperson



**Mark Miller, PCC
General Chairman**

Have you attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in the past? Well, get ready for a whole new experience in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 17-19, 2015. Here are some of the exciting changes to the Forum:

- Full day of training on Thursday, giving you three days of training instead of two.
- Festival of Lions event on Thursday evening to kick off the Forum.
- New Lions Club Handbook provided to every attendee
- Lions University will be fully operational.
- World premier of **We Serve On**, a production detailing a century of Lions service.
- Mobile apps to make your Forum more interactive and enjoyable.

These are just a few of the dynamic changes we are making to your Forum; however, the core of your Forum will stay the same. It will be three fun days of learning, sharing and fellowship—just as all of the Forums have been.

Of course, the venue in Grand Rapids, Michigan is fantastic. Grand Rapids is a vibrant city with exciting and thrilling attractions for all ages. From the Midwest's most vibrant arts community to the city's nightlife, there is something for everyone's taste in Grand Rapids.

Michigan Lions know how to host big events for our Association. Having hosted our Forum and the International Convention before, the Michigan Lions have shown what Pure Michigan is all about. PCC John Johnson and his team stand ready to welcome the Lions to a whole new Forum experience.

So, please make your plans now to attend the 39th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!

Mark Miller, PCC
General Chair

Honorary Chairperson



**Bob Corlew
2014-2015 International
2nd Vice President**

Please join me next year for a wonderful learning experience at the 2015 Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A fabulous opportunity awaits us all as we gather to renew our friendships, and learn new ways to improve our clubs, our service and ourselves. I am so excited to welcome you to the upcoming USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

The Forum provides such a unique opportunity for Lions to exchange ideas, learn from each other, and provide a benefit of learning for all of us. Nowhere else can we gather to learn and exchange ideas with Lions from all across North America. Forum Chair Mark Miller is ensuring that a sensational line-up of seminars is being developed to help us all to learn more so that we can be better Lions, and better able to serve.

The Host Chair John Johnson and the Lions of Michigan promise the very best hospitality for us. The Convention Center and the other facilities are very nice, and transportation has been arranged to provide a fun and enjoyable Forum. This will truly be a first-class event, that none of us will want to miss.

I am so excited to welcome you to the upcoming USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids. It will truly be awesome! I look forward to seeing you there! Together we can learn more so that we can all work together to make the world a better place for others.

Very truly yours,
Bob Corlew
Honorary Chair



2015 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Featured Speakers

Thursday Night Opening



It's Time for Grand Fun!

Thank you for all your great work... Now celebrate with a festival of fun designed just for you!

Dress casually and enjoy this carnival of fun — it will be a night to remember. *It's all about grand YOU!*



Feast on great food and be entertained with Buckets 'N Boards. Matt Levingston and Gareth Sever have handcrafted a hilarious and high-energy show chock-full of precise percussion, ridiculous songs, spectacular tap dancing, inventive instrumentation and unique musical talent.

Friday Luncheon



Lisa Whelchel
Actor/Author/Speaker

Many of us grew up with Lisa Whelchel as a child star on "The Facts of Life." Well, "Blair" has grown up to be an inspiring leader and role model for women across North America.

Lisa will share a message about being an active servant leader in today's high paced world.

The Grand Forum IN GRAND RAPIDS

Saturday Luncheon



**Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, 2014-2015
1st International Vice President**

Current First Vice President of our Association and the expected 98th President in 2015 at the International convention.

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and his team will detail his 2015-2016 Presidential theme and program.

Dr. Yamada, a neurosurgeon, is a world-renowned humanitarian and ambassador of cultural understanding. His Saturday luncheon presentation will be a highlight of the Forum.



Saturday Night Closing



Wayne Brock
Chief Executive
Boy Scouts of America

As the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, Wayne Brock leads the world's largest youth organization. Running a large, diverse organization that is dedicated to developing positive values in young people presents special challenges and opportunities.

Wayne will share lessons learned that are valuable to our Association's future.

For details & registration, visit: www.lionsforum.org
Phone: (605) 723-4007



Stacy Daze 2015



Back to the 50's

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
July 31st - August 2nd

Friday

Car Show - Stacy Lent Fire Dept. – 5-8pm



Ball Tournament

Saturday



Pancakes in the Park 8-10am

\$5.00 - Under 5 free

5k Run – 8:00 am

Registration taken on site

Vendor Booths 9am-4pm

Parade –12:00pm

Fireman's Water Ball Challenge 2pm

Music by "CHEEZER" Local DJ 1-4pm

Fun music, dancing and contests

Ball tournaments all day

Night time Band – Five Minute Major 8pm-12am

Fireworks at Dusk

Sunday

Ball Tournaments



We are designating additional Handicapped parking
spaces this year!

