



5M7 GRAM

September 2015



Lions, Lioness & Leos,

Summer is winding down with Minnesota State Fair happening now, Labor Day around the corner, and kids going back to school.

Well, the past two month have been very busy with the first District Cabinet Meeting; Zone Meetings; Lions, Lioness, Leos activities; Mid-Winter Convention Committee Meetings; District Governor Team Meeting; Wellness Van Program; and event at Camp Courage in Maple Lake; and Lions Special Olympics Chair Training.

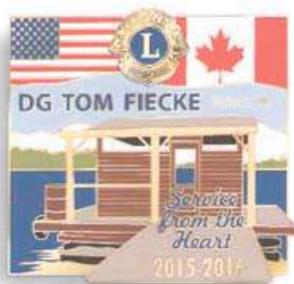
So far I have 16 Lion Clubs out of 52 Lion Clubs who have sent the Governor Night Visit Form to me.

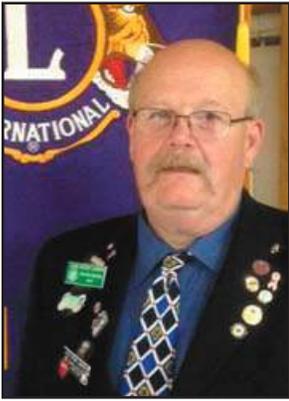
I see that September is going be a busy month with GLT “Train the Trainers;” USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Governor Night Visits.



As I am writing this newsletter, Aug. 25, our Lions Membership has dropped down to 1,891 Lion Members. Go out and “ASK 1 “ to become a Lion. The best place to “Ask 1 “ begins at home with your family, and ask your closet friends to become a Lion Member.

DG Tom Fiecke
Service from the Heart





Fall can't be far off. The weather is cooling off and schools are getting ready to start. That means more club activities are also starting up. Pancake, waffle, french toast breakfast, boyas are being planned. Please put your club activities on the website calendar and in the Gram. Lion Kathy and I love to come out and visit your clubs and get a picture of your clubs goings-on.

Lion Kathy and I have put on a few miles so far this year as 1st VDG, traveling to Hawaii for the Lions International Convention and out to Rochester Hills, Michigan, to tour and learn more about Leader Dog for the Blind. We went over to Chisago Lakes Lions for Corn and Hot Dogs and Music in the Park, Clear Lake Lions Corn and Chicken Feed, Monticello Lion Brewfest, and out to Camp Courage to learn about Hippotherapy, which is horseback riding therapy. That was very interesting. I also had the opportunity to meet 1st Vice International President Lion Bob Corlew, who will be the International President when I'm Governor.

I am looking for a Lion to step forward to become our 2nd Vice District Governor Elect at our Mid-Winter Convention. You must enjoy meeting people, traveling out to Zone Meetings and Governors Visits. You must have a LOVE for being a Lion. As 2nd VDGE, it's your year to learn. You will be responsible for the Lions Clubs and Zones in half the District. It's a great job, now here's the bad news with these positions. You are not going to become rich! Yes this is not a money-making position, but being able to meet other Lions from our District and from other Districts is so fulfilling. I've become great friends with the other 1st VDGs and most of their spouses. We are encouraged to work as a close-knit team. It's a lot easier than you might think because we are into this for the same reason, the love of being a Lion.

Hope to see a lot of Lions in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the US/Canada Leadership Forum. Great time plus a learning experience.

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

From the Internet, this bears repeating:

Throughout our history, we have always known our growth and vitality depends upon our dedication to recruiting new club members and our commitment to offering them opportunities for community service. New members are the lifeblood of our Lions Clubs, because membership loss is inevitable. Members must constantly be recruited in order to keep our clubs going and growing. For this reason, attracting the new members for your activities demand those who are vital, enthusiastic and committed are fundamental to your club's future.

So, PLEASE "Strengthen the Pride" and "ASK 1." Just as important, is to retain the members you have brought into your club. WE must close the back door! WE must provide opportunities for the new members. WE have to utilize their experiences, talents and energy.

Involve New Members in meaningful activities that they may have an interest in. They may be interested in starting a new project. The list of activities are endless, such as tutor children in reading or math, deliver meals to the elderly, improve neighborhood parks and community centers, assist with Lions vision and hearing screenings, or a new and different fundraiser.

Don't allow new members to sit idle. Nothing dampens enthusiasm and initiative more profoundly than the practice of preventing new thoughts and ideas from being introduced. These things can produce a sense of disenfranchisement, a feeling of resentment that no one cares what I think. We must encourage a culture that is inclusive and open. One where all member ideas are invited, where a TEAM atmosphere pervades and where recognition is given more for accomplishment than for longevity. It is just as important that members are given credit for what they have done than the number of meetings that they attend.

Continue to "ASK 1" and also "RETAIN 1"



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:

September

- 5-7 Labor Day Weekend
- 9 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 11-13 MD5M GLT "Train the Trainer" at Minneapolis Airport Marriot 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
- 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 Fukuo-ka, Japan

5M7 District Cabinet Meetings for 2015-16

The 5M7 District Cabinet Meetings will be hosted at Kraus-Hartig VFW Post #6587 8100 Pleasant View Dr. NE. Spring Lake Park on Thursdays:

- October 29, 2015
- March 31, 2016

Social and meal 6-7 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m.

Help make the Gram great!

Everyone in 5M7 can help make the 5M7 Gram great by submitting highlights of past events and previews of future events. 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. I cannot stress this deadline enough. Even if everything comes by the 25th – which hasn't happened yet – it still gives me less than a week to put everything together, fitting it around my real job as a newspaper editor and my other responsibilities. I don't want to leave anything out of the Gram, but I may need to do so in the future if entries come after the deadline. With that said, please share any suggestions directly with me via email. I believe all my email addresses for secretaries and presidents are updated, but please let me know if the Gram needs to be sent to someone else. Please note when submitting information that PDFs and docs work best for flyers and JPGs work best for photos. Thank you! – Gram Editor Gabe Licht

Our Foundation is Caring and Compassionate

Dear Lions,

Earlier this month, Typhoon Soudelor tore through the Pacific Ocean. Once a super-typhoon, Soudelor has claimed dozens of lives already. Millions of families are without water, electricity or shelter. The storm has caused monsoon rains, high winds, flooding and landslides throughout the region.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) responded immediately. A \$10,000 Emergency Grant was awarded to the Lions of District 204 Micronesia for relief efforts in Saipan. A \$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant was awarded to Multiple District 300 Taiwan to assist with both immediate needs and long-term reconstruction.

The Lions of MD 300 Taiwan, China and Micronesia are coming to the aid of their neighbors. But they need your help. Rebuilding after Typhoon Soudelor will be no easy task, but Lions and our Foundation are committed to supporting the humanitarian needs within these communities for the short and long term. Please consider making a contribution – at www.lcif.org/EN/support-our-work/donate-now.php – to LCIF's disaster relief fund and giving hope to those who have been devastated by this disaster.

Our thoughts and prayers go out all who have been affected by Typhoon Soudelor.

Sincerely,

Joe Preston

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



The Lions Clubs International Foundation has responded to Typhoon Soudelor, that has affected millions.

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 Forster 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 _____

Chomonix's Largest Fall Tournament!

23nd Annual Circle Lex Lions

Great

Great

Great Fun!

All Golfers

SANDBURR OPEN

Community Fundraiser

Chomonix Golf Course

700 Aqua Lane, Lino Lakes, MN

Friday, September 11, 2015



- Shotgun Start-12:30 pm
- Registration from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Lunch will be served beginning at 11:15 am
- 4 Person Scramble
- Many contests and other events!
- No coolers/containers allowed
- All beverages sold by Chomonix
- Team Captains must check in for their team and make sure all golfers are paid before receiving your packets

Early Registration Discounts! Includes: 18 holes, power cart, starting gifts, door prizes and lunch!

- **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: One Check One Team (4) \$300.00 (must be postmarked by August 14, 2015 { FIRM})**
- **\$80.00 per golfer until August 22, 2015**
- **\$90.00 per golfer at the event**

Enter as a team or singles or doubles. We will make the groups.



Name: _____	Address: _____	Phone: _____
Name: _____	Address: _____	Phone: _____
Name: _____	Address: _____	Phone: _____
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Mail to: Circle Lex Lions, Box 13, Circle Pines, MN 55014

Questions: Call Lion Ginny Hestekind (763) 786-3474 Circle Pines Lexington Lions
Box 13

Circle Pines MN 55014

“We Serve”

www.e-district.org/sites/5M7

Can Do Canines Woofaroo is Sept. 12

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge.

On September 12, 2015 you can show your support! The Can Do Woofaroo Fundraising Walk and Festival is a dog-gone good day filled with pet-centric exhibitors, live entertainment and of course ... dogs! The event takes place at Can Do Canines' facility (9440 Science Center Dr. in New Hope) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit candowoofaroo.org and sign up to walk your dog and ask your friends and family to support your efforts. Last year, 202 walkers and 107 pups walked to raise over \$92,000.

And, as if that feel-good feeling of knowing all funds you raise goes directly to training our assistance dogs was not enough ... there's also prizes to be had! All participants who raise \$125 or more are eligible for the grand prize drawing—a 7-night stay in an Orlando, Florida villa! Plus, you could win a tote bag, fleece jacket and a \$100 gift card. The more you raise the more you win!

Sign up today at candowoofaroo.org. Can't make it the on September 12? Sign up to be virtual walker!

And, save the date for our Fall Graduation Ceremony taking place on October 24!



More than 200 walkers, 100 dogs and 90 volunteers participated in the Can Do Canines walk in 2014 to raise money to train assistance dogs for people with disabilities.



Can Do Canines Puppy Raiser Gunnhild Accola and assistance dog in training Quest lead a group of "Strut with a Pup" cohorts.



A group of dogs take a break from the Woofaroo to go "Bobbing for Hot Dogs."



Jaime Richards and her assistance dog, Treasure, were among the 200 people and 100 dogs who participated in the Can Do Canines fundraiser walk in 2014. Treasure is a Hearing and Mobility Assist Dog who alerts Richards to sounds and picks up items for her. From left are: Linda Richards, Jaime Richards' mother; Jaime Richards with Treasure; and Grace Gullixson, Jaime Richards' personal care assistant and friend.

HOWARD LAKE LIONS BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER 8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

To honor National Honey Month, our Lions Club is hosting a biscuits and honey breakfast of egg bake and honey caramel rolls or biscuits with honey, milk, coffee and juice. Proceeds will benefit the Teen Center air hockey game. Come one, come all. Let's show our support for a new idea! It will also be a kickoff to announce the Annual Lions' Sight First campaign to collect eye glasses and hearing aids beginning on October 1st and ending Oct. 31.

*2015 – 2016 Lions Environmental Photo Contest
Lions from 5M-7 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 2015-2016 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:*

- *Animal Life*
- *Landscape (Urban or Natural)*
- *Plant Life*
- *Weather Phenomenon*
- *Special Theme*
 - o *Dignity, harmony, humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.*

Send photos (8" x 10") by December 31, 2015 to:

Lion Jan Dubats

12967 Crooked Lake Lane NW

Coon Rapids MN 55448 Or jdubats@q.com

You Are Invited to the Diabetes Expo!

Our Diabetes Expo will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Hall E. It is billed as "everything you need to know about diabetes under one roof" including workshops, cooking demonstrations, fitness activities, free health screenings, an "Ask the Expert" area, and vendors offering the latest diabetes products and services. Last year over 8,300 people attended and we're expecting more this year. As a Lion, you and/or your club can get involved in several ways:

- We invite you to come to learn more about diabetes.
- We need many day-of-event volunteers for this activity. Lions Clubs may want to volunteer as a club. Many clubs helped last year; by wearing their vests they gained more recognition for Lions Clubs and what they do in the community. Volunteer for a few hours (time slots are 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM or 11:30 AM – 3:15 PM) or for the entire day. Please contact Molly Duerr at 763-593-5333, ext. 6652 or at mduerr@diabetes.org if you or a club would like to volunteer.
- Several areas outside of the Twin Cities worked on organizing buses to and from the Expo for members of their community. Clubs from several communities in your district could set up a bus route with several stops to pick up people. Work with your local clinics, hospitals, churches, etc. to get the word out. If you are thinking about having a bus please contact Molly Duerr at 763-593-5333, ext. 6652 or mduerr@diabetes.org for more information. All people will have free admission to the Expo and there will be free bus parking at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

We appreciate the support we have received from Lions Clubs in the past and invite you now to see how your funding is helping people with diabetes.



ST. JUDE WALK/RUN to End Childhood Cancer

National Series
Sponsors:



What do you fight for?

MN Lions & Lioness fights for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The kids of St. Jude are so brave, and we want to be their fearless fundraisers.

The Buffalo Lions/Lioness are one of the sponsors of this year's St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer this September, and we want you to join us for this amazing event. This year's walk is at the Mall of America on September 19th. Registration begins at 6:30am, Run at 7am, and Walk at 8am.

Will you join me as we raise the much-needed funds to support the kids of St. Jude?

Together, we can raise money to ensure that families never receive a bill from St. Jude for anything. St. Jude freely shares the breakthroughs it makes, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands more children.

Visit <http://walkrun.stjude.org> to register and join the MN Lions & Lioness team today.

If you're unable to join us for the event, you can still support St. Jude by visiting my personal fundraising page and making a donation toward my goal of \$1500 for the kids of St. Jude.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Thompson
Buffalo Lion/Lioness
[My Fundraising Page](#)
[Our Team Fundraising page](#)

[View the team page for MN Lions & Lioness](#)

http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?team_id=162122&pg=team&fr_id=40438&s_locale=en_US&et=24K1Fb58INB6Bqe6GhuSmw&s_tafld=267172.

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!

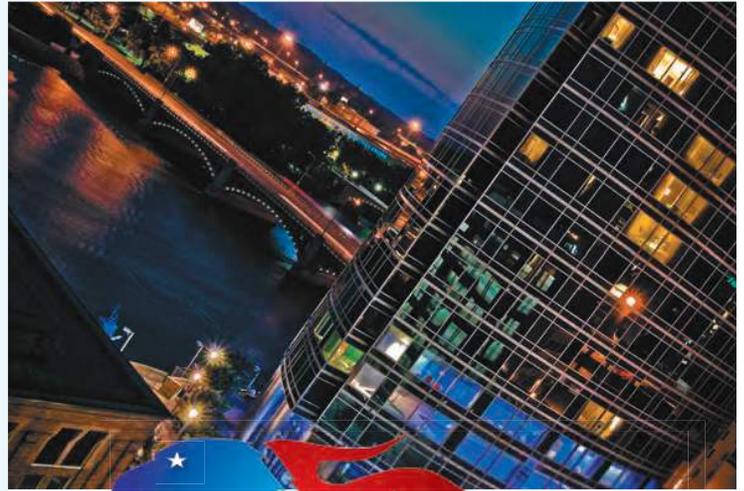


There are so many reasons to attend, but not the least of these is to prepare for specific roles in our association. Are you taking on a new role? At the Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids you will find seminars with information critical to your success.

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



USA/Canada LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

September 17-19, 2015
Grand Rapids, Michigan



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



- Teams are co-ed
- Minimum of 9 players
- Food Truck on site
- \$75 per team to participate
- All fees go to Gifts Anonymous

Hosted at *Prairie Park* in *Otsego*
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH
STARTING AT 10AM

Tournament is single elimination. Not all participants need to be Lion members. If you're a Lion and would like to play but are unable, you can have someone else play in your spot. We would like to see at least half the team members be Lions.



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District 5M-7

Seventy Year Anniversary Celebration!

Date: Saturday, Oct 24, 2015

Time: 5:00 PM - Social

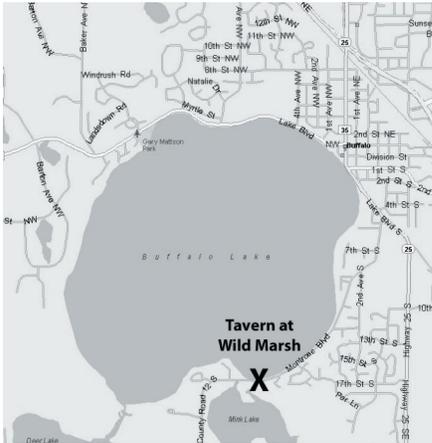
Music by Sharon Planer

6:00 PM - Dinner

Turkey and Ham Buffet

7:00 PM - Guest Speaker

PID Lion Debra Wasserman



Tavern at Wild Marsh

1710 Montrose Blvd
Buffalo, MN 55313

Dinner: \$25.00 / Person

Reservations in advance only please!

RSVP by October 1, 2015

Make checks payable to "Buffalo Lions Club"

Please return this form to:

**Lion Judy Sandeen
1601 16th St. S.
Buffalo, MN 55313**

Dinner: \$25.00 / Person

Number Attending: _____

Regular: _____

Gluten Sensitive: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Club Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____



Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7:

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle wish to thank all the Clubs in 5M-7 for their work as 'Knights of the Blind' and encourage everyone to continue their vision-related projects and donations. When making a donation to any of the projects supported by the Lions through the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF), all checks should be made out to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation or MLVF. The specific project or cause for support (*Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic, Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center or the MAC, Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Minnesota Lions Eye Surgical Center*) should be noted in the Memo portion of the check (lower left corner). Remember, every \$1,000 donated in your Club's name will earn one Minnesota Lions Helen Keller Award that your Club can present to a worthwhile individual, group or organization. If you wish to order a Helen Keller award, please visit the MLVF or 5M-7 websites.

Klein Bank is offering their customers an opportunity to donate towards the MLVF through their 'Swipe it Forward' program. If you happen to have a Klein Bank Debit Mastercard, you can make a donation just by using your card on **Tuesday, Sept. 15**. With each swipe of your card on that day, Klein Bank will donate 5 cents to the MLVF. Total swipes by customers on that date will be used to determine the check that Klein Bank will send to the MLVF. This money is coming from Klein Bank and is not an add-on to your charges. Klein Bank has locations throughout the area so, if you're looking for a new bank that is Lion-friendly, please consider visiting your local branch.

Speaking of fundraisers, the MLVF will have one at the Davanni's restaurant in Rogers on Monday, Sept. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. All dine-in and take-out orders placed utilizing the event flyer will qualify for a 20% donation of the total bill to the MLVF. A copy of the flyer is located in this Gram. Please bring it along and hand it in with your order. There will be giveaways and other fun things going on during the event, so don't miss out. Don't

forget to bring along any used eyeglasses to drop off and you might get a surprise when doing so. This fundraiser is the first of what hopes to be many such fundraiser events at Davanni's locations throughout the Twin Cities. If you would like to get out and support the MLVF and the Rogers Lions, please feel free to join in the fun on the 14th.

KidSight U.S.A. is a project where volunteers assist in the eye screening of children. This project is geared towards checking the sight of toddlers through pre-school aged children across the country. The MLVF would like to know from your Clubs if you or any other organizations in your community are already doing any similar screenings. In addition, we would like to know if your Club would be interested in such a program and would consider being part of a pilot program. Please provide PDG Paul or Lion Lyle with your comments and questions towards the KidSight U.S.A. program. We would like to have your responses for our October 3rd Board meeting.

Important dates to remember:

Oct. 3 – Lions Fall Tours at the U of M Twin Cities clinics. This tour gives you a chance to see and hear about the wonderful clinics supported by the Lions. If you are interested, please contact either PDG Paul or Lion Lyle for assistance in registering. We both hope for a good turnout from 5M-7 at the Fall Tours.

Oct. 31 – Thanksgiving for Vision at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. Invitations are being sent to each Lions Club President for them and a guest to attend this event. If your Club President is unable to attend, please have your Club send a representative and a guest to this wonderful event. You can learn first-hand from the physicians, researchers, tissue donor families and tissue transplant recipients on how your Lions contributions are making a difference. PDG Paul and Lion Lyle hope to see you there!

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle are available to guest speak at your Club or District function. We are also available to set up a booth at your Club or District event. We can collect your used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Please give us a call!

Keep up the good work, 5M-7!

Yours in Lionism,

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1st VDG Steve, IPDG Terry meet 1st Vice International President Bob Corlew



1st VDG Steve Linder, left, and IPDG Terry Wold, right, recently met 1st Vice International President Bob Corlew at a Scania Marine Lions Club meeting.

Hippotherapy at Camp Courage



5M7 Lions recently visited the True Strides hippotherapy program at Camp Courage.

Zone 9 meeting



Zone Chair Lion Chris referees the extra point show down at the Zone 9 meeting.

Montrose Lioness



The Montrose Lioness had a successful Montrose Days, selling root beer floats, ice cream sundaes and brownies. We wish to thank the Montrose Lions for their continuing support and help with our club. We recently donated more than \$100 in school supplies to Montrose Elementary and also a \$100 donation to the Angel Fund, which is used to provide lunch for students who are in need. Pictured is club President Judi Salonek and Lioness Joan Bauernschmitt.

Clear Lake Lions



The Clear Lake Lions recently hosted a corn feed and 1st VDG Steve Linder stopped by to take part.

