



5M-7 GRAM

October 2015



Lions, Lioness & Leos,

It's hard to believe that I have 25 percent of the 2015-2016 year as District Governor of 5M-7 gone. It seems just like it is going by so fast, but it will have a lot of memories that I will be looking back at.

One of my goals for the rest of 2015-2016 as your District Governor of 5M-7, is that each Lions Club that I visit for Governor Night Visit will have one new Lion Member that night.

Your Lions membership for 5M-7 as of right now is 1,884. Total Lions membership is 1,382,452 in world. Go out and "ASK 1."

I had one governor visit in September at the Coon Rapids Lions Club. I gave out some Lion Awards and one new Lion member was installed into Lions. I see by looking at my calendar that October is going to be a busy month with Governor Night visits, the Cabinet



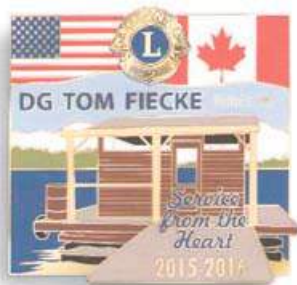
Meeting, a Mid-Winter Convention Meeting, a DG Team Meeting, a Council Governor Meeting at Mahanomen, and the 70-year anniversary celebration at Buffalo Lions Club. The second Cabinet Meeting of District 5M-7, will be held on

October 29, at Kraus-Hartig VFW Post # 6587 in Spring Lake Park. The social hour and meal will be 6-7 p.m. and the meeting will be at 7 p.m.

I wish all Lions, Lioness and Leos a safe October in all your activities out there.

DG Tom Fiecke

Service from the Heart



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.

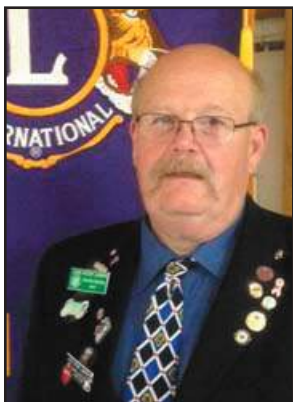
You would be going in as District Governor of 5M7 in year 2018 in Las Vegas. The convention will be June 29-July 3, 2018. You would need to go out about a week early for DG Training.

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



Lion Kathy and I just returned from Grand Rapids, Michigan, where we attended the US/Canadian Leadership Forum. Next year, the Forum is in Omaha, so if you want to learn about Lions, that's the place to be. I hope to see more Lions from 5M7 next year.

International President Yamada has gone with "Ask 1" again this year. It would be great to increase the membership of our District over the next three years and not lose any Lions!

Governor Tom has given me the OK to start looking for Lions to serve on my Cabinet. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me.

The last thing I'd like to say is please put your club activities on the website and in the Gram. If we can attend, we would really enjoy visiting with you.

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



1st VDG Steve Linder receives a Lions University bachelor's degree from International President Yamada at the US/Canadian Leadership Forum.



Lion Kathy Linder receives a Lions University bachelor's degree from International President Yamada at the US/Canadian Leadership Forum.

Dear Lions,

I'd like to share this letter from International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada:

The Centennial Celebration is bringing Lions around the world together to celebrate our 100th anniversary. Here are three great ways that you and your club can join the celebration this year and throughout the Centennial Celebration:

- Lead through Service by hosting at least one Centennial Service Challenge project in each of our service areas of youth, vision, hunger and the environment. Be sure to report your Centennial projects on MyLCI to earn a banner patch for each year that your club participates.
- Invite for Impact by setting a club goal of inviting at least 3 new members to join your club. You and your club can earn limited-edition awards in the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards for inviting new members and helping to sponsor a new club.
- Connect with Community by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Celebrate 100 years of Lions by identifying a special project that will make a lasting impact in your community. Look forward to receiving more information about developing your own Legacy Project.

Let's work together to make the Centennial Celebration a big success!



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:

District Governor Lion Tom Fiecke
7303 235th Street
Silver Lake, MN 55381

H. 320-327-2837

C. 612-310-6235

Lionfiecke@yahoo.com

DG Tom's calendar:

October

- 7 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 12 Waverly Lions Club Meeting
- 13 Gov. Night Visit at Anoka Lions
- 14 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 16-18 Council Governors Meeting in Mahnomen
- 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 Kraus-Hartig VFW Post 6587 Spring Lake Park
- 31 Thanksgiving for Vision in Brooklyn Center

November

- 4 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting and Ramsey Lions Club Meeting
- 6-8 Deer Hunting
- 11 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 16 Gov. Night Visit at Monticello Lions
- 17 Hame Lake Lions Club Meeting
- 18 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting
- 19 Nowthen Lions Club Meeting
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Day Weekend

December

- 1 Cambridge Lions Club Meeting
- 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
- 19 Andover Lions Club Meeting
- 23-Jan. 3 Christmas and New Year's week

January

- 13-17 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention at Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington

5M-7 District Cabinet Meetings for 2015-16

The 5M-7 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.

October 2015

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, January 15, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Opening Ceremony

Memorial Service

PID Brain Sheehan: Roar Talk on Lionism

First Timers Meeting

Hospitality Rooms Open 9 PM to Midnight

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Seminars in morning

Lioness Program

Leo's Program

12:00 Noon Luncheon

Business Meeting at 2 PM

Governors Banquet at 6 PM

Guest Speaker: ID Edward Farrington from Milford, New Hampshire

Entertainment: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit

Hospitality Rooms open 9 PM to Midnight

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Church Service at 8 AM

Sunday Breakfast at 9 AM

Guest Speaker: Leo Alayna Mackiewicz of Forest Lake Leos

There will be more details coming in the near future, DG Tom Fiecke

Help make the Gram great!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted highlights of past events and previews of future events. Please submit everything for the 5M-7 Gram, including the name of your club and captions for your photos, to glicht@heraldjournal.com by the 25th of each month. 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

"We Serve"

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

Page 4

Special Olympics Minnesota – A Special Opportunity to Serve for Lions!

Special Olympics helps people with intellectual disabilities develop confidence and social skills, through sports training and competition. Besides competitions, year-round training activities help enhance not only the physical health, but the emotional well-being of the programs' participants.

The mission of Special Olympics Minnesota is to offer children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round sports training and competition. Through Special Olympics athletic, health and leadership programs, people with intellectual disabilities transform themselves, their communities and the world!

Lions Clubs International is the Global Partner of Special Olympics-Lions clubs International Opening Eyes initiative, giving both financial and volunteer support.

Indeed, many Lions are aware of Special Olympics, and some are already involved in the organization's activities. And beyond what many are aware of, the actual physical training and competition there's more – recognizing that proper training is only a part of an athlete's well-being. Screenings are offered – at no charge to the athletes or their families – in a variety of areas, including Vision (Opening Eyes), Audiology (Healthy Hearing), Dentistry (Special Smiles), Podiatry (Fit Feet), Sports Physical Exams (MedFest), Physical Therapy (FUNfitness), and Better health and well-being (Health Promotion).

As a Lion, you can help! There are numerous ways to be of service to Special Olympics Minnesota, including not only the obvious financial contributions, but donating one's time at various events.

In the case of financial contributions, a club member can earmark their donation to be applied to a specific geographical region, simply by noting this location on their check. Further, contributions submitted through Lions clubs will be 100% allocated to Special Olympic operations, in contrast to those submitted 'from the outside,' which are typically split between operations and (approximately 17%) administrative functions.

In addition to giving money, members have the opportunity to volunteer with their local delegations – or independently – as coaches for one or more sports. Each sporting session lasts for approximately eight weeks. There are also opportunities to serve as a mentor for an athlete (this requires a 2-year commitment). Alternatively, one can volunteer for a specific event at the area, regional or state competition. These usually involve 4-hour shifts. Generally, signing up as a volunteer is done directly with Special Olympics Minnesota: their website is <http://specialolympicsminnesota.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>. In some cases, a background check is required. Any questions about volunteering may be directed to Jay Pedersen at Special Olympics Minnesota, 612.604.1267.

If you'd like to contribute, you may do so at any time – any amount is welcome! Please make your check payable to Special Olympics Minnesota with a specific geographic area noted on the memo line of the check (these are Special Olympics MN areas; to find out which applies please contact me), and send to Lion David Stein, 703 9th St. NW, Buffalo, MN 55313. Special Olympics Minnesota is recognized by the IRS as a §501(c)(3) organization.

A message about youth outreach

Summer is over and fall ushered in!

Jams, pickles, and salsa are in jars
and its time to take care of the kids.

Power Paks, Peace Posters, Drug
Awareness, Books for the day care
centers. Check your “Youth Outreach
Book” that every club got at Mid Winter,
for details.

It’s football season. Support the “KIDS.”
Show your Lions Pride and Roar like
a big den of Lions at a game.

Say a prayer for the homeless youth
Winter is coming and shelter is something
we all need.

Just think “KIDS,” they’re the Lions of the
future.

Your Youth Outreach Chair

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.

Centennial Service Challenge to our 5M7 Lions Clubs

by District Centennial Coordinator Lion Roger Johnson, Coon Rapids Lions Club

The Lions Club International (LCI) will be 100 years old on June 7, 2017. That's the June day in 1917 when LCI first began. They didn't have their first national convention until later that year, in November of 1917. But Melvin Jones incorporated the organization on June 7th. So we are now less than two years away from that monumental occasion! It's time to "get crackin'".

In preparation for marking this 100th Anniversary, most of you have already heard that LCI has put forward a meaningful set of challenges to every club and district for each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. For each of these four years the International President has (or will) put forward a message emphasizing that all Lions engage in special activities directed toward four specialty areas: **YOUTH, HUNGER, VISION and the ENVIRONMENT**. While it is likely that most clubs are already engaged in club activities which qualify as activities directed to these four areas, some clubs may not be meeting the defining criteria.

So the first step is for each club president to take inventory of their club's planned annual activity listing, and ascertain whether or not their club is on the road to covering Youth, Hunger, Vision and Environment in each of the next four years. It is certainly expected that most clubs will implement four good activities and, as a minimum, simply repeat these each subsequent year.

What's in it for the individual Lion? The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards gives you the opportunity to be a part of our Centennial Celebration marking 100 years of Lions serving our communities. Lions can earn special awards in two ways: (1) sponsoring new members and (2) helping organize clubs. Just invite a new member or help organize a new club and be rewarded!

Sponsor a new member and be immediately recognized as a Centennial Sponsor and you will receive a *Limited Edition* pin and certificate, like these:



Or, you can help sponsor a new Lions Club and receive a pin and certificate like this:



Lions automatically qualify to earn additional awards once they sponsor a new member or help organize a new club. The longer new members and new clubs stay active and in good standing, the more rewards a Lion can earn!



Earn the Diamond Centennial Lion Award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for 3 years and a day.

Earn the Gold Centennial Lion Award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for 2 years and a day.

Earn the Silver Centennial Lion Award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for 1 year and a day.

So what's stopping you!

Leo Club Program Update

Greetings 5M7 Lions, this is Lion Pete Yelle, your Leo Co-Chair for our district. I want to let you know of all the exciting news from the Leo program.

I just got back from the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids where the first Leo Day at the Forum was held. Sixty Leos from Michigan and Tennessee participated in working sessions specific to Leos and their clubs. I was fortunate to present a session on Communication that was very well received by the Leos and Lions in attendance. I really enjoyed this opportunity and had tons of fun providing some interactive activities for the Leos to use when they meet with their clubs.

The Leo Program within our district is growing and am pleased to be part of this increase. Along with clubs already established including: Spring Lake Park HS, Coon Rapids HS, Big Lake HS and Forest Lake, there are Leo clubs being developed at Blaine HS, DiVinci Academy in Blaine and St. Francis. These possible new clubs take time and energy from our Lions clubs and other adults that believe Leo programs are crucial to youth development.

In addition, the 8th Annual Leo Leadership conference for our Multiple District Leos will be taking place on October 9-11 at Camp Friendship in Annandale. There will be 60 or more Leos from throughout our district coming together to learn leadership skills, share their programs and make new friends. On the conference committee are Leos from our district that plan and lead many of the conference activities. I am the co-chair of this conference and look forward to another outstanding event with some awesome young people.

These are exciting times for our Leos and I am proud to be part of this program. I want to encourage all Lions Clubs to do two things: First, please consider sponsoring a Leo Club. Lions will make great connections with young people. Second, please consider the Leo program when it comes time to donate to the Parade of Green or any time your club would like to donate funds. Donations will be used to offset the fee required to attend the Leo Leadership Conference for our 5M7 Leo members.

Please connect with me if you have any questions about the Leo program. pyelle@district16.org or 612-718-1384.

Thank You



Stacy Lions



Annual

BOOYA

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015

WHERE: RICK DOYLE MEMORIAL BLDG
(1/2 mile south of Cty. Rd. 19 on Hwy 61)

TIME: 9:00a.m. - until gone

COST: \$4.00 Bowl
\$7.00 Quart
\$24.00 Gallon



THINK GREEN!!



**Please bring your own container for all to go orders
and save \$1 on your Booya order.**



Bake Sale



SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 10, 2015!



FREE EVENT!

expo[®]

***Learn how to be healthy, active
and live well with diabetes!***

Minneapolis Convention Center
Saturday, October 10, 2015

9:00am - 3:00pm
Minneapolis, MN

**Bonfire
Night**



OCTOBER 17 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Want to be part of helping your Community?

The Centerville Lions are looking for new members. In the last 7 years, the Centerville Lions have donated \$49,638 back into our community. This includes our schools and families in need. We work together to serve our community and great programs such as the MN Lions Eye Bank, MN Lions Diabetes Foundation and many more. Please consider serving to help us, help others and make Centerville a great place to live!

**Come enjoy a
bonfire and
hayride!**

**Help to give back
to those in need
Join a local group
of service minded
men and women
who volunteer to
support our
community**

FREE! 5-10 PM

**Hot dogs,
refreshments,
hay ride all
included**

**CENTERVILLE LIONS
Laurie Lamotte
Park**

1880 Main Street

Centerville, MN 55038

5:00pm – 10:00pm

Buffalo



Lions Club

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: _____

Spring Lake Park Lions all-you-can-eat breakfast!

Sunday, October 25, 8 a.m. – noon
Spring Lake Park High School door #33
Cost: Free-will donation

Bring the family and enjoy
pancakes, french toast,
sausage, scrambled eggs,
juice, coffee, and milk!

All proceeds will benefit
the *Cars for Neighbors*
program



Face painting

Craft sale

Bake sale

Community Exhibits

*Donate used eyeglasses,
hearing aids, ink cartridges,
cell phones*

*Free blood pressure &
cholesterol screenings by The
Wellness Van*

**Hosted by the
Spring Lake
Park Lions**



Please bring non-perishable food items
to donate to the Panther Pantry (Spring
Lake Park High School Food Shelf).



Sponsored by the Spring Lake Park Lions #00584
Bring your little ghosts and goblins all dressed up,
It's Free!

Date: Saturday October 31st 2015

Time: 5:15PM to 6:30PM

Location: Sanburnol Park – 520 Sanburnol Drive
Spring Lake Park



**FREE FUN
GIFT BAG***
*While supplies last.



The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation invites you to

World Diabetes Day

Saturday, November 14

Unite for Diabetes – Act Today for Change Tomorrow

10 AM - 2 PM at participating Walmart Stores

- Learn if you're At Risk for Diabetes
- Food & Exercise Demos
- Immunizations Available
- Healthy Eating
- Kid's Zone
- Free Gifts
- Fun Ways to Add Physical Activity

www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

Sponsors



LOCATIONS: Bemidji • Brooklyn Center • Dilworth

2025 Paul Bunyan Dr NW

1200 Shingle Creek Crossing

415 34th Street N

Duluth • Mankato • Marshall • North Rochester • Sartell

4740 Mall Dr,
Hermantown

1881 E Madison Ave

1221 E Main St

3400 55th St NW

21 Cty Rd 120

CHISAGO LAKES LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, OCT. 11

The Chisago Lakes Lions pancake breakfast will be 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Oct. 11, at Chisago Lakes High School (29400 Olinda Tr. Lindstrom). Tickets are \$7 for adults and will be available at the door.

RUSH CITY LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Rush City Lions are having a pancake breakfast for Fire Prevention Week at the Rush City Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Oct. 11. All proceeds go to the Rush City Fire Dept. for equipment.

Save the Date Announcement: Joint Zone meeting between Zones 5 and 6 Monday, Nov. 16, at Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. The cost will be \$10 per person.

This is NOT a dinner meeting. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The social will begin at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. You will be asked not to sit with Lion's you know. We expect to be finished about 8:11 pm. The exact program will be available on the 16th.

Lion presidents will be asked to give a brief presentation about their respective clubs. Each president will be given 2 minutes for their presentation. Two items should be included: how many members does your club have and is this number above or below your starting membership on July 1st; and what do you want the other clubs to know about up-coming activities?

Please have your reservations to me no later than November 5th. I do not need the names just the number of Lions who will be attending. Your club will be accountable for paying for the number of reservations. We have to guarantee a specific number to the VFW for food. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Tail twisting will be part of the program. In fact, tail twisting will be available during the entire meeting.

Checks should be payable, at the door, to the Coon Rapids Lions. Cash will also be gladly accepted. Please wear apparel of your favorite Minnesota sports team.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Lion Joel Anderson
Zone 5 Chair

HOWARD LAKE LIONS HOT DISH SUPPER FRIDAY, OCT. 23

The Howard Lake Lions will host their annual hot dish supper from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Email lions@hllions.org for more information.

HOWARD LAKE LIONS HALLOWEEN PARTY, SIGHT NIGHT SATUR- DAY, OCT. 31

The Howard Lake Lions will host their annual Halloween Party and Sight Night from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Email lions@hllions.org for more information.

Spring Lake Park Lions



This photo of Spring Lake Park Lions was taken at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, MI. Three days of classes, networking and brain storming charged everyone up. Those in attendance are ready to serve into the next century and have registered for the Forum next year in Omaha, Nebraska. Additional club members will be attending, how about you?

Back row left to right (Lions all) Leroy Stanislawski, Pete Yelle, Jan Kugler, Jim Kugler, and Tim Kaduce; Front row left to right (Lions all) 1st VDG Steve Linder, Kathy Linder, Mary Curtis, and Ann Kaduce.



Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7:

Your Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF) is moving full-speed ahead with the proposed **Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center (MLESC)** at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus. This eight-year, \$4 Million financial commitment will purchase the necessary equipment to have a top-notch facility for research, training and treatment of eye ailments, all in one convenient location on campus. No more leaving the clinics at the U to travel across the metro for your eye surgeries! Please help this dream come true by making a financial contribution to this project. The temporary home of the MLESC will open on February 29th, 2016 at the new University of Minnesota Health Clinics and Surgery Center.

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle are still looking for your comments towards the questions we had posed in last month's 5M7 Gram regarding toddler and pre-school vision screenings in your area. We would like to know if your Club or any other organizations in your community are already doing such 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 so we can report back to the MLVF Board on October 3rd.

Important dates to remember:

October 10th – 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 MD5M Lions.

October 25th – Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Donor and Family Recognition Service at the University of St. Thomas. This event celebrates those who have made the ultimate gift of sight by donating their eyes for transplantation or research.

October 31st – Thanksgiving for Vision event at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. Your Club President should have received their invitation to this educational and celebratory event. If your Club President is unable to

attend, please have your Club send a representative and a guest. 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.

As usual, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle are eager to come visit your Club or Zone to speak about and answer your questions concerning the MLVF and all the projects it supports. We can also set up a booth at your Club or District event. We have the latest information regarding your Club's totals for Helen Keller awards and would be happy to share them with you. We can collect your used eyeglasses and hearing aids, as well. Please give us a call; we are looking forward to hearing from you!

Thank you, 5M-7, for being 'Knights of the Blind'!

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Paul Hansen – MLVF West

pjhansen@windstream.net

H) 320-274-3234

C) 612-840-5960

Lion Lyle Goff – MLVF East

gofflt@msn.com

H) 763-754-8921

C) 763-229-6145

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

I would like to encourage Lions from all clubs to get involved in Salvation Army Bell Ringing. I can't think of a better way to do service to your community than to ring bells for The Salvation Army. All of the money brought in will stay in the respective areas. If you plan on doing Bell Ringing the number to call is: 651-746-3519. Remember, the earlier that you sign up, the better your choices will be. If you have any questions, you can call at: 612-709-0698.

Yours In Lionism,
PDG Ed Nelson

Circle Pines-Lexington Lions Sandburr Golf Tournament

September 11, 2015

