



5M-7 GRAM

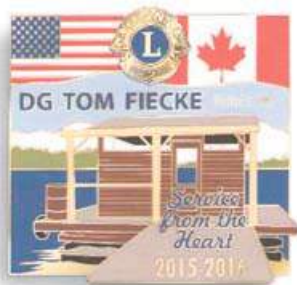
November 2015



Lions, Lioness & Leos,

Well this past month of October has been busy with Governor Night Visits with Lions and Lioness, Cabinet Meeting, Council of District Governors Meeting in Mahanomen, DG Team Meeting, Lions Mid-Winter Convention Meeting, Pancake Breakfast, Buffalo Lions Club 70th Year Anniversary, where I received a Melvin Jones Fellowship from my Lions Club, Buffalo Lions Club. That was a big surprise to me. Big thanks to my Buffalo Lions Club. So for Lions, Lioness, and Leos who have not put in for my Governor Night Visit, I still have dates open after the first of year, 2016.

I hope Lions, Lioness, and Leos are planning on attending the Mid-Winter Convention Jan. 15-17, 2016, at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington. The Mid-Winter Convention committee is working very hard to make this a fun Mid-Winter Convention. Seminars are: Diabetes Foundation, Hearing Foundation, Vision Foundation.



There is more info in the gram about Mid-Winter Convention. Everyone is welcome to attend these seminars and an alternate program put on by Lioness. I would like to thank Lions, Lioness and Leos, who have brought new members in. I would like to wish everyone a safe Halloween on Oct. 31, safe hunting, and successful Lions, Lioness, Leos activities in November.

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



It's been another busy month for Lion Kathy and me. After returning from the US/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, we were off to Governor visits. We went out to Waverly to meet with the Waverly Lions Club and, as we drove into town, the city sign was lit up welcoming Governor Tom, Lion Kathy and me. Wow, I've never had my name in lights before. We had a great meal and had a wonderful time visiting with that club. The next night we were off to Anoka to meet with the Anoka Lions and Lioness for another Governors visit. Another great night of food, fun and friendship.

Lion Kathy and I had a couple of nights off and we were on our way to Mahanomen for two days of 1st VDG training. Then, the third day was the Council of Governors that we are allowed to observe. In training we had to make a list of goals for our year as Governor. One of the items on my goal list is to be more involved with Lioness and Leo clubs in our District.

Lion Kathy and I attended a Lioness group meeting in Clearwater. It was a great night of learning and sharing ideas about Lioness. We really enjoyed the tail twisting in that meeting. We took a test about little known facts about Minnesota.

We were off to the Elk River Lions Club for another Governors visit. It was their Halloween costume party and was a gas. The costumes were just great. From Paul Sr. from the TV show Orange County Chopper to an Emale and a Gold Digger. What a great night.

Next, we were off to St. Francis to have a Governors night with the St Francis Lions and Lioness Clubs and the Oak Grove Lion and Lioness Clubs. We enjoyed a slide show about the different activities that the club has done.

Last Saturday, we attended an event with the North Branch Lioness with a presentation about domestic abuse. It was a very emotional and very real what this women had to go through. The abuser was sent to jail and she started a new life. Later that night, we traveled to Buffalo for the Buffalo Lions 70th Anniversary party. PID Debra Wasserman spoke about comparing a tree to a Lions Cub, the bigger the tree grows the deeper it's roots go deeper into the ground. The bigger a Lions Club grows, the more things it can do in the community. Again, great food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday my club, the Spring Lake Park Lions, had our pancake breakfast, so Lion Kathy and I spent the morning helping out there before moving on to the Coon Rapids Lions Club pancake breakfast.

Again, I'm asking for Lions to step forward and be a part of my Cabinet. Just give me a call and we can talk about what positions are open.

Remember what International President Yamada has ask that we JUST ASK ONE. Please take that to heart.
Thank You For All You Do

1st Vice District Governor Steve



1st VDG Steve Linder and Lion Kathy visited the Howard Lake Lions Club hot dish dinner.



1st VDG Steve Linder, DG Tom Fiecke, and 2nd VDG Dan Kaiser are pictured at the St. Francis and Oak Grove Lions and Lioness Governor's Night.



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:

November

- 4 Buffalo Lions Club Meeting and Ramsey Lions Club Meeting
- 6-8 Deer Hunting
- 10 DG Team Meeting
- 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.

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

November 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

PEACE POSTERS

We are reaching the deadline for the posters to be in the Governor's hands. All clubs need to have them postmarked by Nov. 15.

Keep thinking about the kids needing help with after-school food. The power packs program that a lot of schools are working with gives students the help they need. Check with your food shelf to see how you can get involved.

Think about books for the kids in day care. Get them books and stamp your club's name in them.

Do not forget the Drug Awareness Poster Contest and bring the winners to Mid Winter Convention.

Be seein' you soon

Youth Outreach Chair Ginny

"We Serve"

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

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5M7 MID WINTER CONVENTION SURVEY

The 38th Annual 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention plans are well underway and most of the events have been arranged. Attendance at the convention has diminished in the past several years, so, the committee would like to have individual Lions, Lioness or Leos, or their clubs respond to a number of questions regarding nonattendance at the Convention.

The Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington provides great meeting facilities, fine rooms, with amenities, and good banquet meals at prices that are not higher than a good restaurant.

This is the 38th year that District 5M7 has held its Mid-winter convention at this location and they give us the best possible deal regarding room rates and meal costs compare to other venues around the Multiple District.

Keep in mind that an overnight stay is not required, but is recommended, and attendance at the meals is where much of the convention takes place. The comradery and socialization is unexcelled.

Please respond by e-mail or post mail to the following criteria regarding the convention. Your comments and concerns will be considered in planning future conventions.

Location (We have not been able to find a venue large enough to accommodate the expected attendees within our District boundaries)

Cost

Available time (Day trip, Overnight stay, Friday night and Saturday or Week end stay)

Programs & events

Other

Thank you in advance for your response.

PDG Lion Norm Kelzenberg
Convention Chairman, 2015-2016
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8482 Monroe St. NE
Spring Lake Park, MN. 55432

DISPLAY TABLES FOR THE LIONS 5M-7 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

If you are the Chairman of a group that needs a display table which will be set up in the main hallway at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington on Jan. 15, 16, 17, 2016, PLEASE contact me as soon as possible and let me know the number of tables you NEED.

These groups had display tables set up last year: CAMPS, CAN DO CANINES, DIABETES FOUNDATION, ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST, GLT/GMT, LCIF, LEADER DOG, YOUTH EXCHANGE, LEOS, HEARING FOUNDATION, VISION FOUNDATION, 5M-7 GRAM, PROJECT NEW HOPE, SPE-

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VAN, YOUTH OUTREACH, TRUE FRIENDS, PIN TRADERS, MD5M MULTIPLE CONVENTION.

Also, IF there are any groups or organizations that I did not list and you need a table, please contact me as soon as possible. THANK YOU!! WE SERVE!!

Looking forward to a GREAT 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention!!!

Lion Bill Guthrie

763-786-8072

bmguthrie9@q.com

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.

I plan on visiting many of our District 5M-7 clubs in the coming months, to speak to the membership about Special Olympics Minnesota and the important relationship that that organization has with Lions. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact me. Should you have any questions, or would like further information please contact me at 763.682.2264, or e-mail dstein@steincpa.com.

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!



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Time: 5:15PM to 6:30PM

Location: Sanburnol Park – 520 Sanburnol Drive
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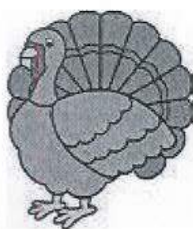
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WAVERLY LIONS TURKEY DINNER

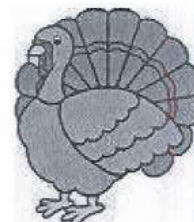
Turkey Dinner



Happy Thanksgiving



Happy Thanksgiving



**Saturday, November 14th
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Waverly K.C. Hall

\$ 11.00 - Adult

\$ 5.00 - 10 & Under

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total order will be donated to our group!

Net \$ Amo unt of order: _____ Order number _____

* Not good on delivered orders. Customers may call ahead order in advance and present ticket on arrival

Forest Lake Lions Club invites you to join us for a

BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST

includes sausage, milk,
juice & coffee

December 5th, 2015
8 am to Noon

Forest Lake Floral Gift & Garden
508 S. Lake Street - Forest Lake

Advanced Tickets - \$6.00 per person • \$7.00 at the door.
Children under 5 eat free • All you can eat!

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HAVE YOU FILED YOUR FEDERAL TAX FORM FOR 2014-15?

Most Minnesota Lions Clubs qualify to file Federal tax form 990N (less than \$50,000 per year in gross receipts). This has to be filed online, and for most clubs it must be filed before **November 15** of this year (there are a few Lions Clubs that have a calendar year as their fiscal year and your club must file each year by May 15).

To file, the easiest way to do it is to go to the following website: <http://epostcard.from990.org> . Once you are at the site, you need to have the following:

Completing the e-Postcard requires the eight items listed below:

1. Employer identification number (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIM). Your secretary should have this, or you can get it for your club on the LCI website, www.mylci.org, then pull up your club, it will have the number listed. This is a nine digit number.
2. Tax year Use July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
3. Legal name and mailing address
4. Any other names the organization uses
5. Name and address of a principal officer
6. Web site address if the organization has one
7. Confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less
8. If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating (going out of business)

You **MUST** complete this every year. If you miss for 3 year, your club loses its tax exempt status and you must pay a \$400 reinstatement fee to get re-registered (or more, if you have more than \$10,000 in donations made by the club, per year). Avoid the pain, make sure that this is done at the latest by November 15 of each year, but do it early in case there is some glitch that needs to be dealt with.

Wayne Swanson, MD5M Legal Consultant

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANNUAL CORPORATE FILING WITH THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

This needs to be done by all of the Minnesota clubs and districts by December 31 of each year.

The instructions for the annual filing for Minnesota Secretary of State for corporate status are as follows:

1. On the internet, enter https://online.sos.state.mn.us/abr/corp_annual_filing.asp
2. Enter entity File # that you received with the notice from the Secretary of State's office, and the entity type (NP – Non-Profit corporation) using the select button.
3. If entered correctly, click "continue"
4. Fill in the required information (President's name and address)
5. Click Submit Registration; click OK

And you are good for another year!

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

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*

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“We Serve”
www.e-district.org/sites/5M7

Montrose Lioness



The Montrose Lioness had a great night shopping at Montrose's new local Dollar General store for items for the Wright County Food Shelf in Waverly. The club donated more than 200 pounds worth of food and personal care products.

- *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

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Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7:

With November upon us, it means your 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention is only a couple of months away. Your **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)** Board representatives, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle, hope that you will all make the trip to Bloomington to take part in this fun and educational event. An information booth from the MLVF will be in the main hallway and you are asked to stop by for a visit. You can hear the latest news involving the various vision projects supported by the MLVF, share your comments regarding your Clubs' vision-related efforts and ask questions. In addition to the information booth, there will be a seminar on Saturday morning presented by the MLVF. Details on the guest speaker and the topic of discussion will be revealed in an upcoming 5M7 Gram. Please mark your calendars and make the trip to the Mid-Winter. We hope to see you there!

Speaking of the Mid-Winter, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle know that many of the Clubs will be preparing their **Parade of Green donations at this time. Your generosity at last year's convention** brought in over \$12,000.00 in contributions to the MLVF. The hope for this year's Parade of Green is to see an equal, if not greater, amount in donations. With the new **Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center (MLESC)** slated to open by March 1, 2016, your contributions are needed now more than ever. **REMEMBER: When making a monetary contribution, please make your checks out to the MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION and mark your designated project of support in the MEMO portion of the**

check.

If you happen to be in the Coon Rapids area Tuesday, Nov. 17, stop by the DAVANNI'S restaurant by the intersection of Hwy 10 and Round Lake Boulevard. The MLVF is holding a fundraiser for the Children's Eye Clinic from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. When you place your dine-in or take-out order and turn in the event ticket, **20%** of your order will be donated to the Children's Eye Clinic. There are free gifts and prizes to also be handed out at the fundraiser. You can find the event ticket in the 5M7 Gram. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated. **Please help us in raising funds to help the more than 5,000 children who are treated each year at the U of M!**

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle this past month submitted introductory letters to each of the Lions and Lioness Club Presidents and Secretaries in 5M7. This letter covered what your MLVF Board representatives can do to assist your Club with its own vision projects and also provided where your Club stands towards receiving Helen Keller Sight Awards for presentation to deserving recipients. Please have your Club schedule PDG Paul and/or Lion Lyle for a visit and don't forget to turn in your collected used eyewear and hearing aids.

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

Yours in Lionism,

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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

LIONESS 2015-2016

I would like to say that the district 5M7 Lioness are a going strong. Many clubs are doing great things such as making Thanksgiving baskets for the seniors in their communities for Thanksgiving.

The Montrose Lioness helped at their churches for a harvest produce drop, and have gone to True Friends and helped with their ice cream social. They have helped at appreciation dinners for the fire department: six Lioness attended and served meals.

St. Francis Lioness picked pickles and tomatoes for a senior citizen and also made cookies for a senior citizen bake sale. They have also traveled out to other clubs to attend meetings and events such as the threshing show.

Clear Lake Lioness' primary fundraiser is the Clear Lake Lions and Lioness chicken and Corn Barbeque. It was their 37th time preparing homemade potato salad and coleslaw, along with the Lions barbequing the grilled chicken. Ten Lioness helped prep on Saturday and serving on Sunday. They served 650 people.

The Coon Rapid Lioness donated 44 pairs of glasses. Four members called Bingo at the Park River care center and four members called bingo at the Camilia Rose center.

Please all Lioness clubs send minutes and pictures and stories of what's in the pictures to me and I will get them in the Gram every month. DON'T Forget a contact number in case a question arises.

PDG Clay O Lioness Liaison

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Lion Al Jensen Leadership Award Nomination

Candidate must have been a Lion for at least five years prior to nomination

(Please type or carefully print)

NAME: _____ DATE JOINED LIONS: ____ / ____ / ____

DISTRICT: _____ CLUB: _____

OFFICES HELD (Club, District, Multiple District, please list all):

How does this candidate qualify for the Lion Al Jensen Leadership Award?

(Please refer to the MD5M Policy Manual Appendix 15.0 for criteria)

97th Annual MD5M Lions Convention

***Come Join us at
the Bend in the River
II***

***April 22,23,24, 2016
Verizon Center,
Mankato, MN***

***Sponsored by District 5m2
Lions Clubs***

Come Canoe with 5M2





Join Us at the
"Bend in the River II"
 97th MD5M Convention
 April 22, 23, 24, 2016
 Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-2



Registration Form

Please print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov/State/Zip _____

City _____ Prov/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Email Address _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Club: _____

Club: _____

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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Please specify any dietary needs: _____

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Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Meal	During 2015 MD5M Convention Only	Before March 1, 2016	On or after March 1, 2016	# Attending	Amount
Yes, I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals. _____					XXXXXX
Hospitality Book	USD \$90.00	USD \$100.00	USD \$110.00		
Friday night mixer	XXXXXX	USD \$15.00	USD \$15.00		
Saturday Brkfst	XXXXXX	USD \$ 20.00	USD \$25.00		
Saturday Lunch	XXXXXX	USD \$25.00	USD \$30.00		
Saturday Banquet	XXXXXX	USD \$40.00	USD \$45.00		
Sunday Brunch	XXXXXX	USD \$20.00	USD \$25.00		

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2016 Convention

Total Submitted: \$ _____

Mail registrations to: Lion Charlette Abbas
 312 Foothills Road
 PO Box 133
 Courtland, MN 56021
 paandmaabbas@hotmail.com

Convention information:
 Maynard Rucks @ king70@frontiernet.net. or
 Nancy Mathwig @ nmathwig@hotmail.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2016. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

See separate information form for available hotel rooms and rates.



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Hotel Information

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling or booking online to your hotel of choice. Rates will be guaranteed until March 21st, 2016 or until blocks fill up.

Hilton Garden Inn

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center

20 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.344.1111

Rate: \$90 +tax

Mankato City Center Hotel

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center

101 E. Main Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.345.1234

Rate: \$94.99 +tax

Holiday Inn Express

3.5 miles away

2051 Adams Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.388.1880

Rate: \$99.99 +tax

Best Western Hotel

1.5 miles away

1111 Range Street

North Mankato, MN 56003

Phone: 507.625.9333

Rate: \$94.99 + tax