



5M-7 GRAM

December 2015



Lions, Lioness & Leos,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 26. I know that I eat too much on that day. I just cannot say no to all that good food.

Well, this past month of November has been busy with Governor Nights Visit, District 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention meetings, and other activities in District 5M7. I do like to thank Lions Clubs who brought new Lion Members into their Lions Clubs and to their sponsors for new Lion Members. As of right now, we stand at 1,911 Lion Members in District 5M7 and 1,399,402 Lion Members worldwide.

I hope Lions, Lioness & Leos are making plans to attend the District 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention hosted Jan. 15-17, 2016, at Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington. There is more info in gram this month. So far, 27 clubs have sent their Governor Night Visit form in. I would like to have the Governor Night Visits done by May 1, 2016.



We do have a lot going on in May and June, 2016, with

Governor Awards Night, Spring School Leadership training of new Club Officers and meetings. I do like to wish everyone a happy Merry Christmas & happy New Year. For those going fishing out there on lakes, be careful 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



Thanksgiving is over and I hope we all had something to be thankful for. Lion Kathy and I are thankful for family first, that we are both in good health and for the time we are having as VDG this year. It's such a thrill to be able to visit the different Lions Clubs and to go to Lioness activities and meetings. Thankful that all clubs are able to try different things. We've gone to



1st VDG Steve Linder, second from left, at the Columbus Lions pancake breakfast.

pancake breakfasts, hot dish suppers, turkey dinners, and listened to a very interesting speaker on domestic violence. We've had the opportunity to attend Governors visits and to meet so many Lions, Lioness and spouses.

Governor Tom has given me the chance to start selecting my Cabinet for my year as Governor. I've asked a few Lions so far and, if your interested in working with me, just drop me an e-mail.

5M7 is also looking for a 2nd VDG for the upcoming year. If you enjoy working as a team, and you love working with other Lions and you LOVE being a Lion, please step up and take on a new adventure.

I would like to come out to more Lioness Meetings and I'd also like to attend some Leos meetings. Again just send me an e-mail and I'll try to make it.

Please put info on what your club has coming up in the Gram and on the website. Share what your club is doing.

Lastly, Lion Kathy and I would like to wish everyone a very merry and safe Christmas season.

1st Vice District Governor Steve Linder

Dear Lions,

We are getting closer to the Midwinter Conventions which will be upon us in January, and I would like to remind all the clubs of some things that need to be done.

If you have had a member of your club that has passed away, please send me a good photo and a bio of the Lion, Lioness, or Leo. As of today we have about 20-plus members that have passed away and I only have three bios and photos, yet. So, please go and find me some information on our dear friends that we can present at the Memorial Service at the Mid-Winter Convention.

Speaking on the convention, please make your reservation soon. There are plenty of rooms, we just don't want to have you rush at the last minute. Also, order your meals early. The price of the meals and the hotel have been the same for the last few years, that's from the hard work from the committee members that have been negotiating with the hotel to keep this weekend affordable.

Keep in mind this month to review your club roster and maybe drop those members that haven't been paying their dues and don't plan to before the end of December. By doing this, you will avoid being charged from Lions Clubs International and the District for those club members that are not around anymore. Also, make sure your club dues are up-to-date by the end of the year. Any club with past due amounts will not be "in good standing" and will not be able to vote at the Mid-Winter convention.

This Newsletter will be coming out the first part of December and I want to wish all the Lioness, Lions, and Leos a very Happy and Special Holiday Greetings from us, Lions Dan and Cathy



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:

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:
• March 31, 2016
Social and meal 6-7 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m.

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, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, WELLNESS

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

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

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
nhkelzenberg@comcast.net
8482 Monroe St. NE
Spring Lake Park, MN. 55432

Time schedule for 5M7 Mid-Winter convention 2016



Friday, January 15th

- 1:00 PM Gambling Seminar
- 4:15 PM Cabinet Meeting-Zone Chair Reports
- 6:00 PM Drug Poster Due
- 6:45 PM Opening Ceremony & Memorial Service
- 8:00 PM Brian's Corner, Brian Sheehan PID
- 9 PM -12 PM Socializing and Hospitality Room visits
Entertainment

Saturday, January 16th

SEMINARS-Everyone is welcome to attend all the Seminars

- 8:30 AM Meeting with ID Edward Farrington
- 9:30 -10:15 Diabetes Foundation
Vision Foundation
- 10:30 - 11:15 Hearing Foundation
Leo's Seminar

- 12:00 Noon Luncheon
Start Tail Twisting (during salad)
State of the District
Peace Poster Presentations
Prize Drawings

BUSINESS MEETING

- 2:45 pm Committee/Foundation Reports
Nominations
Voting by club

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

- 2:45 pm Environmental Program
BREAK
Lioness Business Meeting

- 6:30 PM GOVERNOR'S BANQUET
ID speech
Awards presentations
Prize Drawings
Entertainment

Sunday, January 17th

- 8:30 AM Non-denominational Church Service
- 9:00 AM BREAKFAST
Leo Alayna MacKiewicz
Announcements and contest winners
Thank you and prize drawings
Adjournment

Lions District 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention Meal Reservation Form January 15, 16, 17, 2016

PLEASE ORDER ALL MEAL TICKETS FOR CLUB ON ONE FORM

Meals must be ordered in advance

Meal tickets may not be sold at the convention

Meal Name Badges Will Be Checked At the Door for Each Meal

Club Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All people attending meals will receive a name badge with their meals indicated on the badge.

No refunds After January 6, 2016

Complete Meal books paid for by 12/15/2015 - \$78.00 After 12/15/2015 - \$88.00

Individual Meal purchase

Saturday Luncheon paid for by 12/15/2015 - \$25.00 After 12/15/2015 - \$35.00

**Saturday Banquet paid for by 12/15/2015 - \$35.00 After 12/15/2015 - \$45.00
(Includes free Governor's mug)**

Sunday Breakfast paid for by 12/15/2015 - \$22.00 After 12/15/2015 - \$32.00

NO Orders will be honored AFTER 12/31/15

Special Meals Such As Vegetarian. Gluten Free, Etc. are Available upon Request

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Checks payable to: 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention

Total Cost \$ _____
Mail to: **PDG Pat Kennedy**
30630 Elm Street
Lindstrom, MN 55045

NO Orders will be honored AFTER 12/31/15



2020 American Blvd. E.
Bloomington, MN 55425

2016 MINNESOTA LIONS
District 5M-7 Midwinter Convention

Rate = 93.00 + 14.275% tax = \$106.28

**ALL INDIVIDUAL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE
MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE MARRIOTT HOTEL**

AT 952-854-7441 OR 800-228-9290
BE SURE TO REFER TO LIONS 5M-7

Group Name: _____

Person Completing List: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

* All Marriott Hotels are now smoke free*

Executive Secretary

Lions Clubs International Multiple District 5M

Organization Summary

Multiple District 5M, second largest Lions Clubs International District in North America consisting of 21,500 members serving local communities in Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, while meeting humanitarian needs, encouraging peace, and promoting international understanding through 648 Clubs is seeking an Executive Secretary.

Location: Minnesota **Closing Date:** January 20, 2016

Job Type: Part Time **Job Category:** Administrative Support Services

Salary: \$30,000 - \$35,000

Primary Duties:

This position reports to the Council Chair with direction of the Council of Governors. Executive Secretary shall perform such duties as specified or implied by the Constitution and By-Laws of MD5M. This position provides direct administrative support to volunteers. These duties include but not limited to receiving correspondence, receiving and depositing funds, preparing checks, maintaining financial accounts, books, and records of MD5M, serve as an ex-officio member of standing and appointed committees of the Council of Governors and shall generally assist the Council of Governors in conducting the business of MD5M.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate will be a self-starter, extremely organized, have strong writing and verbal communication skills, Microsoft Office skills and have keen organizational and time management skills. This job requires

local and international travel. Have the ability to lift up to 50 lbs and must be bondable.

Experience:

The ideal candidate will have a track record of getting things done, experience with working with volunteers and boards, experience with QuickBooks and budget management. Work experience in Association management preferred but not required.

Additional Info:

To learn more about MD5M and to download our job application, please go to our website at:

www.Lionsmd5m.org

To learn more about Lions Clubs International, check out the website at:

www.lionsclubs.org

How To Apply:

If this position excites you, send a cover letter with your resume and job application to: Kathy Jensen, 32549 CR 11, Wendell, Minnesota 56590-9771 or via email at quiltlady@runestone.net

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!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THESE LOCATIONS...

Carter's Jewelry
BAR Outfitters

Rapid Press
Forest Lake Floral

Contact Lion Nancy Immel at (651) 982-0627 with questions.

COME MEET SANTA
BRING YOUR
CAMERA FOR
PHOTOS!



41st Annual Monticello Lions Pancake Breakfast

Meal Includes: Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Fruit, Pastry, Coffee, Juice, Milk

Sunday December 6th, 2015

8:30am – 12:30pm



Santa Claus will be attending!

Monticello American Legion

304 Elm St. Monticello

Proceeds used for Holiday
Baskets & Food Shelf!

-Food Shelf Donations Welcome-

Wellness Van will be available


FREE

Diabetes Check

Cholesterol Check

Blood Pressure Check

"We Serve"



Elk River Lions Club *Breakfast with Santa*

Homemade
Buttermilk Pancakes
(Plain, Blueberry, Chocolate Chip and Walnut)
Country Sausage, Dunn Bros. Coffee, Milk
And orange juice.

Sunday, December 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lion's Park Center

1104 Lion's Park Drive

**Free will
offering at the
door**

**Profits will
be donated
to Gifts
Anonymous**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Saturday, Dec. 12th, 2015-- 8:30-11 a.m.

Chisago County Senior Center

38790 6th Ave. North Branch

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Milk, Coffee

Adults \$5.00 5-12 \$3.00 ... 4 & under Free

KIDS

Come eat breakfast and then sit on Santa's lap to tell him what you would like for Christmas.

Children can shop at the Santa's Workshop for .25 gifts for Mom, Dad, brothers, sisters or friends.

****Sponsored by the North Branch Lioness, County Market, Shopko and Chisago County Senior Center**

***** Bring food items for the Family Pathways Food Shelf**

Face Painting-donations to Children's Home Society and Family Services

Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to Senior Center.

Santa Day

Sponsored by Stacy Lions

Santa is coming to Town!

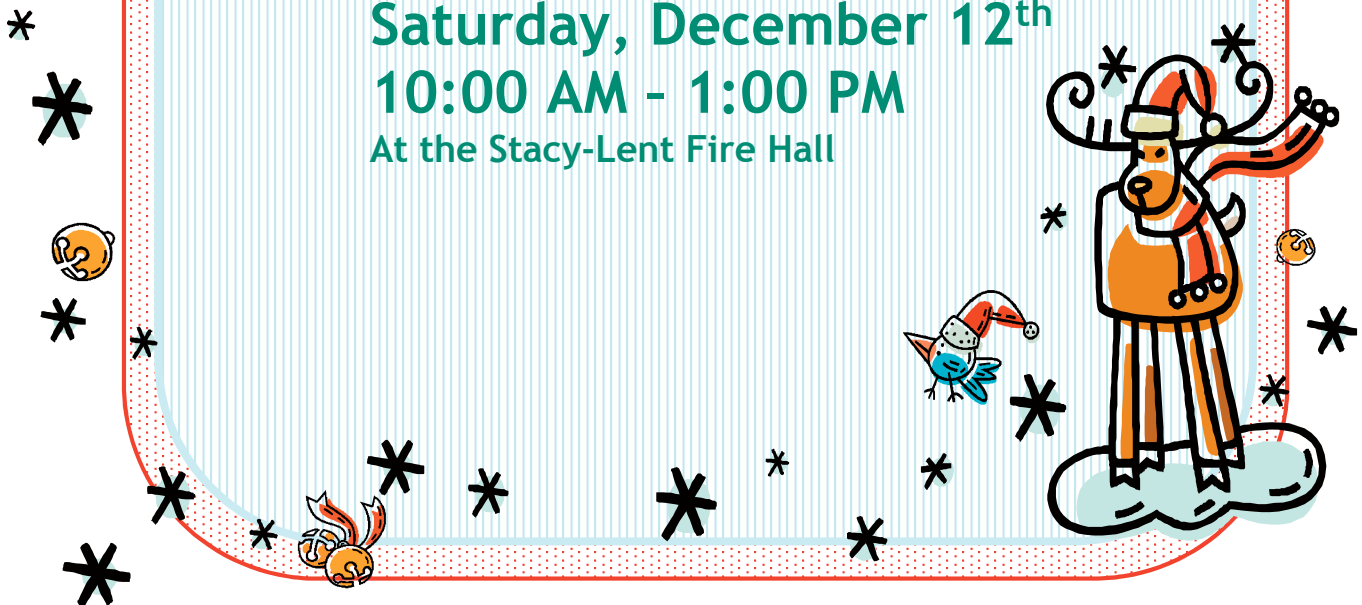
Time to visit with Santa, and socialize with friends. Bring your camera for a great picture!

Our inexpensive store is open for *Little Ones* to 'shop' for immediate family members.

Saturday, December 12th

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

At the Stacy-Lent Fire Hall





**BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**

Sunday, Dec. 20 – 8:30-Noon

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee & juice.
Candy canes for all!
Children must have adult supervision.

**Sponsored by the
Annandale Lions**

Donations Accepted: Bring used
eyeglasses and items for food shelf.
Lampi Auction Center
Hwy 55 & Co. Rd. 6.

**Photos
with Santa for
all kids!**

Hey all Lion Convention attendees!!

Do you have some spare time while at the convention and enjoy doing service projects? Would you just like to visit or take a break? If you answered yes, then come on into the Boardroom (check room # upon arrival) on Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM.

You can visit, take a break and/or work on a project!



You can help sand wooden toys, knit or crochet a scarf, a hat or a square that will be made into blankets. All supplies and instructions will be provided; however, if you have your own knitting needles or crochet hooks, feel free to bring them. Or, you can bring your own project to work on!

Samples:



If you have any questions, please contact Deb O'Flanagan at 763-682-2389 (between 9 AM to 9 PM).



CLUB _____

Donations Being Presented Today

Amount

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| 1. Lions Clubs International Foundation LCIF (Melvin Jones) | 1. _____ |
| 2. Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (Helen Keller)
Eye Bank; Macular Degeneration Center;
Children's Eye Clinic; | 2. _____ |
| 3. MD5M Hearing Foundation (Hearing Research Fellowship)
Children's Hearing Center | 3. _____ |
| 4. Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (Dreamcatcher) | 4. _____ |
| 5. 5M7 Wellness Van-Mercy Hospital | 5. _____ |
| 6. Can Do Canines | 6. _____ |
| 7. Leader Dog | 7. _____ |
| 8. Project New Hope (Returning Veterans Program) | 8. _____ |
| 9. American Diabetes Association (Dreamcatcher) | 9. _____ |
| 10. True Friends (Camps: Friendship, New Hope, Courage,
Courage North and Eden Wood) | 10. _____ |
| 11. Special Olympics | 11. _____ |
| 12. Other (please list) (non 501C (3)) _____ | 12. _____ |

Non-Gambling Donations

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 13. 5M7 Leos | 13. _____ |
| 14. 5M7 Youth Exchange/Youth Camps | 14. _____ |
| 15. Others (please list) _____ | 15. _____ |

TOTAL

Please list previous donations to these organizations made prior to today and starting at the beginning of this year (07/01/15).

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TOTAL



Spring Lake Park Lions Helping Areas Schools With Supplies

On Thursday, November 5th the Spring Lake Park Lions made their annual visit to Northpoint, Park Terrace and Woodcrest Elementary Schools and Westwood Intermediate School to present the administration with their \$1000 checks to help with the purchase of school supplies. Each year the cost of supplies each student is asked to bring with them goes up and up. The short fall many times falls on the shoulders of the teachers and the schools themselves. This is just one way the Spring Lake Park Lions has stepped up to help out their area schools.

A special thanks to Lions all, Kathy Linder, Jan Kugler, Jim Kugler, Pete Yelle, Eppie Dorsey, Norm Kelzenberg and Barb Kelzenberg for showing up and helping me present the checks this year. It was very heartwarming to see the appreciation on the faces of the administrators at each school when we presented them with their checks.

Way to go Lions! We do make a difference!

Lion Deb Roberge



Spring Lake Park Lions present a \$1,000 check to Northpoint Elementary School staff.



Spring Lake Park Lions present a check to Woodcrest Elementary School staff.



Spring Lake Park Lions present a \$1,000 check to Westwood Elementary School staff.



Spring Lake Park Lions present a \$1,000 check to Park Terrace Elementary School staff.

Governor's Night

October 27, 2015 at St. Mark's Church

Hosted by: Circle-Lex Lions

Columbus Lions

Centerville Lions

Lino Lakes Lions

Lino Lakes Lioness

Circle Pines-Lexington Lions



Lion Ginny Hestekind
Youth Outreach Chair

Lion Kathy Linder

Lion Steve Linder
First Vice District Governor

District 5M7 Governor Tom Fiecke



Centerville Lions



Circle-Lex Lion Bob Doocy receives 25 year member award.



New Member Lion James Weiss Sponsor, Lion Ellen Monson
Columbus Lions



Lino Lakes Lions and Lioness



Columbus Lions



Circle-Lex Lions and Cubs

Can Do Woofaroo

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 showed your support! The Can Do Woofaroo Fundraising Walk and Festival was held on September 12, 2015 at Can Do Canines facility in New Hope, MN. More than 182 walkers, 86 dogs and 90 volunteer came out to the event and raise some serious assistance dog funds.

In total, we raised more than \$60,000. That's enough to fund two new assistance dog teams! Slammer's Supporters, the top fundraising team brought in \$2,218 and the top fundraising individual, Holly Fitzenberger brought in \$3,000. Wow!

Thank you to everyone who walked, pledged and volunteered. We hope to see you again next year for another great event!

In the meantime, if you haven't made it out to Can Do Canines facility (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN) consider attending an upcoming Tails to Tell Tour:

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, 11 a.m.

Saturday, February 27, 11 a.m.

Find more information about our Tails To Tell Tours at can-do-canines.org.

Congratulations to the 18 Can Do Canines teams who received diplomas on Saturday, October 24, 2015 in recognition of graduating from our assistance dog program.



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Supporters lead more than 180 walkers during the kickoff of the Can Do Woofaroo.



Julie Schneider is pictured with her hearing-assist dog Shiya.

Hugo Lions



Natalie Bush, a student at AFSA Middle School (Academy for Science and Agriculture), has taken the first step to becoming a recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Hugo Lions Club.

Natalie's poster was among 90 plus students from AFSA Middle School who submitted a Peace Poster in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring... the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young students everywhere.

The poster was selected by Nickolas Giles-Lauer and Lion Tracy Thomas for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Share Peace." The judging was held on November 10th at AFSA Middle School.

Hugo Lions Club President Michael Sherrill said "We were very pleased with the participation of the students at AFSA Middle School. It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

Hugo Lions club is cheering for Natalie as her poster advances in the competition, and they hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world.

LCIF grant used for True Friends challenge course and van: The Lions Club International Fund has awarded a \$100,000 grant for the True Friends Camp Courage challenge course and van. Lions Clubs from 5M-7 and other surrounding Lions districts stepped up to contribute more than the \$100,000 needed to receive matching funds.

Hugo Lions donate food, funds for Thanksgiving: The Hugo Lions donated 135 turkeys, pies, and containers of Cool Whip to help local families celebrate Thanksgiving. The club also donated \$500 to the White Bear Food Shelf, \$200 to the Salvation Army, and \$1,000 to the Jeanne Bartholomew Benefit, which will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Hugo American Legion.

Howard Lake Breakfast with Santa: Howard Lake Lions will host Breakfast with Santa from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Howard Lake Lions' hall. All proceeds will go toward the Silent Santa project. Also, pictures with Santa will be taken from 9 to 11 a.m. by Karen Egeberg.

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



Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7:

December is holiday time and the season of giving. With this in mind, remember to give that precious gift of sight by becoming a donor. When you get or renew your driver's license, please check the box to mark YES for organ and tissue donation. That gift of your eyes to the **Minnesota Lions Eye Bank (MLEB)** provides you an opportunity to benefit so many others. Your corneas can bring sight to two people and your eye tissues can assist researchers in finding a cure for vision ailments. Remember to let your family know of your decision to donate. You want them to be informed and proud of your choice to help others through donating your organs and tissues.

Speaking of the **Minnesota Lions Eye Bank**, it underwent an inspection during the week of Aug. 3, 2015 by the **Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA)** to retain their accreditation. All eye banks must do this inspection to assure they are following industry standards and procedures. Depended upon the inspectors' findings, the eye banks are granted an accreditation for up to three years. The inspectors gave the MLEB a 100% rating, which means they neither requested nor recommended any changes to their operations, policies, or procedures. The surgeon inspector commented that this was the best-run eye bank he has inspected. Lions should all take pride in our well-run MLEB, especially since it has never been accredited for less than the full three years at a time.

The first full week of December (6th to 12th) is **Lions Eye Bank Week**. Please have your Club celebrate this

event by considering the following:

- Tour the MLEB
- Invite a speaker from the MLVF or MLEB to a Club or Zone event
- Host or assist with an open house at the MLEB
- Organize a donor awareness event
- Inform the public of the service provided by the MLEB
- Organize a fundraiser for the MLEB

Since you're already in the gift giving mode for the holidays, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle would like to remind the Clubs of 5M-7 to remember the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)** when you are preparing your **Parade of Green** donations for at the Mid-Winter convention. So many worthwhile projects are supported by the MLVF and your contributions are needed. 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.

PDG Paul and Lion Lyle can assist your Club with its own vision projects and also inform your Club on how it 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. Don't forget to turn in your collected used eyewear and hearing aids to your Zone chair, PDG Paul or Lion Lyle.

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

Yours in Lionism,

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Lion Lyle Goff – MLVF East

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Salvation Army Bell Ringing

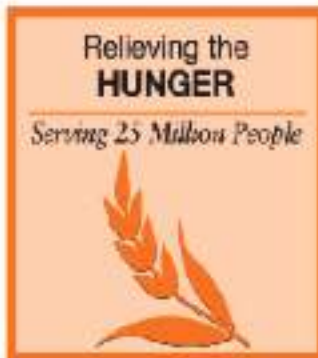
I would like to encourage Lions from all clubs to get involved in Salvation Army Bell Ringing. I can't think of a better way to do service to your community than to ring bells for The Salvation Army. All of the money brought in will stay in the respective areas. If you plan on doing Bell Ringing the 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



Attention Club Secretaries: Thanksgiving is the time to begin reporting your Club's best effort at meeting the Centennial Service Challenges. This month we wish to hear from you about your Club's service project related to **HUNGER**. Don't let the scared turkey get away! What plans does your Club have during this year to meet the challenge of feeding the hungry? Please type up a brief reply and send it to our 5M7 District

Coordinator for the 100th Anniversary, Lion Roger Johnson: Email him at rogvicki@msn.com. He will forward these replies to the MD5M Centennial Planning Committee. Who knows: Your activity with **HUNGER** may become a "best practice" that is showcased at the Mall of America on June 3, 2017.



Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and we ship these meals to our distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world.

The Lions in many communities are spending many productive hours at locations where a Feed My Starving Children facility is available.

We plan to have a FMSC mobile unit on site at the Mall of America on June 3, 2017, and Lions from all across MD5M will pack a record-setting number of boxes of food for hungry children in emerging nations.

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
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Come Canoe with 5M2





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Registration Form

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☐ 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

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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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97th MD5M Convention

April 22nd-24th, 2016

Verizon Wireless Center

Hosted by District 5M-2

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