



Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Lion Kathy and I are back from our trip to Japan. We left Minnesota on Fathers' Day very early in the morning. We had a layover in Toronto and played some cribbage with a couple of other District Governors Elect who were also in Toronto. We boarded our flight to Tokyo, Japan, and were on our way, just a 12-hour flight. We arrived in Fukuoka, Japan, where we had four days of training during the day and were able to meet up with District Governors Elect from around the world. The training ended with a huge banquet honoring all the District Governors Elect that completed all the training.

Now it was time to enjoy the International Convention. With 38,000 Lions from around the world, it was really something. We helped PCC Bruce Beck with his campaign as he ran for International Director. We were able to watch as International President Chancel-



lor was inducted and gave his acceptance speech. Very moving speech. Next, we watched as First Vice President Naresh Aggarwal, Second Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, and Third Vice President Jung-Yeol Choi were all inducted into their positions. Next it was time for all the International Directors' turn. Good friends ID Bruce Beck and ID Alan Lundgren were also inducted into their new positions. Next, it was the District Governors Elect's turn to have our Elect ribbons pulled off and become District Governors. Lion Kathy pulled my ribbon to make it official! It rained a lot while we were in Fukuoka, and now that the Convention was over it was time to move on to our tour of Japan up to Tokyo. We boarded the Bullet Train, left Tokyo, and stopped at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. The next, day we toured Hiroshima and the cities around there by bus. The next day, it was back on the Bullet Train and off to Kyoto, where we toured by bus, attempting to see Mt Fuji, but the clouds were so low that all the area was covered with a fog. We stayed in a Japanese Inn with a natural hot spring pool. So relaxing.

We were up early and traveled to Mt Fuji, the tallest mountain in Japan. We traveled up to the fifth station, which is about half way up. The view of the five Fuji lakes was unreal. Back on the bus and on to Tokyo, where we went up into the Tokyo Tower. The tower is modeled after the Eiffel Tower in Paris. You see most of Tokyo from the



viewing area. Back on the bus and off to the Ginza, which has evolved into one of the most upscale shopping districts in Japan. Up early the next day and back on the bus to tour the Imperial Palace and the nearby gardens. The next day, we were off to the airport for the long flight home.

I come back as your District Governor, to work together to make District 5M7 the best District in the Multiple District. We can do this by working together. We are looking forward to visiting all the clubs and to try to support all the breakfasts, suppers, cookouts, potlucks and whatever we can attend.

Thank you for all you do, District Governor Lion Steve

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How important is the roof on your home? Well, it protects the contents and protects one from the elements, so it's essential. What about the walls? They hold up the roof and connect to the foundation from the bottom to the top, so they're essential. The most important part of the whole house is the foundation.

Without a strong and sturdy foundation, the walls and roof will not be properly supported. Without a strong foundation in Lionism (the local Lions Club), solid walls (District Leadership), and a solid roof (LCI), the house of Lions Clubs will begin to fall apart.

Lions, our foundation is not as strong as it could be. We need to encourage and empower leaders who can serve at the club level and the district level. With the Lions motto "We

Serve," we must get more Lions to step up to the plate and take a risk for the good of our clubs, the good of our districts, and for the good of our communities. I'm asking for all clubs and past leaders to consider what we must do in order to attract new leaders. We are not asking for a base-clearing home run, just getting to first base is all we're asking for right now.

So if you are looking for a way to strengthen your foundation, there is the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha in September and the Lions Leadership Forum this year in Mahnomen in November. See the Gram for more information. Also, the Multiple District 5M Leadership Institute will be held this coming year for those Lions looking to advance their knowledge.

Change of topic: June 30 was the end of Lions Fiscal year, so start thinking on getting your tax forms ready for the IRS. Lions Club International has mailed out the dues to your clubs, and the District will be doing that same thing shortly, so if can pay those bills as they come, that would be great. Remember that this invoicing happens twice a year: in July and January.

Thank you for your time, 1VDG Dan Kaiser

Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 5M7,

Well, Governor Steve is back from the Lions International Convention. I know because the first cabinet meeting is this week.

Get ready for your zone meetings, which should be announced shortly.

There are lots of activities coming up. Please remember to check the 5M7 Gram and the 5M7 website calendar for all of the upcoming events. Remember to advertise in the Gram and the website so everyone can come and enjoy your activities. I'm looking forward to seeing everything that's going on. So, have fun while we serve our communities.

Thank you all, 2VDG Al Kvistero



DGE Steve's calendar:

August

- 4 Chisago Lakes Governor's Visit
- 16 Zone 8 Meeting
- 18 Mid-Winter Convention Meeting
- 19 Blaine Central Governor's Visit
- 21 Monticello Brewfest
- 25 & 27 Minnesota State Fair

September

- 12-18 US/Canada Forum
- 27 Circle Lex Lions Governor's Night

Transition time for the 5M7 Gram

The new Lions year began Friday, July 1, and, with the new year, comes a transition time for the 5M7 Gram.

It takes a while to get all the email addresses updated. I have updated the cabinet email addresses, but still need a lot of new emails for the clubs. I will continue to send the Gram to the email addresses I have. If you believe someone else should be receiving the Gram, please let me know so I can update my email list. I will not delete any email addresses unless asked to do so.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos and information by Wednesday, July 20. The 20th of the month will remain the deadline for the Gram. I will be sending out a reminder as the deadline gets closer. As always, I will try to be flexible, but reserve the right to decline entries submitted after the deadline.

Due to several requests, another change is that all event advertisements will be reduced in size to fit three or four events on each page. This change will shorten the Gram, and make it easier for secretaries to print it for members without email access, which all secretaries are encouraged to do. I encourage everyone to use large font and submit posters as PDFs whenever possible. Please limit submissions to one page when possible. Thank you!

Gram Editor Lion Gabe Licht

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Upcoming events

- August 5 Stacy Lions Pancake Breakfast at Stacy Daze, 8-10 a.m. 5 Wyoming Lions Bingo in the Park at Stacy Daze, 9-11 a.m. 6 Big Lake Lions Annual "Ron Nelson Memorial" Golf Tournament, 2 p.m. at Whispering Pines Golf Course, Annandale 9th annual Lions Golf Classic, 2 p.m. 8 at B's on the River Oak Grove Acorn Day, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at Oak 13 Grove City Hall Complex (Wellness Van, 1:30-4:30 p.m.) 14 Hugo Lions Scramble, Registration and Putting Contest at 7:30 a.m., Shot Gun Start at 9 a.m. 14 Clear Lake Lions and Lioness 37th Annual Chicken and Corn Barbecue, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Chet Goenner Pavilion, Clear Lake Ball Park (Wellness Van, noon-3 p.m.) Lino Lakes Lions Wellness Van, noon-3 p.m. 14 14 Forest Lake Lions Purse & Merchandise Bingo, 2 p.m. at Friar Tucks 20 Monticello Lions Brewfest 21 Montrose Days chicken dinner after parade (4 or 5 p.m.) at Montrose Community Center September 9 23rd annual Circle Lex Lions Sandburr Open at 11 a.m. at Chomonix Golf Course 10 Otsego Lions Wellness Van, noon-3 p.m. 17 Columbus Lions Fall Fest Garage Sale (Wellness Van, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.) 24 St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer, 7:30 a.m. at USBank Stadium 24 North Branch Lioness Wellness Van 10 a.m.-1 p.m. October 7-9 MD5M Leo Leadership Conference at Camp Friendship, Annandale 9 Ham Lake Lions Wellness Van, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 22 Cokato-Dassel Lions Sportsman Raffle Drawing, 7 p.m. at Thirsty's Tavern, Dassel
 - 30 Spring Lake Park Lions Wellness Van, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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Preferred Date:	Alternate Date:			
Social Hour:	Dinner/Meeting Time:			
Contact Person:	Phone:			
E-Mail:	Cell Phone:			
Meeting Location:				
Address:				
City:	Directions:			
Dinner: Yes No	Joint Meeting? Yes No			
If so, list other club (s)				
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1st Vice Governor Invited	? Yes No Spouse? Yes No			
2nd Vice Governor Invited	I? Yes No Spouse? Yes No			
Zone Chair Invited ?	Yes No Spouse? Yes No			
Please return this form to	me via email or snail mail to schedule your club			
visit. I will contact you one	week before visit to reconfirm your date and go			
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The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation held its Board Training and first Board Meeting of the year on July 15 and 16. PDG Paul and Lion Lyle worked very hard and learned some interesting new details concerning the various vision projects supported by the MLVF. Please send us an invitation to speak at one of your club meetings to share what is new with the MLVF!

The Board of Directors approved this year's \$4.8 Million operation & PR budgets for the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and also 11 grants totaling more than \$117,000. In addition, the MLVF voted and approved a grant of up to \$100,000 to support KidSight Minnesota. These dollars, along with an anticipated matching grant from LCIF, will help launch the MN Lions KidSight program into action.

Thank you so much for your support of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation and our many sight programs. Since 1960, the Lions have given more than \$20 million to the people of Minnesota through the Vision Foundation, and every Lion and Lioness club should feel proud of your generosity. Together, your donations have made possible:

*Minnesota Lions Eye Bank *Lions Research Building *Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (MAC)

As we begin the Lions fiscal year, please keep the Vision Foundation in mind for your club donations. For each \$1,000 donated your club is eligible to present a Helen Keller Sight Award, a wonderful way to honor a special person in your community or a fellow Lion. A Helen Keller Sight Award (HKSA) is given to honor those who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight. They are an excellent way to honor an individual, business or organization. The recipient receives a plaque and pin, and their name is displayed on the Helen Keller board in the U of M's Eye Clinic. To check your club's available funds, contact PDG Paul or Lion Lyle. As a reminder, those clubs whose contributions come from charitable gambling funds, the MLVF is classified as a non-profit organization as described in Section 501(C)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

• Eye Surgical Center: MLVF has made its second payment of \$250,000 for the new Minnesota Lions Eye Surgical Center. This is thanks to the Lions of Minnesota!

• **Tour Dates**: The date for the Fall Campus Tours will be announced soon! Once the date is chosen, we would love to see more 5M-7 clubs on the tour!

• State Fair Booth: The MLVF and MLHF have a booth inside the Education Building. The booth is staffed with Lions for the entire fair. Stop in at the booth and say hello! If you are interested in volunteering to work the booth, please contact PDG Paul or Lion Lyle.

As always, please contact us with any questions or to have us speak at your club meeting!

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Lions Clubs International centennial silver dollar coin designs unveiled



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Designs for commemorative coins honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lions Clubs International were unveiled at the organization's 99th annual convention in Fukuoka, Japan.

Public Law 112-181-the Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act-authorizes the United States Mint to mint and issue \$1 silver coins with designs emblematic of the centennial of the Lions Clubs International.

The obverse (heads) design features a portrait of founder Melvin Jones paired with the Lions Clubs International logo. Inscriptions are "LIBERTY," "IN GOD WE TRUST," "MELVIN JONES," "FOUNDER," and "2017." The obverse was designed by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) Designer Joel Iskowitz and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Joseph Menna.

The reverse (tails) design depicts a male and female lion with a lion cub superimposed over a globe. Inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "\$1," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," and "CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE." The reverse was designed by AIP Designer Patricia Lucas-Morris and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart.

Pricing for the Lions Club International Centennial Silver Dollar will include a \$10 surcharge for each coin, which the public law authorizes to be paid to the Lions Clubs International Foundation to further its programs for the blind and visually impaired in the United States and abroad; invest in adaptive technologies for the disabled; and invest in youth and those affected by a major disaster.

The United States Mint will announce the release date and additional pricing information prior to the coin's release in 2017.



PDG Fishing Committee report

On June 25, the 5M7 PDG Fishing Committee left for our first ever Committee Meeting. We traveled to Winoga Lodge which is located on an island in Abrams Lake near Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

This year, the committee was made up of PDG Floyd Roden, PDG Norm Kelzenberg, PDG Dave Schroeder and PDG Dave's son Junior, and Me, PDG Jim Mulroy. This year, I was the Committee Chairman and guide.

Each day, we had a "little" rain and each day everybody caught beautiful walleyes. One of the resort employees told me that fishing had been kind of slow. The PDG Fishing Committee did not find the fishing to be slow. We did very well. PDG Dave caught the most variety, which included a 32-plus-inch Northern Pike and a White Fish which was really ugly. PDG Dave and I wouldn't let a slimy Northern stay in our boat, but PDG Norm not only kept Northerns, but he ate them, too.

I think PDG Floyd caught the most fish and had the biggest one up until the last evening when Junior Schroeder caught a 25-plus-inch walleye. Junior never let us forget that he caught the biggest fish. We could always tell when PDG Floyd caught a big one because we could hear him whoop way across the lake. The picture of the fish on the table is the catch from one afternoon/evening of fishing.

Plans are already in the works for the 5M7 Fishing Committee to go on an outing next year but it is early and things could change.

I hope you enjoy the pictures attached.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jim Mulroy, Chairman and guide



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SLP Leos have a busy year

The Spring Lake Park Leo Club was very busy this past school year. More than 100 members of the club participated in many service activities sponsored by the Spring Lake Park Leos, Lions, school, city, community and world-wide organizations.

Leos served and cleaned up at the two Lions pancake breakfasts and the 5M7 Lion Mid-Winter convention. Spring Lake Park Elementaries and preschool held carnivals and Leo members were there to work the games and activity booths. The Leos also helped kids and their parents complete service projects at an Early Childhood Family Education event called "Doing Good Together." In addition, ushers at all the Fine Arts Center for school district productions (15 total) were from the Leo Club.

The City of Blaine used the Leo volunteers for the princess party and super hero event for kids. The city of Spring Lake Park provided community events: Santa Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt and a family Valentine's Day party where the Leos ran arts/crafts activities and served food. Before the Springbrook Nature Center Fall Pumpkin Festival, the Leos carved pumpkins for their haunted trail. Many Leos rang the bells for the Salvation Army at the Northtown Cub store in December. The Leos stopped in at the Blaine Senior Center to sing along with the seniors in attendance.

The Leos collaborated with other school clubs like the SLP OEC group to make sandwiches on three different occasions for the 363 homeless project. Also, three times during year, the SLP Leos met Leos from Champlin Park and Rogers High Schools at Feed My Starving Children and packaged more than 350 boxes of food (more than 75,000 meals) for the world's hungry.

Leo fundraiser efforts included working the concession stand at Knowledge Bowl meets and the school's theater productions. Money raised was donated to a variety of causes, including: the purchase of materials to make a handicappedaccessible ramp for a staff member struck with a disabling illness, buying food supplies for the sandwich project and Feed My Starving Children organization.

The Leos hosted donation drives to collect shoes for the "Soles for Souls" program and a winter clothing and boots drive for the Panther Pantry.

The big activity sponsored and coordinated by the Leo members is the "Holiday House" event. This activity is the highlight of the year for the Leos and allows elementary-aged students to shop for inexpensive gifts for their family members during the holiday season. The Leos help the kids shop and provide arts/crafts activities while the SLP Lions wrap the gifts for the excited shoppers.

In between all these service activities, the Leos met every Wednesday after school to work on other service projects such as: creating smile cards, making tie blankets and pet toys for the Animal Humane Society, coloring Meals on Wheels lunch bags and making paper cranes, among many other activities.

There were 21 Leo members that earned a SLPHS letter for completing over 100 hours of community service for the year. With over 4,000 volunteer hours completed the Spring Lake Park Leos made it another outstanding Leo Club year of service to their school community and world!

Global Membership Team News

I am Judy Herrala and I am your District Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator.

There is so much to membership. It is not just asking people to join our awesome organization. Membership includes new clubs, orientations, retention, the CEP Process, and much more. Yikes! There is a lot to it, isn't there! M Gram articles this year will focus on at least one topic if not more.

I'd like to start off by telling you some of my membership goals for our district.

- 1.Gain two new Lions Clubs by June 30, 2017.
- 2. Achieve net membership growth in 5m7 of base membership +15 by June 30, 2017.
- 3. Achieve retention percentage of 75% for the year 2016-2017.
- 4.Communicate with the District Governor at least twice per month.

The goals stated here are goals which you, the members can help with. I am excited to work with you on membership.

Please let me know if your club would like me to visit and see how your club can gain new members. Of course with new members, comes new excitement, new ideas, and more working on your projects.

Are you a club that has many members, projects, ideas and would like to share the lions in another city nearby? I can and would like to assist with that. I can help you get started. I will also be there to help along the way with a new Lions Club. The Lions has so much to give in our communities. We can share this great thing with other communities.

Are you a membership minded person? Are you always thinking about membership and asking someone to join our organization when you are out and about? If so, maybe you would like to join our District 5m7 Membership Team! Please contact me to find out more about how you can help the membership efforts in our district.

Are you ready to work on 5m7 membership with me? Judy Herrala

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Lions participate in Torchlight Parade



Lions participated in the Minneapolis Aquatennial Torchlight Parade. Pictured at left are Lion Pat Finley from 5M6, 5M7 Gov. Steve Linder, and Lion Rob Hed from 5M5. Lions from 5M5, 5M6, and 5M7 participated.



ALL ABOARD FOR THE 2017 LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

(a note from your District 5M7 Centennial Coordinator, Lion Roger Johnson)

Are you thinking about going to the Lions Club International's 100th Convention in 2017? Are you interested in a fun way to get there instead of driving or flying? Have you ever wanted to take a train ride?

Well, the Multiple Centennial Celebration Committee is talking with Amtrak about possibly reserving a train car for just Lions, family and/or guest who want to go to Chicago to the 2017 Lions International Convention. We have been told that if we have 75 Lions we can have a whole train car and if we have 250 we could possibly have our own train.

At this time Amtrak has not given us a cost; but because it is a group, there should be a group rate. In checking out the regular price (as of now) and this is not a group rate, the cost could be between \$68 from St. Paul and \$100 from Fargo. The regular train stops in Fargo, Detroit Lakes, Staples, St. Cloud, St. Paul-Minneapolis, Red Wing and Winona. If we had a whole train, we can't say at this time what stops they would make; those logistics will finally have to be worked out with Amtrak.

The advantage to taking the train is that you won't have to drive to Chicago and then have to pay for parking your car as well as the cost of gas and tolls to get there. Parking in Chicago is expensive and some hotels charge you each time you want to take your car out. Yes, you could fly, but that probably will cost more than the train.

So at this time, what we are trying to do is find out how many Lions are interested in, or planning, to go to Chicago for the 100th convention, and if you are interested in taking the train.

If interested, please reply to both PDG Lynn Farley (<u>ltsfarley1@q.com</u>) and PDG Dennis Kelly (<u>cdk3inc@outlook.com</u>) and let them know. We need to know by the first of August, as Amtrak wants to know 11 months out from the date. After we know how many are interested and have talked with Amtrak we will know the cost. The logistics will have to be worked out with Amtrak as to how we proceed.

Let the Centennial fun begin with fellow Lions on a train ride to Chicago and then the fun of the International Convention and a fun time on the train. Club Presidents should query their members and report a serious count to the email addresses shown above.





USA/Canada Forum September 15 – 17, 2016

We are looking at getting a bus to take all interested Lions to the Forum in Omaha, Nebraska. We would leave at noon on September 14th arriving in Omaha that night between 9:00 – 10:00 pm. The forum starts the next day and this way everyone will be well rested for the festivities planned for the forum.

The cost of the bus will be \$95.00 a person and that includes departing from Frazee, MN or Fergus falls, MN (we will be including stops along the route to pick up Lions from other Districts) and dropping off at the Hotels listed by the forum committee and pick up on Sunday morning starting at 8:00 am arriving back in Frazee at approximately 5:00 – 6:00 on Sunday afternoon.

If you are interested in going to the forum and traveling by bus and enjoying the comradery of fellow Lions, please notify IPDG Jay as soon as possible so we can see if we can get enough interest so we can make this work. In order to secure a seat on the bus please send a \$25.00 deposit (non-refundable unless the bus is cancelled) to guarantee a spot on the bus. If we cannot get enough people signed up by September 1 we will have to cancel the bus.

If you have never been to a USA/Canada Forum this is a perfect opportunity for you to learn more about Lions and have a lot fun doing it. This is going to be one of the closest forums to us for a while, so take advantage of going and not having to drive.

We of course will have some fun and games on the way down.

For more info or to get your name on the list contact;

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JOIN TEAM MN Lions & Lioness!

at the Twin Cities St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer

Saturday, September 24th, 2016 USBank Stadium 900 South 5th Street, Minneapolis MN 55415

7:30am – Registration Opens 8:00am – Activities Begin 8:45am – Opening Ceremony 9am – Fun Run/Walk

On behalf of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the thousands of children that are helped by this amazing organization, it is my pleasure to announce we are one of the Corporate Teams for the 2016 Twin Cities *St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer*. Be among the FIRST to experience the home of the Vikings and Super Bowl LII at U.S BANK Stadium. The course will guide participants around the outside of the stadium along with portions of the inside including finishing on the 50 yard line on the field!

REGISTER: Join our team by <u>CLICKING HERE</u> or by going to <u>stjude.org/walkrun</u> and search for our team. Cost to join is tax deductable \$10. Or simply donate to our team.

FUNDRAISING: Win cool incentives by using your online fundraising page and fundraise for the kids of St. Jude!

EVENT DAY: 5K walk or fun run, music, kid's activities and photo opportunities on the MN VIKINGS 50 yard line.

WHY ST. JUDE: St. Jude treats children from all 50 states and around the world. We are where doctors often send their toughest cases because we have the world's best survival rates for some of the toughest childhood cancers. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent when we opened to 80 percent today. Unlike most local hospitals, St. Jude is a research institution. Our research labs may not be in your community, but our discoveries are. We freely share the research discoveries we make so doctors and scientists everywhere can use that knowledge to save thousands more children. We're looking forward to seeing you and your family at the event!

Lions Clubs International

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Our Centennial Celebration brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service.

Starting with the kickoff in July 2014 and ending in June 2018, Lions in clubs around the world will join in the celebration by expanding our community project work and inspiring others to join us in service.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion. Let's celebrate together!

Ways your Lions club can celebrate and serve



Lead through Service

Organize Centennial Service Challenge projects to benefit youth, vision, hunger, and the environment. Share your successes with your local media and on MyLCI.



Invite for Impact

Participate in the Centennial Membership Awards by inviting new members and sponsoring a new club. Encourage your new members to participate in Centennial service projects.



Connect with Community

Identify needs in your community and plan a Centennial Community Legacy Project to make a lasting local impact. Share your Centennial projects through social media with the #LIONS100 hashtag.

Visit Lions100.org for centennial resources and media for your celebration.



Start your Centennial Celebration

- Talk about the Centennial with your club and invite them to join the celebration.
- 2. Choose a Centennial Club Chairperson and/or committee.
- Create a plan for your club to Lead through Service, Invite for Impact, and Connect with your Community.
- Share your plan with your District Centennial Coordinator – other clubs can benefit from your ideas.
- Report your service on MyLCI so we can share the global impact of Lions.



Lions Kids Sight USA is a nation-wide program to safeguard the vision of children ages 6 months through 6 years. Lions in the US already screen over a million kids per year through state-wide and local programs. Minnesota is joining the coalition. Our mission is to insure eye-screening and follow up care is given to all kids

because every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. To do this, we will work with Lions Clubs in our District to educate, promote and expand the number of vision screenings.

Good vision is an integral part of a child's academic success and overall development. Did you know?

- 86% of kids entering 1st Grade have not had an eye exam, yet 20-25% have vision problems.
- 70% of school-age children with a learning disability have vision problems
- 95% of children's vision disorders can be corrected if detected early
- Normal vision development proceeds only if the brain receives an equally clear image from each eye.
- Children are unaware they have a vision problem

With the Kid Sight Program, a handheld, wireless device enables efficient vision screening. One device screens children of all ages and developmental acuity. With a capture time of a few seconds, the screener provides a reliable, objective assessment and instantly detects the indication of 6 major issues.

Farsightedness Unequal refractive power Unequal pupil size Nearsightedness Lazy eye Blurred vision

Both eyes are screened simultaneously in a nonthreatening, noninvasive manner just by having the child look at the device from a distance of about 3 feet. The machine is easy to use; no data interpretation is needed. Results from the device are easy to understand and help determine if follow up care is necessary with an eye care professional such as an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Lions Kid Sight MD5M is already endorsed by Minnesota Child Care Association (MCCA). The MCCA has already provided our District a list of 29 childcare

centers wishing for vision screenings with at least one in every zone. The list of those requesting screenings is continuing to grow.

As Kid Sight Co-Chairs for 5M7, our goal is to educate Lions throughout our District about the program and how they can use it to serve their community. We would like to help you by promoting, coordinating and performing vision screenings in your area.

We are coordinating with Zone Chairs to attend meetings and provide insight into this program, how it works and what you can do to be a part of it. Watch for us on your Zone meeting agenda and please attend.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to us.

Saving Kids' Sight - Get Involved Today!

Kid Sight Co-Chairs, Lions Mary Curtis, Ann and Tim Kaduce <u>MaryLeaCurtis@yahoo.com</u> 612-269-3121 KaduceAM@msn.com 763-242-0502, 763-257-5145

Centennial Public Relations Contest

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the Centennial Anniversary. Every club in the Multiple is invited to participate. Small clubs have the same chance as a large club to win.

If there are not enough lines on the application (which is on Page 17) in any area, feel free to attach another page.

Each District will award one winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2017 and 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2017 and 2018 Multiple Conventions. The top winning club will receive \$500.

The contest will run from July 2016– December 2017 and January 2017 – December 2018.

Please submit your application to glicht@heraldjournal.com or mail to:

Lion Gabe Licht PO Box 498

Delano MN 55328



Centennial Public Relations Contest Lions Clubs of MD5M July, 2016-January 1, 2017



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** Attach only 1	picture page			
Contact person	for this event:			
Phone Number:		Email:		
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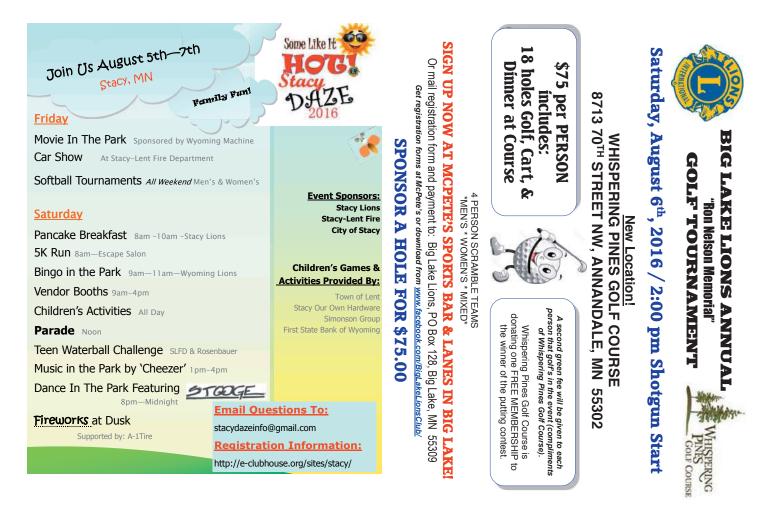


Lioness Spotlight



Upcoming Events:

Aug. 6 Lino Lakes Lioness - Clowning in the Stacy Parade @ noon.
Aug. 14 Lino Lake Lioness - Clowning/St. Joseph's Church Festival 11-4:30
Aug. 14 Clear Lake Lioness - Chicken and Corn Dinner- Clear Lake 11-6
Aug. 19 Montrose Lioness - Serving Root Beer Floats
Aug. 21 Montrose Lioness - Selling Ice Cream Sundaes at Lions Chicken Dinner
Aug 20 Lino Lakes Lioness - Clowning/Lino Lakes Blue Heron Day Parade @11
Sept. 12 Big Lake Lioness - Red Cross Blood Drive
Sept. 17 Big Lake Lioness - Annual Garage Sale





At B's on the River and River's Edge Golf Course Monday, August 8th at 2:00 p.m.

.... GOLFING, CONTESTS, PRIZES, FUN AND FOOD ...

9-HOLE SCRAMBLE (FOUR PLAYER TEAMS; BEST BALL PLAYS)

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START AT 2:00 PM

\$50 PER PERSON (INCLUDES GREENS FEE, CART, DRINK TICKE & DINNER)

SPECIAL CONTESTS WITH PRIZES

DOOR PRIZE FOR BEST-DRESSED TEAM!!

All proceeds go towards LIONS projects. Make checks payable to "Delano Lions". Send to: Delano LIONS PO Box 252 Delano, MN 55328 Questions? Contact: Matt Schoen at matt.schoen@delanoschools.org or 763-972-7612 Steve Heil at 763-972-3365 or Chris Keller at 952-484-6537

2015 Delano Lions Golf Classic Monday, August 3rd at 2:00 PM (Please complete and mail to address above, fax to (763) 972-6706, or email Matt at above address.

Visit http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m7/ for more information, and to register.



Clear Lake Lions and Lioness 37th Annual

1/4 Chicken - \$8.00

Meal includes...

1/2 Chicken - \$10.00

Cole slaw, potato salad, rolls...

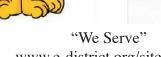
Chicken and Corn Barbecue

August 14, 2016 11:00 am to 6:00 pm **Chet Goenner Pavilion Clear Lake Ball Park**



Oak Grove

Oak Grove Lions Club Presents...



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

August 2016





2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum Omaha, Nebraska Sept. 15-17, 2016 Leadership? Service? It's what Lions do!

"Leadership for Service," the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service. Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in.Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream. Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a a long career of Military, Private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register now via our website: www.lionsforum.org

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* SANDBURR OPEN * **Community Fundraiser**

Chomonix Golf Course 700 Aqua Lane, Lino Lakes, MN Friday, September 9, 2016

Chomonix's Largest Fall Tournament!

23rd Annual Circle Lex Lions 🛛 🕕

Great Course! Great Fun! All Golfers Welcome!

No coolers/containers allowed

· All beverages sold by Chomonix Team Captains must check in for their

team and make sure all golfers are

paid before receiving your packets

Shotgun Start-12:30 pm

Great Time!

- Registration from 11:00 am 12:00 pm
- Lunch will be served beginning at 11:15 am
- 4 Person Scramble

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

- EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: One Check One Team (4) \$300.00 (must be postmarked by August 19, 2016)

\$90.00 per golfer at the event

• Many contests and other events!

- \$80.00 per golfer until August 31, 2016

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

Visit http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m7/ for more information, and to register.

www.columbuslionsmn.org	Interested in donating an item as a raffle prize? Contact Lion Brian at the number above or Lion Genia at 612-669-7519	To arrange a drop off at our club or a pick-up at your home, please contact Lion Brian Sjerven at 651-492-0552	Having your own garage sale this summer and don't know what to do with the items you don't sell? Contact us and we will pick up your remaining items. (Excluding mattresses or clothing)	<section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header>	A YOUTH VECTION" O - Annandale, MN O - Annandale
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Cokato - Dassel Lions Sportsman Raffe	Name	City	Phone#	1 Savage Axis II 2701 CVA Optima 50 cal Camo1 Savage Axis II 30-061 Moultree M990i1 Henry Lever 22 LR1 Jiffy Pro 4 Lite Gas Auger1 Henry Lever 22 LR1 Vexilar FLX 28 Ultra Pack	\$20.00



November 11th & 12, 2016

Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum

Shooting Star Convention Center, Mahnomen MN

Registration fee \$99.00 USD

(Includes Saturday's lunch and dinner)

Hotel \$65.00 USD plus tax

Meet & Greet Mixer Friday - Seminars on Saturday

36 informational seminars and Leos Track

GLT/GMT Working Together, The Ride of a Lifetime for your Hearing, Sing and laugh your way to a better club, Leadership Coaching Components, Recruiting Younger Lions – Panel, Young Punks vs Old Geezers, Construct a Meaningful Project, I'm chair of the committee, Now what?, Successful tricks for recruiting new members, Mentoring, GL – how to spot a successful leader, GMT – Gotta Ask, Women's Symposium – panel, <u>www.l'm.lost.com</u>, Robert's Rules, The Role of the PDG – panel, Protocol, Lions University – Understanding it and using it in your District, Centennial, Orientation for your new member, Do you want to be part of the District Governor Team? Succession Planning, Quality Assurance Program (CEP), Zone/Region Chairperson; Expanding your Pride, Strengthening the Pride Within your Club, Think[]]], Starting a Leos club or Campus Club – Building Blocks of our Future, Fun with Tail twisting, Hello, I'm your new member, I'm leaving, The fun way to build a team, Role of Supporting Partner, Creative Recognition, Conflict Resolution, Time Management, New Ways to Strengthen your Club, Lions Clubs International – Everything you wanted to know,

Dynamic guest speakers: PID Brian Sheehan and PID Robert Littlefield

Registration form at http://www.lionsmd5m.org

Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum



Name & Title	Registration form at <u>http://www.lionsmd5m.org</u>
Address	
City/Town	ALL costs are in USD Canadians are asked to
State/Prov	send USD money order to
Zip/Postal	PDG Cheryl
Phone (w / area code)	
Email	

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Allergies (circle ones that apply)

Registration Fee \$99.00 USD

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer (if you are arriving then), Your choice of up to 6 of the 36 Seminars on Saturday, Saturday lunch and dinner with dynamic guest speakers: PID Brian Sheehan and PID Robert Littlefield. (Saturday Breakfast on your own, seminars start at 9 AM)

Make cheques / money orders payable to: Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum

US residents mail to:



PDG Dave Jensen, 32549 Co Rd 11 Wendell, MN USA 56590-9771 R. 218.458.2428 C. 218.770.9410 E. oakstuff@runestone.net Canadian residents mail to: Send USD money order



PDG Cheryl McKitrick PO Box 340, Crystal City MB Canada R0K 0N0 E. cemckit@amail.com R. 204.873.2091 C. 204.825.8073

Cancellations prior to October 31st, 2016 will have a \$25.00 fee applied, NO Cancellations after October 31st, 2016 except for Medical emergencies are accepted anytime with doctors letter (\$25.00 fee still applies).

For more Information contact: PDG Dennis W. Kelly III at cdk3inc@outlook.com

Hotel Reservations - Contact the hotel directly - Rate \$65.00 USD per night (+ taxes) Until October 30th, 2016

Shooting Star Hotel & Casino, Mahnomen, MN - call 1-800-453-STAR and ask for block #71.

This block is called "Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum"