



# 5M7 GRAM

March 2017



Lion Kathy and I just got back from our ninth Midwinter Convention. Yes, I'm tired, but it's so great to be able to meet with Lions from all over the state, to see what goes on in the other Midwinter Conventions. The different order that the other Governors schedule their Conventions. How they do their memorial service. Just pictures and reading the messages in person, lighting candles,

ringing the bell, moving flowers, every service is different. It really makes helping plan the Midwinter Convention so more people are able to enjoy the different activities.



As much as I enjoyed going to other conventions, I really enjoy going out to visit clubs as Governor. Lions in other clubs have to realize that we are just regular Lions, too. Lion Kathy and I love to sit and just talk to members of other clubs. As I always tell Lion members that I'm really shy and that will usually break the ice. Or I may tell the Lions that I've been told that this table is a lot of trouble and we will just talk about anything. We are also able to meet and induct new members to be able to strengthen a club with new members. Remember, one of us is a drop of

water but together we are an ocean. We are able to do so much more as a group. Thank you for allowing me to be the Governor of District 5M7.

District Governor Steve





Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

With the scheduled training sessions for District Governors Elect, I continue to be impressed with LCI and the Multiple Districts stressing the importance of leadership and planning for the betterment of Lions. Our training continues with classes in March, April, and, of course, the ultimate training at the International Convention in Chicago

I have yet to write up my formal plans for the District for next year, with leadership and membership development and all the cabinet and committee chairs that need to be filled. If you have the desire and passion for any of the district's endeavors, please let me know.

The plans that I need to address need to follow the International plan of SMART: Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, and Time-bound. I'm concerned that they be Realistic, with club and membership growth my ultimate goal.

A couple other things to consider: remember that now is the time to address your officers for next year. You should have started identifying who they might be. Let's see if we can have the elections soon so that the new officers can be recorded on the LCI website before May 1st. Let's even try to have them there by April 15th, just like our Federal Income tax filing, that we file the new officers for next year. If you have any problems with this entry let us know soon, so we can get you some help.

Finally Lion Chad Vokaty has been working on the officers training manuals for the Spring School, updating the chapters and providing this on a digital file which would be easier for update. Look for this information coming soon in the Gram.

In our clubs we need to be like lunchroom lady. "You know those lunchroom ladies had the greatest impact on students, they remember what students like, they offered them more of what they liked and less of what they didn't like. We need to find out what our Lion Members and communities need more of and make sure that it happens."

DGE Dan

Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Wow, hard to believe the year is already 75 percent done. Where has the time gone? I can say I have pretty much covered the entire district this month. I've attended meetings and events in Cokato-Dassel all the way over to Almelund, with a few stops in Grandy, Rush City, Forest Lake, Cedar-East Bethel, Chisago Lakes, Albertville, and Hanover. It's a big district. Thank you all for the invitations; it has been a lot of fun.

The Multiple Convention is coming up soon in Bemidji. I hope to see several of you up there. Last year was my first trip the multiple and I had a great time. It looks like the planning crew up in Bemidji has quite a few really neat events in line for us. You can find the reservation form on the Multiple's website at [www.lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org).

Elections are just around the corner. Club secretaries, please have your PU101's entered into your MyLCI website by April 15th. It makes it a lot easier for the people that put together all the mailing and email lists the sooner they are done.



Thanks to everyone for the wonderful work you are doing,  
VDGE Al Kvistero

## DGE Steve's calendar:

### March

- 1 Hugo Governor's Visit
- 3 Polar Plunge
- 7 Governor's Cup Planning Meeting
- 9 Maple Lake Governor's Visit
- 10-11 Council of Governors
- 14 North Branch Governor's Visit
- 16 Nowthen Governor's Visit
- 22 Clearwater Governor's Visit
- 29 Post-Convention Meeting
- 30 5M7 Cabinet Meeting

### April

- 4 Otsego Governor's Visit
- 5 Ramsey Governor's Visit
- 6 Spring Lake Park Governor's Visit
- 18 Clear Lake Governor's Visit
- 20 Forest Lake Governor's Visit
- 21-23 MD5M Multiple Convention
- 24 Big Lake Governor's Visit
- 26 Annandale Governor's Visit

### May

- 2 5M7 Lioness Group Meeting

## 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](mailto:glicht@heraldjournal.com) no later than the 20th of each month. I try to be flexible, but reserve the right to decline items sent after the deadline.

Please note when submitting information that PDFs and JPGs work best. If you must send a Word document, please send it as a doc and not docx. The latter causes a whole host of problems. 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.

Thank you!

Gram Editor Lion Gabe Licht  
[glicht@heraldjournal.com](mailto:glicht@heraldjournal.com)

## Upcoming events

### March

- 3 Waverly Lions 24th Annual Fish Fry, 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Waverly Village Hall
- 3 Nowthen Lions Club Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m. at Nowthen Alliance Church Dining Room
- 3 Clear Lake Lions Fish Fry, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Marcus Parish Hall
- 4 Cokato Dassel Lions Pancake Breakfast During the Dassel Cokato Business Expo 9 a.m.-noon at Dassel Cokato High School Commons
- 14 Elk River Lions Bingo (4 p.m.), Pancake Dinner, Music (5 p.m.) at Guardian Oaks Dining Room
- 16 13th Annual Empty Bowls Benefiting the NACE Foodshelf Soup Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Oak Grove
- 17 Clear Lake Lions Fish Fry, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Marcus Parish Hall
- 19 North Branch Lioness Annual Breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon at North Branch American Legion
- 19 Forest Lake Lions Luck of the Irish Bingo, 2 p.m., Friar's in Forest Lake
- 24 Becker Lions Fish Fry-Day, 7:30-7 p.m. at Becker Community Center
- 25 Anoka Lions 29th Annual Country Music Show Featuring Marty Haggard, 3 and 7 p.m. at Anoka High School

### April

- 1 St. Francis Lioness & Lioness Salad Luncheon & Fashion Show at St. Francis American Legion
- 7 Nowthen Lions Club Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m. at Nowthen Alliance Church Dining Room
- 8 Belgian Waffle Breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon at Forest Lake Floral Gift & Garden
- 21-23 MD5M Convention, Sanford Center, Bemidji
- 23 Oak Grove Lions 12th Annual French Toast Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Senior Center
- 25 Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event, 6-7:30 p.m. at 401 93rd Ave. NW Coon Rapids
- 28 Cokato Dassel Lions annual pork chop supper, 4:45-7 p.m. at Cokato Elementary School

### May

- 2 5M7 Lioness Group Meeting, 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner at River Oaks of Anoka





## Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

### National Eye Donor Month

In case you weren't aware of it, March is **National Eye Donor Month**. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed this in 1983 and for 34 years it has raised eye donation awareness, honored donors and their families, and celebrated cornea recipients. Your **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)** board representatives, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle, would like to remind you to celebrate *National Eye Donor Month* by registering to be an organ donor. The contribution of your eyes to the **Minnesota Lions Eye Bank (MLEB)** will help others maintain and receive the gift of sight. Corneal transplants and important eye research can only occur when someone makes the selfless act of donating their eyes. During March, please make sure to tell your family and friends to sign up for organ donations and remember to tell your family of your wish to donate your eyes. By having your family informed about your choice, it will help simplify the process when the time comes.

### Parade of Green

On behalf of the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)**, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle would like to thank everyone in 5M-7 for their generosity shown at the recent Mid-Winter convention. Your financial contributions made during the *Parade of Green* provided over **\$18,000** to the MLVF. This funding will be going towards important projects, research and treatments for those persons, young and old, who are suffering with a vision ailment. We appreciate what you have contributed and hope that you will continue to consider additional monetary donations towards the MLVF as the year progresses.

### Spring University Tour

With the spring coming your way very soon, please make note of the date for the tour at the University of Minnesota. **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** will be the day for you to check out the vision and hearing clinics & facilities at the U of M. If you're a new Lion or someone who hasn't been on the tour for quite some time, it is recommended to come down for a visit. You get to hear some great speakers, see some interesting presentations and check out the latest additions to the vision and hearing departments. You will also get a box lunch for free and have an opportunity to go tour the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank in the afternoon. If you're interested, please let PDG Paul or Lion Lyle know. We can help you get registered for the tour and will be happy to see you on May 6<sup>th</sup>!

Don't forget to turn in your collected used eyewear to your Zone chair, PDG Paul or Lion Lyle. If you haven't had a club or zone visit in a while from a MLVF director, it would be great for us to come see you. You can hear all the latest developments on research and treatments being done at the U of M, as well as how your club is sitting with **Helen Keller Sight Awards**. We hope you will have us come visit your club or zone in the very near future, so please contact us to schedule a presentation at your event.

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7 for truly being "***Knights of the Blind.***"

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# Can Do Canines' Lions Newsletter Submission – March, 2017

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.

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is James Pick. James now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind since thanks to Mobility Assist Dog Oakley. Read their story below.



## JAMES PICK & MOBILITY ASSIST DOG OAKLEY

Brainerd, Minn. resident James Pick has a new roommate: Mobility Assist Dog Oakley. James is living with multiple sclerosis (MS), a chronic disease which attacks the central nervous system. "Because of my MS I have problems with balance and I fatigue easily," says James. Without family close by James and his loved ones were living with a lot of worries; with Oakley around James has an assistant to help him with tasks as well as providing greater peace of mind for both himself and his family.

Mobility Assistance Dog Oakley is a gorgeous three-and-a-half-year-old black Labrador. James notes that she is very polite, well-behaved, and a great worker. Oakley was trained by Can Do Canines staff. She retrieves dropped items for James such as his cane or cell phone, helps tug off clothing, opens and closes doors, and braces to help James up if he falls. Having Oakley as his Mobility Assist Dog fills James' life beyond the daily help with tasks, "Oakley is my best friend."

"Retrieving items for me and taking my socks off at night are some of the most significant things she does for me every day."

Oakley has changed James' life immensely. "I feel like I'm not alone in this anymore. I have someone who loves and cares for me. I didn't realize how much it would help my psyche," says James. Oakley and James are a successful team because he made Oakley's training a top priority. He took the training so seriously that he put playing his guitar (his most favorite activity) on the backburner in-order to be fully present. James feels proud and a sense of accomplishment for the energy and commitment he's devoted to training Oakley.

To the supporters who made James and Oakley a success, James says, "All I can say is thank you! You're going to make me cry, but thank you for all you do!"



## JACK PENA AND AUTISM ASSIST DOG STITCH

Thank you to the Ramsey Lions Club for being the first-ever Lions Club to fully sponsor an assistance dog team for \$25,000!

The Ramsey Lions Club's decision to sponsor a team brought our mission home to their club in a special manner.

Jack's father brought Stitch to a Ramsey Lions Club meeting to personally thank them for their incredible support. The Lions club members were also invited to Jack and Stitch's graduation and received a memory book of how Stitch was trained since puppyhood to help Jack and his family have a better life. The club members loved hearing how someone in their own community benefited so much from their generous gift.

## Centennial Public Relations Contest

### Lions Clubs of MD5M January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Event \_\_\_\_\_  
Event \_\_\_\_\_

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Club Members \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members who participated \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation of Event:

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What benefit did this project have to your community?

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How did this event publicize Lions and our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

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**\*\* Attach only 1 picture page**

Contact person for this event: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100<sup>th</sup>? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No



**Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2018. Clubs may enter more than once.**

## Contest Guidelines:

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 in any area, feel free to attach another page.

Each District will award 1 winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2018 Multiple Convention. \$500.00 will be awarded to the top winner overall.

Contest will run from January 2017 – December 2017.

Please submit your application to:

Lion Gabe Licht  
PO Box 498  
Delano, MN 55328  
glicht@heraldjournal.com

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### **The case for non-profit licensed gaming charities to have their donations be exempt from the state gambling tax:**

No other entity in the state that provides goods and services is faced with not being able to deduct donations from their taxable income.

Licensed gaming charities are allowed no deductions of any kind. After paying expenses we send up to 72% of what remains to state government.

Licensed gaming charities are sending the state in excess of \$1,076,923 a week. The proposed relief would reduce that amount to \$770,000 per week (28.5% in relief).

At our highest combined receipt tax rate of 36% (on all dollars banked, no deductions of any kind), after expenses (which average 50%) and donations (which average 28%) we send everything that remains to state government (22%).

Licensed gaming charities are on the verge of sending more to the state than they have for their local missions.

Licensed gaming charities did not embark on their chosen missions with the thought of being a tax collector for the state. Local needs and missions are suffering due to the current tax structure.

Any relief will go directly back into the community, we raise money to donate, not save.

State government should be encouraging local philanthropy, not penalizing or discouraging it.

MN DOR argued last year that this would be very difficult to do, but we disagree. Our accounting and software professionals have shown it is a simple change in the current monthly reporting form. Example can be provided.





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### **It's Time! Do it NOW!**

It's time to assign just one Lions Club member to the job of checking your Lions signs posted in your town. I think we have put this job off long enough and in June, Lions Clubs International celebrates 100 years of service so it's time to upgrade and make your club look good.

Think about it- if your club sign is worn, faded, cracked and old looking, how does that make your Lions Club look? I have traveled throughout our MD5M area and I have seen a lot of tired looking signs out there. "We upgraded" you say. Maybe, just maybe there is that one sign that you missed or forgot about and that is the one that stands out like a sore thumb.

It is so easy to make the sign look fresh and new. Just go to LCI.org, Club Supplies & Distribution, Lions Store, Highway Signs Accessories, Sign Replacement Decals OR Highway Signs. For the Decals the cost is \$23.95-\$43.95 (depending on the size you are looking for). For a new sign the cost is \$54.05-\$181.35 (once again, depends on the size and kind you are looking for).

So now that you know how easy it is to get the replacement, let's get out there, find your club signs and order the size you need. It's as easy as 1-2-3- ROAR!

Lion Cheri Appel  
MD5M Public Relations Chair

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## **Charter Your New Clubs Online**

The key to earning your District Governor Membership Award—and achieving positive membership growth in your district—is to charter new clubs. And the fastest, most efficient way to charter clubs is online. You'll save time and effort when you use the new online chartering system on [MyLCI](#). Make a difference and start growing your district by chartering a club today!





## ***Eighth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update*** **April 8, 2017**

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Foundation and Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn how these scientists, funded by the Lions Diabetes Research Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

During a reception, following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists, learn more about their research, and ask questions.

### **Saturday, April 8, 2017**

11 a.m. Registration

11:30 a.m. Lunch and program

1 p.m. Reception

### **McNamara Alumni Center**

University of Minnesota

200 Oak Street SE

Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **Faculty Research Presentations:**

- **David Bernlohr, Ph.D.**, Research on the role of calcium in insulin action that could lead to a new drug for treating type 2 diabetes
- **Brian Fife, Ph.D.**, How blocking the body's immune pathway could stop the immune attack on islet cells
- **Michael Garwood, Ph.D.**, Advances in viewing transplanted islets inside the body pre- and post-transplant
- **Bernhard Hering, M.D.**, Discoveries in pig islet research that could lead to a cure

### **RSVP by Friday, March 24:**

RSVP online at [www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions](http://www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions)

Please contact Caitlin Ochtera at [ochte001@umn.edu](mailto:ochte001@umn.edu) or 612-625-8424 with any questions.

*A confirmation letter, including parking information, will be sent prior to event.*



Dear Lion,

For 100 years, Lions have served. Each and every Lion matters because they make their communities a better place for all. In celebration of our century of humanitarian service, we're working to serve more people than ever before. To do this, we need more caring people like you who want to make to make a real difference in the lives of others.

Did you know that every Lions club member serves an average of 70 people per year? That's why inviting your family and friends to join us in service is one of the most powerful ways we can serve more people and address unmet needs at home and around the world.

Plus, inviting new members and sponsoring new clubs is more rewarding than ever before. You and your club are eligible for special limited-edition Centennial rewards, including a pin and certificate, when you induct new members and sponsor new clubs.

If you haven't welcomed a new member into your club this year, make it a priority to do so before the end of the Lion year. Thank you for working to expand the service impact of your club and Lions Clubs International!



Very truly yours,  
**Chancellor Bob Corlew**  
**Your International President**



# Seeking the Endorsement for **3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**



# Brian Sheehan



## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



# MD5M CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**



1. Participate in Vision Screening for 6-month to 6-year old children.
2. Work with Kids Sight First and Plus Optics.
3. Collect used eye-glasses and hearing aids on site.



1. Kids Snack Pack Project: Create wholesome summer meal kits for children and families at the Mall.
2. Work directly with Second Harvest Heartland.
3. Distribute to Food Banks throughout the state.



1. Participate in handing out packets of Minnesota-friendly seeds.
2. Help the Monarch Butterfly with packets of Milk-Weed seeds.
3. Talk with Mall Visitors about your Club's Environmental Projects.



1. Work with our Leos on Speed Volunteering Opportunities.
2. Examples: (a) Making Luminaries  
(b) Cards for our Military  
(c) Hospital Cards and Thank You Cards
3. Our Leo Clubs and their Advisors will lead the way!

**We need your help to make these happen! Let us know which of these 4 Core-Values you can participate in through your Centennial District Coordinator or the Steering Committee.**

**This is a once-in-a life-time opportunity, and we hope you will join us at this great event!  
More information is forthcoming as we finalize speakers, entertainment, etc.**

## Annandale Lions



Lion Lyle Goff presented Annandale Lion Mark Dvorak with a Helen Keller Sight Award for organizing the Governor's Cup, which has raised funds for both vision and hearing.

## Howard Lake Lions



Howard Lake Lions hosted their annual Valentine's Breakfast Buffet Feb. 12, with help from the Youth Wrestling Program and their supporters.



## WAVERLY LIONS TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL

All the fish you can eat!

# FISH FRY



**Friday, March 3rd  
3:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

( Or when fish runs out. )

**Waverly Village Hall**

**Carryout available**



## Clear Lake Lions Fish Fry

**All You Can Eat!!**

**St. Marcus Parish Hall**

**Friday March 3rd  
&  
Friday March 17th**

**Serving From 4:30 -7:30 p.m.**

*Adults \$10.00, kids 10 & under \$5.00, kids 3 & under  
Free!!*







**Nowthen  
Lions Club**

# Fish Fry

**Fridays, March 3 & April 7  
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Nowthen Alliance Church Dining Room  
19653 Nowthen Blvd. NW**

**Free Will Offering!**

On the menu is breaded Alaskan Pollock, boiled red potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, bread, cookies and beverages.

All proceeds will be given back to the community of Nowthen through donations and projects.  
Questions? Email: [jlhbells@earthlink.net](mailto:jlhbells@earthlink.net)



**We Serve**

## 13th annual Empty Bowls

Benefiting the NACE Foodshelf



**March 16th, 2017  
5:00-7:30pm**

**Free Will Donation  
Soup Dinner**

**St Patrick Catholic Church  
19921 Nightingale St NW  
Oak Grove, MN**



Sponsored by:

- Cedar/East Bethel Lions
- Cedar/East Bethel Lioness
- Ham Lake Lions
- Oak Groves Lions
- St. Francis Lions
- St. Francis Lioness

**PLUS!**

- ~Live Auction
- ~Silent Auction
- ~Ceramic Bowls
- ~And More!

**NACE Foodshelf  
763-434-7685  
[www.nacefoodshelf.org](http://www.nacefoodshelf.org)**

March 2017

"We Serve"  
[www.e-district.org/sites/5M7](http://www.e-district.org/sites/5M7)



**Elk River Lions  
PANCAKE DINNER, BINGO AND  
MUSIC!**

Proceeds to Benefit CAER

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**  
**Bingo at 4:00p.m.**  
**Pancake Dinner & Music at 5:00p.m.**  
**Music by:**  
**Debbie Schreyer & Tom Owens**



**Location: Guardian Oaks Dining Room**  
**Cost: Free will donation & a food item  
or cash donation for CAER**

Help the Elk River Lions provide support to our local food shelf and enjoy the best pancakes in the area!



**NORTH BRANCH LIONESS  
ANNUAL BREAKFAST**



## March 19<sup>th</sup> 8am-NOON

**North Branch American Legion**

All you can eat French toast, pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee

**\$7 for adults \$3 kids 4-12 under 4 free**

**Advanced tickets \$5 available by calling (651)674-5127**



All proceeds go directly back to the community. The North Branch Lioness support a wide range of service projects in the community including:

Chisago County Senior Center, Senior All Night Party, Women's Refuge, Youth Bureau, Wellness Van, New Pathways, Food Shelf, Children's Eye Clinic, Lions Hearing Foundation, & many others

For more information, please like us on Facebook



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FEELING LUCKY?

**LUCK OF THE IRISH BINGO**

MARCH 19

**FRIAR'S**  
1500 LAKE STREET SOUTH  
FOREST LAKE

**PRIZES:**  
purses from coach and michael kors  
aveda products  
spa certificates  
store gift cards

time: **2PM** **\$26 PER 13 GAME PACKET**  
Additional 3 face packet available for \$4 each.  
All players must play the \$26 packet. No Splitting

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# Fish Fry-Day



Presented by: Becker Lions Club



When: Friday, March 24, 2017

Where: Becker Community Center

11500 Sherburne Ave Becker MN

Cost: Adults - \$10

Kids 12 & Under - \$5

Time: 4:30 - 7:00

- Beer, Pop, and Water available for purchase



The Anoka Lions proudly present  
**Their 29th Annual Country Music Show**  
*Featuring Marty Haggard*  
*A Tribute to my Dad, Merle Haggard*  
*Show Opening and band by Sherwin Linton*

**Saturday, March 25, 2017** Anoka High School 3939 7th Ave N.  
3:00 PM Matinee -- 7:00 Evening Show Reserved Seats \$25.00; \$20.00 Gen. Adm.

Marty Haggard is the oldest son of country music icon Merle Haggard. In 1979 Marty began touring with his own band. Then he signed with Dimension Records and released the single "Charleston Cotton Mill" which spent weeks on the Country Music charts. At his father's request, Marty joined his dad's road band, singing and playing guitar. He also released "Trains Make Me Lonesome", which received a nomination for Best New Male Vocalist in Country Music. Marty's love of his dad's "real country" music inspired him to develop "A Tribute to Merle Haggard, My Dad". He cut two albums of "Tribute" songs, and has performed at the Oak Ridge Boy's Theatre and



Clay Cooper Theatre in Branson, MO. He has performed all over the US, Canada, England, Ireland and Scotland. Music fans love his musical tribute to his Dad, Merle Haggard.

← Sherwin and Pam Linton. Sherwin Linton's long history in music spans over 55 years. Sherwin has received numerous music industry awards, including CMA and Music City News nominations for Country Entertainer of the Year Awards. He recorded "Cotton King" in 1966 which catapulted him to the top of Country Music charts. Sherwin opens this year's show with a variety of popular country music, and provides the band for Marty Haggard.

For Tickets please **mail the coupon below**, or call for more information; CLIP

Lions Bill or Jan Dubats (763) 757-4143 or Lions Joe or Lynn Zimmerman (763) 421-4361

**Yes!** We want to see The Anoka Lions Music Show featuring **Marty Haggard** with **Sherwin Linton**, **Saturday, March 25, 2017**, Anoka High School, and 3939 7th Ave N., Anoka, MN  
Tickets are \$25.00 per ticket for reserved seats, \$20.00 for general admission.

Please reserve our tickets as follows: **Circle one:** → Reserved Seats or General Admission

3:00 PM Matinee Show \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
7:00 PM Evening Show \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets: Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail coupon & payment to: Anoka Lions, 12967 Crooked Lake Lane Coon Rapids, MN 55448

St. Francis Lioness & Lions  
Invite you to come to our Annual  
**Salad Luncheon & Fashion Show**  
Saturday, April 1, 2017  
At the St. Francis American Legion  
3073 Bridge St, St. Francis, Minnesota

Tickets at the door \$7.00  
All proceeds will be used for  
St. Francis High School Scholarships.  
11:00 a.m. Social  
Noon Luncheon  
12:30 p.m. Fashion Show

For more information, please contact  
Lioness Marolyn Baumann at 763-753-2041  
Or Lioness Terry Heichel at 763-753-4415

**WANTED: YOU!!**  
**FOR: AN UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY**  
**WHAT:** 2017 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute  
**WHEN:** March 30 – April 2, 2017  
**WHERE:** Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahnomon, MN

We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the 2017 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute! Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.

The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and three (3) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$100 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program. Participants **MUST** be available to attend **ALL** sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

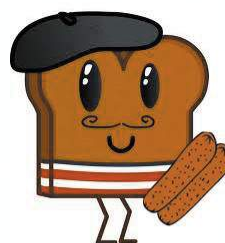
Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions. The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants. Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2016. Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

Institute graduates from your district will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact:

Lion Earl Orvik – ejorvik1@gmail.com

We look forward to giving **YOU** this **UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY!!**



## Oak Grove Lions 12<sup>th</sup> Annual French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, April 23, 2017

8 :30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Senior Center  
19900 Nightingale St. N.W.

Ticket prices –

Family \$21\*

Adults \$7\*

Children (12 & under) \$5\*

\*Save \$1 – buy in advance

Proceeds from ticket sales  
help area youth groups

The Oak Grove Seniors will  
be hosting a bake sale  
during this event





## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

Tuesday, April 25, from 6-7:30 p.m., the Lions, Lioness and Leos of Zone 5 AND Zone 6 will come together at Feed My Starving Children, 401-93rd Avenue NW in Coon Rapids to pack food!!

We are also asking all the participating Clubs to donate \$\$ to help pay for the cost of the meals that we pack. Feed My Starving Children is a 501c3. At our last joint Food Packing Event May 5, 2016, donations amounted to \$5,063 which was about \$100 more than the actual cost of the food! Thank You again SO much for your wonderful donations of time and money!!

Appoint 1 Chairman from each Club to do fundraising for the event and to get the names of the volunteers to me so that they can be entered into the volunteer list for that evening.


We are hoping to have GREAT participation for this HUNGER event which would qualify as 1 of the 4 parts of the Centennial Service Challenge. That Challenge also includes Youth, Vision and Environment.

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie

Coon Rapids Lions Club

bmguthrie9@q.com

763-786-8072



### 5M-7 Lioness Group Meeting

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017**  
6:00 Social  
6:30 Dinner (\$10)

**Speaker Lion Lyle Goff**  
**Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation**

River Oaks of Anoka  
910 Western St.  
Anoka, MN 55303

Please RSVP by April 20, 2017  
Diane Henning  
763.427.4076  
henning.diane@gmail.com

Photo: May-Blooming Minnesota Native Pasque Flower

## Important Reminders

- Chartering at least one club is the key to earning your Gold District Governor Membership Award.
- Invite your clubs to join the Worldwide Week of Service to Protect our Planet April 17-23 by planning a project to protect the environment in their community.
- The Centennial Commemorative Coin is on sale now! Buy your own and show it on club visits to encourage Lions to own their piece of Lions history.





Join us at the  
**"LIONS OF THE NORTH"**  
 98TH MD5M Convention  
 April 21,22,23, 2017  
 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN  
 Hosted by District 5M-10



## REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROV/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROV/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Please specify any dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

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MEAL	AT 2016 MD5M CONVENTION	BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017	ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2017	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: \$100	USD: \$110	USD: \$125		
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$25		
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
SATURDAY BANQUET	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$45	USD: \$45		
SUNDAY BRUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I AM COMING TO THE CONVENTION BUT NOT STAYING FOR ANY OF THE MEALS. USD: \$0.00				<b>TOTALS:</b>	

**"Zero-K Walk for Diabetes"** USD: \$20.00 per Person. Includes a free T-shirt.

T-Shirt Size/Quantity: (S) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_\_ (XL) \_\_\_\_\_ (XXL) \_\_\_\_\_ (XXXL) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **MD5M 2017 CONVENTION**

Mail payment & registrations to:

**BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB**

P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619

Convention Information Email:

Lion Wayne Tieman: [tieman13@yahoo.com](mailto:tieman13@yahoo.com)

Lion Mel Milender: [melmile@msn.com](mailto:melmile@msn.com)

**GRAND TOTAL**

**SUBMITTED:**

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2017. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

**SEE SEPARATE FORM FOR AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND RATES**



# Bemidji 2017

March 2017

"We Serve"

[www.e-district.org/sites/5M7](http://www.e-district.org/sites/5M7)

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## To See and Do!

### Tours



**Air Corps Aviation**  
~Specializing in the restoration, maintenance, and rebuilding of vintage WWII aircraft. Passion, dedication and award-winning detail.  
[www.aircorpsaviation.com](http://www.aircorpsaviation.com)



**Bemidji Woollen Mills**  
~Historic, Fashionable and Family owned and operated. Local fiber to final product.  
[www.bemidjiwoolenmills.com](http://www.bemidjiwoolenmills.com)

**Lakeland Public Television** ~  
Educate, entertain, enrich and enlighten. Local and national programming. A true gem of the North. Empower citizens and connecting the diverse communities across the region. Reaching an estimated 7,500 sq miles.  
[www.lptv.org](http://www.lptv.org)



### Other Opportunities:

**Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zb8>

Many other attractions: [www.visitbemidji.com](http://www.visitbemidji.com)

## Hotel Accommodations

**Country Inn and Suites (Convention Headquarters)**  
218-441-4800  
110 rooms on hold  
Attached to Sanford Center

### Additional

#### Accommodations:

**AmericInn** 218-751-3000  
**Best Western** 218-751-0390  
**Double Tree by Hilton**

218-441-4400  
*Shuttle to Sanford Center*

**Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton**

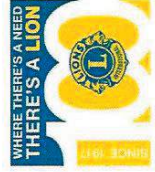
218-751-3600  
*Shuttle to Sanford Center*

**Holiday Inn Express**

218-751-2487

**Quality Inn** 218-444-7700

**Super 8** 218-751-8481





CONVENTION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM  
**LIONS CLUBS 100TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
 Chicago, Illinois USA • Friday, June 30 – Tuesday, July 4, 2017



**DEADLINES MAY 1, 2017:**

• Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. (Registrations after this date will be processed in Chicago). • Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

**REGISTRANT INFORMATION:** Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name/ Family (Last) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge/Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Leo ☐ Lioness ☐ Omega Leo Club No. \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge/Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Leo ☐ Lioness ☐ Omega Leo Club No. \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Alpha Leo

**PACKAGE A:**

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

☐ Before January 13, 2017 ☐ Reservation in delegation hotel  
☐ After January 13, 2017 ☐ I prefer my delegation hotel ☐ Prefer another hotel

Hotel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Day/Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Day/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests in Room \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Beds Needed ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Special Requirements: ☐ Non-smoking ☐ Wheelchair Accessible ☐ Other

The Hotel deposit is US\$200 per room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.

**PACKAGE B:**

☐ NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above.)

**OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS**

I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT: MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
July 3/ 13:30-15:00	US \$75	_____	\$_____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
July 3/ 20:00-22:00	US \$125	_____	\$_____

**CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE PROJECTS IN CHICAGO**

☐ I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Chicago Centennial Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

**PAYMENT:** Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES:	Adult	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo	Omega Leo	PACKAGE A:	PACKAGE B:
EARLY (Before January 13, 2017)	US\$130	US\$10	US\$60	Registrations: US\$ _____	Registrations: US\$ _____
REGULAR (January 14 through March 31, 2017)	US\$180	US\$10	US\$60	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
LATE (April 1, 2017 – onsite)	US\$200	US\$10	US\$60	Hotel Deposit: US\$ <u>200.00</u>	
				Total Due: US\$ _____	Total Due: US\$ _____

☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Wire transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Discover ☐ Discover

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expires Month/Year \_\_\_\_\_ Security code (3 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

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Cardholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail:** Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA • **Fax:** +1 630.571.1689 • **E-mail:** registration@lionsclubs.org

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.