

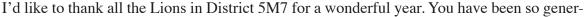
5M7 GRAM





May 2017

Lion Kathy and I just returned from Bemidji and the MD5M Multiple Convention. It was so good to see Lion friends that we don't see often. Bemidji is a beautiful place to have a convention, with the lake just outside our door, eagles flying everywhere. The seminars were very good, with the evening entertainment the best. The Council of Governors and the Multiple District have endorsed PID Lion Brian Sheehan to proceed with his quest toward International President. We wish him the best of luck; he will make us proud.



ous, friendly and welcoming to Lion Kathy and I. It makes my heart warm, with 52 clubs in the District and all Governor visits either done or scheduled.

The District also received two awards at the Council of Governors on Friday morning from PCC Dave Dominick, our Multiple District Membership Chairman. One is the great job award for no clubs dropped for 2016-2017, the other is plus in membership achievement award. These awards are because of you. You are the reason our district received them. Thanks to all the clubs and all the Lions in District 5M7.

Thank you to all the Lions, Lioness and Leos for a very wonderful year.

Thank you for all you do, DG Lion Steve





PIP Lion Wayne Madden, Lion Linda, Lion Kathy and DG Lion Steve at the MD5M Convention in Bemidji.



Congrats to District 5M7 for receiving these two awards for Membership, pictured with my "New Badge" Past District Governor Steve.



Lions, Lioness, and Leos, I will be quick, just a few topics

Spring School will be on two Thursdays: May 18 at Buffalo Community Middle School and May 25 at the Centennial High School West building in Blaine. Classes will start at 6:30 p.m. and should last 90 minutes. PLEASE, can we have all the officers that will be taking office in June, and anyone interested in learning more about these leadership roles, attend? Besides the standard president, secretary, and treasurer training, we will have someone offering training on tail-twisting.

Currently, only 21 clubs have reported their new officers for next year to Lions Clubs International. Again we need to have all the clubs do the reports before May 1. I will start calling clubs before June 1 that haven't completed the report. Please, if you need help,

call me and we will find a way to file your new officers for next year.

We just attended the Lions Multiple convention in Bemidji. It was a little drive. I wish more Lions from our District could have attended. We had a good time. We had excellent speakers and wonderful learning sessions. We learned again that a new date for the celebration of Lions Centennial Year is currently back in October at the Mall of America. More information will be provided later: stay tuned. We have Past International Director Brian Sheehan looking to run for Lions International Vice President. We haven't had an International president from Minnesota since the 1920s. It's time.

For those Clubs and Lions that have given to LCIF, Lions Clubs International Foundation, which was started in 1968, more than \$1 BILLION has been given to those in need. It feels really wonderful to be part of a great organization.

Please keep up the good work all of you are doing for your communities, clubs, and all those in need world-wide!

Yours, Lion Dan

Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

It's been a busy month and my year as your 2nd Vice District Governor is rapidly nearing its end. I've had so much fun at all the governor's nights I've been to and would like to thank everyone for the invitations to come out to your clubs to visit.

It's my last day at my current job, and as soon as I get out of my exit interview, I'm off for the Multiple Convention up in Bemidji. I'm really looking forward to it and to see some people that I see so seldom. I hope I see a big turnout of 5M7 up there.

I know all the clubs are having their elections as I write. Please remember to get your PU101's updated on the MyLCI site. If you have any problems, please give me a call or an email, and I will help you get these updated. The sooner we get them updated, the sooner we can get the Multiple Directory done.



Please keep in mind the De-Feet Walk for Hearing on June 3. I hope to see everyone out there.

Thanks much, Lion Al Kvistero 1st VDGE

DGE Steve's calendar:

May

2 18	5M7 Lioness Group Meeting Forest Lake Lions Governor's Visit	
23	Ham Lake Lions Governor's Visit	
	June	
3	De-Feet Walk for Hearing	
7	Governor's End of Year Party	
13	Governor's Cup, Whispering Pines Golf Course	
15	Blaine Central Lions Inducting New Members	

Change coming to the 5M7 Gram

I want to give everyone a heads up that the June 5M7 Gram will be my last. I've enjoyed being the editor and getting to know many of you. My replacement has been named, and I will share his information in the next Gram. For the June 5M7 Gram, please continue to send all your submissions to me. Thanks!

Gram Editor Lion Gabe Licht glicht@heraldjournal.com

Upcoming events

May

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

June

- 3 De-Feet Walk for Hearing, 9:30 a.m. at Landscape Arboretum, Chaska
- 7 Governor's End of Year Party, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner at Kraus Hartig VFW
- 8-11 Hugo Good Neighbor Days, Lions Park in Hugo
- 10 Albertville Lions 4th Annual Car Show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lachman Ave. NE and 57th St. NE
- Governor's Cup 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament, 10 a.m. at Whispering Pines
- Howard Lake Lions Breakfast at the Lake, 6 a.m.

July

21 Golf Outing Fundraiser for PID Brian Sheehan's Campaign, 9 a.m. Registration, 10 a.m. Shotgun Start at Kimball Golf Course

Contest Guidelines:

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the 100th 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 May 2017

Centennial Public Relations Contest

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

District	Club	Date of Event
Event		
Place an X ove	er the area your event	qualifies:
	Protecting our ENVIRONMENT Serving 25 Million People	Relieving the HUNGER Serving 25 Million People Serving 25 Million People Serving 25 Million People
If your event d	loes not fit one of the al	pove areas, where would you classify it?
Number of Clu	ub Members	Number of Members who participated
Approximate r	number in attendance/n	umber affected by this Event:
Explanation of	Event:	
What benefit d	lid this project have to	our community?
How did this e	vent publicize Lions an	d our 100 th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?
** Attach only	y 1 picture page	
Contact perso	n for this event:	WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION
Phone Number	er:	Email:
Does your clul	b have a Lions sign in y	our town?Yes No
Have you refre	eshed your Lions sign-	a new one or a new decal for our 100 th ?Yes No

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



Lions Children's Eye Clinic

The Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic is the leading clinic in the upper Midwest for the treatment of children's eye problems. Dedicated pediatric ophthalmologists from the University of Minnesota's Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Service treat more than 8,000 patients each year, assisting children as young as a few days old. It was thanks to a generous donation from the Lions that the Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic opened in 1968. Over the years, Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF) has funded extensive clinic remodeling and regularly donates money for needed equipment.

In 2010, the **MLVF** gave \$3 million to establish the *Fund to Prevent Blindness in Infants and Children*. Fund contributions helped build out and equip a beautiful new clinic next to the University of Minnesota's Masonic Children's Hospital, ushering in a new era in pediatric eye care. Not every childhood eye disease is curable or even treatable, so the **MLVF** actively supports pediatric eye research as well. Research is vital to continuing advancements in children's eye care and giving every child a lifetime of sight.

Governor's Cup Golf Tournament

Don't forget about the *Multiple District Lions, Lioness and Leos Golf Tournament* taking place at **Whispering Pines Golf Course** in Annandale on **Tuesday, June 13**th. The proceeds from this event will be split between the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation**, the **Lions Multiple District 5M Hearing Foundation** and the **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation**. The event will include a golf tournament and a dinner, with a silent auction. Please consider donating prizes towards the silent auction, the purchase of sponsorships, signing up a foursome to compete for the traveling trophy or, if you are unable to play in the tournament, come join everyone for the dinner. All three of the Foundations would appreciate your support of this fundraiser.

Amazon Smile

If you're making purchases on **Amazon** or **Amazon Prime**, you now have a great way to make a contribution to the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** when using these on-line services. Just log into your Amazon account and enter *Amazon Smile* into the search bar. From there, you will be given the opportunity to register your charity of choice. Just type in *Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation* and you'll be able to link the Foundation to your Amazon account. Now every time you make a purchase through Amazon, the MLVF will receive a contribution equaling 0.5% of your purchase. This passive fundraising can add up over time, so sign yourself up and have your family and friends do the same. The more this service is used, the greater the number of donations will be. It's a perfect way for you to give a little bit extra while you're making your gift purchases or buying your everyday needs.

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 – May, 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 Remington "Remy" Christoph. Remy now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind since thanks to Autism Assist Dog Candy. Read their story below.

REMINGTON CHRISTOPH & AUTISM ASSIST DOG CANDY



Chocolate is often associated with candy, right? Well in this case, Candy is a type of chocolate that isn't edible. Candy is a lovable, outgoing, energetic two-yearold chocolate Labrador Retriever that has been paired with Remington (Remy) Christoph and his family from Victoria, Minn. Remy is a loveable, energetic seven-year-old who has autism. At an early age mom, dad and other family members noticed Remy's language skills were not developing as well as they should have and his lack of eye contact was concerning. His diagnosis sent his mom searching for a way to not only help Remy but their family as well!

An acquaintance of the Christoph's recommended Can Do Canines and suggested that they do some research to find out if a service dog would be helpful. After a

three-year wait, almost to the day, the Christoph's met Candy!

As luck would have it, Candy is a perfect match for Remy! Both are high energy, love to be outside and chase after balls. Candy does not currently attend school with Remy but she does wait for him when he comes home. "Remy looks forward to coming home after school to see and take care of Candy," said his mom Nicole. "It's important for Remy to have household responsibilities just like his sister," she said. Remy is able to give Candy commands such as sit, wait, and go, so that she may eat. This simple activity enables Remy to use and develop his fine motor skills, improves his vocabulary and contributes to his sense of accomplishment.

Candy provides much more for the Christoph family than meets the eye. Candy has given them back their freedom. A trip to get milk at the store may seem like a simple task but a child with autism can become overwhelmed by stimulations and often times a meltdown results. With Candy tethered to Remy, she is able to keep him close to mom and dad and also provide a way to comfort him if he comes agitated when errands take just a little too long. They continue to find ways to be more active and look for activities they can do as a family with Candy.

Not only does Candy provide safety for Remy but she also helps refocus his energy. Twice a day, or more often if possible, Candy and Remy spend time throwing and chasing a ball. A little boy, a ball and a dog – a classic image of Americana! The experience Nicole says, "Has been amazing!" She has nothing but praise for the Puppy Raisers and those that cared for and trained Candy in the Prison Program. Waiting for three years to receive Candy was often challenging but the rewards are paying off daily now.

As Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons hit song, "Candy Girl" goes, "...been a-searching all this big wide world; Now I've finally found my candy girl...with huggin' and kissin' and lovin', she's mine, mine, mine!" The Christoph family and Remy have their very own Candy girl to hug, kiss and love for a very long time!



"Service through Leadership"

District 5M7

Please Plan to Attend

For Your Club



Spring Training For Officers Elect



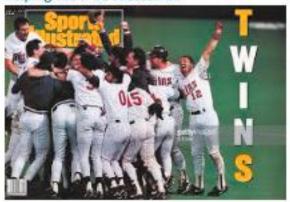
Did you ever wonder why professional baseball players need to take part in spring training? After all aren't they at the top of the game? What do they accomplish in training camp?

In short the answer to all of these questions is that they recognize the need to be prepared for the upcoming season. The preparation they accomplish in spring training has a great deal to do with the results they will achieve during the actual season. By the end of spring training the team has been selected, the players know what is expected of them, such as who will be a starting pitcher versus a relief pitcher, skills have been fine-tuned, and goals have been set. Only then does the season start.

While spring training for baseball teams lasts basically six weeks I would suggest that as Lion Officer-elects, our spring training runs from March 1 until June 31st. This is true if you are a Club President elect, a District Governor elect, or any other elected position that will start July 1, 2017.

It amazes me how many times I have heard: "I have been (fill in the position) before so I don't need to do much to be ready for my year". As many times as I have heard that from Lions I have never heard professional players, or countless other ballplayers say they really don't need to go to spring training! They realize that if you are going to be successful you have to put time in

before the season starts. The time that Lions leaders, at any level, invest in getting ready before the season starts will pay off in the long run by helping them be successful.



(This is a very old picture)

Training will be at two locations

- **Buffalo Junior High School on May 18th
- **Centennial High School West Building in Blaine is May 25ⁿ

The time will be 6:30-8:30 for both, The Leadership training will be covering topics for the zone chairs, presidents and all upcoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs/committees. And as in the past all interested lions are welcome to attend these and all classes.

Used eyeglasses, hearing olds, and printer cartridges will be collected at this and all Lions Club event





Multiple District 5M Centennial Celebration

Lion Roger Johnson, 5M7 District Coordinator, Centennial Steering Committee

Here's the latest news about our Mall Event

It is with regret that the June 3, 2017 Multiple District 5M Centennial Celebration will not be happening on that date. I know; we've been raving about this impending 100th Anniversary of LCI for nearly two years! But The Mall of America (MOA) did not approve our event for June 3rd as we had initially proposed to them, much to our chagrin.

However, the Centennial Steering Committee is trying to secure another date in October with the MOA. The date that is being looked at right now is Saturday, October 7th. The additional four months may be just what the doctor ordered for us to have an even more spectacular event than we had initially conceived. The MOA wants us to have a big, big, big celebration, which means that we need to bring in a big name singer and/or band, plus a well-known speaker. They want us to have such an incredible celebration that not only will you and your Club wish to come and see the events, but that average citizens from all over the State of Minnesota and even our bordering states will want to come as well.

We are therefore now working with a Metro area Public Relations firm. This means that we will need to find sponsors in order to be able to meet the Mall's larger expectations. It also means that we will need to raise a larger amount of money than we currently have in our account that we received from LCI to put on this bigger event. I am reaching out to you as Lions to ask for your help. If you know of anyone connected with a company that we can contact for a potential sponsorship, please let me know immediately at (763)-755-4664 or email me at rogyicki@msn.com.

Also, if you have any connections to a singer/band or celebrity speaker that you believe would be a real "draw" for this bigger event, I would be interested in hearing from you.

Contact information for the Multiple District 5M Centennial Chair is PDG Jack Hines, of the Rogers Lions Club. His phone is (763)-428-2434 and email address is jack@dsimn.com. You are welcome to contact him directly with any good ideas to help make this a successful event.

I will continue to post monthly messages in The 5M7 Gram to keep you updated about the plans for our MOA Event, likely now to be rescheduled for October 7th this year.

How Do Your Road Signs Look? It's Time to Check Your Signs-Do It Today

It's time to assign just one member of your Lions Club the job of checking the Lion signs in your town or city. In some cases we've put this off long enough. Lions are celebrating 100 years of service to our communities – so if it's time to upgrade, get that facelift, let's do it and make your club look new and fresh.

It's so easy to make the sign look good, LCI.org club supplies, has new signs and replacement decals that can go right over the old sign. So let's get this going and replace those old tired signs for the next Century of Lions.





The Anoka Lions presented books to children at a local Head Start Program. The book "Thank You Bugs" written by Dawn Pape was perfect for these young kids to help them explore the outdoors. They would read the book, learn about the importance of bugs and their role in pollination, so we can eat fruits and vegetables. The excitement of the students receiving this gift with the Lions logo on the inside cover was a terrific project.

Spring Lake Park Leos



The Spring Lake Park Leos arrived at the Ronald Mc-Donald house, on a March Tuesday evening and went to work to prepare birthday party activities for the child patients and their families. This volunteering task was to provide a fun birthday party for kids that have cancer staying at the Ronald McDonald House while receiving treatments at the UM Hospital.

This event had a Super Hero birthday theme and all participants created their own Super Hero mask. Other activities included: Face painting, a bean bag toss, prize wheel and a Super Hero craft. Nine Leos planned, coordinated and led these birthday activities that were enjoyed by the patients and their siblings. Over 30 people were in attendance.

Leo Stacey Perez commented: "I liked that we got to

help out kids and let them have fun during this hard time and to help those that can't celebrate a birthday. We played games and did fun activities for them that I believe they really enjoyed. We did as much as we could to help out."

The Leos also treated everyone to birthday cupcakes. This event was an awesome experience and one the Leos plan to do again.

Feed My Starving Children

On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 9 Lions Clubs (Andover, Anoka, Blaine Central, Columbia Heights, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Ham Lake, Ramsey and Spring Lake Park) from Zones 5 & 6 plus some family members came together at the Coon Rapids location of Feed My Starving Children. There were approximately 95 volunteers that evening who packed 83 boxes, which is 17,928 meals! 49 kids will be fed for a year! The food is being sent to Belize. Total cost for this food was \$3,944.16.

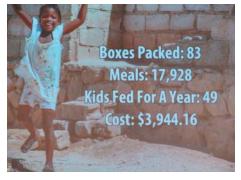
Total donations that came in from the Lions totaled \$4,514 AND there is still more money coming in. THANK YOU LIONS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

Feed My Starving Children is always in need of volunteers and \$\$. You can go on their website:

www.fmsc.org and sign up to volunteer anytime. We plan on organizing another packing event next spring with the Lions from Zones 5 & 6. Your Lions Club can actually volunteer anytime - you do not have to wait until next spring!

One picture shows some the volunteers working hard and having fun! Another picture shows Lions from Anoka and Coon Rapids putting labels on the food bags!!

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie Coon Rapids Lions Club





Big Lake Lions and Lioness









The Big Lake Lions hosted their annual fish fry Saturday, April 22. Local royalty helped serve the meal and the Big Lake Lioness sold pies for dessert.



0K Fun Run Walk

DG Steve Linder participated in the 0K Fun Run Walk at the 2017 MD5M Convention in Bemidji and called it "the greatest walk ever."



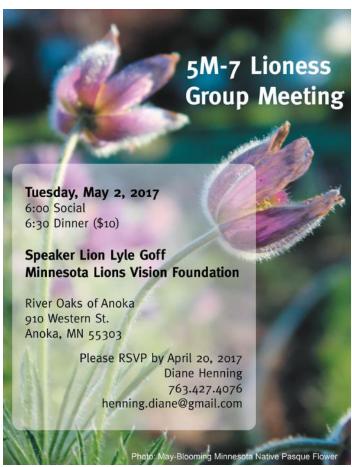
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Environmental Photo Contest



DG Lion Steve presenting Lion Marcia Guthrie from the Coon Rapids Lions Club a plague for taking first place in the MD5M Environmental Photo Contest. Her photo will go onto the International Convention.





The 2016-2017 Governor's End of Year Party

Where: Kraus Hartig VFW

8100 Pleasant View Drive NE

Spring Lake Park, MN

 $\textbf{When:} \quad \text{June 7}^{\text{th}} \, \text{Social 6pm - Dinner 7pm}$

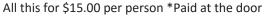
Menu: House Salad with Dressings

Broasted Chicken
Roast Loin of Pork

Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy

2 Vegetables Bread & Butter

Ice Cream for Dessert



RSVP to Lion Kathy - katlinder@usfamily.net or 763-572-9348 by JUNE 2nd!

Come celebrate Lions serving their communities and listen to the Governors 64 page speech he has and will never give ©!

Enjoy the evening of Fun and Fellowship with the Lions from the "Leader" District 5M7





CAR SHOW

Albertville Lions - 4th Annual Saturday, June 10th - 10 am to 2pm

Albertville MN - Lachman Ave NE & 57th Street NE (between Albertville Coborns and STMA Hocky Arena)



Cars, Trucks, All Makes & Models, All Years Bring what you've got and have fun!

FREE event for Spectators - Food available at event.

\$10 Car/Vehical registration fee day of show only (registration includes FREE event T-Shirt)

* Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place also a Peoples Choice Award *
For More information contact Dennis at 763-245-4695

Sponsors: Albertville Lions, Albertville Body Shop, Center Cut Meats,
Superior Brake & Auto Repair, Albertville Culver's, Kremer's Toy & Hobby,
Ceilo Cleaning & Car Wash, Industrial Custom Products and Willy McCoys



All Lions Golf Outing Fund Raiser for PID Brian's Campaign
All proceeds to PID Brian Sheehan's Campaign Fund

When: July 21, 2017 ●9 a.m. registration – 10 a.m. shotgun start

Where: Kimball Golf Course ●11823 Co Rd 150, Kimball MN 55353

Who: Participants are Lions & Spouses of Lions only

- 4 person teams limited to 36 teams
- Individuals golfers are welcome at \$60.00 ea.

Cost: \$ 240.00 per team

Entry fee may be paid on day of event, but must preregister

Contact: PDG Duane Finger for preregistration at fingerelec@meltel.net

or cell phone: 320-980-6219

- Make checks payable to Watkins Lions Club
- Registration includes Mulligans, Skins, Special events & Lunch

Sponsorship: Clubs or Individuals may sponsor a hole for \$50.00 ea.

(Sponsorship for hole needs to be sent to PDG Duane by June 26, 2017 at $\,$

11764 120th St, Kimball, MN 55353)

Non-Golfers: Welcome to join in the fun for \$10.00 ea. Includes Lunch & hayride