

5M7 GRAM





June 2017

This is my last article for the Gram as District Governor. I'd like to thank all the Lions, Lioness and Leos for make my year as District Governor one of the best years of our lives. In the last three years, Lion Kathy and I have traveled the world, to Hawaii to Japan where we were inducted as District Governor. We've traveled to nine of the 12 Districts, but I really



believe that we at 5M7 are still the Leader! We've visited all 52 clubs in the District and have had a wonderful time enjoying your company and listening to what your clubs are doing.

The 2016-2017 Governor's End of Year Party will be at Kraus Harding VFW in Spring Lake Park on June 7. We are having a full meal for \$15 with a cash bar. Please come and celebrate Lions serving their communities and listen to my 64-page speech that I will never give. All you need to do is RSVP by June 2 to katlinder@usfamily.net or call 763-572-9348.

Again THANK YOU for the last year and remember its all about you.

Thank you for all you do, DG Lion Steve



Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

I was just at a training seminar today at work and the speaker made this quote, "95 percent of everyone wants to be part of something GREAT." Isn't that what we are, as part of Lions International, — we must be the other 5 percent. We need to include the other 95 percent of those looking for something GREAT in life to join us. We need to remember that, when they do join us, we need to engage them in our club and all the events. To remember to greet them at each meeting and again thank them for joining the club. To remember to empower these new members to speak up about their new ideas and passions, and to respect their opinions. Let's give this a try and let many hands make light work.

With gaining membership for next year as my goal, I plan on awarding clubs who bring in the most new members with TWO traveling trophies. One will be for the club that, as a percentage of new members vs. current club membership and that club that brings in the most members. I plan on making these awards in October, the second time at the MidWinter Convention and again at the end of the year in June. My goal is to have membership of more than 2,000 before the end of my year as your DG

I plan in this next year to foster an environment of teamwork, allowing everyone to be able to work with each other to produce the best District in Lions International. I have most of my cabinet together and, as a team, we will give you the tools you need to make your Club and our District the best ever.

Lion Dan

Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Wow, where did the year go? I attended the Multiple convention and it was just a blast. It was a lot of fun meeting up with other Lions who you see so seldom. I hope that next year more of us can find the time to go up to Winnipeg and enjoy some of your northern neighbors' hospitality. It sounds like they have an exciting convention being planned.

The De-Feet Walk for Hearing is coming up soon and I hope to see lots of you out at the Arboretum for the day. The Governors Cup is also coming up soon, as well as the long-anticipated Centennial Convention in Chicago. I am really looking forward to it.

> Thanks much, Lion Al Kvistero 1st VDGE



Transition time for the 5M7 Gram

Change is coming to the 5M7 Gram. As I noted in the May Gram, this is the last edition I am compiling. I've enjoyed being the editor and getting to know many of you. I believe the Gram will be in good hands going forward, as another newspaper editor is taking over. His name is Jason DeMoe from the Forest Lake Lions. His email is jvdemoe@gmail.com. For the July 5M7 Gram, please send all your submissions to Jason by June 20. Also, please make sure your club's contact information is updated on MyLCI and/or reach out to Jason with contact information for any new secretaries or presidents at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

Gram Editor Lion Gabe Licht glicht@heraldjournal.com

Can Do Canines' Lions Newsletter Submission – June, 2017

Can Do Canines is excited to announce the Candid Canines Film Fest is now open and ready to take your awesome dog video submissions! Send us your videos here: www.candidcaninesfilmfest.com

The Candid Canines Film Fest is a 2017 Minneapolis Aquatennial Associated event!

Save the date:

Thursday, July 20, 2017, from 4 p.m.-9 p.m.



Join us for our FREE, family-friendly celebration of dogs at Target Field Station! (Yes, you can bring your pups to the event!)

We look forward to seeing your videos!

Thank you so much!

Upcoming events DGE Steve's 3 De-Feet Walk for Hearing, 9:30 a.m. at Landscape Arboretum, Chaska calendar: 7 Governor's End of Year Party, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner at Kraus Hartig VFW De-Feet 8-11 3 Hugo Good Neighbor Days, Lions Park in Hugo Albertville Lions 4th Annual Car Show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lachman Ave. NE and 57th Walk for Hearing 10 Governor's St. NE End of Year Party 13 Governor's Cup 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament, 10 a.m. at Whispering Pines Governor's 24 Howard Lake Lions Breakfast at the Lake, 6 a.m. 13 Cup, Whispering **July** Pines Golf Course Annandale 4th of July 4 Blaine Cen-4 Delano 4th of July parade tral Lions Inducting 21 Golf Outing Fundraiser for PID Brian Sheehan's Campaign, 9 a.m. Registration, 10 **New Members** a.m. Shotgun Start at Kimball Golf Course

Rush City Leos

District 5M7 would like to welcome the newest Leos Club, the Rush City Leos.



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 Jason DeMoe jvdemoe@gmail.com

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, Lioness and Leos of District 5M7:

Thank you all for the hard work you've done this past year on your vision-related Club projects. Your support has been invaluable in the fight against vision impairment and the promotion of proper eye care. PDG Paul and Lion Lyle encourage you to keep up your efforts in the coming year with your used eyeglass collecting, supporting vision screenings for youth, providing free eye care for those in need and any other projects you happen to do concerning sight.

For those clubs in 5M7 that have charitable gaming operations, the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** (**MLVF**) has an opportunity for you to make an impact at the end of your fiscal year. The end of June means it is time to clear your books for this fiscal year and prepare for a fresh start on July 1st. The **MLVF** would like to appeal to you by asking for a contribution towards any of our worthwhile projects. Your end-of-year donation can help the MN Lions' efforts in sight preservation. Please feel free to contact either PDG Paul or Lion Lyle for assistance in making a contribution prior to June 30th.

Please make sure to celebrate **Helen Keller's Birthday** on **June 27**th by promoting the Lions' cause of being 'knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.' Our fight to prevent blindness and promote good eyesight has been the major project of Lions since 1925! Mark this special day by performing a vision service project or by making a donation towards the **MLVF** in honor of Helen Keller's birthday. Share your birthday celebration efforts with PDG Paul and Lion Lyle so we can promote your efforts with other Lions and communities.

The *Multiple District Lions, Lioness and Leos Golf Tournament* will take place at **Whispering Pines Golf Course** in Annandale on **Tuesday, June 13th**. 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 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 of the foundations would appreciate your support of this fundraiser.

Don't forget to invite PDG Paul and/or Lion Lyle to speak at your Club or Zone meetings, dinners and functions. They would be happy to share the news about the latest advances made at the *University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences* towards treating macular degeneration, childhood blindness and other vision afflictions, as well as the latest advances taking place at the *Minnesota Lions Eye Bank*. When your Club or Zone works on their plans for this next year, please include PDG Paul, Lion Lyle and the **MLVF** into your schedule.

Thank you all for continuing to be Knights of the Blind!

Yours in Lionism,

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Medical School Driven to Discover™

PROJECT VISION:

The Minnesota Lions and the University of Minnesota have developed a unique partnership that spans six decades. Collectively, the Lions have raised \$25,000,000 to advance research in vision, hearing, and diabetes at the University of Minnesota. We, as the Lions of Minnesota, and the Knights of the Blind, are uniquely poised to generate a fundamental shift in the field of ophthalmology and visual neuroscience. The construction of the Lions Eye Institute at the University of Minnesota will create the optimal environment for clinical care, cutting-edge research, and training.

For the first time in the University of Minnesota's history, **Lions Eye Institute** will provide a single, centralized site that conducts groundbreaking vision research, translates discoveries to patients, and trains the next generation of ophthalmologists and physician-scientists. Centralizing the research faculty with the clinicians and eye surgeons in the stand-alone Lions Eye Institute will concentrate the University's intellectual energies and supercharge the pace of discovery of treatments and cures for blinding eye diseases of all kinds.

Only the Minnesota Lions are capable of making this happen. The *Lions Eye Institute @ the U of M* will be the first major building project on campus to be done entirely with private funds, no tax-payer dollars will be used.

PROPOSED INSTITUTE:

ADULT EYE CLINIC

Separate clinic areas for specialty care will include cornea, glaucoma, retina, oculoplastics and general ophthalmology. Patient care areas will be closely integrated with the clinical research and diagnostic center to support research studies.

ADVANCED OCULAR IMAGING FACILITY

Our researchers will pair state-of-the-art instrumentation with unique imaging approaches to study ocular disease processes.

CLINICAL TRIAL CLINIC

A new center for children's eye care will provide a subspecialty referral center for pediatric eye care and provide capacity for clinical research on pediatric eye diseases.

EDUCATION SPACE

This space will be used for didactics, lectures, grand rounds and other activites involving our residents and fellows.

EYE SURGERY SUITES

These outpatient surgical suites will allow for both routine and complex procedures.

LOW-VISION CLINIC

In addition to a designated clinic for low-vision patients, new spaces will be designed to accommodate low-vision patients through improved lighting, reduced visual confusion, and improved safety features.

OCULAR BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING LAB

This lab would be the home base for experimental vision research projects.

OFFICE SPACE

All of the University's ophthalmology researchers and faculty will be just steps from one another for easier collaboration.

VISUAL NEUROSCIENCES LABORATORIES

These laboratories will be dedicated to the increasingly important field of neuroscience research related to the visual system, including molecular, cellular, and systems-level processes.

Official Launch for Lions Eye Institute fundraising campaign will be in the fall of 2017!

Individual Fundraising Campaign: 1+1=1+1

\$1 per MN Lion per week (\$50 per year x 20K Lions = \$1 Million) for twenty (20) years equals one (1) Lions Eye Institute @ the U of M and each participating Lion for the duration of the fundraising campaign receives one (1) Helen Keller Sight Award!

Anyone interested in making a contribution towards this world-class educational, research & treatment facility can send their donations to:

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation ATTN: Treasurer 1000 Westgate Drive, Suite 260 Saint Paul, MN 55114

Please mark 'Lions Eye Institute' in the memo portion of your check.

"Our goal is to create a space for life-changing research and care that brings together our talent and expertise as a world-class (Lions) Eye Institute." - Erik van Kuijk, Professor and Chair, U of MM Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences



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 3^{et} 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 7^{th} . 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 7^{th} this year.

The 2016-2017 Governor's End of Year Party

Where: Kraus Hartig VFW

8100 Pleasant View Drive NE

Spring Lake Park, MN

When: June 7th 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



All this for \$15.00 per person *Paid at the door

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

Join us June 3, 2017 for the Sixth Annual D-Feet Hearing Loss Fundraiser Walk



With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- . Entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- Event t-shirt
- Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- Featuring the Teddy Bear Band
- · Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- Fun for families of all ages
- A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!!



Visit us for more info at: www.5mhf.org



Under get

in free!

Dance to the Teddy Bear Band while having fun with Goldy!!!





CAR SHO

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 McCovs



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

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

Who: Participants are Lions & Spouses of Lions only

· 4 - person teams - limited to 36 teams

• Individuals golfers are welcome at \$60.00 ea.

\$ 240.00 per team Cost:

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





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 Chi	irago). • 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.			
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☐ Leo ☐ Lioness ☐ Ornega Leo Club No.	Membership No. District Title		
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ENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE PROJECTS IN CHICAGO I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Chicago Centennial Co	onvention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming	months.	
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