

## A Note From District Governor Dan Kaiser



#### Lions, Lioness, & Leos

A new position has been created for our Lions District and we are asked to have this position in each club. The position is Global Service Team (GST) coordinator. This new member will be working with both the Global Leadership Team (GLT) and the Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinators to create a Global Action Team. This team will make sure that all Lions members will be aware of LCI and LCIF service programs, partnerships, and grants; and help increase service projects and diabetes projects yearly; serve as a resource for service project implementation; and encourage the promotion of service projects that will attract all ages and also

include the leadership development of Leos.

I want to encourage each one of us to invite at least one guest this year to a meeting, fundraiser, or volunteer event. We are all responsible for the Lions membership. Sometimes we think it is up to the president or to the membership team. It is not. It is up to all of us. Simply invite at least one person and give them the gift of serving others. Think about how important this has become to you. What if somebody wouldn't have asked you? We owe it to those we care about as well as those we want to help.

I want to thank all the clubs that are reporting their service activities on the LCI website. If you need help in reporting your activities, please let your zone chairs know. If they can't help, let me know and I'll get you some help.

Finally I would like to remind the club treasurers know that Lions Club International has mailed out the club's International dues and we will be mailing out the dues for the District.

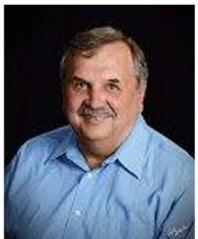
Again I want to thank all the clubs and especially all the dedicated Lions that are making their communities and the world a better place to live.

Lion Dan DG

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## An update from Second Vice District Governor Jim Kugler



This whole thing of being the Second Vice District Governor did not hit me until I received a phone call from the Governor. He asked me if I had written an article to the district newsletter. My response was NO. Well, I guess, as part of being in this position, I have to write an article for the next three years. As I sit down to do my first article, I have no idea where the article will go nor the topic. I'll just sit down and the article will come to me.

I've been a lion for a number of years. I joined the lions because I was asked. I joined the lions to be part of the largest service organization in the world. Sounded like fun and I could be a part of an organization doing things in Spring Lake Park. It took years for me to get somewhat of an

understanding of what LCI was all about. I still not sure of all of the aspects of this organization, but I guess I'll learn.

I've lived a cloistered life as a lion. I know my club. I know there are lots of other clubs around me, in the state, in the nation, and in the world. I really do not know much about them, but I do know we all have more in common than not. It does not make any difference if you have a club of 15 or a club of 150. We all face the same challenges: serving our communities, struggling with keeping our membership alive and growing, working through problems in our own clubs, and more. As a Spring Lake Park Lion, my concentration is on working on helping my club be stronger. As I

talk with lions from other clubs, their concentration seems to be on making their clubs better and stronger. I'm not so sure they are too concerned about what's going on at any other level of the lion's organization. There may be more about that later, but for now, I'd like to introduce myself to the lions of district 5M7.

Years ago, I crated a personal mission statement: To seek a balance in my life with my family, personal development, growth and stability of my business involvement with the community, friends and God. I tried to stay true to that mission statement.

Years ago, I fell in love with my life partner, Jan. We've been married for 50 years. A few years she too became a lion. She has no idea of why anyone would want to be a district governor. Maybe after these next three years both she and I will understand of why I got into this position. This will be a journey we will both share.

If you were to ask someone in my club what I do for the club, they would probably say I'm the social director for the club. For the past 15 or so years, my club has trusted me to direct mystery trips all over the three-state area and Canada. I pick a date, a venue, establish the cost, then let the club know. No one, except Jan, knows where we are going and what we are going to see.

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It is truly a mystery.

We have not visited the same venue on any of our mystery trips. Each of these trips has its own unique story. In fact, another trip has been planned for February 2018.

I have three goals for this lion's year: learn what the heck this idea of being a district governor is all about, get to know the district (get to know as many members of district 5M7 as I can and get to know what each club is all about), and have some fun along the way.

I'm looking forward to the journey.

Lion Jim



**August 5:** The Big Lake Lions will host the Ron Nelson Memorial Golf Tournament featuring a 2 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and dinner. The event will be held at Whispering Pines Golf Course 8713 70th St. in Annandale.

**August 12:**The Oak Grove Lions Club will present Oak Grove Acorn Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring family fun for all. Scheduled events include live music by Blues Driver, Minnow Races sponsored by the Lake George Conservation Club, firefighting equipment and a Life Link helicopter on display as well as a fire simulator sponsored by the Oak Grove Fire Department, geocaching, a drove demo, and speciality vehicles on display and a K-9 officer demo from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. Donations wil be accepted for the North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf, Other events include kids games, a mayors tractor ride, a silent auction, a beverage garden, craft vendors, and two bouncy houses, For more information, cal Lion Cheryl at 763-753-4602 or email bluesage51@gmail.com

**August 13:** The Hugo Lions Community Golf Scramble will be held at Oneka Ridge Golf Course in Hugo with registration and putting contest at 7 a.m. and a shotgun contest at 8:30 a.m. There is an \$80 per person that includes field events, green fees, cart rental, tee gifts, dinner at the Hugo American Legion, and one drink ticket. After August 1, the price will be \$85. For more information contact Mike at 651-429-0070 or Denny at 651-336-2613.

**September 9:** The Albertville Lions Club will present the Cruisn' and Rockin' car show from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. featuring cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Pulled pork sandwiches, griled items, and a beverage tent will be available beginning at 3 p.m. The "World's Nuttiest DJ" will be spinning tunes at 3:30 p.m. and the Rockin' Hollywoods will take the stage at 8 p.m. For more information, email albertvillelions@gmail.com.

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#### The Macular Degeneration Center

The year 1998 was marked by a tremendous effort for the Vision Foundation and Minnesota Lions club members when they pledged to fight the leading cause of blindness in the developed world – macular degeneration. They gave \$2.5 Million to the University of Minnesota to

establish the Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (The MAC) and change the outlook for those who suffer from macular degeneration.

Macular degeneration is a disease of the retina that causes permanent loss to the central vision, and by age 75, nearly one-third of all Americans will experience some degree of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). For the



elderly, this loss of sight is especially tragic since many are already dealing with other physical limitations. With an ever-aging population, the cases of AMD will growth significantly over the course of the next several years.

The MAC gathers together the expertise of physicians, the work of researchers from many university departments, the hands-on knowledge of representatives from the medical technology industry, and the resources and energy of the Lions. This invaluable collaboration is the key to treating and curing macular degeneration. The MAC has three collaborative elements:

Retina Clinic – University of Minnesota ophthalmologists who specialize in vitreoretinal conditions are dedicated to examining and aggressively treating patients with macular degeneration.

Visual Rehabilitation Center – This state-of-the-art low-vision center uses advanced technology and education to help people remain independent in the home, school, workplace, and community. Visual rehabilitation specialists teach people with low vision to maximize the vision they still have.

Macular Degeneration Research – Laboratories dedicated to macular degeneration and retinal research are housed in the Lions Research Building. Scientists study many aspects of retinal disease, including the biology of aging. They collaborate with colleagues from other University departments, as well as from around the country. Research is critical to finding new medical options to treat and cure macular degeneration.

We Lions should be proud of the support we've given to these dedicated doctors and researchers at the U of M. Through our generous contributions, strides are being made to diagnose and treat AMD. The ultimate goal is to cure or prevent this debilitating disease from plaguing future generations. (continued on next page . . . )

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Hopefully, your children and grandchildren will live in a time when macular degeneration is nothing more than the name of an illness found in the history books.

#### **Club Visits**

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 with your group the latest news about the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences research and treatment program. They are especially excited to come talk to you about the proposed Lions Eye Institute to be built at the U of M and how you can help with those efforts. Keep up the good work, 5M-7! Don't forget to work on your Centennial Celebration Vision Project!

Yours in Lionism,

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Dan Kaiser of the Almelund Lions was recently installed as new Lions District Governor by International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal and his spouse Navita on July 4, before an overflow crowd at the McCormick Center in Chicago Illinois.



Kaiser's district encompasses fifty-two Lions Clubs in Minnesota which includes Chisago, part of Washington, Isanti, Anoka, Sherburne, and Wright counties. Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917 and is celebrating its centennial anniversary. As the world's largest service organization, it has over 1.4 million members worldwide. The membership of Gov. Dan's District is over 2,000 members, which consist of 52 Lions, six Lioness, and

seven Leos clubs operating in this district.

Governor Kaiser joined the Almelund Lions Club in 1989 and was sponsored by then club president Ken Sapp of Almelund.

He advanced through the ranks as Club President, Zone Chair, Region Chair, Lions District Leadership Chair, with other positions and now as District Governor. You can learn about Lions at www.e-district.org/sites/5m7/

Governor Kaiser's theme for the year is 'We Serve with Pride"

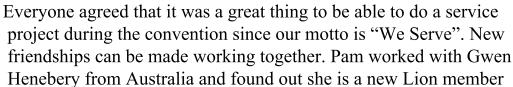
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## News from Past International Director Brian Sheehan's "Team Sheehan"

A great time was had by all who went to the LCI Convention in Chicago early in July. The excitement was high as Lions from around the world (30,000) celebrated 100 years of service in Lions Clubs International. Close to 200 Lions and guests from MD5M made their way by plane, train and car to Chicago to enjoy this event.

New to the convention experience this year was the opportunity to volunteer in Chicago through various service projects set up by LCI. A person could sign up to help with working in flower gardens, cleaning riversides, etc. PCC Bert Nelson and Pamela signed up to work at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. They helped package macaroni from bulk form to 3 lb manageable bags to be distributed at local food shelves. In 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours their group packaged over 6000 lbs of macaroni.



and working with the Leos in her city. Saturday was the Parade of Nations. This parade that lasts 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours is a wonder to

watch. Lions from around the world march down the street, many in native dress, celebrating together our camaraderie in Lions. There are smiles and handshakes all around despite the language barrier.

PCC Bert Nelson, as a snowman, posed for a picture with a little girl from Lebanon. ID



Bruce and Erin Beck, PID Mike Molenda, and PID Brian and Lori Sheehan gathered with visiting Leos for a snapshot. Our

snowman MOM (Minnesota, Ontario, Manitoba) followed our MD5M group in the parade. Lion Jim Aasness and PDG Bill Michl also dressed as snowmen during the parade.

The host committee treated the attendees at the convention to wonderful entertainment. The Beach Boys, Blues Brother Revue, Charlie Daniels Band, and the band Chicago rocked the

convention hall throughout the celebration. International President Bob Corlew guided us through theplenary sessions, reminding us of the great 100 year history of our organization and introducing us to our speakers, Vice President Al Gore, Former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and singer Patty LaBelle. (continued on next page . . .) "We Serve"

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Also in the convention hall, attendees had the opportunity to visit with the young lady Lakkana Meepara from Thailand whose poster was picked for the grand prize this year - "A Celebration of Peace".

The convention attendees also had a chance to sightsee in Chicago. Most of the afternoons are free to attend seminars or to sight see in the host city. MD5M's hotel was close to the river downtown so Lions could take in many of the attractions, a river boat cruise explaining the architecture of Chicago, a play at the Chinese Theatre, or a stroll down the Magnificent Mile or the Navy Pier.

Keep an eye on the LCI's website for information on the convention in Las Vegas.

Go to lionsclubs.org and click on LCICON in the upper right hand corner. Watch for registration to open later this year as early birds get the best deal.

It is a wonderful experience to attend a LCI Convention as you get to mingle with Lions from around the world, listen to charismatic speakers, and learn about Lions clubs in seminars, and visit the host

city. Make plans now to attend the LCI Convention in beautiful Las Vegas next year, June 29 to July 3





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# **The Lioness Corner**



**Big Lake Lioness Club** 14 members as of July 2017

#### DONATIONS

Flowers for nursing home residents with birthdays in June, July, and August Birthday bag contents for eight bags

#### SPONSORSHIPS

Birthday flowers to nursing home residents with birthdays in June, July, and August Children's birthday bags for clients with children utilizing the local food shelf

#### **EVENTS**

Lioness Appreciation Dinner July 27 Bloodmobile September 11 Noon to 6 p.m. at MOV Catholic Church



The Ramsey Lions sponsored a can-do-canine dog named Victor for a Ramsey resident named Greg.Victor helps Greg with retrieving, opening doors and drawers, opening the fridge, and other things. They are even planning on training Victor to push a "life alert" button if needed. Victor is also a good companion and allows Greg to be more independent. A Can Do Canines dog costs \$25,000 and the Ramsey Lions have been able to sponsor 3 dogs over the last few years.



On June 7, the Ramsey Lions dedicated a memorial park bench at Central Park for Lion Gene Hinrichs. Gene was a charter member who passed away last year. In attendance was Council Member Mark Kuzma and City Administrator Kurt Ulrich

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On June 28th the Lions hosted a BBQ for the senior residents at Savanah Oaks of Ramsey.



The Forest Lake Lions Club recently donated \$6000 to Forest Lake Fire & Rescue to assist with CPR training and equipment as well as an Automated External Defibrillator.



Dessert at the Forest Lake monthly club dinner in July came courtesy of Lion Norman Anderson. Other Lions in attendance were pleased to celebrate Lion Norman's upcoming 94th birthday with an ice cream cake.

## **EDITORS NOTE**

Please send more photos of your club activities. Other 5M-7 club members do enjoy seeing the good work that Lions are doing throughout the district.



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## **MN Lions Diabetes Foundation notes....**

Lions International has added Diabetes to the Global Service Framework. It is one of the five service areas Lions are working on with our goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

As part of the Global Service Framework challenge, Lions International has set a goal of increasing diabetes service projects by 5 percent. MLDF has an easy way for clubs to accomplish this challenge. We are

asking Lions Clubs to partner with MLDF, Walmart, and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for Walmart Wellness Days.

This national effort will bring an innovative approach to wellness that brings critical health screenings and care to people in our communities by offering free blood glucose testing, blood pressure and vision testing, and

immunizations.

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Our Lions will help lead this life-changing initiative by greeting shoppers at Walmart stores and encouraging them to participate in getting their blood glucose tested to see if they are "at risk" for type 2 diabetes along with other health screenings and immunizations. Those shoppers participating in this health fair will receive a free water bottle.

By recruiting four Lions to be greeters at your local Walmart stores on September 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lions Clubs will meet LCIF's requirement for a diabetes service project.

It is important that club secretaries report this project on their reports to Lions International so they get credited for this project.

The ADA staff is extremely excited to have the MLDF collaborating with them on this national initiative. MLDF and Minnesota Lions will be leading this National partnership with ADA and Walmart. We'll serve as a model and work with LCIF to rollout this partnership nationwide. Our work will make a tremendous impact on diabetes prevention, education and finding a cure. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The ADA will no longer conduct their annual Diabetes Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This national effort with Walmart is their current focus which will provide a much broader reach to Minnesotans in detecting those at risk for type 2 diabetes and educating those who have diabetes.

## **Mid Winter Convention**

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The 40th Annual District 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention 2018 will be held January 19-21, 2018 at Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel Bloomington. Mark it down and come to Mid-Winter Convention and learn more what Lions, Lioness and Leos do in District 5M7. This is DG Dan Kasier, 2018 Mid-Winter Convention.

Immediate Past District Governor Tom Fiecke

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Your 5M-7 hearing foundation trustees and vision foundation directors are appealing to anyone and everyone who can help us. The month of August brings us the State Fair and we need volunteers to help us staff the information booth at the fair. Our district has been assigned the following shifts to cover during the state fair:

**Thursday, August 31st**: Shift 1 - 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Shift 2 - 12:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shift 3 - 4:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, September 4 (Labor Day):

Shift 3 - 4:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The two foundations need a minimum of two (2) volunteers per shift. If we can get up to four (4) per shift, we can offer greater opportunities for water and restroom breaks. Volunteers would be handing out promotional items, brochures, and other information pieces. Volunteers would also answers questions to the best of their ability or write down the contact information to individuals whose questions they could not answer. They would also write down contact information for those individuals who may be interested in becoming Lions.

Seating is provided and fans are there to help provide a comfortable environment to the volunteers. Volunteers would be responsible for their own transportation and admittance to the fair. Additional details can be provided to those interested in learning about this volunteer opportunity. For more information, call 763-754-8921. You can leave a message and someone will get back to you if no one answers the phone.

Yours in Lionism, *PDG Norm Kelzenberg & Lion Hal Hinchliffe* **Lions Multiple District 5M Hearing Foundation - 5M-7 Board Trustees** 

PDG Paul Hansen & Lion Lyle Goff Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation - 5M-7 Board Representatives



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#### **Centennial Public Relations Contest**

(If there are not enough lines on the application in any area, attach another page.)

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#### **Contest Guidelines:**

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the 100th Centennial Anniversary. Every club in the Multiple is invited to participate. Each District will award one winner per year with a plaque 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

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#### Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 / 2:00 pm Shotgun Start WHISPERING PINES GOLF COURSE

8713 70<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW, ANNANDALE, MN 55302

\$75 per PERSON includes: 18 holes Golf, Cart, & Dinner at Course (steak, corn on the cob, steakhouse potato salad, baked beans and fresh tossed salad w/dressing)



A second green fee will be given to each person that golf's in the event (compliments of Whispering Pines Golf Course).

Whispering Pines Golf Course is donating one FREE MEMBERSHIP to the winner of the putting contest.

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE TEAMS \*MEN'S \* WOMEN'S \* MIXED\*

#### SIGN UP NOW AT MCPETE'S SPORTS BAR & LANES IN BIG LAKE!

Or mail registration form and payment to: Big Lake Lions, PO Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309 Get registration forms at McPete's or download from <u>www.facebook.com/BigLakeLionsClub/</u>

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