



Lions 5M7 Gram



July

2018

A Note From NEW District Governor Al Kvistero

Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Wow the last two years have sped by. By the time this is published a whole bunch of us will be down at the International Convention in Las Vegas cheering on our candidate for 3rd International Vice President, Lion Brian Sheehan. I can't say that I'm looking forward to the temperature there, but everyone keeps reminding me it's a dry heat. I have another 3 days of classes before the convention begins. We will be returning on July 4 and I look forward to being your governor for the next year. Thank you to all for the opportunity.



I'd like to thank Governor Dan for the spectacular job he did leading our district this past year. I very much enjoyed all of our visits this past year and he has been a great mentor. We have had a legacy of exceptional leaders in 5M7 and the bar has been set high. I hope I can do as well for you. I'd also like to thank the cabinet for their time and effort this past year. Most of you have agreed to stay on for another year and I am looking forward to working with you again.

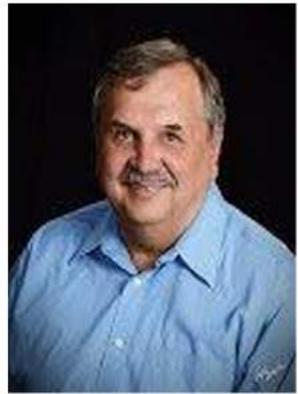
The Centennial Celebration was a wonderful day for those who made it. The Centennial committee and the Anoka Lions as the host club deserve a standing ovation for all their hard work to make it such a success. I'd also like to thank the Elk River Lions for the pancake breakfast and to all the other individuals and clubs who did so much. Since we don't really have a place in the district to host a multiple convention, it was nice to host a multiple event. I understand that the event came in under budget and made some money.

I've updated the district calendar with all of the events that I know about so far. Please consult it when planning our Governors visits for this next year. I look forward to visiting and greeting everyone of you. My visitation form has been uploaded to the district web site WWW.5M7.ORG under the forms section. It should also be included in this copy of the Gram. Speaking of which, Thank you Lion Jason for taking on this task for another year. It's a lot of work and we truly appreciate your efforts publishing the Gram each month.

Thank you

DG Lion Al Kvistero

An update from VDG Jim Kugler



By the time you read this, there will be a new slate of officers. It will not longer be Governor Dan, but Governor Al. I'm looking forward to working with Lion Al.

In the beginning there was a businessman with an idea. His idea was to gather a group o like minded individuals to be of service to his community. That was Melvin Jones in 1917. The group he formed was Lions International.

There are two parts: the individual wanting to helps other in their community and working with others in their community. That is the power of we. These are the two most important parts of lionism. The zones, districts, the multiple districts, constitutional areas and the international organization are all secondary, but also important.

You are the most important person. Next comes your club. Together they are the ingredients holding this organization together.

Earlier this year, my club did a portion of the club excellence exercise. We got the results of that survey at our last meeting. There were a couple of surprises. First, almost three quarters of the members survived thought we could do away with dinner meetings. Second, almost 40 percent of the club thought we needed to do a better job of mentoring our members. The results of the entire were made available to the club. The newly elected officers now have an idea of where the membership thinks the club should be heading. It will be interesting to see if the survey results are implemented.

The purpose of presenting you with the results are my way of suggesting that you use the club excellence program to survey your club members to see if your club is meeting expectations of your club members.

Membership in this organizations hinges on keeping current members while at the same time recruiting members to replace those individuals who drop membership.

The theme of increasing membership will be an ongoing theme. It would be one of my goals to have each club increase its net membership by one lion at the end of this governors year and next year as your district governor.

Your and your club are the most important parts of this organization

I look forward to the upcoming year and meeting as many members as I possibly can.

Lion Jim



"We Serve"



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Lions, my time as the chairman of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been an experience I'll never forget. In my travels, I've witnessed such strong character in Lions, something that does not surprise me, but is still incredible to see in action. Selflessness, perseverance, dedication, and compassion are the words that come to mind when thinking about the character of a Lion.

I want to extend my gratitude to all Lions. The life-changing service projects we perform would not be possible without you. I am consistently in awe of your outstanding dedication to service. The world is a better place because of your efforts, and it does not go unnoticed. Speaking of making the world a better place, LCIF now has even more ways to empower the service of Lions. We're launching two new grant opportunities, Leo Grants and District and Club Community Impact Grants, which you can read more about on LCIF.org. We're also expanding our global causes to include diabetes, childhood cancer, the environment and hunger in addition to sight, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian service. All of this will be made possible by our most ambitious capital fundraising campaign yet. I encourage you to watch for more information soon on how you can be a part of this effort and empower the service of Lions.

As I reflect on the last year, I feel confident that Lions will continue to lead humanitarian causes with strength, compassion, and urgency. Remember, where there is a need, there is a Lion. Whether your own community needs a helping hand, or a community across the world is in need, Lions can work together to change someone's life for the better.

Sincerely,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation

**LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL**



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www.edistrict.org/sites/5M7

July 2018



Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7:



Welcome to the start of Lions FY 2018-2019! Your 5M-7 **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** (MLVF) Board of Directors representatives, **PDG Terry Wold and Lion Lyle Goff**, are hoping your Club or Zone will offer them a chance to make a presentation at one of your meetings. There are lots of exciting things to share with you surrounding the research and treatment being performed at the University of Minnesota. We would love to talk to you about the **Lions Gift of Sight**, the **Minnesota**

Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the **Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Center**, the **Lions Research Building**, the **Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center**, and the proposed **Lions Eye Institute**. You can learn more about eye tissue donations, retinal imaging research and the latest procedures in restoring sight to patients young and old. Please contact PDG Terry and/or Lion Lyle to schedule your meeting.



Eyeglass Recycling Sites

Thank you for the **214** eyewear and hearing aid collection sites maintained by the Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7. If you have any additions or changes to your list of collection sites, please provide them to us as soon as possible. When collecting the used eyewear, please separate the eyewear from any cases they may be in. The **Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC)** does not collect the cases. We encourage you to recycle or donate the cases. If you have eyewear or hearing aids to turn in, please get ahold of PDG Terry, Lion Lyle or your Zone Chair to make arrangements to hand them over. Finally, if you are in need of any used eyeglass collection boxes, PDG Terry and Lion Lyle have free boxes available upon request. Please contact them or your Zone Chairs to request your collection boxes today!



Amazon Smile

If you're already 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 by logging in through Amazon Smile, 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.



Annual Contributions

When you are budgeting for donations your Club will be making over the course of this coming year, we ask that you please put the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** on the list. Your financial support is needed to make all of our projects possible. When sending a check to the foundation, please make the check out to the *Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation* or *MLVF*. In the memo portion of the check, you can indicate which project your Club wishes to dedicate the money towards. Every dollar counts and is greatly appreciated. Please help do your part along with all of the Lions, Lioness and Leos in 5M-7 to continue our commitment to Helen Keller's challenge. Prove to her that we are all truly **"Knights of the Blind"**.



State Fair Booth

The Lions diabetes, hearing and vision foundations of MD5M will be operating an information booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Each district is responsible for staffing the booth for at least one day during the run of the State Fair. 5M-7 has the task of staffing the booth on Thursday, August 30th from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Our schedule is broken down into three 4-hour shifts (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM). Volunteers are needed to help pass out promotional items, answer questions and collect information from the fair attendees. If you are interested in helping out with this fun event, please contact your 5M-7 diabetes, hearing or vision foundation representatives.

Keep up the good work, 5M-7!

Yours in Lionism,

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The Lioness Corner



DONATIONS

- ✓ Sponsored Junior Spud Fest Candidate in conjunction with Lions Club
- ✓ Two \$500 scholarships to local graduating seniors
- ✓ Provided Twins Bean Bag game to local memory care center in Big Lake
- ✓ Provided Vikings Bean Bag game to local memory care center in Elk River

EVENTS HELD IN JUNE

- ✓ Spud Fest Bingo
- ✓ Lioness sponsored Fiddlers Contest at Spud Fest

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY

- ✓ Provided flowers for nursing home residents with birthdays
- ✓ Appreciation Dinner for Lioness members

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Semi annual bloodmobile sponsored by Red Cross and Lioness
- ✓ Annual Garage Sale
- ✓ Hold bingo for residents at local care center
- ✓ Provide bingo prize money for residents at local care center
- ✓ Provide flowers to those residents with birthdays at local care center



2018 – 2019 Governors Visit

Club: _____

Preferred Date: _____ **Alternate Date:** _____

Social Hour: _____ **Meeting/Dinner Time:** _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Cell:** _____

Location: _____

Address: _____

Directions: _____

Dinner: Yes ___ No ___ **Joint Meeting?** Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, list other clubs _____

Special Requests during visit (Install Officers, Induct Members, Present Awards, Other)

1st VDG Invited Yes ___ No ___ Spouse Yes ___ No ___

2nd VDG Invited Yes ___ No ___ Partner Yes ___ No ___

Zone Chair Invited Yes ___ No ___ Spouse Yes ___ No ___

Please return to me via email or snail mail to schedule your club visit.

I will contact you one week before to reconfirm the date, directions, and any other special requests.

District Governor Allan Kvistero

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Rogers, MN 55374

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Stacy Daze 2018

August 3rd—5th

Friday



Magic Show by:
JUSTIN ALAN 7:30 P



Movie In The Park 8:30 P

Car Show 5P-8P Stacy-Lent Fire Department
FREE—No Registration Necessary

Softball Tournaments *All Weekend* Men & Women

Kickoff Party at Stacy Bar & Grill

Saturday

Pancake Breakfast 8a -10a *DOYLE Complex*

5K Fun Run 8a Pre-register at Escape Salon & Tan

Bingo in the Park 10am—Noon Wyoming Lions

Vendors, Crafts & Food 9a-4p

Children's Activities 10a-4p

Parade Noon

Free Root Beer Floats 12:30p FSB of Wyoming

Teen Waterball Challenge 2p Rosenbauer/SLFD

Music on the Park Stage:

'Cheezer' Karaoke 1p-3p

'Wyoming Wanderers' 3p-5p

Dance In The Park Featuring:
7p-11p

Fireworks 9:15p



Event Sponsors:

Stacy Lions
Stacy-Lent Fire Dept
City of Stacy
Lent Township
A-1 Tire

Children's Activities

Sponsored By:

First State Bank of Wyoming
Kwik Trip
Rosenbauer
Stacy Do It Best Hardware
The Pozniak Pack of Wyoming
Wyoming Machine
Young Again Pet Food

Children's Activities

\$5 UNLIMITED Wristband

Thanks to our Sponsors!

Obstacle Course

Inflatables

Cliff Jump

Rock Wall



Waterball Challenge (Free)

Limited to 40—sign up early!

Email :

stacydazeinfo@gmail.com

Visit:

stacylions.org



BIG LAKE LIONS ANNUAL
"Ron Nelson Memorial"
GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday, August 4th, 2018 / 1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Elk River Golf Club
20015 Elk Lake Road NW, Elk River, MN 55330

\$75 per PERSON includes: 18 holes Golf, Cart, & Dinner

Dinner will be back at Big Lake Township/Lions Park, 21960 County Rd 5 NW in Big Lake and will be a steak dinner with all the fixin's



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



SIGN UP AT MCPETE'S SPORTS BAR & LANES, LUPULIN BREWING
or TOOTSIE'S TAVERN 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, Lupulin or Tootsie's or download from www.facebook.com/BigLakeLionsClub/

BE A "HOLE" SPONSOR AT THE TOURNAMENT - \$75



BIG LAKE LIONS ANNUAL

“Ron Nelson Memorial”

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Team Sign-Up / Hole Sponsorship Form



SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2018 - 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START

Elk River Golf Club

20015, Elk Lake Rd NW, Elk River, MN 55330

\$75 Per Person includes:

18 Holes Golf, Cart, & Dinner at Big Lake Township/Lions Park, 21960, County Rd 5 NW, Big Lake, MN 55309

(Steak dinner and fixin's)

TEAM SIGN UP

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A HOLE FOR ONLY \$75.00
or DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM?**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION OF THE FORM

Includes a sign on the course to promote your business.

All sponsors can provide promotional gifts or activities at their hole.

(Please print business name exactly as sign should read)

BUSINESS NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

PRIZE DONATION: _____

Additional dinner tickets can be purchased for \$15.00. This is for people that would like to eat dinner but do not golf in the tournament. Please write names here:

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to Big Lake Lions and full payment must accompany registration.)

Drop off form and payment at McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes, Lupulin
Brewing or Tootsie's Tavern in Big Lake

OR mail it to: Big Lake Lions Club, PO Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309

QUESTIONS??? Please call Lion Lonnie Weber at 763-258-6809 or
email Lion Lonnie at ***lonnie_weber@optum.com***