



# 5M7 GRAM

“WE SERVE”

## DG Jim Kugler: Things on my Mind



The spring school of instruction will not be held this year.

The mid-winter will be here in a few days. There is still an opportunity for you to come to this events. Saturday morning will include: Childhood Cancer, Speech therapy at the U of M, Health for our veterans through Project New Hope, LCIF and Leader Dogs. Saturday night we will

be entertained by Kristoff the Magician. Friday night is party night.

How do we plan for the future? Or the succession planning, Or what can the district do for you? Questions that we'll be struggling with at cabinet meetings.

Happy New Year

Lion Jim

## 1st VDG Peter Lendway



Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Here we are at the start of the year 2020. New beginnings for all of us. The past year is behind us but not too far away yet. We look forward to new challenges and opportunities and of course the resolve to keep our New Year's resolutions....

I can not help but wonder, though, how many advertisements we will see related to the year 2020 and the references made to perfect eyesight for any and every product under the sun, "You may not need 20/20 vision to see this is a good deal!" etc.

One thing the Lions can be sure of is our resolve to assist those with other than 20/20 vision, our resolve to actively work to prevent the causes of preventable blindness, our resolve to restore vision to those who have lost it, and our resolve to fund research to expand our successes into preventing other types of diseases that can take away the precious gift of sight.

Yes, 2020 will be a good year for Lions to ROAR!

Lion Peter Lendway, 1VDG



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## 2nd VDG Judy Herrala



5m7 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Wheeeeeee! Here we are in January! We made it halfway through our year. What an amazing year this has been so far. Club visits and members and projects and more members It has been an absolute joy to meet our members, hear about your projects, and see them. The passion that our members put into your clubs and your projects is so cool. Thank you for inviting me to see this amazingness!

And now a new year. I am more excited than ever. So it is now 2020 and we have a convention to go to, don't we? I surely hope that many of you will come on over to Brooklyn Center to convention. Each day of the convention looks to be jam-packed with fun and interesting activities.

Has your club looked at your budget and your calendar for the year? It's always a good idea to look at those things halfway through the year to see if you are on track with what your club wanted to accomplish at the beginning of the year. If you have been busy and haven't started something you'd like to accomplish you still have a lot of time, whether it is a club goal or a personal goal.

See you soon!  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Judy Herrala

### 5m7 Gram Newsletter

The district governor team would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Lion Brittani for doing our 5m7 newsletter for as long as she did. Brittani you are amazing! We have very much enjoyed reading every inch of your newsletters and knowing the information would get out.

Lion Brittani has now gone back to college and had to resign her newsletter position. And we are sad. VDG Judy will continue the newsletter until someone volunteers to take this cabinet position.

**Please continue to send items to [5m7gram@gmail.com](mailto:5m7gram@gmail.com) to be put into the gram.**



**Also please consider using social media to tell everyone what your club is up to. Our District, 5m7, has a facebook page as many of our clubs do. Our 5m7 secretary, lion Jim will see your facebook pages and share your news to the district facebook as he has been doing.**

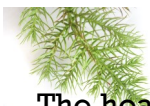


Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

# Attention all Lions, Lionesses and Leos



## Environmental Chair-Lion Jan Dubats



### DISPOSING HOLIDAY GREENS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

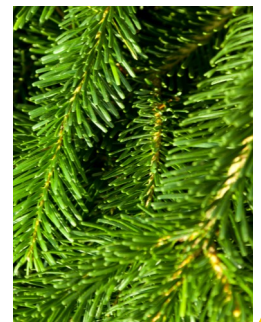
The headlines from the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA) – Invasive pests and disease can hitchhike into Minnesota. Now the Department of Agriculture is asking residents to properly dispose of our wreaths, trees and centerpieces after the holidays.

The MDA inspects holiday products for diseases, pests and plants that can easily find their way into the state, with the concerns that it could become a problem for MN Christmas tree producers, nurseries and local forests.

If you are unsure of where your greenery originated, here is some advice:

- Do not toss trees and greenery into your backyard or compost pile.
- Use a city or county organized or greenery pick-up or drop-off.
- If you're city or county does not have a pick-up or drop-off, burn the greens – but first check with local ordinances first.

This seems to be another way to protect our environment from a variety of pests and diseases.





## Can Do Canines-Lion Kathy McMillan

\*\*\* **Come visit the Can Do Canines booth at the Mid Winter Convention** and learn more about the wonderful work Can Do Canines provides to people with disabilities to enhance the quality of their lives.

The support from Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs and Leos throughout our District 5M7 has been amazing! We thank you very, very much for your financial contributions and volunteering at our activities that enable Can Do Canines to train and place even more clients with assistance dogs. \*\*\*

### Celebrate Can Do Canines at the Fetching Ball!



Enjoy good company, food and drink, silent and live auctions, and entertainment.

All proceeds help Can Do Canines provide specially trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities, free of charge.

Purchase your early bird tickets now! 6 p.m. Silent Auction, games, drinks and photo booth

7:30 p.m. Dinner, Live Auction and entertainment by The Danger Committee!

Early bird ticket sales end January 10. Ticket sales close January 29.

### District 5m7 Social Media



Many clubs are on social media. Why aren't we all? This is such an easy way to promote our clubs and the wonderful things we do for our communities!

Did you know our District is on Social Media? (Facebook account was previously established with new accounts on Instagram and Twitter)

Start following and sharing each others post so we have a larger presence in our communities. Let's spread the word how wonderful it is to be a Lion!

**(There just may be a social media contest at Mid-Winter!)**

Find us on 3 social accounts (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) with the same account name:

**Lions District 5M7**

Acknowledge us on your posts with: **@5m7Lions** and **#5M72020**

Let's fill social media with Lions and the world of SERVICE. Let's show everyone how great it is to be a Lion and to SERVE.

## Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

Welcome to the “2020s”

The trustees of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation look forward to seeing all of you at the **5M7 Mid Winter Convention** at a new and different venue.

We have a very interesting slate of seminars scheduled for Saturday forenoon starting at 8:30 AM. The most interesting of those, in my opinion, is Dr. D. D. Michael of the world renowned Lions Voice Clinic at the U of M. She will be presenting **10:45 – 11:30 AM**.

In addition, there is still time for your clubs to make a contribution in the “Parade of Green” to the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, to help them in their great work. If you want details, talk to either of your trustees.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Trustees;  
Lion Hal Hinchliffe  
PDG Lion Norm Kelzenberg



## Elk River Hospitality!

Hey Lions of 5m7... The Elk River Lions Club will be hosting a hospitality room at convention next week. Come on in to our hospitality room and let us show you some Elk River hospitality! We can't wait to meet everyone! We will see you then.see you then.

# HOSPITALITY

## Project New Hope

Project New Hope will be having a display table at the 5m7 **Mid Winter Convention!** Come look for us to learn more about Project New Hope.

Among the many seminars that will take place on Saturday morning, there will also be a **Project New Hope Presentation at 10:00 am.**

**PROJECT NEW HOPE  
FACTS ABOUT  
VETERANS**



**~ MISSION STATEMENT ~**

**To provide Veterans and their families education, training, and skills necessary to help manage their lives after wartime service.**

Find us on  - Project New Hope MN Veteran's Retreats

 [www.projectnewhope.net](http://www.projectnewhope.net) 

**THERE HAVE BEEN  
MORE SUICIDES  
BY VETERANS  
THAN ACTUAL  
COMBAT DEATHS**

**22 VETERANS  
END THEIR LIVES  
EACH DAY**

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# Happy Birthday Melvin Jones, January 13

Melvin Jones was a dreamer, a doer and a pragmatist. He was an energetic, extroverted salesman who in private hours would reread Shakespeare. What better man to found the world's largest association of service clubs?

The Lions International Board of Directors officially designated Jones as the founder of Lions Clubs in 1958—more than four decades after Lions Clubs held its first meeting. But, no matter what his official title, Jones' impact on the Lions has been far-reaching. He provided the leadership, the organizational ability, the tenacity and the muscle necessary to establish the foundation for Lions Clubs International to become what it is today.



Jones was born on Jan. 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, Arizona, a remote U.S. Army cavalry post where his father was a scout for the Army. At age 7, Jones' family moved east and settled in Illinois. Gifted with a fine tenor voice, he considered making his career in music. Instead, he became an insurance salesman.

By 1913, Jones had formed his own insurance agency in Chicago. When he joined a networking luncheon club for businessmen in Chicago called the Business Circle, he quickly took the lead in recruiting new members and persuading backsliders to rejoin. But something about the club's business-only focus didn't square with Jones' different, larger vision.

"What if these men who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Jones asked. He saw a new kind of club with the desire to help others.

As Business Club secretary, Jones, with help from his wife—the championship golfer Rose Amanda Freeman—wrote scores of letters to clubs nationwide inviting them to take up his idea for a service-centered organization. Businessmen interested in membership convened in Chicago, Illinois, and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Later that year, at Lions' inaugural convention in Dallas, Texas, Jones was elected secretary-treasurer, a title he would hold for many years. Eventually, the board bestowed upon Jones the title of secretary general for life.

Jones was a prolific writer who could be clear and forceful on some occasions, and sentimental the next. His hand can be seen in founding documents like the Lions Clubs Objects and Code of Ethics. His columns in LION Magazine, which are still quoted today, helped articulate the organization's principles and values.

He also loved aphorisms. Never one to sugarcoat the truth, Jones had one favorite saying neatly framed in his office: "Truth and roses have thorns about them." Jones gave up the insurance business in 1926 to become Lions' de facto CEO and global goodwill ambassador. He played both roles brilliantly—building and managing an expanding headquarters operation and travelling constantly for club visits and speaking engagements. The pace never stopped.

Happening at Convention!



# Below Zero K



Saturday  
January 11, 2020

After the Business Meeting



Can you walk through a doorway? This event is for you!  
Join your fellow Lions after the business meeting at 5M7's annual Mid-Winter Convention and walk 'Below the Zero'. Help Governor Jim raise awareness and funds for:

## *MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation*

\$20 participation fee includes stocking cap

(All proceeds given to Foundation)



**REGISTRATION FORM: 5M7 Below Zero K FUNdRaiser**  
Saturday January 11, 2020

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$20 per person/cap/donation    Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **5M7- Mid Winter Convention**

**It's not too late!**  
**Register @ Mid-Winter**  
**Not attending?**  
**Send me your donation**  
**and I'll get a cap to**  
**you!**

Mail to: Lion Mary Curtis  
10749 Tyler Court NE  
Blaine, Mn 55434



Community Eye Screening For Children



*Happy New Year  
from your  
KidSight Directors!*

2019 was a fantastic year! Thank you to all the Lions Clubs that provided screening events for your community youth.

Do you want to get involved? Need more information on this terrific program? Interested in putting on an event?

**Please stop and visit our booth at Mid-Winter.**

Not attending Mid-Winter? Send us a message.

Allow us to provide you with the tools needed for a successful KidSight Screening Event.

Our 2020 calendar is starting to fill with event bookings. Let's fill it up!

We will be at the Minnesota Fair again this year. Sign-up sheets with information on shift duties will be available at our Mid-Winter booth.

Lions Ann, Mary and Tim, District 5M7 KidSight Foundation Chairs  
[5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com](mailto:5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com)

*Vision Screening is not the goal; it is the method we use to reach our goal of every child seeing clearly!*



## Convention First Timers this is for you!

Hey are you a first-timer to convention? Did you know there is a program for first-timers? 1st VDG Peter and 2nd VDG Judy will be running this program at this years convention.

The First Timers' program booklet will be given out immediately following the Opening Ceremony on Friday night. First Timers will have until 10:30 P.M. Saturday to turn their booklets in for judging. Judging? Yes, there is a contest to fill in some spaces and get signatures from other lions! There are prizes!

- The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive one night's free hotel room for the next Mid-Winter Convention.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive a free Convention Meal Book for the next Mid-Winter Convention.

1st VDG Peter Lendway and 2nd VDG Judy Herrala

## Peace Poster Contest Winners from the Columbus Elementary School



*Congratulations!!*

To the Peace Poster Contest winners from Columbus, MN Elementary School.

1st Place: Jolee Davis

2nd Place: Annamarais Studier

