



5M8 LIONS LINES



JULY

2011



MEET OUR NEW INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT WING-KUN TAM

Wing-Kun Tam, of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), People's Republic of China, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA, July 2011.

President Tam is the chairperson of a group of air transportation companies.

A member of the Mt. Cameron Lions Club since 1981, Vice President Tam has held many offices in the association, including Campaign SightFirst multinational coordinator and OSEAL recording secretary, District Governor-elect Seminar group leader, SightFirst China Action executive chairperson, 2005 International Convention Bidding Committee executive chairperson and honorary Host Committee chairperson. He has served on the international board for ten years and two years on the executive committee.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Tam has received numerous awards, including the 100% District Governor Award, 21 International President's Awards, the Campaign SightFirst National/Multi-National Coordinator Award, the International Lion of the Year Award (2003) and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and Campaign SightFirst Lead Gift Donor.

President Tam and his late wife, Irene, have three children—Alvin, Tiffany and Andrew.

2011-2012 INTERNATIONAL THEME: I BELIEVE



Believe in SERVICE

My goal is to plant one million trees around the world by:

- Continue our successful participation in the Global Service Action Campaign
- Encourage clubs and districts to make tree-planting part of their activities
- Report the number of trees planted on the LCI web site every month, and show pride in what we do by wearing "I planted a tree" buttons

Believe in CLUB MEMBERS

The strength of our organization lies within our clubs, and our members form the basis of our clubs. We will make developing our members a priority by:

- Effective member orientation
- Member involvement from day one
- Club leaders who listen more, and speak less
- Nurturing lasting bonds through service, and treating each other like family
- Promoting My Club, My Family program

Leos

- Enhance our Leo to Lion program by engaging Leos to gain their perspective, solicit their ideas and better understand their needs

Believe in NURTURING OUR FUTURE

To engage our young people we will:

- Promote our Lions Quest program to provide essential life skills to youth worldwide
- Expand youth activities that encourage a positive self image and develop confidence
- Encourage Lions to become role models for children and your adults.
- Increase awareness of the Services for Children program to continue meeting education, shelter and health needs around the world

Believe in LEADERSHIP

Leadership should start the day someone becomes a Lion. To identify and encourage potential leaders we will:

- Listen to the training needs of Lions and provide opportunities to develop and lead through the assistance of the Global Leadership Team
- Promote and encourage use of the lions Basic Mentoring Program
- Implement practical job training for club officers and zone chairpersons
- Encourage the use of online training resources (Leadership Resource Center/Lions Learning Center)
- Communicate opportunities for leadership development with members
- Encourage participation in local and CLI training programs

Believe in PROJECTING OUR IMAGE

Service and effective public relations are connected. The internet and social media are having a real impact on the way we do business and reach our internal and external audiences. This year we will encourage our clubs and districts to not only have we sites, but also have Facebook pages.

Believe in GIVING BACK

We need to emphasize and increase support of LCIF. To accomplish this, we will:

- Increase the understanding of LCIF's programs and their impact on individual's lives
- Promote donations to LCIF from clubs and individuals
- Work with Multiple District and District LCIF Coordinators for donations and promotion

I BELIEVE challenges Lions in districts and clubs to demonstrate their belief by having the courage to make a commitment and take action.

District Governor Sandy Sandwick's Viewpoint

Wow, as I write this I have officially been the District 5M8 Governor for only 5 days and already have a long list of duties and responsibilities which need to be completed ASAP. I have decided to summarize my Seattle memories as follows: **International Convention Highlights:**

- District Governor training was June 30-July 3, convention was July 4-8
- Dr. Wing-Kun Tam from China was elected International President
- Wayne Madden from USA was elected 1st Vice President
- Brian Sheehan from Bird Island, Minnesota was elected an International Director
- President Tam believes that over 1 million trees will be planted by Lions throughout the world during his presidential term; I have pledged 150 trees to be planted in 5M8.
- International Dues increase begins July 1, 2012
- District 1st and 2nd Vice Governors will have added responsibilities with the Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team
- 2012 Convention will be in Busan, Korea

Happenings during the convention:

- DGs from the MD5M presented me with Charlie, a Lion who will be my traveling companion and will attend most meetings. He will be an Ambassador for smiles. (I noticed that when Lions see him they smile)
- Snowmen are loved by Lions around the world, and the Lions who wore the MD5M snowmen costumes were constantly being asked for pictures and hugs.

Personal Memories:

- At the LCIF booth, having my Governor's patch being reinforced with tape after the stitching came loose, while Past President Al Brandel was observing nearby.
- Having locked myself out of my room, descended 11 floors from my hotel room in stocking feet (but otherwise fully clothed), walking across the lobby to the front desk to get another key; President Scruggs was nearby.
- The group I was with were enjoying a dinner and answering questions "Yes, we are Lions from Minnesota", and realizing the gentleman asking the questions was Immediate Past President E. Wirfs.
- Watching the "raw fish" throw at the Seattle Market Place
 - Spending 20 minutes with the TSA security supervisor at the Sea-Tac airport proving who I was after losing my billfold—therefore having no picture identification-- at the Key Arena (size of the Excel Center)
 - During the International parade, MD5M paraded past the Canadians and sang "Oh, Canada" for them. We sounded good!
 - Becoming new friends with some Lions and renewing friendships with others
 - Seeing over 15,000 Lions from all over the world, gathered together and speaking several languages and dressed in native clothing.....what a fantastic memory



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Club Visit REQUEST for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Decide quickly on dates. Send this form via e-mail or “snail mail”.

Confirmation of the chosen date will be via phone or e-mail from Governor Sandy to contact person

Today’s Date _____ Club Name _____

Request visit dates (indicate 3 in order of preference) 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____

Name all Clubs partnering in the visit: _____

Lion contact person for visit _____ Club Office _____

Phone/s _____ e-mail _____

Meeting Time _____ Social Time? _____ Dinner time? _____

Meeting Location/Address/Directions _____

At this visit will Governor Sandy be requested to:

Induct new members? ___ Install club officers? ___ Present awards? ___ Other? _____

Please provide DG Sandy with any other pertinent info needed prior to the visit

DG Sandy will wear the Governor “blue blazer” uniform for this visit unless advised otherwise.

To 5M8 Club Secretaries:

Please remember that after July 1, these are the Lions who should receive your club information:...

DG Sandy Sandwick, ssandwick@scicable.net

1VDG Dave Thompson, dthompson@sherbtel.net

2VDG Donna Landwehr, billanddonnal@q.com

Zone Chair...(Check the cabinet membership list for your 2011-2012 chair)

Also, please schedule your club visit ASAP with DG Sandy Sandwick if you have not already done so.

Thank you,

DG Sandy Sandwick

SAUNTERING WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR SANDY!!!

July 4-8:	International Convention, Seattle, Washington
July 10:	Sauk Rapids Riverside Leos Belgian Waffle Fundraiser
July 14:	Rock Creek Lions Club District Governor Visit
July 18:	MD5M Convention host club sub-committee meeting
July 21-23:	MD5M Council of Governors in Mankato
July 31:	Zone Chair Training in St. Augusta
August 8:	Cabinet meeting at Michael's Restaurant in St. Cloud
August 27:	Heel and Wheel for Can Do Canines, Cheshire Park, Minnetonka
September 21-25:	USA-Canada Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska
September 27:	Lincoln-Scandia Valley District Governor's Visit

Benefits of Promoting Lionism

Actively promoting Lionism in the community comes with several benefits, including increased awareness of Lions clubs in the community, increased awareness of club activities, fundraisers, and projects, increased community support for club endeavors, improved club morale and motivation, increased member recruitment and retention - people want to be part of a meaningful and successful organization



PUBLISHERS CORNER:

Welcome to the 5M8 Lions Lines! A new Lions year and a new look to the 5M8 Newsletter. In the August's newsletter, we will be adding more title areas—some old and some new. We will have an article for both Vice District Governor Dave Thompson and 2nd Vice District Governor Donna Landwehr. We hope that we can keep it interesting, in hopes that you "just can't wait" for the next issue to arrive.

I hope that your summer has been filled with fun and laughter, family and friends, and a whole lot of Lions projects.

Happy Summer—Lion Donna Orstad





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT LIONS PROGRAMS:

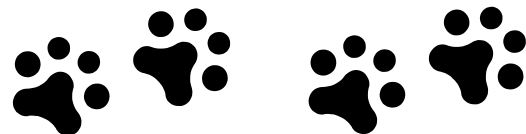
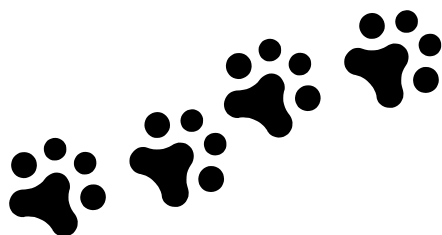
Why did the Minnesota Eye Bank change their name?

The name of the corporation has been changed to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation and refers to the workings of the foundation, the oversight of funds raised and the projects supported. Minnesota Lions Eye Bank refers to just the operations of the Eye Bank.

Submitted by: District 5M8 Co-Chairs—

Past District Governor Bob Hoofnagle

Lion Jennelle Shriver



TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

Anyone can plant a tree and many people do. But Lions campaign to plant one million trees this year serves a purpose beyond beautifying our communities. Trees cleanse and renew the Earth's atmosphere. There is little a single individual can do that does more to protect the environment than planting trees. Healthy, thriving trees will remind our neighbor's for years to come of Lions commitment to the environment and the vital role that Lions Club play in communities.

The trees will also be a constant reminder to ourselves that Lions can reach any goal we set. The "Believe Award" has been created to recognize those who demonstrate their belief in the power of service by planting trees.

Help reach International President Tam's goal to plant a million trees this year.

5M-8 LIONS CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Criteria for 2011-2012

District Governor Sandy Sandwick

During the 2011-2012 Lions year, the Governor's Contest will be replaced with a **Club Achievement Award**. Every Lion or Lioness club in District 5M-8 can earn the award by meeting the minimum requirements. The 2011-2012 "**Club Achievement Award**" (a custom designed patch) will be given to each qualifying club at the 2012 Mini-Forum.

All information must be reported on the club M&A or the Zone Chair will be unable to count it towards the completion of the award criteria. Each Zone Chair will have the responsibility of tracking the progress of clubs in their zone toward the fulfillment of criteria.

The following 2 tasks are not optional; they must be completed as stated in order to qualify for the award:

By June 30, 2012, a club must have paid all International, Multiple and District Dues in full.

By June 1, 2012, a club must have correctly completed the PU 101 and submitted it to 5M8 District Governor Sandy

In addition to qualify for the award a club must have **completed six (6) of the ten (10)** following items between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Governor Sandy's club visit request form was completed and submitted before October 15, 2011.

Two Club members attended each Zone Meeting. (One of the attendees must be either the Club President or the Club Secretary).

The Club invited and presented a minimum of two District programs **and** a minimum of two "community" based speaker/programs.

The club created and/or continued to utilize a club website and keep it current. This site is not required to be the e-Clubhouse template, although it is highly recommended.

The club made financial donations to support a minimum of five (5) Lions programs.

The club participated in and reported a minimum of three (3) hands-on service activity projects to LCI.

The club's membership increased by at least 1 additional member more than the LCI membership number reported as of July 1, 2011.

The club presented at least one (1) of the following awards to a deserving business or person (need not be a Lion) who had not previously received a Lions award. (Check with Program Chairs for exact requirements of each award)

Melvin Jones Fellowship

5M Hearing Research Fellowship

Helen Keller Sight Award

Leader Dog Tribute

Top Dog Award

Diabetes Dream Catcher Award

The club was represented by at least one member at any three (3) Lions events hosted by other District Lions clubs.

The club participated in or sponsored at least one of the following Youth Opportunities;

"Lions Children First"

Peace Poster Contest

LEO Club Program

Young Leaders in Service Program

Youth Exchange Program

Lions Quest

5M8's CABINET LISTING

Title	First Name	Last Name	Cabinet Positions
DG	Sandy	Sandwick	District Governor
1st VDG	David	Thompson	1VDG, Global Membership Team
2nd VDG	Donna Mae	Landwehr	2VDG, Global Leadership Team
Lion	Ted	Peterson	Cabinet Secretary
PCC	Bill	Bard	Treasurer, Constitution & By Laws
Lion	Geri	Altricher	Diabetes Foundation
Zone Chair	Terri	Bailey	Region 3, Zone 1
Zone Chair	Diann	Belmont	Region 4, Zone 2
Lion	Deb	Bialke	Global Leadership Team
Zone Chair	Michael	Caley	Region 1, Zone 2
Zone Chair	Curt	Cotton	Region 3, Zone 2
Lion	Michael	Cramer	Technology
IPCC	Jim	Diehl	LCIF, Global Leadership Team
PDG	Linus	Dingmann	GMT District Coordinator, Constitution & By Laws
Zone Chair	Pete	Dingmann	Region 4, Zone 3
Lion	Dale	Dunham	Long Range Planning & e-clubhouse
Zone Chair	Duane	Finger	Region 4, Zone 1 and Can Do Canines
Lion	John	Frank	Global Leadership Team
Zone Chair	Ron	Goetzinger	Region 1, Zone 1
Lion	K.H.(Charlie)	Gunderson	Technology
PDG	Bob	Hoofnagle	Mn Lions Vision Foundation
Lion	Judy	Hoofnagle	Global Membership Team
Lion	John	Hotz	Global Leadership Team and Protocol
PDG	Pete	Kleingartner	LCIF
PDG	Bill	Landwehr	Global Membership Team
IPDG	Amy	Leidenfrost	Conventions and Forums
PDG	Frank	Leidenfrost	GLT District Coordinator
PDG	Dr. R.J.	Lindeman	District Advisor
PCC	Judy	Loken	Diabetes Foundation
PCC	Frank	Loken	Hearing Foundation
Lion	Carol	Merten	Hearing Foundation
Lion	Jim	Muellenbach	e-clubhouse and Long Range Planning
Lion	Joe	Musel	Quest
Lion	Kristine	O'Brien	Leos' Activities
Lion	Donna	Orstad	Publicity and Newsletter
Lion	John	Schiel	Project New Hope
Lion	Roberta	Schiel	Leader Dogs for the Blind
Lion	Jack	Shriver	Can Do Canines
Lion	Jennelle	Shriver	Mn Lions Vision Foundation
Zone Chair	Lori	Steinemann	Region 2, Zone 2
Lion	Bunny	Tabatt	Leader Dogs for the Blind
Lion	Vince	Thiel	Leos' Formation/Support & Youth Exchange/Camp
Lion	Ellen	Twaddle	Peace Poster
Lion	Frank	Voigt	Global Membership Team
Zone Chair	Tracy	Voigt	Region 2, Zone 1

District 5M8

76 Lions Clubs
2 Lioness Clubs
6 Leo Clubs

7 Counties
Benton Kanabec
Mille Lacs Morrison
Pine Stearns Todd

Staples '93 Lions
Home of
IPDG Amy
Leidenfrost

Staples
Motley
Lieda Scandia
Valley
Eagle Bend
Clarissa
Browerville
Long Prairie
Cushing (2)
Randall
Richardson
W.I.S.H.
Deanna
Hickley
Henriette
Mora
Ogilvie
Grasston
Rock Creek
Sturgeon Lake
Finlayson
Askov
Beedstone (2)
Sandstone
Quarry Lions
Home of
DG Sandy
Sandwick

Princeton Lions
Home of 1st VDG
Dave Thompson

Sauk Rapids
Riverside Lions
Home of 2nd
VDG Donna Mae
Landwehr

Reg 1 Zone 1
Reg 1 Zone 2
Reg 2 Zone 1
Reg 2 Zone 2
Reg 3 Zone 2
Reg 4 Zone 3
Reg 4 Zone 2
Reg 4 Zone 1

Executive Secretary Bob Harms asked me to pass along this announcement.

Lion Steve Wasserman
MD5M Technology Operations Consultant

Dear Lions,

MD5M is extremely proud to announce that PCC Lion Brian Sheehan from Bird Island was elected to the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International at the International Convention in Seattle Washington. Those of us that attended the Caucus on Wed. and the Candidates Introduction at the Plenary session felt that Brian did a fantastic job and was the **best of all** the candidates. MD5M is fortunate to have such a great person representing us.

Other great news from the convention is that the Fergus Falls Marching Band won 1st place in the parade and the photo of the fox submitted from 5M9 in the Environmental Photo Contest took **Best of Show!**

Congratulations MD5M Lions!

Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching!"

(See photos in the "Lions Scrapbook" pages at the end of the newsletter.)



5M8 SPOTLIGHT ON: THE IMAGE OF A LION

I am honored by DG Sandy to prepare a short history and perspective of my being a Lion. I submitted an abbreviated version and DGE Sandy promptly told me it was too short! I hope I don't stretch too far the other way.

Ray Lindeman was born June 23, 1924 to German/Russian parents with my father immigrating to South Dakota in 1900. I had two older sisters and grew up in South Dakota in the drought, dust storm, depression and grasshopper days. In retrospect that was an education I wish I could have afforded my children. Many lifelong lessons.

After graduating from Parkston SD High School in 1942, I was required to register for the draft. When my number came up I was in my first year in pre-med and the U.S. Army said "We will need doctors so we will defer 'calling you up, but if you flunk one subject in med school---the next day you will be on active duty with a rifle"! What a motivator. In the summer of '44 I went through basic training and eventually graduated with my M.D. Degree in 1948. After internship I came to practice in Paynesville with (Lion) Dr. C.R., Myre. Except for two years as a flight surgeon in the U.S.A.F., Paynesville has been home to this day.

My entry into Lions was in 1950 with 61 years of perfect attendance. I now hate to break that chain. I have held every club office except treasurer and have been on the district cabinet, in some position, since PDG Lion Ira Bergstrom was DG. (1958-59). I was honored to be MD5M Diabetes chair following PDG Dick Risley.

I started in Lions club at the request of my partner, Lion Dr. C.R. Myre. We were a small club sponsored by the St. Cloud Lions Club in 1946. In those days, "blackballing" was still permissible. Since then I have learned several lessons about Lions and Lionism. I believe a Lion is born, then made by life's lessons—to be of service to others. I feel many fine people leave Lionism for many reasons of which a limited attitude of servanthood is most prominent. It can be learned (taught) by a dedicated sponsor. I know that THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS is the biggest and greatest service organization in the world. I have learned that fund raising activities are the glue that keeps a good Lions Club functioning well. I have learned that too many clubs extend their efforts all the way to their own city limits! I have learned that considering your Lions Club as strictly a social gathering contributes little to the rewarding attitude of service to others. I have found that women Lions can work "rings around" some male Lions. Depriving a club of female members is inexcusable and only limits excellent workers and limits increased membership in any aggressive club.

Many of my attitudes were reinforced in the year of my being D.G. It is a good vantage point to observe what works and what doesn't work well in a Lions Club. It was my most cherished year of being a Lion. I have been honored by being Advisor for 5M8 though I know there are many Lions more qualified on any given subject. I would prefer to be a philosophic mediator since it fits my slowing pace in my 87th years of life.

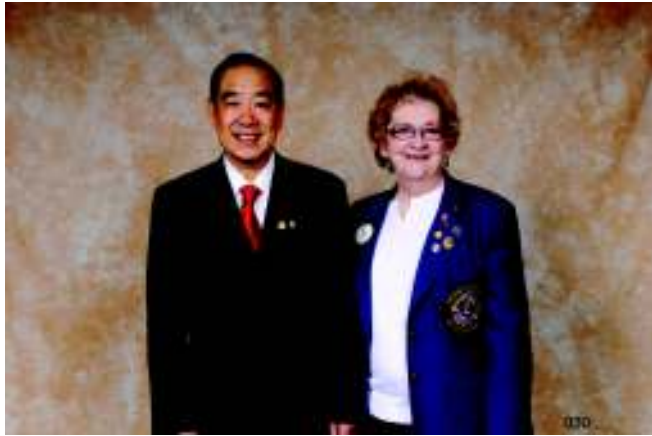
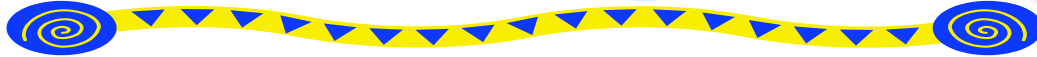
I'm not suggesting that you must put the Lions Logo on your tombstone but I have committed my life to serve others in Lionism and---- I did just that! [I'M PROUD TO BE A LION.](#)



In Lions service, PDG Dr. Ray Lindeman



Lions Scrapbook



International President Wing-Kun Tam and
5M8 District Governor Sandy Sandwick
International Convention, Seattle, Washington,
USA

2010–2011
“*Vision of Peace*”
Raj Phairembam
11 year old from India
Sponsored by:
Moirang Lions Club



BEST OF SHOW
LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CON-
TEST

Congratulations to:
TAMMY ANDERSON
Riverside Fergus Falls Lions Club
5M9

Fergus Falls Marching Band
Representing MC5M
Won First Place
At the International Convention
In
Seattle, WA





Congratulations to:
 PCC Lion Brian Sheehan
 International Director of Lions Clubs
 International
 MD5M is proud to have such a great
 person representing us!

Congratulations to:
 Our New District Governor
 Lion Sandy Sandwick
 5M8 is excited to have Sandy
 As our DG this year!

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT SEATTLE WASHINGTON



Left: President Tam receiving the oath of office with the Past International Presidents in attendance.

Right: PID Deb Wasserman and Brian Sheehan, candidate for International Director, giving nomination speeches.



Top: MD5M has a snowman, China has a dragon.

Left: Meet "Charlie", DG Sandy's new mascot!!!

Right: Approximately 1/4 of the Lions shown who attended the final Plenary session. DG Sandy lost her billfold in crowd of 15,000 Lions.





**District Governor
Sandy Sandwick**

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5M8 LIONS EVENTS 2011-2012

- July 8-9: St. Joseph's Brat Sale at St. Joseph Meat Market
July 15-16: Sandstone Quarry Lions Bake Sale / Picnic Lunch at Chris' Fairway 10am-5pm
- Aug 12-13: St. Joseph's Brat Sale at St. Joseph Meat Market
- Oct 11: Mini Forum at Henri's in Foley
Oct 20-22: 5M Leo Leadership Conference at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI
Oct 28: Sobieski Lions 25th Anniversary Celebration

