



5M8 Beacon

The Beacon of Service



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ANNE SMARSH TO HIGHLIGHT DISTRICT 5M8 LIONS MIDWINTER CONVENTION



International Director Smarsh and her husband, District Governor Tom Smarsh, will be our International Guests during this year's Mid-Winter Convention. We ask that all 5M8 Lions join us as we welcome them. Please note the short biography of Director Smarsh.

Anne K. Smarsh, International Director

Anne Smarsh, from Colwich, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009.

Director Smarsh is an accounting director.

A member of the Maize Kansas Lions Club and a Lion since 1992, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, district governor, council chair, district retention chair, district secretary/treasurer, multiple district budget chair, multiple district treasurer, LCIF/Alert chair and Leadership Institute faculty member. She has also presented at two USA/Canada forums and serviced as the president and director of the Kansas Lions Foundation.



In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Lion of the Year Award, Committee Chair of the Year Award, Claude DeVorss Fellow, four International President Certificates of Appreciation and two International President Medals. Director Smarsh is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Smarsh is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a current member of the advisory board for YMCA Camp Hyde. She has also received an Excellence in Public Service Award from Sedgwick County Kansas.

Director Smarsh and her husband, Tom, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter and two grandchildren.





Charter Members of the Pine City Lions Club Lion Clarence Espeseth, DG Amy, Lion Arnie Christianson, President Steve, & PID Gerry



Richardson Township Lakes Area Lions--sponsor Lion Jeff Thomas, new member Lion Rhonda Thomas, DG, President Barb Smude.



Eagle Bend new members and sponsors: Sponsor Virginia Heidt, New members Amber Rinio, Amber Aspengren, Dave Kanis, Jessica Olson and Sponsor Gary Benning



Ogilvie President Ken Taylor, DG Amy & Mora President Robert Woods at their club visit

HALL OF FAME AWARD

As we go to press, there is one candidate for the 5M8 Hall of Fame Award, PCC Frank Loken.

The purpose of this award is to honor a Lion or Lioness member of character and substance who has demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association "We Serve".

We will be electing a candidate at our Mid-Winter Convention, and the winner will be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next multiple convention.



CHALKBOARD TALK with District Governor Amy Leidenfrost

The Midwinter Convention Committee has been busy preparing for the Midwinter Convention. We have some excellent speakers and seminars lined up. We are pleased to report that there will be 16, that's correct, 16 hospitality rooms at this year's convention. They are all located around the pool and will provide a lot of games and entertainment for everyone. What a great time to meet Lion friends and to make new ones.

Our Saturday night banquet speaker will be International Director Anne Smarsh from Colwich, Kansas. We look forward to hearing her message, and showing the Smarsh's some great 5M8 hospitality. Please note Director Smarsh's biography on the front page of this newsletter.

The Saturday noon luncheon speaker will be Lion Dr. Lion Bevan Yueh, Head of the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Minnesota. He will be talking about some of the latest happenings at the MD5M Hearing Foundation and the MD5M Children's Hearing Center.

The Sunday brunch speaker will be Kathleen Breen from Leader Dogs for the blind. She works with the Leader Dog Graduate Field representatives, and Leader Dog volunteers to arrange speakers for Lions. She will have a very interesting message about the Leader Dog Program.

The Saturday seminars will be as follows:

1. Past District Governor Wayne Swanson will talk about Lions and the law. This will be a good opportunity to get answers to any questions about what is legal for Lions.
2. Lion Bob Harms will talk about his BAHA and how it enables him to hear, and the difference it is making in his life.
3. PCC Deb Harms will speak to us about Project New Hope, and how it is helping returning service personnel adjust to civilian life.
4. A representative from the Spring Point Project will tell us about the progress that is being made using pigs and trying to find a cure for diabetes.
5. Judge Mary Mahler will have a power point presentation regarding our State's judicial system. Topics would include how our government branch is organized, personnel employed, citizens we serve and general statistics.

We will also have a mini health fair. Lion Dr. Ray and Lion Mary Lou Lindeman will be doing glucose screening; Lakewood Health Systems will be doing skin cancer screening. There will also be eye testing, and hearing screening. Plan on attending as many sessions and screenings as you possibly can. All tests are without cost to convention attendees.



We look forward to seeing all of you at the convention in St. Cloud, MN, on February 4, 5, and 6.

District Governor Amy



First Vice District Governor Sandy Sandwick's Viewpoint



Club officer training is being planned for April and May. Watch for the dates and locations. Please encourage your club officers to attend. District 5M 8 membership as of the end of November is 3088, with a gain of 89 new members but a drop of 98 members for a -9% year to date growth.

Six months of my term as 1st VDG have passed; how time does fly when a person is having fun, learning, "observing and absorbing"--quote from 5M9 VDG Bruce

Beck.

My attendance at the International convention in Australia will always be a fantastic memory for this year. Attending the USA-Canada Forum, touring the Leader Dog for the Blind facility in Rochester, Michigan, attending the VDG training in Mahanomen and observing the Council of Governors are learning experiences that continue to confirm my belief in Lionism and how Lions can and do serve. While waiting for an elevator in Milwaukee, I met Lions Club International

President Sid Scruggs who gave me his personal pin—what an honor. The individual MD5M 1VDGs have met and began to bond as a group. Group 24, a group of 27 VDGs from throughout the world, has received messages from our teacher/mentor/leader.

*Dear Vice District Governors,
Greetings from Nairobi Kenya, and I hope that this email of mine finds you in the spirit of the forthcoming festive season. I have the pleasure in informing you, that 1st Vice President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam, officially released his theme for the Lionistic year 2011-2012 at the ISAAME Area Forum held in Dubai. Dr Tam's theme for next year is: "I believe." This is a great slogan for next year, and I will be sharing additional information as soon as I receive it.*

***Best regards, Manoj Shah.
PID & GMT Leader DGE
Seminar Group 24 Leader.***

THE LIONS OF 5M8 SEND OUR SYMPATHY TO YOU



Lion Erwin Mayers—Melrose Lions Club

Lion Mark Zimmer—St. Joseph Lions

Please remember to send or email (rogerh@mycmcu.org) a picture of the deceased to the Mid-Winter Convention Committee so these Lions can be honored at the Necrology Service. Thank you

Second Vice District Governor Dave Thompson



Were you ready for this? I can not believe the cold and snow we have encountered so far this year. I hope it has not hampered many of the various Lions events and activities this past month. Ironically as I write this it sounds like we are going to get hit twice again this coming week. I hope it does not affect the Holiday travels and plans to severely. It is very hard to believe that as you read this, the current Lion year will be half over. I hope everyone is planning on attending the Mid-Winter in St. Cloud this year, the committee has promised that it will be a great time. I hope that the stress of the Holidays and weather has not affected your enthusiasm for Lionism as we head into the last half of our year. If your clubs are like our club we are headed into our real busy time of the year, with two big fundraisers scheduled in February (Fishing Contest on Green Lake), and March (Our spring raffle and Prime Rib Dinner). Right after the first of the year I will be contacting the Clubs which have expressed an interest in the Full Tatter People Presentation for their clubs, to set up a date to visit them. Lions and their clubs make a difference in so many ways with in their communities and around the world. As the New Year begins I hope that we will continue to demonstrate and follow President Scruggs definition of a Lion (“**L**oving **I**ndividuals **O**ffering **N**eeded **S**ervices”), as we journey forward in our personal and Lion lives. I hope each and everyone of you had a joyous and eventful Holiday season, looking forward to seeing you in the coming months.

2VDG Dave Thompson



Ooga Booga is BACK!!!

WANTED—All you LIONS, LIONESS, and LEOs.

We’re back, the Cold Spring Home Pride Lions Club is back to play that wonderful, rib tickling game called **OOGA BOOGA!!!** We will be having a hospitality room at the 5M8 Mid-Winter Convention in St. Cloud. So round up your friends and bring them to our Cold Spring Home Pride Lions hospitality room, we would love to share this wonderful game with them.

PUBLISHERS CORNER:

A New Years Toast: Here’s to the new year . . . May it bring more joy and success, and less grief and regret. To our dreams . . . May we never stop believing in them, and taking the actions that will make them a reality. To our friends, loved ones, associates . . . May we take the time to let them know how much It means to us to have them in our lives. Let us encourage more and criticize less, give more and need less. And whenever we can, let us create harmony and peace. To new beginnings . . . Let us start fresh, right now, to make this the very best year ever. By Joanna Fuchs



Wishing you a wonderful New Year!!!

In Service—Lion Donna Orstad



GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

January

- Jan 03 - Sauk Rapids Riverside Lions
- Jan 05—Convention Meeting
- Jan 06 - Sobieski Lions & Royalton Lions
- Jan 10 - St. Cloud Metro Lions
- Jan 13—Motley Lions

- Jan 17 – Swanville Lions and Browerville Lions

- Jan 19 - Pierz Lions

- Jan 20—Avon, Freeport, Albany, St. Rosa Lions

- Jan 24—Painsville Lions and Eden Valley Lions

- Jan 25—St. Cloud Southsiders

- Jan 26—Cold Spring Lions

February

- Feb 4,5,6 – Midwinter Convention—Kelly Inn,
St. Cloud, MN

- Feb 14—Grey Eagle / Burtrum Lions

- Feb 17—Rice, St. Stephen, Holdingford Lions and Holdingford Lioness

March

- Mar 03—LeSauk Township Lions

- Mar 16—Onamia Lions

- Mar 17—Grasston Lions

- Mar 21 - Kimball Lions

- Mar 22 - Randall-Cushing Area Lions &
Randall-Cushing Little Elk Lions



**LIONS CLUBS TO
HAVE A PROGRAM
PRESENTED
ABOUT PROJECT
NEW HOPE**

**PLEASE CONTACT
LION JOHN SCHIEL
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(320) 251-1152
OR
[robyn45john@
charter.net](mailto:robyn45john@charter.net)**

2011 PARADE OF GREEN DONATIONS GUIDELINES

Please make your checks out to the following organizations as follows:

LIONS DISTRICT 5M8 FOUNDATION, INC. The District Foundation is set up to accept donations for **(Diabetes, LEOs, Youth Exchange or Quest)**. Please write the program in the memo line as all funds must be designated to one of the above programs.

MD5M LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION, INC. OR MD5M LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION, INC. (Children's Hearing Center in memo line).

CAN DO CANINES (was Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota)

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. (LCIF) Put Melvin Jones Fellow in the Memo line.

MINNESOTA LIONS EYE BANK OR MINNESOTA LIONS EYE BANK (MAC or Children's Eye Clinic in memo line).

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

PROJECT NEW HOPE make the check out to **Friendship Ventures with Project New Hope** in the memo line.

If your club has Charitable Gambling, make sure you follow the Minnesota Gambling Control Board's rules.

Proposed Amendments to the District 5M-8 Constitution

Amendment #1

ARTICLE IV.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Section 9. **DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS.**

(b) **Special.** Special meetings of the cabinet may be called by the district governor at the district governor’s discretion, or shall be called upon written request made to the district governor, or the cabinet secretary, or cabinet secretary/treasurer by a majority of the members of the cabinet. Special meetings of the cabinet may be conducted by telephone conference calls or by e-mail and will be considered official.

Rational: This would save time and money.

Amendment #2

ARTICLE V

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

Section 1. **OPERATING COMMITTEES.** The district governor shall appoint qualified Lions to the following committees;

Add – Project New Hope

Can Do Canines

Friendship Ventures

MN Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center

Rational: Hearing and Service Dogs changed their name to Can Do Canines. The other three are new and the committee chairs expenses are covered by their projects.

Amendment #3

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 4. **NOTIFICATION.** The district 5M-8 cabinet secretary shall submit a copy of the proposed amendment(s) in writing, postmarked by e-mail or if necessary by mail, at least 30 days prior to the opening business session of the annual district 5M-8 convention, to each club.

Rational: Cost and labor saving for the cabinet.

Amendment #4

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5M-8 BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 4. **CABINET SECRETARY.** Under the supervision and direction of the district governor, the cabinet secretary shall:

(B) Take and keep minutes of the district convention and furnish copies of the same to Lions Clubs International, the district governor and the secretary of each Lions club in the district by e-mail or if necessary, by mail;

Rational: Save mailing cost.

Amendment #5

Section 4. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The district governor, with concurrence of the Lions District 5M-8 Convention Host Committee, shall arrange the order of business for the district convention, and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

Rational: This has never been done so it should be changed.

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Proposed Amendments to the District 5M-8 Constitution (cont.)

Amendment #6

ARTICLE IV

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

Section 1. **SEMIANNUAL PER CAPITA TAX.** To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of Lions District 5M-8, a semi-annual per capita tax is hereby levied upon each member of each Lions club in Lions District 5M-8. The semiannual per capita tax shall be determined as follows:

(E) \$2.75 ~~\$3.25~~ to the District 5M-8 administrative fund;

(F) \$0.50 to the District 5M-8 convention fund;

(G) The \$0.50 semiannual per capita tax will go into the District 5M-8 administrative fund until the emergence convention fund reaches the minimum of \$5,000.00).

Rational: The change will help balance the District 5M-8 administrative fund. It will go into effect at the start of fiscal year 2011-12.

Amendment #7

Section 6. **CABINET MEMBER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT.** Members of the District 5M-8 Cabinet may be reimbursed for their official activities as members of the cabinet under Lions District 5M-8 rules of audit. Such reimbursement shall be based on available funds and may not always equal one hundred percent of any claims filed. Allowable reimbursement shall apply to all members of the cabinet including the first vice district governor.

Rational: the wordage is redundant.

Amendment #8

(B) Expense claims by members of the District 5M-8 Cabinet not covered under Lions District 5M-8 rules of audit (Article VII) must be approved by the Lions District 5M-8 Cabinet before the expenditure is made.

(C) District 5M-8 Cabinet members must submit quarterly expense claims. A 30 day grace period for the first three quarters of the fiscal year and a 15 day grace period for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year is allowed.

Rational: This will help control cabinet expenses and give the cabinet a better understanding of the financial standing of the cabinet.

Amendment #9

Section 13. **REVIEW AND TAX RESPONSIBILITY.** The immediate past district governor shall provide for the annual review of the books and accounts of the district cabinet secretary-treasurer, or cabinet treasurer of the immediate past fiscal year. The immediate past district governor shall be responsible for filing all state and federal tax forms of the immediate past fiscal year. A statement of the financial condition of the district shall be sent to Lions Clubs International and made available e-mailed to each Lions club in the district within ten (10) days after the second cabinet meeting of the fiscal year by the district governor then in office.

Rational: Save mailing cost.

Amendment #10

ARTICLE VII

LIONS DISTRICT 5M-8 RULES OF AUDIT

Section 1. Eligible Lions of Lions District 5M-8 Cabinet may be reimbursed for expenses limited to the following:

(A) Mileage at eighty percent (80%) Sixty Five percent (65%) of the IRS federal business rate.

Rational: Reduce cabinet expenses.

Amendment #11

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Section 4. **NOTIFICATION.** The District 5M-8 cabinet secretary shall submit a copy of the proposed amendment(s) in writing, postmarked by e-mail or if necessary, by mail at least 30 days prior to the opening business session of the annual District 5M-8 convention, to each Lions club.

Rational: Cost and labor saving for the cabinet.

The above amendments were recommended and approved by the District 5M-8 Cabinet.

**RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE LIONS DISTRICT 5M-8 LIONS SPONSOR
THE MINNESOTA LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER**

WHEREAS,

The members of the Sauk Rapids Lions and the Sauk Rapids Lions club have been involved with collection and transporting used eye glasses to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Recycling Center in Rosholt, WI for almost 20 years, and

WHEREAS,

During the 2009 Lions International Convention in Minneapolis, members of the Sauk Rapids Lions club were collecting used eye glasses when a discussion was started with Marilee Kadar, Health and Children's Services coordinator with Lions Club International, and

WHEREAS,

In February of 2010 the members of the Sauk Rapids Lions club voted to move forward and become officially recognized as a Regional Used Eye Glass Collection Center by Lions Clubs International and,

WHEREAS,

One of the requirements the Sauk Rapids Lions club must meet is sponsorship by Lions District 5M-8.

NOW, THEREFORE,

We, the certified delegates to this Lions District 5M-8 annual meeting do hereby resolve to sponsor The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and encourage the Sauk Rapids Lions club in this great project.

Rational:

The Sauk Rapids Lions club is experienced and equipped to operate a recycling center in Sauk Rapids.

**RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE LIONS DISTRICT 5M-8 FOUNDATION, INC. ADD
THE MINNESOTA LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER AS A FOUNDATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS,

The members of the Sauk Rapids Lions and the Sauk Rapids Lions club have been involved with collection and transporting used eye glasses to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Recycling Center in Rosholt, WI for almost 20 years, and

WHEREAS,

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WHEREAS,

In February of 2010 the members of the Sauk Rapids Lions club voted to move forward and become officially recognized as a Regional Used Eye Glass Collection Center by Lions Clubs International and,

WHEREAS,

One of the requirements that the Sauk Rapids Lions club must meet is that The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center be part of a charitable Foundation so that The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center may receive donations that have been generated by charitable Gambling and from Lions Clubs in District 5M-8.

NOW, THEREFORE,

We, the certified delegates to this Lions District 5M-8 Foundation annual meeting do hereby resolve to add The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center as an approved foundation program and encourage the Sauk Rapids Lions club in this great project.

Rational:

E-Clubhouse Makes Club Websites Possible (and easy) for All

By Lion Jim Muellenbach, LeSauk Lions Webmaster

For many clubs, maintaining the club website template that the District sets up for them, has been a daunting task and not very “user friendly”. The new Lions E-Clubhouse format removes all those obstacles.

“If you can type you can create and maintain a club website,” says Lion Dan Uitti, LionNet/LionsWAP Administrator. “The e-Clubhouse only requires that you have internet access. It is so easy to use and learn that we even have two web masters in their mid to late 80’s—one is 86, the other 88.”

LCI’s new branding initiative and Past International President Eberhard Wirf’s push to have every club on the internet were the catalysts for this new online tool. They wanted a way to upgrade the look of club websites while being able to link them through the LCI website.

Getting started is easy. To get started on your club’s website, submit an application to: <http://lionap.org/eclub/application.php>. The application asks for basic contact and club information that will be used, in part, to create your site. Within a few days you will receive an e-mail with login information you can use to begin work on your club’s website.

A detailed training guide can be found on the administration screen. It is written in plain English and includes easily understandable graphics that will help get you started. If you get stuck or have a problem with the system, help is only an email away: jimuellenbach@aol.com.

E-Clubhouse sites have a modular, easy to follow design. The pre-set navigation menu includes:

Home page, Calendar, Club Projects, Photo Gallery, Contact Page

Clubs can add up to five additional pages to their site and /or choose to activate the featured events section. The header, district and meeting information will be taken directly from your application.

Uitti highly recommends you include a photo on your home page, “Visitors will spend less than 10 seconds and move on if they don’t see something interesting. A photo will help draw them in.”

Content is also important. Website copy should be informative and concise. It should also be updated regularly with new projects and activities. Think of your website as an abbreviated club brochure. Visitors should be able to determine your club’s personality with just a glance at your home page and then link further into your site for more detailed information. It is also very easy to transfer information from your “old” site to the “new” one. Simply block and copy.

Club web masters will receive regular e-newsletters with news, design and content tips and reminders to update their sites.

Also available with your “new” e-Clubhouse website is the “members-only” section which allows club members to log-in to access. This feature will allow clubs to store password protected information in a secure area that only members with login information will have access to.

There is even an e-Clubhouse version for Districts and Multiple Districts. The district version, which will be considered by the District 5M-8 cabinet could integrate all e-Clubhouse visit www.e-clubhouse.com or contact me and get your club online today. I will also be glad to discuss your website with you at the upcoming District Convention. (*The LeSauk Lions e-Clubhouse website is one of 4 “featured” on the International Website as an example of how you could promote your Club within your community and the entire internet community.*)

Go to www.e-clubhouse.com to set up your site today!

What are you waiting for? Over 800 clubs created their own website in the first month e-Clubhouse was available. Lion Jim Muellenbach says, “e-Clubhouse is GREAT! It is not only very easy to quickly create a very professional looking website, but it’s ease to use, helps maintain current information which is important if you want people to keep coming back to your site.”

James I. Muellenbach, LeSauk Lions, 2 year Director

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WE DID IT!!!

Many thanks to the Lions and Lioness Clubs and Individual Lions who donated to the special LCIF match for Can Do Canines. We raised \$74,137.77 and have a \$1,000 pledge if the LCIF grant is approved.

Many more clients who have disabilities will become more independent with the use of trained dogs when the new kennels and outdoor runs are built.

5M8 was the top district with \$11,055 donated, followed by 5M7 with \$10,057.

Thank You again for your support to Can Do Canines. We will appreciate your Parade of Green donation which will be used for training and other costs to operate Can Do Canines.

Please contact Lion Terri Bailey (cmlpterry@hotmail.com) or Lion Duane Finger (fingerelec@meltel.net) for more information and/or a visit to your club.

Signature Service Project

The Sartell Lions Club has selected Opportunity Manor's handicap-accessible gazebo project as its 2010 Beacon of Hope Project. During a recent visit, Our District Governor, Amy Leidenfrost, reminded members of the importance of having a "signature service project." In her address she quoted our International President by reciting his message to all members:

"As you may know, my Beacon of Hope theme is all about service. This year we will build on our recent success by renewing and, most of all, expanding our service. To accomplish this goal, I am asking each Club to have a significant or signature service project. This type of project will define who you are in your community. No longer will we be "the best kept secret." Each club and each member represents a light of hope to someone in need. Together, the light that shines in every one of our nearly 1.35 million Lions becomes a bright Beacon of Hope for all to see."

Sid L Scruggs III, International President

Opportunity Manor has been offering residential services, social opportunities, transitional education options, adult day services and care to people with physical and mental challenges for more than thirty years. Opportunity Manor is currently engaged in a campaign to raise funds for the construction of a handicap-accessible gazebo; the gazebo will provide clients an opportunity to be outside while enjoying protection from the elements.

In October, we invited each club to join us in sponsoring this worthy cause. So far the project has received support from one other club, the LeSauk Lions. Opportunity Manor, and the Sartell Lions Club, is grateful for LeSauk's involvement. To date, Opportunity Manor has raised more than \$6,900 for the project; however, there is a long way to go to reach the \$20,000 goal. We are continuing to ask that each club, in the 5M8 District, support the project before the end of 2010.

Donations can be made online at www.opportunitymanor.com/donate. Donations can also be mailed to:

Opportunity Manor

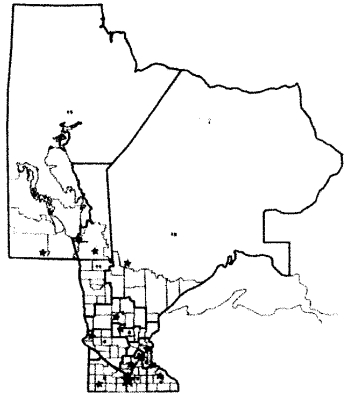
1908 Kruchten Ct. S

Sartell, MN 56377

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to call the Opportunity Manor Development Director at (320) 240-1900, Ext. 202.

Thank you for your time and for being "a Beacon of hope to someone in need."

Sincerely, Mike Deluca, President Sartell Lions



**JOIN US AT THE
BEND IN THE RIVER
MDM5M 2011 Convention
Mankato, Minnesota**

April 29 through May 1, 2011

**Forums, Fun, Entertainment, &
Meals**

**Information and Registration Forms
available**

**On the 5M website and 5M Directory
Registration Online at**

SUPER 'Chicken & Ham' DINNER

January 28, 2011

El Paso Club

St. Joseph, Minnesota

Serving 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm

\$10 per ticket

Children 10 and under \$5 at the door

PLUS

Meat Raffle, Silent Auction

And a Super Raffle!!!

We've got it all! What a night!!!

All proceeds benefit Lions Endeavors.

Contributions to the St. Joseph Lions Club are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

**SARTELL LIONS
BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Sunday, January 23rd, 2011

8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

ALL YOU CARE TO EAT!

**Sausage & Pancakes,
Coffee & Juice**

**St. Francis Xavier Cafeteria
Sartell, MN**

**Adults \$6.50
Children Ages 5-12 \$4.50
Children 13-18 & Seniors \$5.50
(Children Under 5 Free!)**

Proceeds go to the Leo/YDP & Lions Projects



The Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions Club invites you to join them for a fun filled day of snow golf on Lake Alexander.

Our Clubhouse and support staff for the day will be Mike Roach and his restaurant staff at the Castaway Bar & Grill. Registration will begin after 10:30 AM, and in earnest at 11 AM. Join us for special Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers.

- Hot chili for all contestants
- special prizes and fun for all ages!

**Snow Golf
Tournament**

February 19, 2011

**Date: 2/19/11
Time: 11 AM
4921 320th St. Cushing, MN**

To Register your Team (4) Contact:

Scott Odden (218) 639-5922

Mark Bounds (218) 296-0690

Registration fee: \$30.00 /team
2 (two) person teams
Scramble format, please bring golf clubs and tennis balls for each person on your team.



We look forward to having you at the tournament. All fees and donations go towards funding humanitarian services projects.



WELCOME TO THE "NEW" LIONS OF 5M8

NEW MEMBERS

Lion Marcia Johnston

Lion Jeffery Haugen

Lion Brad Langer

Lion Dean Schmiedt

Lion Gary Hawkinson

Lion Gail Mattison

Lion Michelle Smetana

Lion Kevin Martinson

Lion Ryan Brisk

LIONS CLUBS

Cold Springs Home Pride

Kimball Lions

Little Falls Lions

Little Falls Lions

Pine City Lions

Pine City Lions

Pine City Lions

St. Cloud Metro Lions

St. Cloud Southsiders

SPONSOR

Lion Dolores Bell

Lion Gary Vossen

Lion Steven Roubinek

Lion Marilyn Arnold

Lion Jane Robbins

Lion Chuck Binsfeld

5M8 is so excited to have so many wonderful people ready to "SERVE". Taking time out of their busy lives to make the lives of our community members in need easier to bear. Thank you to the sponsors for teaching and showing our new members the wonderful life of LIONS. Welcome to all!!!

2011 CONVENTION COMMITTEES

NOMINATING:

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PDG Bob Hoofnagle

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PDG Frank Leidenfrost
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Lion Tom Neal

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Lion Dan Krueger

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Lion Jim Poepping
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MID WINTER CONVENTION
Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN.
FEBRUARY 4, 5 & 6 , 2011

Mid Winter Convention is coming up soon. All the District chairs and Leo Advisors who were at the Leo Conference at Camp Friendship met about what we would like to do at this years Mid Winter Convention.

It was decided we would have up to six Leos and two Advisors from each of the 5M8 Leo Clubs attend this year. We encourage all the officers from each club to attend (up to six ages 13 and older). This will be a one day event. Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 9:00am to about 8:00pm.

Each club has a display table reserved to showcase there club activities, programs and projects. This is to give us the opportunity to show the Lion what Leos are doing.

The following is a proposed schedule:

9:00 - 11:00am Man Showcase Tables

11:30am - 1:30pm Luncheon with the Lions

1:30 - 4:30pm participate in Lions sessions and have 1 or 2 Leos man tables

5:00 - 8:00pm pizza/bowling party (car pool to and from bowling alley)

We are charging a \$10.00 registration fee for all attendees.

If your clubs would like to stay overnight and/or participate in other Lions programs or meals such as Sunday Brunch your club would need to contact the Kelly Inn for room reservations and register with the Convention Committee for any meals other than Sat. luncheon and pizza party.

All of Saturday's activities will be paid for by the 5M8 Foundation as well as part of your registration fee. You would not have to pay any more registration fees. You would only have to pay for meals for Friday and Sunday if you wish to participate in them.

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2011 5M-8 MID-WINTER CONVENTION FEBRUARY AT THE KELLY INN, ST. CLOUD?

1. Have you sent in your registration form to Roger Hansen? The deadline is January 4th. You may not get meals if you send it late. See registration form.
2. Have you called the Kelly Inn for room reservations? See registration form. Deadline is January 4th.
3. Has your club picked voting delegates? (One per 10 Lions in the club for at least one year and a day-new clubs get one delegate.)
4. Has the name and a photo of any deceased members been sent to Lion Roger Hansen. See contact info below. Please send at once!
5. Has your club voted on your donations for the Parade of Green? See check writing instructions in another article.
6. If you have any questions regarding registration, hotel reservations or information regarding deceased members please contact:

Contact Information: Roger Hansen, 21450 Westbrook Drive, Cold Spring, MN 56320-4409
 Work Phone 320-256-1727, Home Phone 320-685-9818, e-mail: rogerh@mycmcu.org

**LEO REGISTRATION FORM
MID WINTER CONVENTION
BEST WESTERN KELLY INN, ST. CLOUD, MN.
FEBRUARY 4, 5, & 6, 2011**

NAME _____ LEO or CHAPERONE (circle)
 CLUB NAME _____ AGE & GRADE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
 SPECIAL NEEDS and/or DIET _____

REGISTRATION FEE \$10.00 per person AMOUNT PAID _____

Please return this form signed by the Leo's parents ASAP. I need to have all RSVP's by Monday, January 10, 2011.

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the above events. I understand my son/daughter will have transportation to and from the convention as well as to the location of all their activities. Parents are welcomed to come stay for as little or long as they wish to see and/or participate in the Leo events. I understand all the Leo events will be chaperoned as well as alcohol, chemical & smoke free. For sleeping arrangements we each Leo Club will reserve their own rooms.

Parents or Guardians Signature

Date: _____

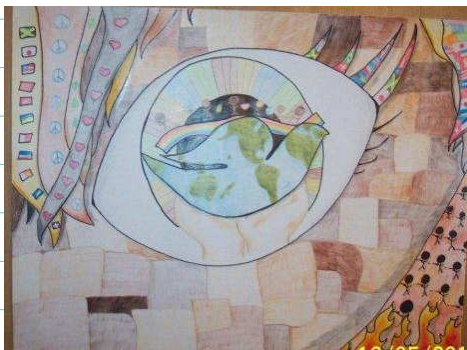
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PEACE POSTER WINNER

The peace poster is by Lily Brutger of St. Joseph, MN The poster was sponsored by the St. Joseph Y2K Lions.

Congratulations Lily!!!



District Governor Amy Leidenfrost
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5M8 LIONS EVENTS 2011

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| Jan 23 | Sartell Lions Breakfast Buffet |
| Jan 28 | St. Joseph Lions Super Chicken & Ham Dinner |
| Feb 4-6 | Mid Winter Convention at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud |
| Feb 4 | Cabinet Meeting, 2:30 pm at Kelly Inn, St. Cloud |
| Feb 11 | Liccoln Scandia Valley Lions Club Snow Golf Tournament, Cushing, MN |
| Apr 29-30 & May 1 | —MD5M 2011 Convention |

