

The Lions' Roar

News for the Lions of

MD5M

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Don't miss the fun!

2009 MD5M CONVENTION

MAY 1 - 3

BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

Lions, Lioness, Leos & Guests:

The St. Louis Park Lions Club of District 5M5 invites you to the 90th Annual Multiple District 5M Convention to be held May 1-3, 2009 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota.

We are planning a convention you won't want to miss! We will have stimulating speakers, informative seminars, exciting entertainment and more - all under one roof - with unlimited free parking! To view a brief video of the things we have planned, go to www.lionsmd5m.org, click on 2009 MD5M convention information, then click on the video.

Rooms will be \$109 (US) per night – taxes and fees extra. Room reservations are to be made directly with the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. Please see the Accommodations sheet on this website for detailed information on Hotel reservations, other area hotels, RV parking, and area attractions.

The Hospitality Book Price, purchased before March 1, 2009, has been set at \$120 and includes all meals and entertainment. Convention registrations should be made through the St. Louis Park Lions Club using the official registration form which can be downloaded from this website. Due to a variety of reasons, credit cards will no longer be accepted for convention registration. Registrations should be accompanied with check or cash.

Come to the 2009 Convention, it will be informative, fun, and entertaining!

Sincerely,
St. Louis Park Lions
2009 MD5M Convention Committee

Saturday Night Entertainment David Malmberg

When David Malmberg takes the stage, he doesn't come alone. Using the classic art of ventriloquism, David makes many very interesting and very funny characters come to life. It's hard to believe these characters aren't actually talking. David can make sounds and voices appear out of



virtually anywhere. It's a special treat to watch David work and watch a truly professional ventriloquist do his craft. David also happens to be a very accomplished classical guitarist. Great music, great comedy, and great ventriloquism are all part of an evening with David Malmberg.

Don't miss our invited guests!

Dr. Karen Nyberg and Heidi Stefanyshyn-Piper, Minnesota's own NASA Astronauts and University of Minnesota Mens Basketball coach, Tubby Smith have been invited to attend our MD5M Convention.



Heidi Stefanyshyn-Piper



Dr. Karen Nyberg

Accommodations

Each registrant is responsible for arranging their lodging

A block of rooms at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis South (convention location) has been set aside at "convention" rates until 5:00 pm April 7, 2009. Reservations after that date and time will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis only. Convention and room parking is free and plentiful! Rooms can be reserved by contacting the hotel at:

Sheraton Bloomington Hotel

7800 Normandale Blvd.

Bloomington, Minnesota 55439

Phone 952-835-7800

USD \$109 plus tax

In addition, a personalized website for hotel reservations for the 2009 Convention has been created. Access the site to learn more about the event or to book, modify, or cancel a room reservation from April 08, 2008 to April 07, 2009. To access the hotel website, copy and paste the following link into a web browser:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/5M>

Other hotels and motels are also available in the immediate area. Information on area hotels and area events can be obtained by contacting:

Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau

7900 International Drive, Suite 990

Bloomington, Minnesota 55425

1-866-435-7425 | Fax 952-858-8854

<http://www.bloomingtonmn.org/accommodations2.asp>

RV Parking and campground information in the Minneapolis / St Paul metro area can be obtained from the Explore Minnesota website at:

<http://www.exploreminnesota.com/lodging/campsites/index.aspx>

Just select Metro in the "choose a region" box and click on search for a listing of metro area RV sites.

2009 Convention Contacts

Lion Mike Rardin @ 952-930-0136

PCC Vern Harjes @ 952-929-7047



90th Multiple District 5M Convention
May 1, 2, and 3, 2009
Sheraton Bloomington Hotel
Bloomington, Minnesota
Hosted by the St. Louis Park Lions



Registration Form

Please print

(See Back for More Information and to Enter Additional Registrants)

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Address: _____ District: _____
 City: _____ Club Name: _____
 Prov/State: _____ Telephone: _____
 Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

(Check if this is your 1st Multiple convention)

Indicate any special needs you have:

Dietary (meals) Vision (Braille) Hearing (signing)

Hospitality Book includes Friday Social, Saturday Lunch and Banquet, and Sunday Brunch

Meal Plan Options			
Item	Number	Cost	Total
Hospitality Book (Received BEFORE March 1, 2009)		USD \$120	
Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2009 or later)		USD \$135	
Friday Social (snacks and cash bar)		USD \$15	
Saturday Luncheon (meal)		USD \$35	
Saturday Banquet (meal, cash bar, entertainment)		USD \$55	
Sunday Brunch (meal)		USD \$30	

Total Submitted _____

Make checks payable to MD5M 2009 Convention Fund

Mail registrations to: Lion Dave Apold
 6480 Pineview Lane North
 Maple Grove, Minnesota 55369-6034

Telephone (763) 519-0571
 Email: dapold@comcast.net

Credit cards will not be accepted – cash or checks only please – checks preferred
Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 15, 2009 - \$20.00 fee for cancellations
Registration forms may be obtained online at the MD5M website at www.lionsmd5m.org

Additional Registrants

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

District: _____

City: _____

Club Name: _____

Prov/State: _____

Telephone: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

(Check if this is your 1st Multiple convention)

Indicate any special needs you have:

Dietary (meals) Vision (Braille) Hearing (signing)

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

District: _____

City: _____

Club Name: _____

Prov/State: _____

Telephone: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

(Check if this is your 1st Multiple convention)

Indicate any special needs you have:

Dietary (meals) Vision (Braille) Hearing (signing)

If you have additional Registrants, please enter them on the back page of another Registration Form and attach it to this form

International Convention host Committee is seeking Volunteers for driving Airport drivers needed

We will need approximately 20 Vans or large Cars with drivers to pick up dignitaries from the Airport and bring them to their Hotel, and to return them to the airport when the festivities are over. At this time it appears that most of the dignitaries will arrive on 6/27/09 and 6/28/09. We do not have an itinerary at this time, so the exact schedule will not be known till 4 to 6 weeks ahead of their arrival.

We will be returning them to the Airport on 7/11/09 and 7/12/09. However there will be some that will need rides at different times and we must be able to accommodate them.

We also will need a couple Cargo Vans or Pickups with camper tops on them for luggage.

If you have a vehicle that would be able to fill these needs and are willing to be a driver, please go to the Volunteer form and fill it out and check "Transportation."

The attire for these drivers will be: suit coat/sport coat, white shirt, tie, Lions Pin and a Name Tag.

All vehicles must be clean and in good running order.

Parade drivers needed

We now have a commitment from JIM LUPIENT to donate 35 cars for the International Parade. We now need approximately 40 drivers for these cars. I am asking that PDG's volunteer for this service. The apparel for the drivers will be Blue District Governor jackets, white shirt, tie, Lions Pin and name tag. The Parade is on July 7th, 2009. Each volunteer must have a valid Drivers License, and we will need a picture of same. You should also have proof of Insurance.

If you are interested, please go to the Volunteer Form and fill it out, and check off "Transportation."

**Check out the
events that are
available on the
next four
pages..
golfing,
sight seeing
the
Mississippi, a
river dinner
cruise, or
watching our
own Minnesota
Twins battle
the New York
Yankees**

2009 LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION GOLF OUTING



WHEN: Monday, July 6, 2009
Buses leave the Convention Center at 7:30 a.m.
Return at 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hastings Country Club
Home of the 2009 Minnesota State Open Tournament

COST: \$135.00 USD per golfer

INCLUDES: Transportation to and from the Convention Center
Driving Range
18 Holes of Golf
Prizes
Deli Lunch
Rental Clubs Available for \$25.00 USD

PLAYER LIMIT: 144 – First come, first served; Close June 1, 2009

Golfer's Name: _____
Preferred Playing Partners (if any): _____

Event Fee: \$135.00 USD
Optional Club Rental @\$25.00 USD \$ _____
Specify Left _____ or Right _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Registrant Information. Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____

Address: _____ City _____ State/Province _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____ Email _____

Day Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell _____

check Bank transfer deposit (copy must be attached to this form)

Visa MasterCard (Your name as it appears on the card)

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Security Code on back of card _____

Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to (952) 432-3780.

If you fax, please **do not mail original**)

Checks Payable to "2009 Convention Host Committee"

MAIL TO: Lion Mike Molenda
1462 Featherstone Court
Hastings, MN 55033 USA

2009 LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOAT
SIGHT-SEEING CRUISE



WHEN: Monday, July 6, 2009
Buses leave the Convention Center at 2:15 p.m. and return at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Paddelford Packet River Boat Co., Inc.
Harriet Island, St. Paul, Minnesota

COST: \$20.00 USD per person

INCLUDES: Transportation to and from the Convention Center

Others in your reservation: _____

Registrant Information. Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____
Address: _____ City _____ State/Province _____
Postal Code _____ Country _____ Email _____
Day Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell _____

Others in your Reservation: _____

Total Number of Persons _____ x \$20.00 USD = \$ _____

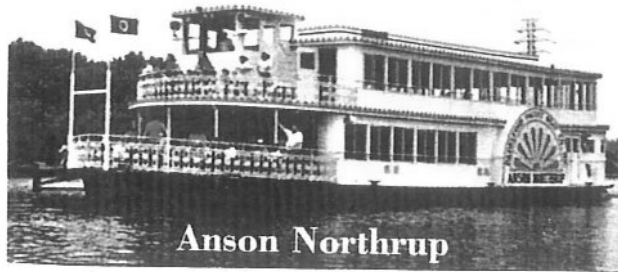
- check Bank transfer deposit (copy must be attached to this form)
 Visa MasterCard (Your name as it appears on the card)

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
Security Code on back of card _____

Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to (952) 432-3780. If you fax, please **do not mail original**)

MAIL TO: Checks Payable to "2009 Convention Host Committee"
Lion Sue Mullen
8489 – 195th Street
Lakeville, MN 55044 USA

2009 LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOAT
DINNER CRUISE



WHEN: Monday, July 6, 2009
Buses leave the Convention Center at 5:00 p.m. and return at 10:00p.m.

WHERE: Paddelford Packet River Boat Co., Inc.
Harriet Island, St. Paul, Minnesota

COST: \$75.00 USD per person

INCLUDES: Transportation to and from the Convention Center

Garden Salad, Boneless Chicken Breast with Zinfandel Mushroom Cream, 3-Cheese Lasagna with Spinach and Garlic Cream Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Dessert

Live Band Entertainment

LIMIT: 400; Registrations Close June 1, 2009

Registrant Information. Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.
First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____
Address: _____ City _____ State/Province _____
Postal Code _____ Country _____ Email _____
Day Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell _____

Others in your Reservation: _____

Total Number of Persons _____ x \$75.00 USD = \$ _____

- check Bank transfer deposit (copy must be attached to this form)
 Visa MasterCard (Your name as it appears on the card)

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
Security Code on back of card _____

Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to (952) 432-3780. If you fax, please **do not mail original**)

Checks Payable to "2009 Convention Host Committee"
MAIL TO: Lion Sue Mullen
8489 – 195th Street
Lakeville, MN 55044 USA

Join us for....

Lions Night in the Big Leagues!

Welcome to the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul! All Lions & Guests are invited to enjoy an evening of Major League Baseball with Lions Club members from all over the world! The local favorite Minnesota Twins take on the New York Yankees. Your ticket purchase will benefit the Lions Clubs International Foundation!



VS.



Wednesday, July 8th 2009 , 7:10 PM

Cost: Lower Level Reserved seats: \$29 (normally \$36)
Upper Deck Reserved seats: \$20 (normally \$25)

- \$3 for every ticket purchased will go to the Lions Clubs International Foundation!
- Special Pre-Game Presentation honoring Lions Clubs International!
- Lions of Michigan All State Band to perform the National Anthem!

Two Ways to Order:

Use form below and return to...

1) Minnesota Twins Baseball Club
Attn: Todd Krulewich
34 Kirby Puckett Pl
Minneapolis, MN 55415

2) Fax Order to: 612.375.7522

Internal Use Only: 698335

Location: _____

Name: _____ Day Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate Lions Clubs District: _____

I would like ___ Lower Reserved seats @ \$29.00 = \$ _____

I would like ___ Upper Club seats @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

___ Check Enclosed (payable to Minnesota Twins) Handling: = \$ 5.00

___ Charge on the following Credit Card: TOTAL ENCLOSED: = \$ _____

Exp: _____

VISA MASTERCARD AMEX DISCOVER

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Lion Mike Molenda

Email: mike.molenda@2009lionsconvention.org



Lions Clubs International Convention

July 6 - 10, 2009, Minneapolis, Minnesota

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Host Committee has been busy identifying our volunteer needs and defining job responsibilities. We estimate over 800 volunteers will be needed to accommodate our guests. Volunteers will be needed for: Airport & Hotel Greeters; Sergeant-At-Arms; Host Information

Booth; Merchandise Booth; Parade Marshals; Interpreters; Transportation; and DGE School.

We invite you to visit our website at www.2009LionsConvention.org. The website now includes a section to register for volunteering. The navigation area on the left side of the main page has a button labeled "Volunteer Info".

Click on this to arrive at the Volunteer Home Page. You will need the User ID : [5MLions](#) and Password: [Volunteer](#). You may complete and submit the form on-line or you may download the form and either fax or mail the form to the Volunteer Recruiting Chair. With your information, we can keep you informed about volunteer opportunities.

Please note that some of the jobs may involve certain physical requirements such as the

ability to stand for a long time, be subject to the July heat, or the ability to carry heavy objects.

THE "OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER" UNIFORM

The Host Committee has selected the blue "Snowman" shirt that many people have purchased already during Lion Ross Thorfinnson's recent election campaign. The cost is \$35. The Snowman shirt order form is included in our August-September newsletter or on the website. A few other comments about the shirts:

- The volunteer shirts must be pre-ordered using the form provided.
- The shirts will be delivered to your mid-winter convention. Your LCI Convention District Liaison will be in charge of distribution.
- The shirts must be ordered at least four weeks before your mid-winter convention in order to assure the correct number of shirts and sizes.
- The sizes ranges from Men's small to 5XL. Tall sizes are not available.

The table below summarizes the dates of the district mid-winter conventions and the shirt order deadlines.

For additional information contact:

Lion Mark Sikes

16561 72nd Place North, Maple Grove, MN 55311

Mark.Sikes@2009LionsConvention.org

Online Registration

Have you registered yet for the convention? It is now easier than ever to register for the convention with our online registration system found on LCI's website www.lionsclubs.org. All official hotels are in the system, you can choose your room preference and even see a picture of some of the hotels. You can now register and reserve a hotel room and receive an instant confirmation.

2009 Convention Camper Info

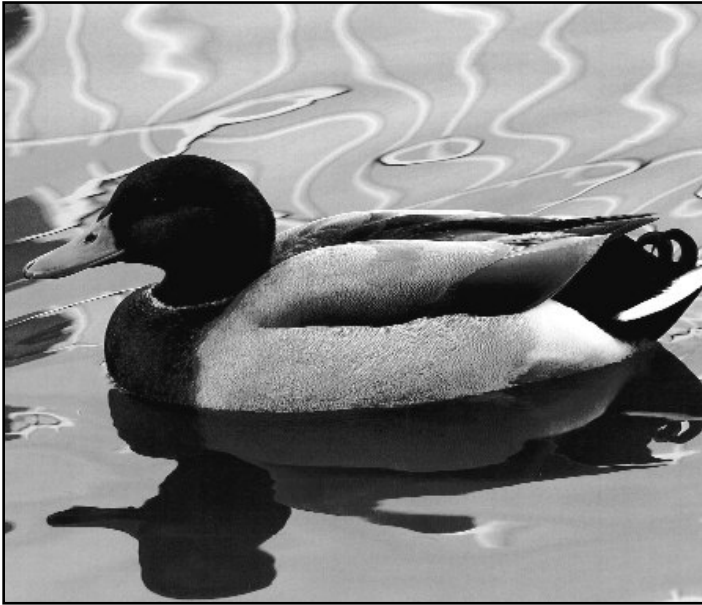
The Host Committee is pleased to announce that camp ground RV sites will be available at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The camp ground site is located at the southwest corner of Snelling Avenue North and Hoyt Avenue on the north side of the Fairgrounds. The the website contains a map of the Fairgrounds and the location of the camp sites.

http://www.mnstatefair.org/pages/fairgrounds_map.html

A shuttle will run between the camp site and the convention center. The following page contains the reservation form. The form may be downloaded and mailed to the Camper Committee Chairperson. 77 camp sites are available on a first come, first served basis so get your reservation in early.



Environmental Photo contest winner



The first place photo is from 5M8 taken by Donna Orstad of the Sandstone Quarry Lions Club

This was a class room project for the children in New York Mills. They had to write about something they admire. Here is one of the student's response.

Something I Admire

I admire the Lions Club because they make a lot of donations to things, like the New York Mills Pageant, Leader Dogs For The Blind, they helped Josh Hart and his family buy the dog, Storm. They also helped build our park, they pick up litter in the ditches, and they have done a lot of other things that I admire.

By Mallory Weber
10 years old, New York Mills School

It's time to brag

For the past 1½ years I have been privileged to be a part of the District 5M-9 cabinet as a co-chair for the Leader Dogs for the Blind programs. As such I believe I have gained a unique perspective about the many outstanding things Lions do to make their communities, the District, the state of Minnesota, this nation and the world a better place to live. These things are done selflessly, without request for praise or adulation and without the need for reward. They embody the Lions motto of "WE SERVE" without question.

However, and there's always a however, I don't believe we brag enough about what we do and what it takes to do those wonderful things. As Lions, it is not our nature to seek praise or the adulation of others. Without sounding too boastful, my club [Park Rapids], a club that is 42 members strong, does some things in our community that would simply not get done if our club didn't exist. That said, my club, as are many clubs, is comprised of people who are mostly over the age of 60. We, like many clubs in 5M-9, struggle to get new members who are of an age who can, and are willing to, accept the challenge to carry on with our projects, fund raising efforts and community involvement. Recently I approached an individual I thought would be a great addition to our club, explained who we were and what we did, asked the question and was promptly told that those groups were for old people. I've known this person since the late 1950's when we were in grade school together. What this showed me was that we don't do enough to let our communities know, and I really hate to use this phrase, what would be gone if Lions didn't exist. Do people know about the Eye Bank, diabetes education, the Hearing Foundation, the Hearing & Service Dog programs, the Leader Dog programs, the eye glass collection programs, the Lions Eye Health programs and the many youth programs? Do people know about all of the special local projects done by Lions? Some do,

but most don't.

At a recent zone meeting in Dalton, Zone Chair Ginny Paulson asked each of the clubs present to discuss what they do in their communities and what they do to attract new members. In the discussion it became very apparent that clubs were not bragging about their community involvement. It is imperative that we engage the local media outlets, print and electronic, in getting our message to the community. It is imperative that we engage other community groups, churches, schools, and service organizations through presentations and forums. As a Leader Dog co-chair, I have made presentations to many non-Lion groups, not so much to solicit donations, but to educate. At some point in the future these efforts will be rewarded by the recruitment of new members.

There are many things my club will do to promote Lionism and the projects we perform in our area. As a club officer I am going to make the effort to engage our local media to ascertain their interest in doing a "Lions Column." I will also approach the local electronic media about a 'public service program' highlighting local service organization's community involvement. Additionally, I will continue to offer Leader Dog programs to local groups as well as promote presentations to local groups by our other District program chairs. However, individual clubs can, and should, do their 'own thing' as it relates to 'blowing their own horn' and 'getting the message out'. The District should also be engaged and determine if there is a menu of things that clubs can use that provide a consistency across the entire District. Our message and mission are strong. We need to promote them so that can grow our clubs and continue to "SERVE" far into the future.

5M9 Park Rapids Lion Dick Kimball

Are you....

Dear Club Officers,
Happy New Year! May 2009 be filled with many miracles of service for your club.

But we all know that just wishing for good things to happen don't make them come true. We have to work at it. We have to plan. We have to be pro-active.

The new year is a good time to evaluate our clubs to make sure we are on track.

Are you...

Targeting young people, women or men if few in your club, and members of specific professional groups?

A "family-friendly" Lions Club?

Using marketing and public relations techniques to their best effect?

Working closely with your district's MERL team?

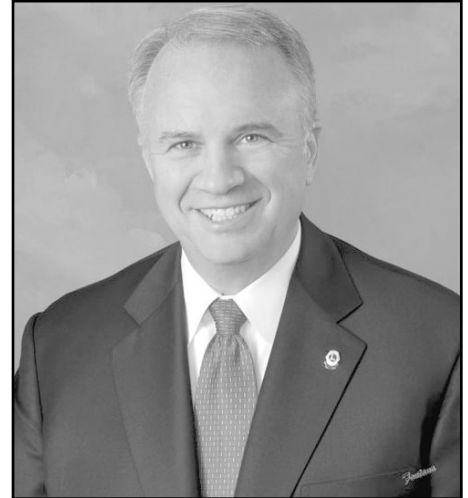
Making membership development a 365-day a year priority?

Fortunately, there are many proven tools available to help you perform this self-evaluation and to make any mid-course corrections needed. At the Lions Clubs International Web site, please see (Year Round Growth Program brochure, Healthy Club Toolbox, Best Practices for membership development, and 31 Marketing and Public Relations Ideas) among many others.

Please to not hesitate to take this clear-eyed look at what is happening in and around your club. Course corrections are not necessarily needed because of failure or mistakes, but because times change and it is up to individuals and organizations to adapt and change with them. It is important for the club to meet the needs and expectations of its members. Involvement in the community is key to meeting member's expectations.

Nothing could illustrate how quickly times can change better than the worldwide economic turmoil of 2008. But like all change, it presents both challenge and opportunities. Difficult economic times often motivate community-minded individuals to do even more for

their neighbors in need. Also, many families are looking for activities in which all members can participate and which do not require a large monetary investment. Because there is no better or more cost-effective way to serve than through Lions Clubs International becoming a Lions Club member is an increasingly attractive opportunity.



Your club can best take advantage of these new conditions by developing new service activities to meet the changing needs of your community. Be relevant! Do your best to find out about the challenges that face your community today and devise new ways to meet them.

Only by changing and adapting to the prevailing conditions can your club be a beacon of hope and an anchor of stability in troubled times. But if you are successful in this effort the good people of your community will surely recognize what we already know: that it is a great joy and privilege to be a Lion.

You have my best wishes for a happy and successful new year of service.

Sincerely,
Al Brandel
International President



MD5M Council Chairman Deborah Harms presents 5M9 PDG Carroll Kukowski and DGE Jim Arvidson with a certificate and banner patch for their work with the ALERT project.

Working Vacations

Due to cancellations, Detroit Lakes Lions have four spots still available for our mission trip to Mazatlan. The dates are the 14th of March to the 21st. The cost is normally \$980 per person, but due to the necessity to sell these seats, DL Lions have paid the deposit. The total cost for airfare, hotel and transfers is \$880.00 per person. The hotel is in the gold zone on the beach. There are some meals that will be provided. We work three days with the rest for meetings the Lions in Mexico and relaxation. For more information call 218-234-6556 or email me at armand.radke@meritcare.com.

Thanks for your help,
Armand Radke