



5M7 GRAM

Greetings to all Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7

WOW!!! The year has begun for me as **your** District Governor and I would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to serve! Lion Deb and I had a phenomenal time at the 92nd Annual Lion's International Convention in Minneapolis. A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone that volunteered to make this convention a success. We heard so many positive comments by Lions from around the world about how beautiful Minneapolis is, how the people here really are "Minnesota Nice", how wonderful everyone and everything was, etc. It wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for Lions, Lioness and Leos like you who "serve". THANK YOU!!



Interesting Facts I Wanted to Share With You from the Convention

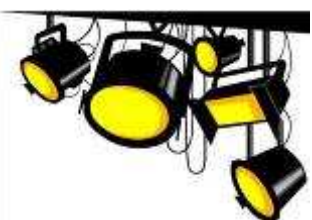
- Lions are the **#1** humanitarian service organization **in the world** – be proud that YOU are a part of this organization!
- In 2007-2008, LCI awarded \$40.93 million dollars in grants for 570 projects
- For **every cent** that is donated to LCI, **100% of it** goes directly to a grant to be given out
- On average, it only costs Lions **\$6** to restore or save someone from blindness
- There were 239 new clubs formed this year in North America
- There are currently 1,318,908 total registered members worldwide. This is 13,299 more than last year at this time.
- There were a total of 4,068 delegates registered to vote at the convention
- The new International President is Eberhard Wirfs from Germany. His theme is "Move to Grow".



My theme is "Communication is Key" this year. Communication is vital in any situation – friendships, marriage, your job, and in service organizations. If there is no communication in life, friendships fade, marriages end, you don't know what to do at your job, or no one knows about what service needs to be done. I am hoping that everyone communicates with each other – share your thoughts, ideas, success stories with me and other clubs. If you have a question, please don't hesitate to ask. You can contact your Zone Chair, the 2nd Vice District Governor Dave Schroeder, 1st Vice District Governor Brian Toews, or myself. We are all here to serve you.

I'd like to sign off this month with a final thought. Keep smiling or laughing and most importantly HAVE FUN!! Life is so much better when you're happy!

DG Clay O'Flanagan
"We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give."



District Governor Clay O'Flanagan with his wife Lion Deb O'Flanagan

Hello from VDG Brian

Since January 2009 the time has gone by in a blink of an eye. It is now time to get to work and have some serious fun in our new Lions year. DG Clay's theme for this year is communication. This key word is going to be the building block or cornerstone of his year. Effective communication will aid our clubs in gaining and retaining members. By developing common club voices to bring Lionism to your community, you will be gaining new members. Just ask. By making sure that the quiet member is heard, you will be making sure he or she is included in the club activities. By making sure that your meetings meet the needs of all the members present, you will start to become a better functioning organization.



The 2009 Lions International Convention in Minneapolis this year was fun, exhausting, informative and educational. Our new International President Eberhardt Wirfs' theme for this year is "Move to Grow." We need to move forward in our way of doing things to grow. We need to communicate more effectively to grow. We need to change the way the public sees us to grow: Use the Internet, use color. Our old projects that we have been doing for years may need to be tweaked to enhance our image. We need to change our look to attract families and young people into our ranks—they are our future.

We refined the M&A reporting process to make reporting a little easier on the club secretaries. Clubs can now boast about their projects and service without having to worry about a cumbersome Governor's Contest, which was confusing and has been discontinued this year. It is our hope that reporting will be less stressful and as a result more fun. To date I have received M&A's from some of the clubs through the Internet and I have noticed that even summer does not slow down our Lions clubs! These reports give DG Clay and me a chance to know what you're doing and how you're doing. Secretaries, please remember to get your reports in by the 20th of the month.

Please feel free to contact your Zone Chair, VDG Dave, DG Clay or me as a resource to any questions or issues that you encounter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you this year by representing you to Lions Clubs International.

Yours in Lionism,
VDG Brian Toews

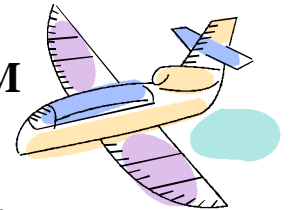
Governors Travels



- July 24-25 Council of Governors Meeting, Mankato
- Aug. 11 Cabinet Mtg. @ Huikkos Bowl, Buffalo
- Aug. 12 Almelund Governors Night
- Aug. 19 Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting @ St. Francis
- September 23-30 USA Canada Forum

SAVE THIS DATE

Don't Miss the MD5M Convention Soaring with Lionism in 2010



April 23-25—Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen, MN

Lions, Lioness & Leos,

The Elizabeth Lions club of District 5M9 invites you to the 91st 5M Convention to be held April 23-25, 2010, at the Shooting Star Event Center in Mahnomen, Minnesota.

We are planning a convention you'll want to attend. We will have excellent, thought-provoking speakers, seminars covering many topics, top-notch entertainment, and much more.

"Northern Minnesota's Premier Gaming & Convention Property" is how it has been billed. The hotel has 390 rooms, the convention center is 22,000 square feet, and also have restaurants, snack, bar, lounge, swimming pool, shopping and a large gaming area.

*Registration Form found on page 10 of "GRAM"



Lions Up-Coming Events

July 25

North Branch Lions will be serving Corn @ the Relay for Life at the Almelund Threshing Grounds



July 26

Forest Lake Lions at Stars & Strikes and in conjunction with **Coon Rapids Lions**, we are having a Waffle Breakfast from 8AM until 1PM. Cost is \$6 with kids under 4 free.



Forest Lake Lions are doing bingo each Saturday at Stars & Strikes in Wyoming. It starts at 2PM.

August 7

Clear Lake Lions Chicken and Corn BBQ @ Clear Lake City Park

August 7-9

Rockford Lions
Lions Fish Fry

Friday, August 7 at 6PM
Lions Park Building



Lions Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday, August 8 at 4PM
Lions Park Building

Wellness Van

Sunday, August 9 at 11-2pm
Lions Park Building



Lions Turkey Legs and Sandwiches

Sunday, August 9 at 11AM
Lions Park Building

August 11

Coon Rapids Lions Ice Cream Social @ Camp Friendship



August 15

Maple Lake Lions @ Days of Old Celebration

August 21-23

Montrose Lions @ Montrose Days

August 22

North Branch Lions are doing their 1st Annual Auction, Saturday, August 22, 2009 with preview at 5pm and auction at 6pm. This is at 6710 Ash St. in North Branch. They have a lot of antiques including a 5 foot lion fountain and other Lion memorabilia.

September 12

Rockford Lions Golf Tournament
Pheasant Acres Golf Course
Tee-off at 11:30 am
Info: call Lion Eric 763-477-5045



September 12

The **Albertville Lions** Outdoors Extravaganza, September 12. It is geared at hunting and fishing and everything gaming related. There will be a raffle plus a silent auction. There will be a rep from Gander Mountain on hand handing out \$10 gift cards to anyone that attends. There will be food for sale. The Bar will be doing their "DEAL or NO Deal" game in the evening. The event will be held at the 152 club in downtown Albertville. If anyone is interested in the event or is looking to buy a raffle ticket they can contact Lion Rick Kleist at wekleists@embarqmail.com or 763-497-7605 Lion Scott Pierson at piersonscott1@gmail.com or 763-497-4224



5M Pin Traders Club

The 5M Pin traders Club is having a pin swap on Sept. 19, 2009. It is a free swap with a \$10.00 charge for a display table.

Location: Salida Depot
16492 149th St. SE, Big Lake, MN.
(One block off U.S. Highway 10, on County Rd 11, about 38 miles NW of Mpls.)
One Day Only Saturday 8am to ?

*Registration Form is included on page 9 of the "GRAM" to register for a table.



Up-Coming Zone Meetings



Aug 19 -Region 2 Zone 3 @St. Francis
Aug 24 -Region 1 Zone 3 @ Huikos Bowl,
Buffalo
Aug 25 -Region 2 Zone 4 @Fridley
American Legion



Welcome New Lion Members

Lion Keith Reilein	Maple Lake Lions
Lion Curt Maxson	Maple Lake Lions
Lion Brenda Malherek	Maple Lake Lions
Lion Jaymie Morton	Maple Lake Lions
Lion Kris Porter	Maple Lake Lions

Club News

Forest Lake Lions

Blood Drive a Huge Success
It was a huge success for the Forest Lake Lions Club, for hosting a Blood drive on July 13. Although they fell short of their 140 pint goal, they increased up almost 30 pints over last year.

Eat at Buca di BEPPO to help Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota? Yes, please!

Hello Friends!

If you eat at Buca di BEPPO on Thursday, July 30th, 20% of your purchase will go to benefit Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota!

Attached is a flyer with the coupon that you will need to bring. The flyer also lists the five Buca di BEPPO locations around the Twin Cities. (Coupon on LAST Page of GRAM)
Please spread the word for us and send this flyer to all of your friends.
Mama Mia!

Sincerely,
Your friends at Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota



Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota



Heel and Wheel 2009 is just around the Lake!

Join us for the 16th Annual Heel and Wheel on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at Lake Phalen. 2008 saw 248 walkers and 124 dogs, raising \$45,563 for Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota!

Heel and Wheel Event:

This family (and pet) friendly event invites people to learn more about assistance dogs and their partners while getting fit, having fun and raising money to continue providing these amazing dogs to their partners free of charge.

Check-in and entertainment begin at 9:00 am
Walk at 10:30 am

Our day will include games for dogs and people, entertainment, food and a chance to help change the life of someone living with a disability.

Beautiful Phalen Park in St. Paul has again been chosen to host this special event. The paved walkways, beautiful lake view, and option for .5 to 3.2 mile walk combine with the well organized pavilion to make an exceptional, handicapped accessible location for our event. Get your Club to form a team and join in the fun! To learn more about it and register your team, go to:

http://www.hsdm.org/news_events/heel_whe/el.asp

From your "5M7 GRAM" Editor

Send in your Club News and the Club Activities you have held with a picture or two. All news and information are due to the GRAM by the 20th of every month. The GRAM will be posted to the www.5M7.org web site no later than the 24th of each month. It will be also emailed to all club Presidents and Secretaries. Please copy and share with your club members. Send your news to katlinder@usfamily.net. Share the good news of the Great Lions of 5M7 in the "5M7 GRAM" Newsletter!! Hope to hear from you for our next issue. Lion Kathy



LIONESS CLUB



ACTIVITIES

Andover	Have activities planned with Lions club Attended Governor's Night Awards
Anoka	Attended Governor's Awards Night
Big Lake	Held Blood Mobile Worked at Spud Fest Worked at Sherburne County Fair Held Club Awards Night Attended Governor's Night Awards
Buffalo	
Cedar East Bethel	Attended Governor's Awards Night
Coon Rapids	Attended Governor's Awards Night Bingo at Camilla Rose Bingo at Park River Assisted and attended Lions Galaxie Dinner
Lino Lakes	Attended Governor's Awards Night Donated to Mac Center Clowned in Spring Lake Park, Coon Rapids and Forest Lake
Spring Lake Park	Attended Governor's Awards Night Senior Bingo Food Shelf Spring Dinner at Osborne Apartments
St. Francis	Worked Senior All Night Party Had Food Booth at Pioneer Days Worked in Wellness Van at Pioneer Days Worked in Lions beer garden at Pioneer Days

I would like to congratulate the Lioness winners in the Governors contest.

Small club - Lino Lakes

Medium club - Big Lake

Large club - Anoka

Over all - Coon Rapids

All 14 clubs did so many great projects and served their community so well this past year. That I, as a Lioness am so very proud to be associated with them. I hope that all the clubs will continue to do these wonderful projects again this year.

Lion/Lioness Illa Torgerson
Lioness Liaison

LEOS



Having a Blast at the International Lions Convention

July 6th, 2009 was a day most of the Spring Lake Park Leos are not going to forget. Attending the 2009 International Lion's convention in Minneapolis was an experience filled with fun and learning! It's hard to believe that these two subjects were mashed together, but it seemed to flow naturally. There were so many different Leo groups from the United States and all over the world, that keeping count seemed to be a challenge.

There was one part of the convention that seemed to stand out and call attention: Advertising. All of the Leos were presented with the new material to help rope in new members for the Alpha and Omega groups! The Spring Lake Park Leos learned about some great ways to use promotional posters around our school and even in other places.

Learning that the convention for 2010 would be in Australia got the entire club excited! The Spring Lake Park Leos would love to be able to travel all the way to Australia to meet even more Leos and Lions, and learn about how they can make their club even better. Next Stop: Fundraising!

Delaney Murphy, Treasurer
Spring Lake Park Leos Club



Spring Lake Park Leo Emily Severson



Lions International Convention, July 6-10, 2009



Our great group from MD5M!



Banners lined the streets of Nicollet Mall to welcome Lions from around the world from our district.



The Scandinavian countries (Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Iceland) in full costume at their hospitality night they hosted.



DG Clay and Deb, Lion Tim Hance (looking down) from the Buffalo Lions with PDG Joseph Steinemann from St. Stephen, MN and PCC Steve Hovanes from the Sauk Rapids Lions at the eye glasses donation trailer in the Convention Center where we turned in 820 pairs of glasses . Of those 820 pairs, 277 of them were from the Big Lake Lions.



Netherlands in their native dress (notice their clogs for shoes) in the parade





The HUGE 5M snowman balloon that volunteers had to pull down so it could "do the limbo" under the skyways!



The Beach Boys in concert – they put on a great performance!



Lion's Club from MD-12 in Tennessee clogging in the parade



District Governor Len Quinn (Wisc) and Miss Ginger from Leader Dog





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Governor Clay and Lion Deb O'Flanagan enjoying lunch with Vice District Governor Brian and Lion Joanne Toews



Leos learning how to promote their club in their School District

Spring Lake Park Leos with their advisor, Lion Pete Yelle, enjoying the seminars at the Convention.



Governor Clay, Lion Deb O'Flanagan with VDG Brian & Lion Joanne Toews

Leos, Leos and more Leos at the Convention!

Have you Scheduled the Wellness Van for your Lions Event?

Contact:
Dawn Prince
763-236-8049 or
Dawn.prince@allina.com



5M Pin Traders Club Swap Table Registration Form

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ St/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Registration with one table _____ \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Extra table _____ \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Make checks for the swap payable in U.S. funds to the 5M Pin Traders Club.
Send Registration to Lion Jim Hazeltine, 7063 100th Ave, Clear Lake, MN 55319
Lunch will be served.

Lodging Available

Sleep Inn & Suites 14435 Bank St. Becker, MN. 55308 , 763-262-7700
Super 8 Motel 13804 1st St., Becker, MN. 55308, 763-262-8880 Toll Free 1-800-800-8000
Questions call Lion Jim Hazeltine at 320-743-4126 or email jm3hz@frontiernet.net



"Soaring with Lionism in 2010"

91st Multiple District 5M Convention
April 23, 24 and 25, 2010
Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center
Mahnomen, Minnesota
Hosted by the Elizabeth Lions Club



**HANDS ACROSS
THE BORDER**

Registration Form

Please print

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

Lion Lioness Leo Guest Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ District: _____

City: _____ Club Name: _____

Prov/State: _____ Telephone: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Indicate any special needs you have: _____

Hotel Room rate \$74.95 plus tax (check in 3 p.m. ~ check out 11 a.m.)

Room Code will be provided with confirmation of full Hospitality Book. Registrant must arrange for their room using room code. Seasonal camp grounds closed.

Hospitality Book includes Friday Social, Saturday breakfast, lunch banquet and Sunday brunch.

Meal Plan Options

Item	Number	Cost	Total
Hospitality Book (Received BEFORE March 1, 2010)		USD \$98.00	
Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2010 or later)		USD \$110.00	
Hospitality Book, Leo's		USD \$75.00	
Friday Social (snack, cash bar, music)		USD \$10.00	
Saturday Breakfast		USD \$8.00	
Saturday Luncheon (meal)		USD \$22.00	
Saturday Banquet (meal, cash bar, entertainment)		USD \$60.00	
Sunday Brunch (meal)		USD \$24.00	

Total Submitted _____

Make checks payable to: Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention

Mail registrations to: Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention
P.O. Box 1037
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-1037

Telephone Information:
218-739-9244 or 218-739-9582
E-mail: dlholt@prtcl.com

Credit cards will not be accepted - cash or checks only please - checks preferred.
Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2010 - \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

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IN SHARING.**



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July 30, 2009

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BUCA
di BEPPO
Italian Restaurant

Please complete and present this form and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Hearing and Service Dogs on July 30.



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