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Water...Is your cup full?

A Haiti mission that didn't take an earthquake to start

By Bryan Odegard

Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness. Preventable? Perhaps. Acceptable? Never! For over 20 years, Don Robertson from Ashby, MN, has been on a mission in Haiti. With over 40 years of well drilling experience and a heart to serve, Don has encouraged others to share in his passion. Although Don has not been able to travel to Haiti for the past few years, his mission continues to grow. For the past 5 years, a number of men and women from the Fergus Falls, MN, area have traveled to Haiti to make certain that clean water is available.

The first crew landed in Haiti two days following the January earthquake and it was to be understandably different. People were on edge and despair was just a word or glance away. Uncertainty about their families, safety, and survival consumed most of their day. We took up residence in an orphanage and what a blessing to have a bed to sleep on. Our earthquake experience was more entertaining than it was frightening as our beds shook the morning Jacmel was hit.

As is Haiti custom, everything takes forever. To be productive, we must get all our equipment organized and in working order. In many cases, our storage containers have not been opened, engines have not been started, and hydraulics have not been moved in a year. Access to vehicles is always a challenge and with the disaster, all heavy vehicles were already used. The pump repair crews rented 'tap-taps'. This is a small diesel truck with a topper on the back used to taxi people, suspension is optional. The repair crews traveled out of the city, down roads best navigated by donkey and up into the mountains where few go. Every morning and evening we traveled the 4 mile 45 minute cratered road to the orphanage. More than 30 pumps were repaired and each one is as good as a new well drilled. Some had not been working for more than a year.

The drilling crew drilled two wells in the short stay. The village of



The crew is busy drilling for water to help the country of Haiti get through the earthquake.

Pistere received its water from a clinic when it was open and the generator was running. They now have access to clean water every day using a hand pump. The village participated in the process by hauling buckets of water needed for drilling. Whether it was a 5 gallon bucket on top of their head or a gallon jug carried by a child, everyone did their part. The second well drilled was for Katie Hadley from Ontario. She was killed in the earthquake at the Hotel Montana in Port and her employer dedicated the well in her honor. The well was located at a church in Cap Haitien and we were honored to do it.

While in Cap Haitien, the population surged by 200,000 people. With people already pushing the limits for basic necessities, this increase could be disastrous. However, the need for comfort becomes part of

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Classic Lion Tails

Jim Arvidson, Lions District 5M-9 Governor



APRIL FOOL?

I DON'T THINK SO! Some Years the weather can fool us, but for Most of us APRIL does signal the beginning of a New Year. Ice and Snow disappear, Grass grows Green, and leaves appear on bushes and trees. Small animals come out of hibernation, Birds fly north, and Flowers Bloom !

We also know that it is a Great Day to be a LION. For you. It is the satisfaction of helping so many around you and in your communities, as well as the rest of the World. For me, it is the Joy of seeing and hearing about the "Classic" Tales of Service that you perform. Lion's Breakfast for the Local Food shelf, Fish Fry's, Diabetes and Eye testing clinics, Project New Hope Retreats, Eyeglass Mission to Mexico, Fundraiser's for fellow Lion's and neighbors, Four Wheeler Runs for Youth, and the list goes on and on. YES, We are not Fooled. WE Know what LION's can do !!

It is also a Great Day as we look to the Future. New ideas, new plans, new Goals. Part of that includes new Leaders for your Club. I'm sure most clubs have plans in place for elections. It is time to finalize that and get your results and PU-101 in to Lion Margaret Van Erp who is helping DGE Linda Norby prepare for the coming year. This is very important and needs to be accomplished soon. Our goal is April 15. Please include all information that will help you do a better job for your club. Tele. Numbers, address and very important – your e-mail address. This is so important to get information accessible between Clubs and District Leaders.

New Leaders - New Opportunity .

College of Leadership is May 2 in Wadena. Great way for your New Leaders to Start the New Year!

New Members - New Clubs.

I am quite excited about our District leading MD5M in New members and keeping Members. I am also very excited about starting a New Club in Fergus Falls. There will now be two Great Lions Club to help the Fergus Falls Community!!

Congratulations, Fergus Falls!

YES, It is a Great Day to be a LION!! Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell the guy down the street. They need to know what YOU know. Pass it on.

It's a GREAT DAY !

DG Jim

OLE : A Journey of a Thousand Miles begins with a Single Step!!

"Classic winner"



DG Jim with the winner of the auction for the "Cruisin' to Serve" Suburban. Lion Horace Boyer of the Akeley Lions Club. Also pictured is Zone Chairman Maria Patton. Funds collected went to Leader Dog Program.

CRUZIN' TO SERVE 5M9 Newsletter



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“On the road again”

April

- 2 Scootin' to the Next Level, Ottertail
- 4 Happy Easter
- 8 Nevis Membership Night
- 10 Four Wheeler Run, Parkers Prairie
- 11 Cabinet mtg, Wolf Lake
- 12 Guthrie Nary Lions visit
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- 13 Zone 6 mtg, Sebeka
- 14 Hill City Lions visit
- 15 Zone 3 mtg, Whitefish Area,
- 17-18 Smelt Fry, Parkers Prairie
- 21 Brainerd Lakes Lions visit
- 22-30 “Scootin' to the Next Level” Moorhead to Mpls. Target Field
- 23 Council of Governors Mahnomen
- 23-25 MD5M Convention
- 26 Baxter Lions visit
- 27 PNH Aldrich
- 28 Brainerd Lions visit
- 29 Zone 2 mtg. Aitkin
- 29 Zone 5 mtg. Verndale

May

- 1 Lakeland Hospice Extravaganza, Fergus Falls
- 1 “Make A Wish” Ball Target Field Mpls.
- 2 College of Leadership, Wadena
- 6 Backus Lions visit
- 7 “Special Prom” Ottertail
- 10 Deerwood Lions visit
- 13 Hackensack Lions visit
- 18 Aitkin and Aitkin Riverboat Lions visit
- 24 Henning Lions visit
- 25 Bay Lake Lions visit
- 26 Pillager Lions visit and 25th Anniversary
- 26 Zone 1, Pillager

June

- 14 Merrifield Lions visit
- 18-19 “Smokin Iron” Ottertail
- 25 Parkers Prairie Lions visit
- 28 International Convention Sydney, Australia

July

- 25 Bluffton Ladies Luncheon

August

- 8 “Classic” vehicle show Parkers Prairie

September

- 23-25 USA/Canada Forum, Milwaukee

October

- 10 5M9 Mini Forum
- 30 Thanksgiving For Vision

Lions

Heartbeat of 5M9

Linda Albrecht-Norby
Vice District Governor 5M9



Spring is here and with that comes new life, growth and a fresh beginning for the year ahead. Along those lines, comes new leadership and awareness of Long Range planning for the future of our clubs. Change is a difficult thing for all of us, but it is also a time to open our eyes, clean house and rearrange things so that they work better for our clubs. Take that club project you've done and freshen it up a bit and look at a new concept of it. Now might be the time to do a club analysis and ask your club members for an honest look at the positive and negative things in your club. A Membership Motivation Survey will help clean up the areas of concern for your clubs. Giving the club a healthier outlook for the future ahead.

The last go round of Zone meetings have begun, so please attend these meetings and let the rest of the clubs in your zone know what is happening in your club. The Zone Chairs have worked hard this year to inform all of us about activities in their areas. Please continue to send information about your clubs for the newsletter, so we all know what a great job your doing. Along with information, comes discussion, new ideas and fellowship with other Lions. Go beyond your club and tell everyone how great it is to be a LION!

The 91st Multiple District 5M Convention will be held April 23, 24 & 25, 2010 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Come meet Lions from around Minnesota, Manitoba and NW Ontario, attend some great seminars and have FUN! Lion Duane Rose and his committee from Elizabeth have worked hard to put the convention together. There will be some great seminars and entertainment for everyone attending. If you haven't registered, send it in to reserve your room for the weekend. Let's all go “Soaring with Lionism in 2010” in Mahnomen. See you there!

Election of new officers should be completed and remember to send your PU 101 form to Lion Margaret Van Erp and myself. This will help our Executive Secretary Lion Bob Harms get the directories completed in a timely manner for the coming new year of service. I look forward to working with all the new officers in the coming year and meeting the new faces who have joined the leadership team. Welcome aboard everyone!

This year has truly been an eye opening experience for Jay and myself. We have been on the road, visiting clubs, zone meetings, doing presentations for the Youth Exchange Program and loving every minute! With the traveling comes experience, but I know I have much more to learn before the new year begins and this year ends. We are never to old or young to learn, education is a valuable tool in life. I would like to thank DG Jim and 1st Lady Linda for a wonderful year of working together. I have learned much from DG Jim and we can all be very proud to have them as our role models for 5M9. It is truly A GREAT DAY! As I have said in the past, there is much work left to do and just 3 short months to complete it or move it forward into the future. What ever the case, we will move ahead knowing that the Lions of 5M9 are behind us and we will all continue to serve 5M9 with our motto “WE Serve.”

Believe: The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Walking the Path of Service,

VDG/DGE Linda Albrecht-Norby

Your Club and LCIF— Together we “Can Do” it!



This picture is of Laurie Carlson's (volunteer coordinator) dog.

In 1987 when Al Peters started the Hearing Dog Program of Minnesota, he took a leap of faith and said, “Yes, I can.”

In 1995, when he placed the first Mobility Assist Dog and became Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota, Lion Al and his team said, “Yes, we can!”

Since 2003, additional programs for diabetes, seizure and autism assist dogs have been put into place. Programs for our returning wounded warriors are also underway. Today, we train and place more assistance dogs than any other program in the upper Midwest.

Each of you who have heard Lion Al, a member of his team, or a graduate speak at club meetings or mid-winter conventions knows that the “can do” attitude goes beyond training dogs to help people. These specially trained dogs help their partners say, “Yes I can!” everyday by bringing independence, freedom and peace of mind.

To reflect the future they envision, Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota has officially announced a new name — Can Do Canines™ — Assistance Dogs. In order to fulfill the dream of helping more people with disabilities, a larger, more accessible location was needed. A per-

manent home was purchased last June in New Hope and phase one of the renovation is complete.

Much remains to be done. Minnesota Lions are committed to raise a total \$150,000 to fund the second bank of dog kennels and help complete this project. In order to qualify for a match from LCIF, we must raise an additional \$75,000 from Minnesota Lions Clubs.

We need your donation to the capital campaign in the next 2 months in order to submit the LCIF grant by April 21, so construction can start this summer.

We have 4 giving levels, and each club will be recognized on a Lions plaque inside the new building as follows:

- Titanium — \$100 or more/member
- Gold — \$50-\$99/member
- Silver — \$25-\$49/member
- Bronze — \$10 - \$24/ member

We encourage you to donate an amount above your regular donation as soon as possible, so more clients with disabilities can become more independent with the use of a trained dog. As Lion Al and Can Do Canines™ look forward to a future where everyone who wants and needs an assistance dog can have one, they join with our Lions Clubs and say, “Together, we can do it!”

PCC Frank Loken, MD5M Chair and Can Do Canines™ Home of Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota-

Please send your donation to;

Can Do Canines
9440 Science Center Drive
New Hope, Minnesota 55428
763-331-3000

info@ can-do-canines.org or www.can-do-canines.org

Haiti donation from Crosslake Lions



The Crosslake-Ideal Lions Club donated \$5,000 to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) relief fund for Haiti. Crosslake-Ideals Lions President Chuck Cole (left) and Past District Governor and Crosslake-Ideals Lions member Joe Doerfler (right) presented a check to current District Governor James Arvidson. The LCIF has already accumulated around \$1 million to put toward relief efforts in Haiti. The money from the Crosslake-Ideal Lions will most likely go to help long-term efforts to help the Haitians, such as building housing as well as providing food and water.

WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

| New Member | Club | Sponsor |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Jacquely Jensen | Campbell | Judith Hensch |
| Victoria Martin | Elizabeth | Joan Brusven |
| Jason Marchwick | Hackensack | Marilyn Dascher |
| Melvin Rateike | Hackensack | Marilyn Dascher |
| Robert Shelton | Hackensack | Todd Josephson |
| David Ashbaugh | Hewitt | Scott Fah |
| Troy Thoennes | Hewitt | Ricky Mitchell |
| Randy Graham | Perham | |
| Theresa Owens | Ottertail | Linda Buchanan |
| Addison Buhl | Vergas | Theresa Buhl |

New Hope when all seems lost

By Kathleen Pakarinen, Aitkin Independent

Suicide rates for veterans, age 20-24, are four times the rates for their civilian counterparts. A soldier or veteran attempts suicide every 40 minutes and a soldier or veteran commits suicide every 80 minutes.

Although it may seem like all hope is lost, renewed hope is just what a retreat, scheduled for Feb. 26-28 in the McGregor area, wants to bring to the survivors of suicides of soldiers or veterans. Project New Hope will hold a special retreat for those survivors at Camp New Hope on the edge

Otherwise, Billington said, the format will be similar to the one followed at retreats for veterans.

On Friday evening, an ice-breaker is held that helps counselors understand the audience and build a retreat that will serve the audience's needs.

All counselors come prepared to provide three to four different sessions. They then make the Saturday schedule, based on what counselors observed on Friday night and on the requests of attendees. Counselors are licensed professionals who work with veterans on a daily basis.

On Saturday, they typically have two to four sessions. If families appear to need more time together as a family, they typically reduce the number of Saturday sessions, Billington said. On Sunday, they have two more sessions and wrap-up the retreat by noon.

Everyone who attends retreats stays at the camp and retreats begin at 5 p.m. on Friday and wrap-up at noon on Sunday.

"The retreat is open to any and all family members who have been affected ... it is free of charge and nobody is pressured to participate in anything that they do not want to and activities are provided for children," Billington said.

Lead Twin Ports VA Clinic counselor, Major (retired) Jeff Hall said: "This retreat will allow us to assist families in coping with their loss and will also allow us to learn from these families about their needs and how we can be part of the solution."

"The Project New Hope team is humbled to be asked to support this great mission. We always strive to do everything that we can in support of veterans and their families and this retreat allows us to grow in another direction," Billington concluded.

Anyone interested in attending or getting more information, should contact Billington by calling 218-851-0804 or at bruce@projectnewhope.net.

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About Project New Hope
The mission of Project New Hope is to provide veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service. The retreats they hold at Camp New Hope are for combat veterans and their families, both American and Canadian.

Why there's a need

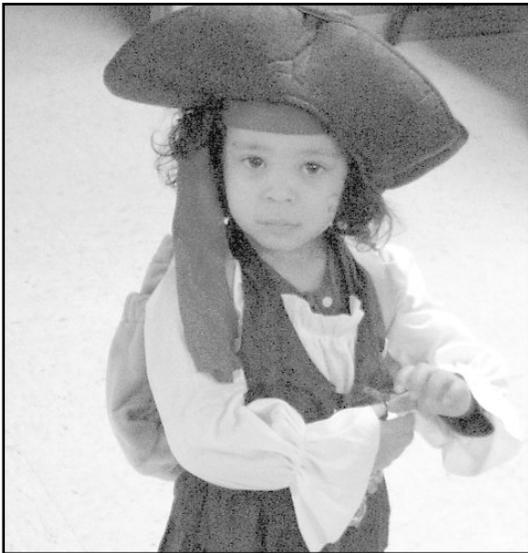
Multiple and extended deployments, unprecedented survival rates, 25% of all homeless are combat Veterans, suicide rates for Veterans aged 20-24 are four times greater than that of a civilian, more than 200 veterans become disabled every day, Over 2 million Veterans live without insurance.

Ways it's unique

- 100% volunteer staff
- The whole family is involved
- All combat veterans
- Cost of the camp is free and all meals are provided
- Short presentations are offered at different times through the day that include break-out sessions
- All sessions are self-paced according to the individual Veteran's wants
- Location is rural, pristine and private
- Objective is to be low key and offer assistance as requested by the family
- Youth activities and programs are available
- Counselors are available 24/7

Where it is

Camp New Hope is just a few hours north of the Twin Cities, on the edge of the Savannah State Forest. It offers a northern experience on the shores of Glacier Lake. This pristine 40-acre site features beautiful hiking trails, excellent fishing and a wide range of recreation options.



Kids get to have fun at Project New Hope. The area Lions Clubs help entertain the children.

of the forest, along the lake.

"We are desperately reaching out to the family members of soldiers who have committed suicide," said Bruce Billington of Crosslake who is the executive director and founder of Project New Hope. "People who attend will be able to speak with others, sharing similar experiences in an atmosphere that's conducive to sharing," he explained.

The retreat is a change in their usual format that usually involves the veterans themselves. The lead counselor for the retreat for suicide survivors will be a counselor who works for the Veteran's Administration at the federal level.

2010 COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP

Sunday, May 2 • 1 pm registration
Wadena/Deer Creek High School, Wadena

The agenda will be training for the Presidents, Secretaries, and a big general section for all participants ie. VPs and directors will receive training on the legal aspects of Lionism, the treasurers will receive training on regulating the funds correctly in the club, the non-officers will receive training on the general regulations of a Lions club and will come away

being better Lions due to their understanding on what is legal and what cannot be done. This will all be done by PDG Wayne Swanson legal advisor to 5M who has developed a great power point program on everything you wanted to know about how to run a club legally and correctly.

CL Lions donate to derby



The Cass Lake Lions Club recently donated \$100 to the Cass Lake Chamber to help sponsor the annual Kids Perch Derby event. Chamber director Kate Virkus (left) accepted the donation from Lions treasurer Connie Fickler.

MORE WEBSITE FUN!!....

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Check out the Classic Slide Show

Go to www.lionsof5m9.org

Click on the Classic Show, then

Click on the Eye Candy for Old Guys Show! BOY!!

Deerwood & Bay Lake Lions Clubs Egg Bake & Pancake Brunch

Sunday, April 25 – 8:00 a.m. – noon

American Legion – Downtown Deerwood
Variety of

- egg bakes • pancakes,
- cinnamon rolls • ham • juice • coffee

Adults - \$6.00 Children under 10 - \$3.00

Proceeds to bring the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall to

Crosby, July 22-26

**A Great Lions' Day and a Short Drive for
Great Food & Fellowship!**

Walker Lions give where help is needed



Lions President Colin Kivi and Treasurer Al Sanford present the \$500 donation to Theresa Eclow, Executive Director of Faith in Action for Cass County.

Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because Lions give where help is needed - in our own communities and around the world - unmatched integrity and energy.

Following a presentation by Theresa Eclow at their regular meeting, the Walker Lions Club donated \$500 to Faith In Action for Cass County. Faith In Action is a volunteer, charitable organization that provides services to seniors, the disabled and people in need in Cass County. Volunteers provide rides, friendly visits, respite, light housekeeping and chores, and build ramps, railings and low rise steps. Faith In Action relies on local support to continue these services in the community.

To learn more about Faith In Action services or about volunteering, call 218-675-5435 or check out the website at www.faithinactioncass.com.

Wolf Lake Lions honored



When District Gov. Jim visited the Wolf Lake Lions on March 4, he presented the following awards: Helen Keller Awards to Dennis & Rosie Anderson; Melvin Jones Awards to Virgil Nordby, Eldor Huwe, Joyce Ramsay and Dave Mickelson; and a special Wolf Lake Lions Appreciation Award to Tom and Jill Mickelson.

In 2009 the Wolf Lake Lions were able to give out \$26,175 to various community, charitable and all the Lions projects. Our club of 31 members in a community of 50 people continues to remain strong. New members are always being sought to help keep this a viable Club in the area so that this benevolence and service will continue for years to come.

Celebrating the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank 1960-2010

The Gift of Sight through eye donation is precious and life changing.

Over the past 50 years, the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank has helped restore sight by providing more than 22,000 corneas for transplant. Countless others have had better lives because the eye bank provided eyes and corneas for education and research and supported professionals in their mission to develop treatments and cures for eye conditions such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

As a part of National Eye Donor Month, please consider registering to be an eye, tissue, and organ donor.

1. Learn about donation.
2. Make your decision about being a donor.
3. If you choose to be a donor, document your decision by registering on your driver's license, state ID card, or state online donation registry or by completing a health care directive.
4. Tell your family and friends about your decision. Next-of-kin are an important part of donation when the time comes.

For more information about donation or to register to be an eye donor, please visit www.aGiftofSight.org

Lakeland Hospice & Home Care's
EXTRAVAGANZA
 FEATURING
THE GREAT IMPOSTERS

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|  NEIL DIAMOND Dennis Amundson |  THE SUPREMES Kelly Martin, Sonia & Randy Halbel | |
| <p>Saturday, May 1, 2010 1:30 p.m. Silent Auction Opens 3:00 p.m. Show ~ Life Church (Hwy. 210 W. & Co. Hwy. 116, Fergus Falls) Tickets ~ \$20.00 Call 888-820-7885 or 218-998-1400 Tickets Available at Lakeland Hospice & Home Care, Victor Lundeen's - Fergus Falls, & Area Chamber Offices.</p> | | |
|  PATSY CLINE Kelly Martin | | |

Frazee Lions present awards



Frazee Lions presented awards to: Jerry Bellefeuille, Hearing Research Fellow; Karen Cates, Minnesota Diabetes Foundation Dream Catcher; DG Jim Arvidson presenter, Frazee club president Corey Baker, Governor's Certificate of Appreciation for Membership and Melvin Jones Fellowship; Mark Pergande and Ed Jutz, Helen Keller Sight Award. New Frazee Lions inducted include Bruce Stoddard, Dennis Mayfield, and Hank Ludtke.

Left: New Frazee Lion Bruce Stoddard with his new Leader Dog, Bell.

Cass Lake Lions corned beef dinner a success



The Cass Lake Lions hosted their first ever Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Cass Lake American Legion. The event was labeled a success by both club members and those enjoying the meal. The Lions Club are sincerely appreciative of the many people who attended their pancake breakfasts and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Afternoon Tea in the French Countryside

Presented by the Deerwood Lakes Lions Club
Saturday, May 8 • Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Cascade United Methodist Church
Hwy 6 - 1 mile N. of Deerwood

**French Tea Delicacies Classic Decorations
Special Entertainment**

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**A Traditional Mother's Day Tea
for all mothers & daughters**

What Vets have to say about Project New Hope

"Everyone there was absolutely wonderful and has pulled our family from the brink of destruction."

"The camp was a God send."

"The retreat has given our family a boost of self-worth."

"Members of your team should be very proud, your willingness to take action and make a difference for families is commendable and inspiring."

"Everybody has their own challenges with reintegration, but it's good to know/see/feel that it is normal."

"I have really enjoyed the retreat held at Camp New Hope. There was clearly a respect and acceptance among those who willingly shared openly about their struggles, fears, and anger since returning from their combat tours. Never have I felt more secure and safe in the company of my brothers and their wives this weekend."

"Project New Hope brought me New Hope. Bringing these Vets and their families together was awesome and successful. We are not alone, we are together, and with Gods help,

we will overcome."

"It felt great to be a part of New Hope. It brought our Vietnam brothers and their wives together for a weekend of fun & games, and to talk about our past as Vets and how to cope with our inner problems. If this would have been available to me 15 years ago, things would have been different."

"This is one of the better things that has happened too me since I returned in 1966. I am glad my wife and I had the strength to attend this retreat. We had concerns and doubts but they were all taken care of."

"I believe that Project New Hope is the real deal that brings a fellowship of understanding. I could go on and on about how really helpful the retreat was."

"I, again, cannot thank you enough for the hard work you and the other volunteers do for Vets through Project New Hope. It is without a doubt the most rewarding & helpful session I have ever attended. As I said before what was really heartwarming to me was that there are still some people who really do care. Again, I can never thank you enough."

"As a wife, this was a great time to meet and get to know some of the Vets that my husband is in group with. Also, a chance to connect with others. It was great to hear and share stories, tears, and especially laughter. Thank you so much!"

"My wife and I found a family and a renewal to continue on the path of being a Vietnam Veteran."

Our life together has been enhanced by this weekend as we learned together, and were able to leave the 'problems' of daily life behind for a weekend. God bless OUR troops in combat."

"Project New Hope has done just what the name says, I have New Hope ... more hope. I feel like I can be me, open up, relax, fish, and eat great food. Everyone I met will be in my prayers everyday. All the staff were very helpful too me. So thank you from my heart. I have brothers and sisters now. Thank you."

If you want to learn more about Project New Hope contact Bruce Billington at 218-851-0804, bruce@projectnewhope.net or Dale Johansen at 218-826-6834, dalebet@prtel.com.

Lions we will miss

Duane Vad Breckenridge Lions Club

Club secretaries, please review and send or email your deceased member's photo to: Lion Jim Johansen
8103 210th Street North, Hawley, MN 56549
jkjohansen@juno.com 218-483-1121

This will help make the Service of Remembrance even more meaningful with a picture of your past member.

Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions Spring Fling Dinner & Dance

Saturday, April 10th
At The Prairie Event Center

Featuring The Eagle Valley Playboys Band
Dinner Catered By RK's Catering
Social & Games: 5pm
Dinner Served: 6pm
Dance 8pm-Midnight

Couples \$35 - Single \$20ea
Tickets Can Be Purchased In Advance
From Any Pride of Lions Member Or At The Door

WIN This Car





\$20

Drawing: August 26, 2010

For Tickets Contact:
Lions PDG Peter or Margaret VanErp
218-385-3446-petemarg@arvig.net
Or Send Check to: 38214 610th Ave.
Bluffton, MN 56518
Or contact your local Lions Club
Raffle proceeds go to Project New Hope

**A Tee it up for the Troops
Golf Scramble
will be held at
Grandview Lodge & Resort
Nisswa, Minnesota.**



\$100/player includes Golf and Banquet

**Winning
ticket
drawn at
Banquet
following
Golf
Scramble!**

“Soaring with Lionism in 2010”

2010 MD5M Convention

April 23-25, Shooting Star Casino, Mahanomen

Come Soar With the Elizabeth Lions

At the 2010 Multiple District 5M Convention.

We will welcome you to the 2010 MD5M Convention. The Elizabeth Lions have worked hard to give you a good convention and educational opportunities in Lionism. We have some excellent speakers, informative seminars, fantastic entertainment, good food, a great convention hotel, and time built in for you to build and renew friendships with other Lions, Lioness and Leos. Our door prize committee has been gathering some exciting prizes for the raffle, so a lot of people will go home on Sunday with prizes. Our Elizabeth Lions look forward to meeting all of you at the convention.

We have some very interesting speakers lined up for you.

Our banquet speaker is Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson. Past President Stevenson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada was elected at the 70th International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, ROC, in 1987. A Lion since 1966 and a member of the Calgary (North East Eye Openers) Lions Club, he has served terms as District Governor and as a Member of the International Board of Directors and a three-year

term as Chair of Campaign Sight First.

Larry Colbert comes to us from Tempe, Arizona. Larry lost his eyesight to Retinitis Pigmentosa a number of years ago, and today he travels extensively with his Leader Dog Banner. Larry is an author/consultant/speaker and truly lives a life of vision.

Amy Ruley was Women's basketball coach from 1979 to 2008, and now is the Associate Athletic Director for Development for North Dakota State University. She is an outstanding teacher, coach, speaker and community leader. Amy is an 8-year cancer survivor.

Beverly Barraberger (Berger) grew up in rural Ontario Canada. She and her husband have two children. Ten years after her marriage she became totally blind and has been the recipient of four dog guides.

Vickie Marthaler, from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, will give our alternate program presented on a wooden puzzle depicting how people relate to life.

Our Sunday Brunch speakers are Jim, Carol and Thomas Johansen will share the rewards and challenges of a family living a normal life with a child who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 13 months.

MD5M Convention Agenda

Thurs. 22 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration Council of Governors
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm Raffle Room open

Fri. 23 7:30 am Council of Governors' Meeting
8:00 am - 10:00 pm Registration
8:00 am - 10:00 pm Raffle Room open (Closed 7 pm to 8 pm)
10:00 am - 4:30 pm Credentials
12:30 pm -1:30 pm GMC Meeting for DGE
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm 1st VDGE Training
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm General Business Meeting
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pin Trading
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm PDG Social and Banquet
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Memorial Service
8:00 pm Cash bar opens
8:10 pm - 8:45 pm “Heaven Bound Trio”
8:45 pm Hors D'oeuvres and DJ “Pumpkin Bob”

Sat. 24 6:00 am - 10:00 am Casino Breakfast Buffet
8:00 am - 8:45 am DG, DGE, PID, PIP Judge Brian Stevenson
8:00 am - 12:00 Noon and 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration
8:00 am - 12:00 Noon and 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Credentials
8:00 am - 6:00 pm Raffle Room open
8:00 am - 8:45 am First Timers' Meeting with drawing

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Pin Trading (except during business mtg)
9:00 am - 9:50 am Seminar speaker Amy Ruley
10:00 am - 10:50 am Seminar speaker Bev Berger
11:00 am - 11:45 am Seminar speaker Larry Colbert
12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm Awards Luncheon
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm General Business Meeting
Pin Traders Meeting immediately following Business Meeting
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Alternative Program speaker
Vickie Marthaler
5:00 pm Social and Cash Bar opens
5:15 pm DG, VDG, PIP and Guests' reception
6:00 pm Banquet with speaker PIP Judge Brian Stevenson
Entertainment “Shot Gun Red”

Sun. 25 7:00 am - 8:45 am Raffle winners pickup prizes
7:00 am - 7:50 am PDG Meeting
7:30 am - 9:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 8:30 am International Convention Meeting
8:00 am - 8:45 am Church Services - Catholic
Ecumenical
9:00 am Brunch with speakers
Jim, Carol and Thomas Johansen
Closing Business Session and Adjournment
Drawings – First Timers and large prizes



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Name: _____

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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 _____

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Water is needed

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Everyone is checking out the new well and seeing how it works pumping out fresh clean water.

the basics for the ill, injured, and those starting over. We saw numerous orphans leave for their new homes to make way for those soon arriving. In addition, we helped at a rural clinic and did what we could at the orphanage. With half the population under the age of 15, there is always a small hand to grab, a smile to get, and a hug to give.

Our mission continues with numerous volunteers and donors. It is one thing to raise money, and quite another to make it work efficiently and effectively. In 2010, we will ship two additional well drilling rigs, one from Canada and the other from the USA. In addition, there are two heavy-duty mining trucks being shipped from Austria and a container of 250 hand pumps from India. We continue to help where we are needed.

Finally, I would like to share a journal

entry dated January 28, 2010:

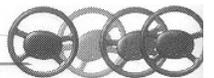
Every year I have come to Haiti, the time is too short. I often think about what draws me to a place like Haiti when I certainly could be spending my time elsewhere. The roads are brutal as I am certain the Romans had better infrastructure. Haiti is a miserable country for those trying to help and worse for those living here. They live in poverty like no American can imagine let alone survive. Yet there is something remarkable. They get up each morning and it is a new day. They are trying to make a living like you and I, raising their kids the best they know how, and working hard on their faith each and every day. Unlike us, they do not plan for the future as today is all they have. Survival does that to a person. Perhaps there is a lesson here. I noticed something on the way to the orphanage on Wednesday, there were no people walking down the streets and we hardly met anybody on the road to the orphanage. It was church night and that is where people were. God has not left these people. He is right in the middle of it all and they will find their way.

Our blessings in America are immeasurable. Our ability to have meaningful impact is great. Our courage to take real action is more important than hope. Purpose is at the center of it all.

May you hold your cup with purpose and it overflow with many blessings!



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