

Catch Your Dream



DG Bruce's
Port of Calls & Club Visits



Bruce Beck 5M9 District Governor

April

- 4th– Zone 2 Mtg Hazelton Twnhl
- 9th– Baxter Lions Club visit
- 10th– Palisade Lions Club visit
- 12th– Zone 1 Mtg Pillager
- 14th– GMT/GLT Mtg St Cloud
- 18th– Deer Creek Club visit
- 23rd– Henning Lions Club
- 25th– Zone 3 Mtg Hackensack
- 27-29th– MD5M Conv @ Hinkley
- 30th– Zone Mtg Underwood

May

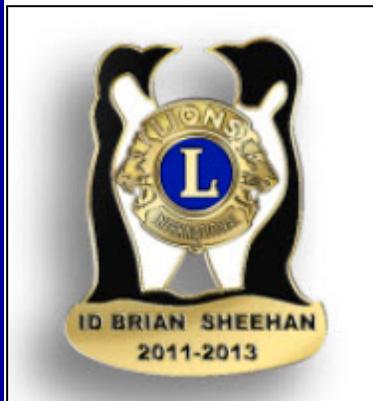
- 1st– College of Leadership Wadena M State
- 2nd– College of Leadership Detroit Lakes M State
- 3rd– Backus Lions Club visit
- 10th– Hackensack Lions visit
- 14th– Pride of Parkers Prairie
- 15th– Longville Lions Club visit
- 21st– Sebeka Lions Club visit
- 23rd– Brainerd Lions 90th Anniv PID Debra Wasserman Speaker
- 30th– Cuyuna Range Lions 75th Anniv– ID Brian Sheehan Speaker

June

- 11th– Cormorant Lions Club
- 12th– Bay Lake Lions Membership Nite
- 20th-28th– Attend Lions Intl Conv in Busan Korea (all done as 5M9 DG!)
- 29th– See **DG Margaret Van Erp's Calendar!!!**

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Chillin' with the International Director

Lion family, have you asked someone to be a Lion this year? If you haven't - would you please? You as lions know the feeling and satisfaction you get from serving your communities and the world. Wouldn't you like to invite someone to share those same feelings? We all know that this is the best organization in the world but we need each and every one of you to help, starting within YOUR club.

Would you please make a personal commitment to yourself to bring this up at your next club meeting? I'd like to encourage you to have a discussion on how you can reach a positive net growth by the end of the year. It is not about just getting someone to join your club for the numbers, it's about getting quality members, that you think would be a good Lion to share in the same passion you have as a Lion. At the same time, this will make your Lions family larger, and brings new ideas and additional help for your club. Re-ask that person you asked in the past. Now might be a better time for that person to join. Set a goal as a team and strive to achieve the glory of that goal together.

If you have asked and have been successful at getting a new member for your club I applaud you, but your job is NOT done. The job of a sponsor is one of the most important commitments and honors you will ever have as a Lion. Your job is to retain that new member, to make sure they continue to come to meetings and to share in ideas and assistance within your club for a Lion lifetime. Statistics have shown that we lose over 50% of our new members in the first three years of their membership. Don't let your member be one of those statistics. It's easy to ask members but harder to keep them. Our International President has asked us to treat our members like family and they will be here for a lifetime. If they do leave, make sure to ask them why and share that with your club, so your club can adjust and will become a better club for it. I want to thank you for all you have done, for all that you are doing and for all that you will do for this organization. We are all one large family that loves serving our communities and elsewhere for those in need of our service.

With your help we can have every club in the district have a net positive growth this year. How great would that be!! Please be a part of that success and bring this up at your NEXT club meeting.

Every day is a great day when you are a Lion!!
Lion Brian E Sheehan – ID MD5M

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Catch'n the Lunker



"I Believe" is our International President's theme for this Lion's year. I Believe that each and every individual Lion is making a difference in their community every day. Lions are compassionate, caring, thoughtful, considerate, hard-working members of their communities who give something of themselves each and every day as they go about their lives. Not just at a Lions' meeting or Lions' service activity. Thank you for being one of the people who makes a difference in your community.

How many others that you know in your community have the same or similar characteristics to those I have listed above? Our excellent Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator Lion Carroll Kukowski and Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator Lion Jim Arvidson have been working very hard this past year! As of March 1st, 2012, in District 5M9 we have brought in 149 new members... "Woot-Woot"! As of March 1st, 2012, we have lost 149 members, most of them slipping out the back door! We did lose just over thirty from death, if I recall from the Service of Remembrance at our Mid-Winter Convention.

Spring is upon us...

Our Snowbirds have come home.

Grass is turning green.

Nature is alive with the birds, animals, floral & fauna reveling in the season.

There is an 'excitement' in the air and we can feel it all around us.

As Lions, we too, should join in the excitement and work on inviting new members into our clubs. What a great time to ask someone to be a part of Lions. Just as we invest our time and efforts into our flower beds and gardens, our clubs need the same investment of our efforts to gain new members. Yes, it is work, and we can do it! Our major summer projects are ahead of us. Get new members (and potential new members) involved from the get go! Our new club presidents want to start their year off with lots of help, fresh ideas, and an excited group of Lions to make a difference in your community. So c'mon... step up to the plate, plant your feet and swing for the bleachers! Knock one out of the park for your home team. How many new members can you bring in? Just ask, that's all it takes. Think about what you will tell them about the Lions, your club, and how together we make a difference! Make plans to orientate and mentor your new Lions so they will stay in your club and become Great Lions!

For April, the International President's Service Campaign is "Protect our Environment"! Please have your club do an environmental service project and get it entered on your Service & Activities report to LCI. April & May are also the months that 5M9 will get most of our tree planting done to meet the President Tam's Tree Planting Challenge! Way to go 5M9! Trees are a valuable part of our everyday lives. Plant yours today!

And in closing, charge your batteries, put fresh line on your reels and new hooks on your line, and get your fishing license. We are going to have a great year on the water! Crappies, Walleyes, and all other fine finned fish...we're coming for you!

Catch ya on the Water,
Lion Bruce

We are all preparing to wrap up Lions year 2011-2012 while performing the elections for 2012-2013,

We will soon be starting our 3rd round of Zone meetings and hopefully we will again have a successful round with most or ALL of the clubs attending.

Our College of Leadership, training for all new and returning officers will be held in three different locations this year. See the article in this issue for dates, times and locations. For more information, contact your Zone Chair.

I have been working on filling my cabinet positions and do have a few left to fill. There will be some changes again this year but like always new ideas and new Lions will help to make our District grow. Of course, like every other year, membership and retention continue to be a big topic. I am looking forward to serving all of you in our great District in 2012-2013.

PDG Peter and I will have completed our DGE and spouse training in Minneapolis by the time you get your 5M9 newsletter.

We will be offering a printed Directory this year. Whoever orders one MUST prepay for it when ordered. We will be taking orders at the Zone Meetings and at the Cabinet Meeting. They will be given to the Zone Chairs at the first Cabinet Meeting July 29 and it will be your responsibility to get the Directory from your Zone Chair. Prices and ordering information are listed below. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 218-385-3446 or email me at petemarg@arvig.net.

Spring is right around the corner and I can smell the buns baking. Keep the fires and ovens on so we can get all of our work completed for our District Governor Bruce.

Until next month,

DGE Margaret Van Erp

*Stitching Together
the News of 5M9*
District Governor Elect
Margaret Van Erp



CLUB REMINDERS & UPDATES

- **CLUB ELECTIONS** MUST be completed by April 15th
 - Secretaries; update New Officers International file before filing your PU 101
 - Secretaries; file PU 101 (check addresses, phone numbers, e-mail address and spouse name for accuracy)
- PLEASE complete this ASAP after your elections so DGE Margaret can get the info to Multiple Secretary Lion Bob Harms. He will then update the District Directory. For assistance contact DGE Margaret at petemarg@arvig.net.

GET YOUR TREES PLANTED AND REPORTED to Lions International before April 30th.

MARK YOUR CALENDER

Walker Lions Home and Garden Show—Walker Community Center May 4th (9-5) & May 5th (10-3). Admission is free to anyone donating a pair of used glasses OR \$2/person, \$4/family.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

This year each club will have the opportunity to purchase a printed version of the District Directory from your Zone Chair. The books will be in booklet form.

- Complete 2012-2013 MD5M Directory = \$14.00
- Complete 2012-2013 5M9 Directory = \$3.00

All orders must be pre-paid by June 14th, 2012. No books will be ordered after this date.

Make checks payable to District 5M9.

Checks should be sent to:

Peter Van Erp
38214 610th Ave
Bluffton, MN 56518

Pat Hendrickx
46590 Mosquito Lane
Perham, MN 56573

CHECK IT OUT

Follow this link and learn more about a La Center, WA Lion riding 3,500 miles across the US raising \$\$ for Leader Dogs for the Blind. He is asking one penny per mile or \$35.00. He hopes to raise \$35,000.00.

<http://cyclingforleaderdogs.blogspot.com/>

I remember growing up with the saying ~ If March comes in like a Lion, it will go out like a Lamb. Well, for most of us March 1st was a blustery, wintery day, so if that saying holds true, then the week of Easter should be beautiful. I'll let you know next month, how that worked out!

Being part of the Lions is kind of like the above saying, only in reverse. When most of us are asked to join the Lions, we are a bit shy and quiet and stay in the background for a bit. As we get more involved in the projects and the activities of the club, we find ourselves coming out from the background and starting to roar a little bit louder. We find satisfaction in knowing that the time spent volunteering our time as Lions makes us feel good that what we do **does** make a difference. So go find that Lamb in your community and turn them into a Lion and hear them Roar...

By now all the club elections should be done and the results turned into DGE Margaret. Now you need to encourage those elected to attend one of three sessions at the College of Leadership. April 30th ~ Crosby, May 1st ~ Wadena, and May 2nd ~ Detroit Lakes. These sessions are held to help the officers with the job that they have been entrusted to. Other members are also encouraged to attend to learn and hopefully take on an office in the future.

All of the Zone meetings have been set and every member is encouraged to attend these informative and fun meetings. I know that the club President and Secretary are required to attend ~ but ~ don't expect them to be the only ones there representing your club. Zone Meetings are a great place to meet the other Lions in your Zone and find out what they are doing to make their club work.

This is the time of the year when a lot of clubs are doing fundraising events. Lion Pat and I have been to several breakfasts, fish fries, comedy nights, etc., and besides enjoying a great meal, have also met so many wonderful people.

Pat and I both wish you all a Blessed Easter Season.

Dutch Proverb of the Month ~ "It's easy to cut big chunks from someone else's cheese."
(English translation ~ Someone else's money spends easily)

Pas goed op jezelf – 1st VDGE Don



"WATTS" NEW
in 5M9
1st Vice District
Governor Elect
Donald Hendrickx



UNDERSTANDING LIONS

Whether you are a long time Lion's member or new to your Lion's club, everyone has had problems understanding Lion's history, function or information at the local club level or at the District, Multiple or International level. Hopefully this article will answer those unending questions.

Membership! What's the big deal?

It is very important to keep your clubs membership up. With more members, not only does it give you more hands to share the work but it also gives you more ideas for projects, fund raisers and needs of your community. Another reason to keep getting those new members is to keep replacing those members that move, transfer, dropped membership or pass away. In 5M9 to keep our district status we need 1250 Lions members. If we slip below that number we could lose our district. Have you ever wondered why our Multiple has 13 District numbers but there are actually only 12 Districts? Number 12 slipped below the needed Lions membership number of 1250 so their district was divided between two other

districts. 5M9 currently has 2510 members. If each club lost members without ever adding any, we could be subject to redistricting. Think about it, what can you do to improve your clubs numbers? A Lions member needs to be 18 years old or older, remember that you can have up to 4 people from one family living at the same address to qualify for the Family Membership which reduces the cost of dues.

Do you know a community that is in need of a Lions club? It takes 20 members to charter a new Lions club. If you have people interested in starting a Lions club, they can become a branch club until they acquire the needed 20 members to charter. Once Chartered, a Guiding Lion is assigned to the new club for 2 years to help with club activities. We have a number of Guiding Lions in our district that are willing to help out to establish a new club or help an existing club to build membership. If your club is struggling to get its membership up, and you need help, contact the District Governor or the Global Membership Team (GMT) Chair, Lion Carroll Kukowski.

Notes from the Council of Governors

Just a few tidbits from the Council of Governors meeting held March 17 in the Twin Cities.

- *The Hearing Foundation has applied for an LCIF Grant for High Definition Image Stream equipment for research. This will be a 75,000 matching funds grant, with a total equipment cost of 181,253.12. This equipment will be used for research.*
- *There will be a Leadership Institute coming up next year-2013, look for more information later this year.*
- *Youth exchange is looking for help! We have 36 young adults looking for a place to stay. 23 girls and 13 boys from countries all over the world are looking for places to stay in our Multiple, and only 8 have been placed so far. Give me a call if you are interested.*
- *The International Tree campaign is still going great guns! As of the Council of Governors meeting, 6,970,198 trees have been planted worldwide.*
- *At the upcoming International convention in Busan, Korea, an amazing 50,000 Lions are expected to attend, with over 40,000 already registered.*
- *LCIF Measles Initiative has set a goal of vaccinating 131,000,000*

NEWS FLASH

At 3/17 Council of Governors (COG) meeting, MD5M District Governors Elect interviewed candidates (interested current DG's) for the position of Council Chair for the 2012-2013 Lions year. The Council Chair is a guide or advisor for the District Governors. The Council Chair will conduct the MD5M Council of Governor will conduct Council of Governors meetings 4 times each year. District 5M9 is proud to announce our very own DG Bruce has been selected to be the Council Chair for 2012-2013!!! CONGRATS TO YOU CCE BRUCE BECK!



30+ year Park Rapids Lion Paul Grams
[center] receiving the Helen Keller Award for his outstanding contributions to Lions over the course of his tenure. With Lion Paul are Lion President Mike Monsrud [left] and Tim Grams, Paul's son, who is a retired Air Force helicopter pilot, last stationed in Alaska.

VERGAS LIONS TAKE 1ST PLACE 3/10/12
At Battle of the Business Bowling in Detroit Lakes!!
L-R Vergas Lion Secretary April Anderson, President David Antonsen, DL Lion Host Becky King, IPDG Linda Norby and Past President Sandy Antonsen,
They bowled the Highest Team score over both shifts and over 25 teams. They are quite the bowlers!



PUBLIC RELATIONSTIP

There are many ways to tell your community about your Lions club and activities. If your club is sponsoring a community event:

- Ask to have information posted on your community Web site or message board.
- Pass out flyers or brochures about your club and its activities. If the event is a fundraiser, hand out information telling how the money will be used.
- Display the Lions logo and club name prominently on all materials and at all activities and events.





LION IN TRAINING
Rachel Prouty helped with a variety of tasks at the Cass Lake Lions Club March Pancake Breakfast. She assisted with dish duty, selling raffle tickets and making pancakes with the guidance on the grill of her great-grandfather, Lion Gene Hasert. (right)



Linda Wiedewitsch of Detroit Lakes pictured with LC Mac. LC left Detroit Lakes in December to continue her training. 18 month old Archie joined Linda this winter for additional training. Both LC Mac and Archie were turned in on January 15th and Linda picked up puppy number 17 for her family to raise for Leader Dogs. She thanks the Detroit Lions club for their \$1600 donation for 2012.



PINE RIVER-BACKUS LIONS help out the Pine River School District at their Fun Night!! Lions have a fish pond and help raise money to pay for school programs and equipment not funded by the District. Pictured above:
(front) Lions Cindy Miller, Art Schmidt and Jack Riordan.
(back) Joan Riordan, Francis Anderson, and Don Norman.



Council Chair Mike Molenda and Charlie the Lion took a **POLAR PLUNGE** to help raise money for the MN Special Olympics in Eden Prairie on 3/10/2012.

(right) 1st VDGE Don and wife Pat receive change from Vergas Lions Elaine Palmer and Jane Bruhn at the Fish Fry.
(bottom left) Vergas Lions serve 300+ people of all ages!
(bottom right) the Kitchen Crew! Pictured l-r: IFDG Linda Albrecht-Norby, TyAnne Jacobson, April Anderson, Mike DuFrame, Sandy Antonsen, & Randy Buhl



VERGAS FISH FRY



RETURN RESERVATION FORM FOR THE CUYUNA RANGE LIONS 75TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Please return one (1) form for each couple or individual
As each person needs to select what choice of meat
for their meal.

The cost per meal is \$16.50.

The choice of meat is chicken breast or pork loin.

Name: _____

Meat choice: _____

Club Name _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ meal(s)

Please return to:

Lion Cathy Aykens
Address: 27 – 2nd Street S. E.
City: Crosby, MN 56441
Phone # 218-546-5982

We need your reservation back by May 21st, 2012.
We have limited seating so please get your
reservations in as soon as possible.

You're Invited *Cuyuna Range Lions* *75 years of Service* *Anniversary Party*

You are invited to help us celebrate 75 years of service to the Cuyuna Range Area and the world of Lionism. Reservations are required. Please make copies for your club members. A separate form is required for each couple or individual, along with their choice of meat, chicken breast or pork loin and payment.

Join us Wednesday, May 30, 2012
At Heartwood
500 Heartwood Drive
Crosby, MN.
Social at 5:30 pm
Come greet and meet our
International Director and District Governor
Dinner at 7:00 pm
Cost of \$16.50 (includes tax & tip)
Please RSVP by May 21, 2012



THE BAXTER LIONS LADIES IN BLACK!

Show off their new shirts.
Renee Rolfes, Christy Heidelberger,
Betty Holden, Vi Hancock
and Anne Buranen.



EVENT CENTER! **49TH ANNUAL**
Parkers Prairie Lions Club
SMELT FRY



Saturday, April 21 • 2-8 p.m.
Sunday, April 22 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Serving: Smelt, French Fries, Coleslaw & French Dressing, Bread and Beverage

New Prairie Event Center - Hwy. 235

NOTES FROM ZONE 6

Hey all - what's going on ? Looks like all the clubs are getting ready for the 3rd Zone 6 meeting of the year, to be held in New York Mills, MN at the New York Mills City Hall. The New York Mills Lions will be hosting.

Meeting will be held on the night of March 27 @ 6:00
 The New York Mills Lions club is the largest club in Zone 6 with over a 100 members. The Mills Lions are currently raising money for band uniforms.

Leader Lions held bingo at Harmony House.
 Menahga Lions members made up Christmas baskets for those in need. Also will be giving away 300 trees to elementary students for planting in the spring.

Nimrod Lions worked for the food shelf and baked bars for a benefit.

Osage Lions were busy with bell ringing, also with senior service.

Sebeka Lions held a successful membership drive.

Wolf Lake Lions were busy with Santa Day and working on a float for the parades.

As you can see everyone is busy keeping the winter blues away and having plenty of winter fun.

Respectively Submitted
 Zone 6 Chair
 Ron Genoch



Frazee Lion Kathy Fry and Wolf Lake Lion Dean Mickelson (pictured with DG Bruce) receiving their District Commendation award.



Frazee President Rita Stelzer and Wolf Lake President Paul Ramsay (pictured with DG Bruce) receiving IP Tam's pin.



Park Rapids Lions Club participated in a chili cook off to benefit the local food shelf. Bob Siefert made the "Willy Nilly Lions Chili". They don't lie about their chili. There's a lot of Lion In their chili! Try some sometime! L-R: Lions Dan Paulson, Zelda Novak, and Larry Novak.

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CAN DO CANINES

Can Do Canines does wonderful things for wonderful people. The only problem, there is not enough funding to train the dogs to be placed. This can be seen in the area of the children with Autism and dogs available to assist them. At the present time, the waiting period is 3 to 5 years, and there is a cut off age of age 7. This is really a shame since these dogs not only calm the child, but enable the family, maybe for the first time to do things as a family, be it going out for dinner, going to school events with the other children in the family, or any of the other things we take for granted. The child may or may not be able to take the dog to school. This is a school board issue. There is a child in the Twin Cities who changed the mind of the school board. The school assured the parents there was enough help in the classroom to keep the child safe. WRONG. One of the young students found the child with Autism heading for a pond by the school, and quickly, the school board changed their mind and the child with Autism can now take the dog to school to keep the child safe.

Besides the dogs for children with Autism...Can Do Canines provides dogs for people with Hearing Impairment. This includes people with Cochlear Implants as many turn off the implants for sleep, people with mobility assist issues, Type 1 Diabetes who can no longer tell when their blood sugars drop, and as we saw at Mid Winter, dogs for people with Seizures.

Can Do Canines only charges a nominal \$50 non refundable application fee. All the training costs are absorbed by Can Do Canines through donations from, not only Lions, but through fundraisers and several corporate sponsors. The training is on a 1 to 1 basis and no dog is placed until the dog and recipient have passed a series of tests. The care and upkeep of the dog is the responsibility of the recipient once it has been placed. Even with children with Autism, the recipient must care for the dog as he continues to be the property of Can Do Canines. The child must be able to feed the dog daily. Others must be responsible for the daily needs of the dogs as well as any veterinarian care as needed. No dog can be mistreated or neglected.

There is a person in 5M9 who has been approved for a Can Do Canine, but as yet, the person has not completed the entire training and hopefully this person will be a graduate of Can Do Canines.

Can Do Canines offers tours, and of course, their graduations are open to the public. The next graduation will be May 19 at their headquarters in New Hope. This is such an exciting day and so rewarding to attend.

We are anxious to get the word out about Can Do Canines, so please do not hesitate to contact Linda Altergott or Bonnie Genin to set up a presentation at your club.

5M9 Co-Chairs: Linda Altergott and Bonnie Genin



EYE GLASS COLLECTION

The Detroit Lakes Lions Club is the District 5M9 collection center for processing used eyeglasses. Lions Clubs throughout the District collect used eyeglasses in their communities and periodically deliver them to the Detroit Lakes Club. Presently the club has about 60 boxes filled with used eyeglasses; each box is typical of the photo. It is estimated that there are nearly 10,000 used eyeglasses on hand and the Detroit Lakes Lions club members meet evenings to sort and inspect each pair of eyeglasses to determine its eligibility for reuse.

Some of the eyeglasses become the inventory that will accompany the Lions in March on their EYE'S FOR MEXICO mission which each year provides improved vision to about 1500 individuals. The rest of the eyeglasses determined useable; are packaged and sent to a recycling facility in Wisconsin. Ultimately, re-useable eyeglasses from Northwest Minnesota, processed in Detroit Lakes will improve the vision of someone in need.

A primary mission of Lions International is sight conservation and the Detroit Lakes Lions are certainly leaders in that endeavor.

Exploring Lions Pride Your 2012 MD5M Convention



It's time to get your reservations in for the 2012 MD5M Multiple Convention!

The Princeton Lions Club of 5M-8, hosts for the 2012 MD5M Convention have put together an exciting, informative, and entertaining convention for the Lions of MD5M.

The fun starts on Friday, April 27th and winds up on Sunday, April 29th with a morning brunch.

This year's event is being held at the Grand Casino Convention Center in Hinckley, Minnesota. Hinckley is located off Interstate #35 between Duluth and Minneapolis. Driving time to Hinckley from Winnipeg, MB is about 8 hours, from Thunder Bay, ON about five hours, Moorhead about 4 hours, and Mankato about 3 hours.

Full convention packages are priced at US\$110 per person. Individual meal pricing is available.

There is a wide-range of hotel accommodations available at the Grand Casino Hotel. Daily room rates range from \$55.20 to \$80.10 for standard rooms, and Jacuzzi or Spa suites range from \$78.40 to \$161.10. Taxes are extra.

There is a RV park available and within walking distance of Convention Center. In addition, a shuttle will transport RV participants to the Convention Center.

Full convention information can be found on the MD5M web site at www.lionsmd5m.org.



LCIF Chair
Sid L. Scruggs III

The convention provides an exciting opportunity for you to learn more about Lionism, the Lion Organization, and what Lions can do for our society. But, most importantly, it will give you an opportunity to meet Lions from throughout Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario and share your experiences as a Lion.

The Annual Business meeting encourages you to become more aware and engaged in the functions and leadership of the multiple district.

Seminars feature a specialist in voice and airway disorders; a Lion who utilizes low vision aids, and a resource who enables Lions Clubs to develop e-club options.

The Saturday evening banquet affords you the opportunity to hear the message from LCIF Chair Lion Sid Scruggs III who is also the Immediate Past President of Lions International!

Friday and Saturday evenings wind up with a time to relax, meet and mix with fellow Lions and enjoy the entertainment.

**One thing for certain,
you are guaranteed a
great time.**

Register today!!!!



Exploring Lions Pride
at the
93rd MD5M Convention



April 27-29, 2012
Grand Casino Hinckley Hinckley, Minnesota

Hosted by Princeton Lions Club

Registration Form
Please print

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: MN

Zip/CP: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Club: _____

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention.

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: MN

Zip/CP: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Club: _____

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention.

The Grand Casino Hotel and Casino are attached to the Grand Casino Convention Center
Camping information available with hotel information.

Meal Plan Options			
Hospitality Book includes: Friday Mixer, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet and Sunday Brunch			
Item	Number	Cost	Total
Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2012 or later)		USD \$110.00	\$
Friday Mixer (snack, cash bar, music)		USD \$15.00	\$
Saturday Luncheon		USD \$30.00	\$
Saturday Banquet		USD \$55.00	\$
Sunday Brunch		USD \$35.00	\$

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2012 Convention
Mail registrations to: Lion Carol Breikreutz,
28244 Par Drive -
Zimmerman, Mn 55398

Total Submitted: \$ _____
Convention information: carolin@izoom.net
Phone: 1-763-856-6125

Credit cards will not be accepted. Cash or checks only please; checks preferred.
Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2012. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

All participants must register. If no meals are desired, indicate "zero" in the total.

A Case of Mistaken Identity?

It seemed like a good idea at the time ... helping out a new charity who needed a friend.

Since 1964, Friendship Ventures has been providing camp services to children and adults with disabilities. Over the years, the organization enjoyed growing into a provider of not only camp, but respite and travel services.

So when veteran-focused Project New Hope needed an ally, Friendship Ventures was there to help. As the new charity began the process of applying for non-profit status, the camp organization stepped in to serve as the fiscal agent, something a friend would do. It's in the name after all.

Who could have predicted the confusion that would follow? Friendship Ventures operates three camps; Camp Friendship in Annandale, Camp Eden Wood in Eden Prairie and Camp New Hope near McGregor.

So Camp New Hope is assisting Project New Hope. The names are just too close - and nowhere is it more clear than in the conversations at the recent Lions District conventions. The Lions and Friendship Ventures share a long and meaningful history, and there are Lions who are not shy about speaking their minds. Clubs have been unsure of where and how to direct the donations. Some even thought that writing a check to one would benefit both.

The attempt to help has turned into case of mistaken identity. Friendship Ventures believes in helping veterans, but in addition to (not instead of) helping the 3,000 children and adults with disabilities that we serve each year. The confusion has cost our organization some key funds. The people who will feel these effects the most are the youth and adults with disabilities.

We are growing, so your continued support is vital to the people we serve in your communities. Our concern is that donations previously directed to Friendship Ventures to help these children and adults are being lost in the shuffle. This comes at a time when more and more families are facing the challenges of caring for a loved one with disabilities.

Don't let a case of mistaken identity rob individuals with disabilities of these valuable services.

Contact: Lion Alison Sherman, 952-697-2284
or asherman@friendshipventures.org



2012 DISTRICT 5M9 COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP

Want to learn more about Lions? Get your new job started off right!
The College of Leadership will provide you with the tools and information to
start your new year off on the right foot.

Dates and Locations include:

April 30	Crosby	St. Joseph Catholic Church	6:00 p.m.
May 1	Wadena	MN State College	6:00 p.m.
May 2	Detroit Lakes	MSCTC, Hwy 34	6:00 p.m.

We will have new and returning Officer Training for Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries (A training book was offered last year, bring this with you again.), Treasurers, Membership Chairs and Tail Twisters.

We will also have a session on Public Relations and Communications, which will include info on newsletters, websites, social media, etc.

THEN...To Top It Off, you will have an opportunity to "Meet the Press"!! We'll have a panel of experts to discuss what Lions are really about and answer that special question you may have about Lions.

See You There!



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

The 2011-12 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARD will be given to a District 5M9 Club that demonstrates the greatest involvement in Leadership activities and opportunities while also working to make our communities a better place to live. Both Locally and Globally!

“CRITERIA”

1. The Club is Active and Attended: (How many represented your Club at each Event)

College of Leadership Zone Meetings (total) 5M9 Mid Winter Convention
 GLT/GMT October Seminar Guiding Lion Training Program
 Other Conventions (MD5M, International, USA-Canada Forum)
 MD5M Regional Leadership Institute (you can use the one held spring, 2011)

2. Community Project that involved other organizations and focused on that community needs. Please Elaborate.

3. Involved in GLOBAL Tree Planting Challenge. Describe and how many trees.

4. Focused one Club Meeting on Member Retention. _____(Month)

5. Held Orientation for All Members. _____(Month)

6. Presentations by Cabinet Project Chairs: (Please list the Presentations)

Additional pages maybe attached. DEADLINE: July 15, 2012. Please submit this form to: GLA PDG Jim Arvidson, 108558 – 625th Ave., Parkers Prairie, MN 56361 or email to: momdad@midwestinfo.com. Questions? Please Email.



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The 2011-12 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD will be given to a District 5M9 Club that demonstrates the best membership development activities to attract new members; use of public relation tools to communicate the club's activities; and encourages the club's success through the Orientation and Retention Programs.

"CRITERIA"

1. The percentage of increase in Membership from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

July 1, 2011 Membership total _____ June 30, 2012 Membership total _____
 Number of new members in your Club this year _____

2. Describe your Club's Membership Drive(s) this year.
3. Describe how your Club focuses on the Retention of your members: i.e. speakers, team building event, mentors, sponsors, etc.
4. Describe the Orientation Program used by your club for new or all members.
5. List the presentations to your Club by 5M9 Cabinet Project Chairs.
6. A Lions Club is an important part of each community. What Public Relation tools does your Club use to keep the community aware and involved in your activities? (Attach a sample)

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Fergus Falls High School Band

Directors Scott Kummrow, Denise

Wiese, & Jeff Sands are pictured

here with DGE Margaret Van Erp (L)
and 1stVDGE Don Hendrickx (R).

Margaret and Don presented the
FFHS Band with the MD5M LCI
Marching Band Award for a great job
in the Seattle LCI International
parade.

Congrats on your 1st Place Award!!!



EVERYDAY HERO AWARDS

Zone 7 has recently begun presenting the Everyday
Hero Award. The first recipients, Callaway Treasurer
Lowell Jorgenson, Vergas Lion Tamer Ross Smith, &

Detroit Lakes Lion Gerald Johnson, pictured with
(L) DG Bruce Beck and (R) Zone Chair Jay Norby
(above) received their awards at the 3/19 Zone 7
Mtg. There will be one winner from each club with
more pictures and announcements to come.

Below
Vergas Lion Roger Meyer
receives recognition for
40 Years of Service
Presented by Vergas Lions very
own IPDG Linda Albrecht-Norby



Please submit stories, photos with captions, ads and other material to the
editor/diva before the 15th of the month for the following months newsletter.