

# 5M9 SERVICE JOURNAL

Don Hendrickx

5M9 District Governor

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



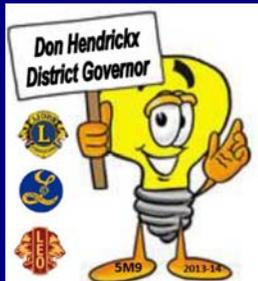
**ABOVE:** DG Don , with Cuyuna Range new Lions members Laura and Ron Martin

**BELOW:** DG Don inducted new members Mark Wessel, Mike Story, Carl Steenberg with their sponsor PDG Joe Doerfler into the Crosslake/Ideal Lions Club.



**LEFT:** Zone Chairs Larry and Zelda Novak with **Nevis Lions** new members, Dale & Cheryl Macklanburg – Julie Neis – Chuck Wallin & DG Don

**RIGHT:** At the Parkers Prairie Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration, PID Brian Sheehan and DG Don inducted new members, Glenn Cornish, Tony Woodworth, Derek Denny, Dennis Anderson, Bert Pexsa, Dirk Bergquist and



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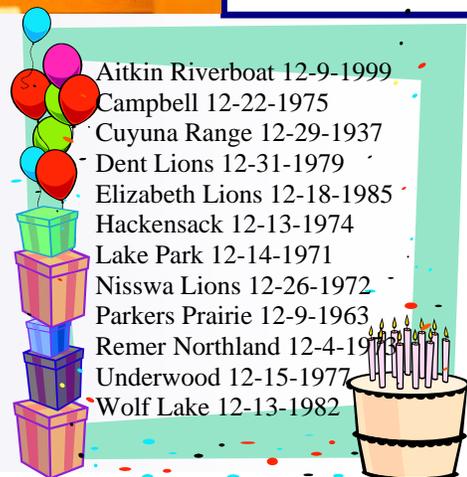
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- Hackensack 12-13-1974
- Lake Park 12-14-1971
- Nisswa Lions 12-26-1972
- Parkers Prairie 12-9-1963
- Remer Northland 12-4-1973
- Underwood 12-15-1977
- Wolf Lake 12-13-1982



## “WATTS” NEW in 5M9

District Governor— Donald Hendrickx



By the time you read this, I am assuming the turkey has turned into sandwiches, the pie is eaten and you are wondering why you over indulged. Part of the tradition, I guess !

As many of you know, the Philippines were hit with a devastating typhoon last month. According to the news it was 3.5 times stronger than Hurricane Katrina, affecting 12,600 of our fellow Lions in 380 clubs. Can you imagine the damage that has done ? LCIF, along with the Lions from OSEAL have already donated \$500,000 to help. Clubs in 5M9 have been ready to show their support by making a donation. If your club has not made a donation yet and would like to, here is what you need to do ~

Make a check out to LCIF and send it to :

LCIF Chair, Lion Tom Plagman  
38292 Deer Street  
Aitkin, MN 56431

Mark in the memo -- **Philippine Disaster**

Send a note stating the amount of your club donation to DG Don Hendrickx by email at [dutchmandon@arvig.net](mailto:dutchmandon@arvig.net) or call 218-346-5899

DG Don will then report those amounts to our Multiple Council Chair Dave Dominick. He will keep track of how much MD5M has donated. This donation will go towards a Melvin Jones for your club. I thank you for reaching out to the less fortunate. You make me proud to be your District Governor.

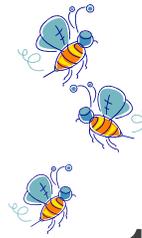
Now to some other things. The 5M9 Midwinter Convention is fast approaching ! Lion Tracey Buhl has done a great job in promoting it by sending out a supplement on the Midwinter all about the convention. Look it over and of course, I hope that your hospitality forms are already sent in.. We have some great seminars featuring real life stories from those helped by Lions MN Vision Foundation, MN Hearing Foundation and Project New Hope. Our luncheon speaker will make us laugh, our International Director Harvey Whitley will inspire us, the 5M9 Drill Team will entertain us, and there will be an appearance by a big and better "Lion Frosty". Thanks to the Lions of Ottertail and Battle Lake for all the work that they are putting into this convention. I hope to see all of you there.

One last thing ~ December is "Relieve The Hunger" campaign. Did you know that there are over one billion people who do not have enough to eat? That is 1 out of every 6 people that live in chronic hunger. It is hard imagine this as we take for granted that there is always food on our table. Have your club do a food drive at your local grocery store, donate to your food shelf or even volunteer at the food shelf. All these things will make your heart feel a little lighter.

Lion Pat and I wish you the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope, and the Peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Vrolijk kerstfeest (Merry Christmas)

*Service thru the Power of Lions*  
5M9 DG Don Hendrickx



“WANNABE”

“WILLABE”

“AMMABE” in 5M9

1st VDG - Gloria Anderson



With the coming of December, Thanksgiving has come and gone - hope you all had a wonderful holiday filled with family members visits, delicious meals, and maybe you enjoyed “Black Friday”. However, that is not one of my favorite days to shop so didn’t take part in the festivities of that particular day. Of course, deer hunting has also come

and gone, at least for those who are not the bow and arrow hunters. Did you have success? One thing – watch out for that big buck that you missed with your rifle, you don’t want to get it with your vehicle!

A big “Thank You” to our Zone Chairs for planning and conducting the second round of zone meetings. Once again, these meetings were informative, fun and of course, filled with great meals. I even got to help judge winning costumes at the Zone 2 Meeting – what fun that was with so many great costumes to choose from!! Another great job, Zone Chairs. Also, “Thank You” to all of the clubs in 5M9 for the great work you do for your communities and Lions. That is one of the benefits of attending these zone meetings – to hear all the different activities and fundraisers the clubs are holding, supporting the Lions projects, and learning about all the fun the clubs are having doing all these events.

Congratulations to the Frazee Lions Club for its 40 years of service. This celebration was held November 1st and it was a very fine event.

The 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention is only a few weeks away. Have you registered yet? Time is getting short and you don’t want to miss out on any of the scheduled events. The two host clubs – Battle Lake and Ottertail Lions – along with DG Don have planned an exciting convention to keep us all entertained and educated. By the way, how many of you liked the separate edition, called Mid Winter Supplement, that Editor Tracey put out? This was a great way to showcase all the things going on at Mid-Winter, introducing our International guest for the weekend, and registration forms. If you haven’t checked this out, take the time to do so. The December Mid Winter Supplement has exciting new information for you.

December 5th is International Leo Day – another chance for us to recognize Leos for their service in the community, get the relationship between Leos and Lions stronger, and encourage youth to study and take part in the benefits of the Leo Club Program. Currently there are two Leo clubs in 5M9 and two more are going to be chartered soon. Think about starting a Leo Club in your community. These youth love to serve and take part in activities in the community and Lions clubs. Use this valuable resource.

Are you making plans to attend the District-wide Orientation meeting? There are two dates and locations – January 29<sup>th</sup> at Vergas and January 30<sup>th</sup> at Pillager. These sessions are for all Lions, whether you are a new member of one month or a seasoned member of 40 years and one month – come all. A reminder, **don’t send** your new members – **BRING** them with you when you come – be their mentor. Along with this Orientation, a Guiding Lion course is being offered. Every two years a certified Guiding Lion needs to be recertified so take advantage of this time. Also, if you are interested in becoming a Guiding Lion, come to this session. Our GLT and GMT chairs have been working diligently to set up these informative sessions – another chance to for us to grow as a Lion.

PDG Ken and I wish you all

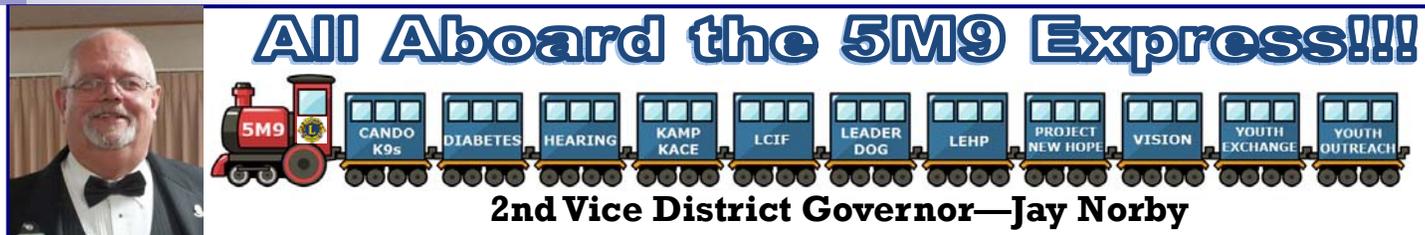
*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

Enjoy your festivities and your family times.

See you at the 5M9 Mid-Winter at Mahnomen and I ask for your support and vote as I seek the position of 2014-2015 5M9 District Governor.

Until next month. . . . .

1st VDG Gloria Anderson



## The Hogger told his rubberneckers that he saw

(Engineer)

(passengers)

## St. Nick and his hay-burner pass over head.

(Santa)

(sleigh)

Tis the Season to be jolly. My wish for all of you is to have a safe and joyous Christmas with family and friends. But also to remember those less fortunate. Please take the time as a Lions Club to do projects that will benefit those in need, the homeless, the shut-ins, those devastated by tornados, hurricanes and typhoons. Also, remember your Lions family. If your club does caroling or has a Holiday dinner include spouses and children. Take the time to thank all of them for all that they do for your Lions club and community and the support that they give to your Lions members.

December is "Relieve the Hunger Campaign". When you are having your Lions Christmas party, set up a basket and ask each member and guest to bring some non-perishable food items as a donation to the food shelf. Perhaps set up a donation spot at a local business and ask for food donations. Whatever you can do will be most appreciated by those in need.

It seems like yesterday that we were starting a new Lions year and now we are a month away from our Mid-Winter Convention. Please try and make it to the convention this year and join in the fun and educational activities that are planned for this convention. I also would like to ask for your support as I run for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. As I travel throughout the district I continue to be impressed and awed at what we as Lions do for our communities, country and world.

Please remember to send in pictures of all of your Lions members who have passed away in the last year to Lion Jim Johansen so that we can include them in our Service of Remembrance at the 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention. This service is our way of saying goodbye and thanking those departed members for all that they did for their community and for the Lions of the world.

From our family to yours we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jay Norby

Celebrate  
Christmas  
for  
**KAMP KACE\* Kids!**

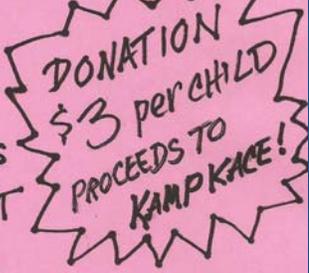
Sat. Dec. 7 at the  
**OSAGE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
1-4 PM

+ SANTA'S WORKSHOP  
+ FROSTY'S FACE PAINTING  
+ MRS. C'S SWEET TREET  
+ CHRISTMAS STORYLAND  
SANTA'S ARRIVAL by the CARSONVILLE FIRE  
AND RESCUE CREW!

\* KIDS AGAINST CANCER EVERYWHERE

HOSTED BY  



PARKERS PRAIRIE PRIDE OF LIONS PRESENTS:

# PRAIRIE CHRISTMAS

## CRAFT, ARTS & GIFT SHOW



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013  
9AM - 3PM

AT PARKERS PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSION: \$2

OR \$1 WITH FOOD SHELF DONATION

Featuring many local area crafters,  
artists and organizations.

Live entertainment throughout the day!  
*Runestone Rockettes, Just 4 Kix, Tae-Kwon-Do,  
student musicians and more!*

FREE! Lions Diabetes screening

Concessions Will Be Sold

Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions is a proud supporter  
of many local youth and community projects!

FOR CRAFT BOOTH INFORMATION, CONTACT  
LION SHEENA SMITH 218-205-7539  
LION PATTY SIMONSON 218-338-2132



## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) is now awarding an annual \$2,500 Youth Scholarship to a graduating senior who is the child/grandchild of a Lion, Lioness or a Leo. Two \$2,500 Youth Scholarships have been awarded so far. The first recipient was a Leo from Pennsylvania in 2012. A Leo from Virginia was awarded the second Youth Scholarship in 2013.

Now it is time to be thinking about the 2014 recipient. Although the 2014 LITPC Scholarship application forms are being revised and will be posted to the LITPC website when available, it is still time to begin spreading the word about this wonderful opportunity.

All members of the 5M Pin Traders are being asked to inform your Club and District members about this scholarship.

Please have applicants begin checking the LITPC website for the application form. The website for the 2014 Scholarship Application is: [www.LITPC.org](http://www.LITPC.org)

The deadline for submitting the completed LITPC Youth Scholarship Application is March 1, 2014.

All completed Youth Scholarship Applications should be mailed to:

**Lion Bill Guthrie**

**President – 5M Pin Traders**

**9 101<sup>st</sup> Lane NW**

**Coon Rapids, MN 55448**

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Bill Guthrie at 763-786-8072 or [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)  
Pin Traders – it is time to begin our search for that very deserving 2014 LITPC





# Thank you Lions

At this time of the year we are reminded of the generous support from individual Lions and Club support from Clubs in District 5M-9. We would like to extend a very warm thank you for supporting the important work the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation is doing. Your support has made it possible for us to continue

***touching lives with hope.*** That hope lights the way for patients today and the cures of tomorrow as we continue our dedication in restoring the gift of sound through research, equipment and clinics.

◆ Lions Children's Hearing Center ◆ Lions 5M International Hearing Center ◆ Lions Voice Clinic

In 1999 the Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide newborn hearing screening program. Early diagnosis and treatment is key to young children as statistics show that children diagnosed and treated for hearing loss by the age of 6 months will have the ability to progress with speech at the same level as their normal hearing peers.

We hope you will help us continue the important work we are doing at the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation by supporting us at your mid-winter conventions and Parade of Green donations.

***Thanks again for your support!***



MERRY  
*Christmas*  
2013

Wishing you continued success  
on your membership and  
leadership goals!

From Your 5M9 GMT & GLT

**GLT – GMT Updates!!!!**

As of November 1<sup>st</sup> District 5M9 has a plus 55 for net growth of members since July 1, 2013! District 5M9 is currently leading the Multiple with our membership growth! That is excellent! We need all Lions to continue to invite others to join and keep District 5M9 in a strong Leadership role in our Multiple District 5M!

Speaking of Leadership, be sure to attend our Mid-Winter Convention in Mahanomen. There are great seminars and speakers that are scheduled, be sure to attend, you will not be disappointed!

**Training-Training-Training...**

Dist. 5M9 will be putting on seminars for; **Orientation, Guiding Lions, and Membership Tips for Lions & Leos!**

**When & Where!**

Wed. January 29, 2014 at the Vergas Community Center! From 5:30pm – gather lite lunch, 6:30-8:30pm classes!

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Pillager Community Center! From 5:30pm – gather & lite lunch, 6:30 – 8:30pm classes!

By attending the Guiding Lion training you will be a Certified Guiding Lion, if you are currently Certified, you need to attend to keep your Certification current!

Lions Clubs  International

**Energize your club with the**



**CEP**   
**CLUB EXCELLENCE PROCESS**

*By now many of you have heard about the Club Excellence Process! What will the CEP do for your Club...*

*It will tell your Club how you can improve, not only in your Service to the Community, but in your regular Club operations! Please contact Lion Bruce Beck at 218-845-*

*2204 for any questions. So sign up online at*

*[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and type in Club Excellence Process*

*in the search box in the top right hand corner and get started NOW!*



Report program and fundraiser results to the community. Some ideas on way to do this are:

- ◇ News Release. Prepare a brief, up to one page news release highlighting the project's results. Include photos.
- ◇ Letter to the Editor. Write a thank you note to the community.
- ◇ Display Advertisement. Consider placing a small advertisement thanking the community for its support. Many publications offer not-for-profit discounts. Some will even donate unsold space free of charge.





**BLUFFTON LIONS  
4-WHEELER RAFFLE  
FUNDRAISER**

**Left:** The 1st prize was a 2013 Polaris Sportsman 400 Four-Wheeler and was won by Jack Weller of New York Mills, MN. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to our Lions club projects.



**Below: DEER CREEK LIONS** held their Annual Pancake/French Toast/Egg Bake Breakfast serving 180 people and netting a profit of \$800 which is applied to the 13 Lifelines the Lions sponsor. **Right:** Lion Chuck Perkins is the Breakfast Chairman and has been “forever”.



Perham Lions Club

## Breakfast With Santa

Cupkie Christmas Village  
Hwy. 78 & County Road 14, Perham, Mn.  
**Saturday, December 7, 2013**  
**8:30 – 11:30 AM**

Menu:  
Pancakes  
Sausage  
Orange Juice  
Milk  
Coffee

Make it day of memories for your family! Have breakfast with Santa, pick out a tree, wreath or garland for your home, bring your camera for a picture with Santa, enjoy the days events, get in the Christmas spirit, and enjoy the fragrance of fresh pine in the air!

**Free Will Donation!**

## DON'T FORGET

- ⇒ Share this newsletter with others
- ⇒ Register to attend the 5M9 Mid Winter Convention
- ⇒ Send pictures and stories to [5m9newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:5m9newsletter@gmail.com)
- ⇒ If your club has not yet filed your tax form do so now!
- ⇒ “JUST ASK” community members to join Lions
  - ⇒ Visit Facebook and “Like” District 5M9 Lions
- ⇒ Check out the District website at [www.lionsof5m9.org](http://www.lionsof5m9.org)

The **VERGAS LIONS CLUB** recently hosted their **3rd Annual Visions of Vergas Craft Fair!** They welcomed 21 area vendors offering a wide range of products. More than 230 people visited. A customer favorite is always the door prizes donated by the vendors and given away every 15 minutes or so. Customers are encourage to STOP in at the Craft Fair then DROP in the local SHOPS.





**Left:** PDG Dale Johansen accepted a check for over \$3,000 for **Project New Hope** from the golf tournament sponsored by **Emily, Outing, 50 Lakes Lions**



**Above:** **Cormorant Lions** presented **Project New Hope** Chairman PDG Dale Johansen their donation of \$1,000. Lion Dale gave a great presentation and current update. A take-away for all of us was - **Project New Hope** is word-of-mouth and we all need to be prepared to offer to neighbors, friends, and family that may be in need of the important healing service this program offers.



**Garrison Lions** do their Community Project.

**Above:** This fall at our Roadside Clean Up, we had the coldest weather ever...planned on an early start ( 8 a.m.) but there was snow on the ground, by noon, it was gone, so out the crew went and finished up the project, we enjoyed coffee and homemade Carmel Rolls after we finished.

What a dedicated bunch!

### Operation GOODIE BAG

**Below:** The **Wadena-Deer Creek-Bluffton LEO Club** delivered goodie bags to the Bluffton Fire Department on Nov. 11 as a thank you for their service. The goodie bags brought smiles to the faces of volunteer firefighters! Pictured L-R: Ken Theisen, Andrew Geiser, DarylAnn Webb, LEO Club representative; Justin Berg, Jason Hotakainen, Dana Uselman, Arnie Geiser, DJ Polman, Ryan Kerkaert, Tim Theisen and Tyler Wegscheid.





**Above:** The Perham Lions donated \$5,000.00 to the Perham HS Activities fund. Money was raised at the first annual BBQ Rib cook-off in Perham.

Pictured L-R: Lion Linda Albrecht-Norby, Lion David Reitmeyer, Dave Still-Committee Member & Owner of Service Foods, Lion Gary Senske, Lion Mark Schmidt, Lion Jay Norby, Erin Anderson-Perham HS Athletic Director, Lion Dan Schroeder, & Lion Nick Theroux



**Below:** Recently at the Council of Governors it was announced that District 5M9 was leading all of MD5M for increasing membership. Pictured accepting this honor for us are GLT Bruce Beck, DG Don and GMT Randy Beaver. As of 11/23 we are plus 62 members! Let's keep the momentum going!!!



## PERHAM OFFICER INDUCTION

**Below:** Front row; Penny Rydell-Board Member, Dian DeYong-Board Member, Harriet Mattfeld-Seretary and Bonnie Genin Zone 7 Chair  
Back Row; Gary Senske-1st Vice President, Robley Evans-Membership Chair, Earl Rydell-Tail Twister, David Reitmeyer-2nd Vice President, Jay Norby-President and Linda Albrecht-Norby-Treasurer.#



## PARKERS PRAIRIE LIONS celebrate 50 years of service!!!

**Left:** The Parkers Prairie Lions celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 5th at the Prairie event center with a full house of fellow Lions, friends and community members from throughout MD5M and beyond! PID Brian Sheehan was the keynote speaker and certainly educated, inspired and entertained a very enthusiastic crowd!

PID Debra Wasserman gave a little history of Melvin Jones and what it means to be associated a a Melvin Jones Fellow. She and PID Brian welcomed and honored Parkers Prairie Lions members Dennis Klimek and George "Shorty" Revering as Melvin Jones Fellows. Congratulations to Denny and Shorty!

Entertainment for the evening was with the "Heart'O Lakes Harmony". 2nd VDG Jay Norby was the groups announcer.

It was a fantastic evening!

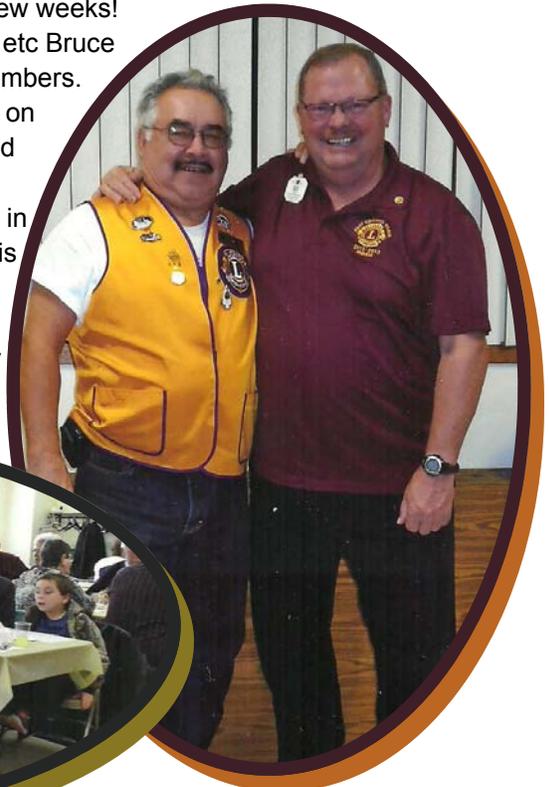
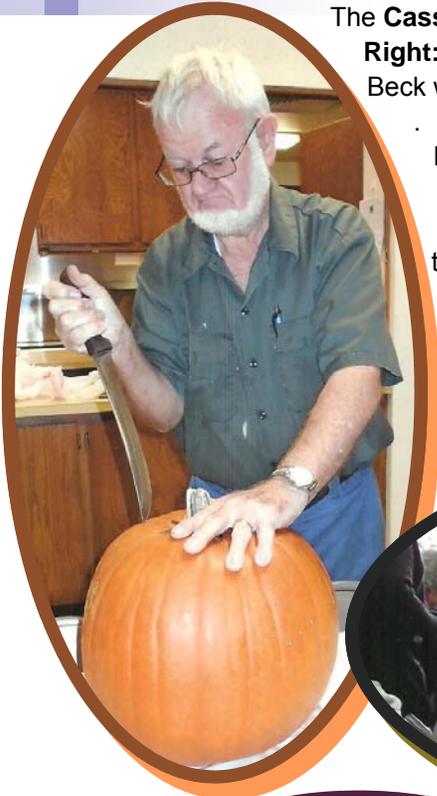
A special Thank You to all who helped make it happen.

The **Cass Lake Lions** have really been busy the past few weeks!

**Right:** 1st Vice President Ken Bedeau & PCC, PDG etc Bruce Beck who gave a presentation on orientation for members.

**Below:** We held our 4th annual Turkey Dinner on November 4. More than 100 were served, amid many compliments to the cooks.

**Left:** We held a "Guess the Number of Seeds in the Pumpkin" Contest. Lion Ardean Bragalla is making the first surgical incision in the 26 pounder. There were 784 seeds; three contestants guessed 785, so the prize money was split three ways.



**Above: Aitkin Riverboat**

**Lion Judy Blomberg** received the 100% Secretary Award from IPDG Margaret Van Erp at the October 29th Zone Mtg at Long Lake Conservation Center. There were many goblins in costumes that evening, including DG Don (right).



**Above:** 5M9 District Governor Don Hendricks and his wife Pat presented Lion Richard Nelles with the **Lakers' Lions Club's** first Leader Dog Bronze Award.

Richard has been an outstanding member for 40 years and also volunteers many hours with the DNR. Pictured on the right is President Roger Richters.



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**OH, THE PLACES WE WILL GO**

**December**

1—Hewitt Lions/Lioness visit  
4—Urbank Lions visit  
5—Nevis/Akeley Lions visit  
7—Ottertail Lions Breakfast  
8—2014 Convention Mtg  
9—Osage Lions visit  
12—Parkers Prairie Lions visit  
13—Perham Lakes Christmas Party  
15—Lakes Lions Christmas Caroling  
17—Detroit Lakes Lions visit  
19—Callaway Lions visit  
22—2014 Convention Mtg  
23—Parkers Prairie Pride Lions visit  
25—Merry Christmas  
27—Family Christmas

**January**

3-5—5M9 Midwinter Convention

8—New York Mills Lions visit  
9—Perham Lakes Lions Mtg  
10-12—5M1, 5M5, 5M6 Winter Conv.  
13—Campbell/Breckenridge Lions visit  
17-19—5M7, 5M10 Winter Conventions  
20—Cormorant Lions visit  
23—Aldrich/Verndale Lions/Lioness visit  
24-26—5M4, 5M11 Winter Conventions  
27—McGregor Lions visit  
29—Guiding Lion/Orientation @ Vergas  
30—Guiding Lion/Orientation @ Pillager

**February**

3—Campbell/Breckenridge visit  
6—Perham Lions visit  
7—5M2, 5M8 Winter Convention  
10—Brainerd Lakes visit  
13—Pine River visit  
20—Underwood visit  
21—5M13 Winter Convention  
24—Nisswa Lions visit

Now is the time to get the schools acquainted with the **QUEST PROGRAM**.

MD5M will be hosting a training on April 25th from 4:00pm to 4:45pm. There will be an instructor from International, to give a short update and there will be a question and answer period. There are a lot of schools that need QUEST teacher training to keep the program in the schools.

If you are or know a Lion that is interested in a program that helps kids avoid cliques and bullying and that provides projects in the school they can attend then maybe QUEST is a program you should learn more about.

The QUEST Program has been part of Lions for 29 years and is being used in 80 countries. QUEST information is printed in several languages.

Start checking now as it takes time and planning for the schools to attend this training.

If you have any questions, contact your 5M9/MD5M QUEST Coordinator, Jack Riordan, PO Box 38, Fifty Lakes, MN 56448 (218) 763-3339 or [riordan@emily.net](mailto:riordan@emily.net)

Thanks in advance PDG Jack Riordan.



Please submit stories and photos on or before the 15th of each month for entry into the following months newsletter. When possible, send photos in a jpeg format and articles as a word document. Use pdf format only when the other options are not available. Contact me for assistance or with questions.

Thank You

Tracey Buhl