





## **District Governor Tom Plagman**

Convention season has started. Our friends of District 5M13 in Canada have opted to hold their annual convention in November with the hope of avoiding more wintry weather. This year it worked.

Michele and I were able to attend the 5M13 convention in Winkler, Manitoba. At some point I might say just another convention but not at this time. Our Canadian hosts Governor Helmut and First Lady Rosana with their friends and neighbors showed us a very good time.

Some of you might have seen us on social media as Elvis and a 60's diva house wife at the "100 Years of Happy Days" party on Friday night. It was great fun to see former RCMP sergeant Helmut sporting an afro wig and a leisure suit at the same party.

I mention this to emphasize the pleasure of having my Lions family expand. At my club visits I am always pleased to hear the things we are doing in our communities across our great District of 5M9 but I am also continuously gratified at every visit to have my circle of Lions friends expand. When I visit other districts, it would be impossible not to meet new Lions and have that same circle grow even larger. If you enjoy people and like meeting new people from different places I totally encourage you to get involved with district and multiple activities.

I would be amiss if I did not take this opportunity to put in a plug for the Multiple Convention in Winnipeg next April. Get your passport and head north across the border to experience what Canada has to offer at the new convention facility in the prairie city of Winnipeg, Manitoba, you will have a chance to hear and maybe meet the first female International First Vice President Gundrun Yngvadottir from Iceland!

What is also gratifying is that we find out that the people we meet have the same passion for their communities and for service as we do.

At this time of year, we can pause and give thanks for the many things we have to be thankful for.

First as Lions, we can be thankful for our health but also that we are part of an organization that has a mission to expand global health. An organization that can take pride in starting more than just a few global health initiatives.

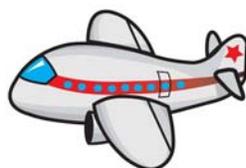
We can also be thankful for our families, our Lions families, and for the fact that we live in such a rich and safe place.

Do not forget to thank those in all branches of service from health care to local law enforcement and to the military for their contributions to our security.

I wish continued blessings of the season and blessings throughout the coming year to you and yours.

*Yours in Service*

*DG Tom Plagman*



**5M9 Mid Winter January 5, 6, 7**

# SOW THE SEEDS OF SERVICE

PRAISE—ENCOURAGE—EDUCATE—HAVE FUN



**1st Vice District Governor**

**Rose Puckett**



Here it is, the month of December. Tis the season of kindness, caring, and sharing.

Sound familiar Lions?

I would like to share my thoughts on our existing membership. This last month I have encountered so many Lions that are passionate about their service and it makes me proud to be a Lion. Program presentations are interesting and informative. Fund raising events and service projects are well organized and always a bit of fun is in the mix. Training sessions are also well organized and informative. So, thank you to all who serve so selflessly. However, keep in mind I am not letting you off the hook in recruiting new members and next month I have a few ideas to share on retaining our current members.

Now, on to the business at hand. Our 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention is soon here. The committee is working very hard to make this a great success. Please try to attend and share in the fun.

On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> a 5M9 Fundraiser for Past International Director Brian Sheehan will be held at the Pillager Community Center to support his campaign for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice International President - 3:00 to 7:00p.m. I hear there is going to be a pie eating contest with voting for your favorite contestant, lots of fun events with prizes for all ages, and food.

May you all have a safe and wonderful Christmas,

**1st Vice District Governor**

**Rose Puckett**

## **NEWS FLASH !!!**

**VERGAS LIONS TO CELEBRATE THEIR**



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018.**

**ID BRUCE BECK WILL BE SPEAKING  
COMPLETE DETAILS IN JANUARY'S SERVICE JOURNAL**



# STRAIGHT SHOOTING FOR LIONS

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
SANDY REMINGTON



As you read this, we have already celebrated Thanksgiving and are now preparing for Christmas and other religious holidays. I am thankful for my family and friends, the life I live and career path I chose. My calling in life is to help others. As a nurse, I was able to do that. Now I am retired from that profession and have shifted gears. I work less, but still help others. I work with students with special needs. They are the gift I have received. They give me hope for the future and help me see the world through their eyes. Lions Clubs International helps me to help children as well. I am thankful for Lions and their programs which help others.

Feed the Hungry program helps feed children here at home and out in the world. Nisswa Lions are hosting their Zone Meeting and will be doing a meal packaging program. I am looking forward to seeing how this works.

Recently we received a message concerning measles vaccinations. This is a disease that can cause serious complications. One dollar can vaccinate 1 child. We could eliminate rubella in this lifetime. Consider a donation to this worthwhile cause.

Kid Sight spot vision screenings will help identify children for follow up testing at an earlier age and help them in school. Learning is so much easier when you can see clearly. Some clubs are working with local optometrists and ophthalmologists to help children get the glasses they need.

Hearing is also on our list of things we can do something about for the children of the world. Consider volunteering at a school based hearing screening.

Diabetes has also affected too many children in our lives. Volunteering and donating to diabetes camps helps show children we care and that we choose to help them deal with this lifelong condition and look for a cure.

Kamp KACE is another wonderful program for children affected by cancer. It gives kids a week in their life to forget that they have cancer and just be a kid again.

Scholarships on a local level is another way to show we are here to support the future of our children.

Quest programs in schools helps children to deal with everyday problems in life in a more constructive way. They learn to make better choices.

As you can see, there are a lot of ways we can help the youth in our world. If you can't support all of these, at least pick one. Show kids that you care.

Have a blessed holiday season, whatever your beliefs and faiths. See you at Mid Winter!

**Yours in Lionism,**

**2ND VDG Cassandra Remington**

Your LCIF coordinators would like to thank all the clubs for the awesome support so far this year. The total contributions as of today for July 1, 2017 to Nov. 30, 2017 is almost \$30,000.00 and there are several clubs that have not sent in their donations. We will recognize all the clubs that donated during the time from the last Mid-Winter 2017 to the end of December, 2017 at the Mid-Winter in January, 2018. Keep up the good work.  
Diann Bates, Larry and Zelda Novak LCIF coordinators for 5m9

The **Nevis Lions Club** sponsored Poster Contests. Congratulations to the winners pictured below!  
5M9 Peace Poster Winners: 1st Place Lyra Luebbert, 2nd Place Kendra Boushee, 3rd Place Kayli Bessler (pictured is Nevis Lion Judy Anderson)  
Youth Outreach Poster Winners: 1st Place Valerie Tooker, 2nd Place Marissa Engst, 3rd Place Reese Mowell.



Above: IDPG Dick Stebbins presented PDG Eldon Bergman with an appreciation award thanking him for 7 years of dedicated service as District 5M9's Treasurer.

Happy Retirement Lion Eldon!



**Malmo Area Lions Club** had their first pancake breakfast on Nov. 11. Area Veterans were honored with a free meal and a hug! They also held a bake sale with proceeds going to Aitkin County Operation Christmas. A good time was had by all. The serving crew pictured is Laury Nyberg, Heather and John Brummer, George Larson and Laurie Westerlund. Lion Sharon is pictured at the Bake Sale.



# C l u b



November 2nd the **Deerwood Lakes Lions** attended the Aitkin Fall Salad Luncheon. Pictured Left: (front) Cathy Novak, Lions Cathy McDougal & Linda Dooyema. (back) Lions Nancy Campion and Donna Sapa



Above: November 17th brought together 3 Lions Clubs visiting the CRES School to provide vision screening for children. The Lions volunteers were Diann Bates, Donna Sapa, and Cathy McDougal of **Deerwood Lakes**, Marion and Steve Freese of **Cuyuna Range**, and Cathe Picke of the **Bay Lake Lions**.

Below: The Chamber of Commerce asked the **Deerwood Lakes Lions** to assist filling bags on November 16th. Lions Linda Dooyema & Donna Sapa were joined by Cathy Novak.



Below: November 13th the **Deerwood Lakes Lions** were honored to have Lion Evie Ladd visit and share information about Youth Outreach. Pictured with Evie is Lion Cathy McDougal.



# A c t i v i t i e s



Poor Gavin Gavel has searched High and Low for DG Tom but has not found anyone to help him locate his DG. Don't give up Gavin! You are bound to find DG Tom somewhere.



# LCI Convention Parade 1st Place



*November 7, 2017 (Waconia)* - MD5M Council Chair Dennis Heinen, MD5M Past Council Chair Keith Johnson, District Governor Nancy Mathwig, Past District Governor Rick Wagener, and District Public Relations Chair Joe Gifford recently presented the Lions Club International Convention Parade first place award for marching bands to the Waconia High School Marching Band.

PCC Keith Johnson, who is also the Parade and Band Consultant for MD5M, actually began working with the Waconia Lions Club and WHS Band Director John Pohland in the spring and summer of 2016 to insure that the Waconia Marching Band would receive one of the coveted spots for marching bands during the convention parade that celebrated 100 years of LCI in Chicago on July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017. As the first place award they received shows, having the Waconia Marching Band participate in the parade turned out to be a very good decision. As PCC Keith Johnson stated during the presentation, "The Waconia High School Marching Band represented themselves, their school, their community, and all of Minnesota very well during a parade that included Lions Clubs from all over the world and marching bands from all over the country. The marching band competition was judged by four Chicago area marching band judges. In the end, the Waconia Marching Band received perfect scores in all categories and took home first place! A great accomplishment that they should all be very proud of!"

# Cuyuna Range Lions

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## Cookie Baking

Cuyuna Range Lions Club is celebrating 80 years of Lionism on the Cuyuna Range. To celebrate those 80 years of Lionism in the communities of Crosby and Ironton, the Cuyuna Range Lions Club will be offering free Cookies and Hot Chocolate to folks attending Christmas in the Park from 4:00 to 7:30 pm on December 6, 2017, at the Crosby City Park. Over 1,200 cookies were baked for the club to give to folks in the community.



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MARCH 10-17, 2018

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## NEW 5M-9 Club President of the Year Award

in honor of LION BRUCE BECK, the 1st International Director to come from District 5M-9.

The Past District Governor's (PDG's) and their Association, best known for the Midwinter "Service of Remembrance.", as Lions with a great deal of experience, are often called upon to advise and sometimes lead programs and projects upon the wishes of the District Governor. The Past District Governor's Association, at their 2017 Midwinter meeting, voted to establish a new award of recognition in District 5M-9. The award first recognizes one outstanding Club President from the previous year, and secondly recognizes ID Bruce Beck as "one-of-our-own",

The said award shall be presented for the first time at the 2018 Midwinter Convention of 5M-9 based upon the President's term of service for the prior year, and at succeeding Midwinter Conventions of 5M-9.

### AWARD PROCESS:

1. Nominations for the President of the Year Award shall come from local Lions Clubs who have nominated their President for the award. It will be due in the hands of the current PDG Assn. President by October 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the Midwinter Convention of 5M-9.
2. Nominations shall be for the first year (or term) of a local Club President.
3. Criteria for the award shall include:
  - a. Membership growth for the President's year of service
  - b. Increase in club awards for the President's year of service
  - c. Management of club fiscal and human resources
  - d. President's representation at key Lions leadership events
4. The selection committee shall be comprised of from 3-5 members of the PDG's Assn.

**Applications for this award will be sent to Club Presidents and Secretaries.**



**Campaign for  
3rd VP of Lions Clubs  
International  
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PID Mike Molenda  
PID Debra Wasserman  
PID Maynard Rucks  
PID Ben Ward  
PID Bud Danylchuck

Team Manager  
PCC Bert Nelson

Team Scouts  
Council Chair Dennis Heinen

District Governors 2016-2017  
5M1-DG Mike Schultz  
5M2-DG Nancy Mathwig  
5M3-DG Daniel Jones  
5M4-DG Robert Knutson  
5M5-DG Marty La Belle  
5M6-DG Curt Stockford  
5M7-DG Dan Kaiser  
5M8-DG Jack Breikreutz  
5M9-DG Tom Plagman  
5M10-DG Mark Eyre  
5M11-DG John Wollenzien  
5M13-DG Helmut Neufeld

IPDG's 2016-2017  
Vice-District Governors 2018-2020

Team Captains

5M1 -PCC Earl & Jane Orvik  
5M2 -PDG Joan & Kevin Blank  
5M3 -PDG Wayne & PDG Vickie Radloff  
5M4 -PDG Kent & Judy Biessel  
5M5 -PCC Todd & Ruth Neuman  
5M6 -DG Rob & Rhonna Hed  
5M7 -PCC Dave Dominick  
5M8 -PDG Pat Kennedy  
5M9 -PDG Bill & PDG Donna Mae Landwehr  
5M10 -PDG Larry & PDG Linda Norby  
5M11 -PDG Larry & Sue Winner  
5M12 -PDG Wayne & PDG Joanne Swanson  
5M13 -PDG Bill & PDG Cheryl McKittrick  
Bird Island Club-Marty Athmann  
Bird Island Club-Merlin Athmann

Stats  
MD5M Exec Sec Vickie Violet

### Brian Sheehan asks for your support in Las Vegas!!

PID Brian Sheehan and Lori would like to ask you to join them in Las Vegas at the LCI Convention where Brian will be on the ballot for the office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

Brian belongs to a 4 generation Lions family and he truly believes in our organization and the great things we can accomplish together. He is a member of the Bird Island Club in District 5M-4. His technology business that he started from the ground up recently became an international company. Brian's knowledge of technology and his leadership skills will help him lead Lions members in to the next 100 years of service. Along with his wife, Lion Lori, they have spoken at conventions and forums and have gathered support from Lions around the world.

**Remember that the registration fee for the convention in Las Vegas is \$150.00 till January 12, 2018 at which time it will increase, so now is the best time to go to lionsclub.s.org and sign up for the convention. Look for LCICON at the top of the website. The delegation hotel for MD5M is the Luxor hotel.**

If you have never been to an international convention, please ask someone who has. It is an awesome opportunity to gather with Lions members from other countries and see that we all have the same goal "to serve". Going to the convention in Las Vegas is also a great way to show Lions from around the world that we support our candidate Brian Sheehan. We are one of the largest multiple districts in the United States and our time is now to be recognized as a district who can contribute to the leadership of our organization.

**Recently Brian and Lori attended the OSEAL forum in Malaysia recently where he was endorsed by their members as the candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> VP of LCI.**

**OSEAL Forum is comparable to our USA/Canada Forum.**





# MD5M Council of Governors

The Council of Governors meeting was held at Mahnomens Shooting Star Casino on October 21, 2017. Political Liaison opened the session at 7:30 a.m. PID Lion Brian Sheehan has requested 5-10 minutes at every Mid-Winter Convention Business meeting to speak about his upcoming nomination for Lions Clubs International President in July at Las Vegas, NV. If Lion Brian cannot be present at your convention, he will have a representative there. They are looking for donations of items for their Campaign Auction room at the Multiple Convention in April at Winnipeg, MB. Please contact Lion Bert Nelson if you have something to donate. The Campaign Committee requested that the Official Parade Shirt at the Lions Clubs International Convention be the hockey jersey or the hockey polo shirt being used in campaign. The committee has 1000 shirts to give away to those who register to attend the convention. Be sure to check your newsletters for the registration form or go online to any of the Lions websites to obtain the registration. Remember that voting delegates are different at International than at Multiple with 1 club delegate for every 0-25 member, 2 delegates for 0-50. Any Lions Club who donates to the campaign gets a banner patch for supporting Lion Brian's campaign. These donations can be sent to your district campaign leader, Lion Bert Nelson or Lion Brian Sheehan.

Council of Governor meeting was called to order by Council Chair Dennis Heinen at 8 a.m. A new Multiple GST Chair is PDG Rodger Palmer, and a new Multiple Protocol Chair is PID Maynard Rucks. DG Dan Kaiser is petitioning the state to have special license plates for MN vehicles made with the Lions logo on it. District PDG Dan Snobl spoke on the Dental Initiative and requests that we do more in each district on this quest. PCC Bill Taubman from the Wisconsin Lions Mission who takes trips to Central America to distribute eye glasses spoke on the possibility of MD5M MN starting a mission group to get the eye glasses out. Bids were made for future MD5M Multiple Conventions. These bids will be voted on at the Multiple Convention in April at Winnipeg- 2020- Rochester, May 1-3 hosted by Pine Island Lions and the Oronoco Lions; 2021- Mankato, April 30-May 2 hosted by 5M2 Lions; 2022- St. Cloud, April 29-May 1 hosted by District 5M4. Other MD5M Conventions already passed are: 2018- Winnipeg MB April 13-15 and 2019- Mahnomens April 26-28. Check out the new MD5M Convention website for details.

GMT Chair PCC Todd Neumann- MD5M has 6 new Lions Clubs formed so far this year and District 4 has overall net growth. There are 3 Districts with plus membership: Districts 1, 4, and 6. Highest retention which is -17 is District 13. Most new members is District 9 and District 7 has the highest growth of women in Lions. District GMT & the District Governors need to track their District stats. We are still the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Multiple in the US but we are only 599 members ahead of California who is growing quickly. Remember the way to retention is by orientation. Contact your District Chair for help.

The Lake Superior Run by Lion Bill Michel was started with him taking 994,997 steps in 45 days from Thunder Bay to Sault St Marie when Lion Bill developed a medical problem and had to quit. He plans on restarting his trek next spring once he has had time to heal. He is raising funds for LCIF.

Centennial Celebration will take place in June at the Anoka County Fair Grounds with events happening in every area of the Centennial Challenges. Events will run from morning until late evening so every Lion can participate. There will be a "Little Red Wagon Parade" where every club is asked to bring a decorated red wagon. Be sure to mark the date of Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. For questions contact: MD5M100years@gmail.com. Details are on the District Facebook websites.

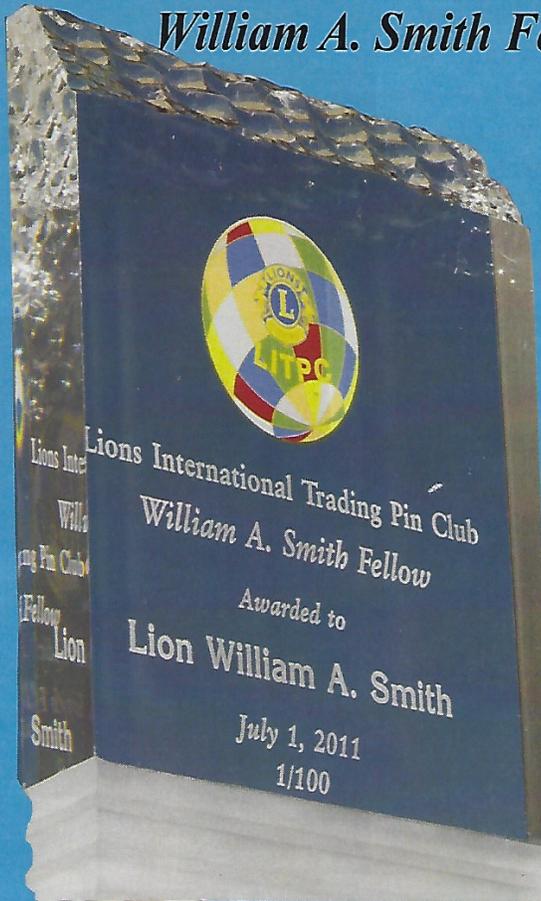
Diabetes will now share the MN State Fair booth with the MN Lions Hearing Foundation and the MN Lions Vision Foundation. LCIF now has a 4 star rating for an organization to donate to since we give every dollar obtained to help someone. MD5M Leo's Convention will be held October 12-14, 2018 at True Friends. Cost is \$175.00 per person. Campers needed to be turned away because they failed to pre-register and there was no room for them so be sure to register. Information is on the Leo's Facebook page. Remember the Leo's if your club has a gambling license for the LEO's are now a 501c3. The donations help reduce the cost of camps and fund various projects and events that they host. Project New Hope is searching for a "Marketing/PR person" to help promote this area. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact PDG Dick Labraaten. The MN Hearing Foundation "Defeat Hearing Walk" is planned for Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the MN Arboretum. Mark your calendars. The next USA/Canada Forum will be held in Columbus OH, September 20-22, 2018. Friday night party is a tailgating party so wear your favorite team jersey. Cost is \$260.00 until May 31, 2018 when the price goes up. Camp Spicer (MD5M Youth Exchange) is now a 501c3 and is looking for donations from any club that has a gambling license. Awards were being presented to the 2 bands from MN who performed at the International parade in Chicago. Waconia Band was on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and East Central Band on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

*~Submitted by Lion Cheri Appel, MD5M PR Chair*

# LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB

## LITPC Youth Scholarship Program

### *William A. Smith Fellowship Recognition*



Lion William A. Smith, PCC, is among the earliest members of the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) and its 7th President. Over the



years, with his counsel, foresight and leadership, the LITPC has improved its image with Lions Clubs International and with Lions throughout the world. Because of his many contributions to the Lions International Trading Pin Club, the Board of Directors named the Youth Scholarship Fellowship after him. We thank Lion Bill for his many contributions to our organization.



Emma Bennett  
New York

### *LITPC awards two Youth Scholarships in 2017*



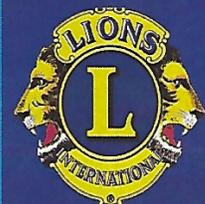
Glynnis Santeramo  
New York

## Mission Statement

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) Youth Scholarship was established to foster the continuing education of a high school senior. Our goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. Students eligible to apply are the children, grandchildren of Lions, Lionesses and Leos. The scholarship amount is \$2,500.

## Vision Statement

The scholarship is funded by members of the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC). The fund raising program is a six year campaign to generate sufficient funds to make the program self sustaining. It is the hope that every member will participate. The slogan of the Lions International Trading Pin Club is "Lions First".



# LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Graduating Leos or sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) Youth Scholarship. Two (\$2,500) scholarships will be awarded. In 2012, the first recipient was a Leo from Pennsylvania. In 2013, the recipient was from Virginia. In 2014, the recipient was from Iowa. In 2015, the recipient was from Virginia. In 2016, there was 1 recipient from Georgia and 1 recipient from Minnesota. In 2017, there were 2 recipients both from New York. The 2018 recipients will be announced at the Pin Traders Annual Breakfast at the Lions International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in July, 2018.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org) In the right column, **click on LITPC Scholarship Information**. Then **click on Scholarship Application Form**. Please follow the instructions, fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2018** to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman

5M Pin Traders Club and Board Member of LITPC

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

Coon Rapids, MN 55448



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 763-786-8072 or [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)



# 2017 LITPC Scholarship Winners



**Emma Bennett** is from the State of New York. She has been accepted to Cornell University. Emma had been a member of her Leo Club since the 7th grade. She has participated in many athletic events and has held many positions within her school and has volunteered extensively in her

### NEW YORK

school, church and community. Emma has decided to take her commitment to learning and combine it with her passion for helping others and will pursue a career in medicine.



### NEW YORK

**Glynnis Santeramo** is from the State of New York. Glynnis attends a special school for the visually impaired. She will be attending Brockport College because the school has a program in adaptive physical education so that she can get a degree to teach. Glynnis wants to open the doorways to athletics for children who are visually impaired.

## LITPC Scholarship Winners - 2012 to 2016



**Katlin Rose (Leo)**  
2016 - Georgia



**Moyellsa Yang (Leo)**  
2016 - Minnesota



**Kelli Tignor (Leo)**  
2015 - Virginia



**Dorothy Weaver (Leo)**  
2014 - Iowa



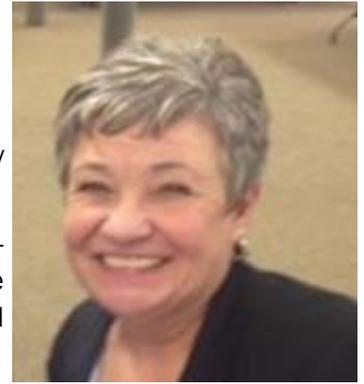
**Patricia Mook (Leo)**  
2013 - Virginia



**Breanna Lincoski (Leo)**  
2012 - Pennsylvania

# Rose Puckett

## District Governor Candidate



As a member of the Bay Lake Area Lions from Zone 2, and I would like to announce my candidacy for District 5M9 District Governor for the years of 2018-2019.

I have three children, daughters Lisa, Beth and son Jeffrey. I also have seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. As a wife and working Mother I also found time to be involved in many volunteer activities including Church functions, working with Girl Scouts and take an active part in our children's sports interest.

Originally from Minneapolis area, I held several positions in the work force and ended my career as a corporate liaison for several national offices. We moved to the Deerwood area 22 years ago and purchased a small resort which we maintained for five years along with caretaking a large estate on one of our local area lakes.

Lions have been my focus for 20 years and I am truly committed to serving others. During those years I have held many positions within my club. I held the position of Zone 2 Chair for two years and have been on the 5M9 District Cabinet for the past eight years. I am a Melvin Jones Fellow, have a Helen Keller and a Top Dog Award. I have attended the Lions Leadership Institute, the USA/Canada Forum, our MD5M Conventions and completed all the required training offered.

Along with my love for Lions, I am committed to our family, have a passion for gardening, and also feel the need to speak for those who do not have a voice.

Acting as 1st Vice District Governor has given me a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in Lions and meet many new friends.

I have the support of my family and my Bay Lakes Area Lions Club and would appreciate your vote at the 2018 5M9 Mid Winter Convention at Mahnomon as I continue my journey in service.

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November 11th, 2017

District Governor Tom,

This serves as my Letter of Intent to seek the office of 1st Vice District Governor for District 5M9. The following are my qualifications.

I have: Been a member in good standing with the Backus Lions since December 2008.  
Served in the positions of Director, 1st Vice President, President and Immediate Past President.

Served and chaired many committees with the Backus Lions.

Served 2 1/2 years as Zone 3 Chair.

Attended College of Leadership and Mid-Winter Convention for multiple years.

Completed several Lions webinars for Leadership Development.

Completed Guiding Lion Training at Leadership Training in 2016.

Completed Regional Lions Learning Institute

Have served as 2nd Vice District Governor in 5M9

I have enjoyed the journey thus far and am looking forward to the continuation of this venture.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for this position.

Yours in Lionism,

2nd VDG Cassandra Remington



# Mid-Winter Convention Update

The Mid-Winter Convention is approaching quickly and if you have not registered for the convention there is still time.

Here is a partial listing of some of the events and seminars that will be taking place at the convention. We have included a couple of new events to the convention this year that you won't want to miss.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** – We start the convention off with a Diabetes walk from 4:30 to 6:30 hosted by the Brainerd Leos. The candidates for District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and next year's convention will be hosting hospitality booths for you to meet them and enjoy some tasty treats starting at 5:00 pm. As always, we will remember those Lions who have passed in the previous year at the **Service of Remembrance**. This is our way of saying goodbye to all the great Lions who have departed. After the service we will be having a **"Hoe Down"** to get the convention started with games and prizes and an opportunity to visit with all the great Lions of our District. During this time, you will have the opportunity to visit with our visiting International Director Joyce Middleton and her husband Martin. They are coming all the way from Bridgewater, Massachusetts to spend the weekend with us. So get your best farmers go-to-town clothing on and come enjoy the "hoe-down".

**SATURDAY** – We kick off the day with the **Pride Breakfast** at 7:00 am followed by the **Business Meeting** at 8:45 am. We are having a **Leo seminar** at 8:45 am and a **Women's Health seminar** at 8:45 for those of you not attending the business meeting. At 11:00 am we will have two seminars for you to choose from, one is a **Global Action Team Seminar** and the new **GST program** and the other will be a **seminar featuring the Spouse of the ID, Martin Middleton**. At Noon we will have a **luncheon** and the **guest speaker will be Linda Bartholomay, Director of Nutrition Therapy for Sanford Health** and she will speak on Diabetes. After lunch we are doing something new this year and having a **food packing event** going from 2:15 to 4:15. We will also be having a **health fair** going on at the same time so you can spend part of the time packing food and getting your health checked on. The **Banquet Saturday night** will feature our International Director Joyce Middleton and after the Banquet we will be entertained by **Comedian/Magician, Jerry Frazier**.

**SUNDAY** – We will wrap up the weekend with our **Brunch and Business meeting** and have time to say goodbye to all the old friends and new friends that you have made over the weekend.

Make your plans now to attend the convention and find out what Lions are doing not only in other clubs in the district but all over the world.



## Nurturing the growth of Lions 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

January 5, 6 & 7, 2018

Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center, Mahnomen, MN

Official Hospitality Book Order Form for 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention 2018 at Mahnomen. Each Lion, Lioness, Leo and Guest must fill out this form completely and return with a check made out to the "2018 - 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention" for registration or individual meal ticket(s) requests.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

(Please Circle One)      Lion              Lioness              Leo              Guest

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2018 Lions Title: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check if this is your first 5M9 Convention       Check if you require Handicap Seating  
 Check if you have Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Hospitality Book:**

Includes All Meals, Entertainment,  
Mid-Winter book & Pin.  
**First-Timer** Cost until Dec. 1, 2017      \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cost Until Dec. 1, 2017      \$69.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cost After Dec. 1, 2017      \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Meal Tickets:**

Registration Fee:      \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Breakfast:      \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Lunch:      \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Banquet:      \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday Brunch:      \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Room Rates for the Convention will be \$84.50 (including tax).      \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night      \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night

Number of Nights stay \_\_\_\_\_ X \$84.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form & your Check to:

2018 Mid-Winter Convention  
C/O PDG Rodger Palmer  
1025 E. Scharf Ave.  
Vergas, MN 56587

Hospitality book/Meal Total	\$ _____
Room Total or \$50.00 Deposit	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____
Paid by    Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card _____	

**Limited amount of meals will be sold at the Convention**

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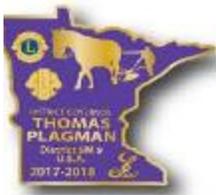
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**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION!!!**  
**The time to make club  
donations to District  
Projects is NOW!**  
**Please do not wait to  
present donations at  
Mid-Winter  
Convention.**

**Some projects have 2 chair persons.  
Please make sure you are sending  
donations to a CURRENT chair person  
as they can change from year to year.**



**District Governor Tom's Visit Request**  
**2017 - 2018**  
**tplagman@hotmail.com**



Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates for Club Visit: 1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Club Meeting Begins: \_\_\_\_\_

When does your Social Hour start: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Board of Directors Meeting: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like the DG to attend your Board of Directors Meeting: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have a meal? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other Lions, Lioness or Leo Clubs involved for the DG visit? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the other Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion, Lioness, or Leo requesting the Governor's visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Club contact telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Will the Governor be expected to install officers: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

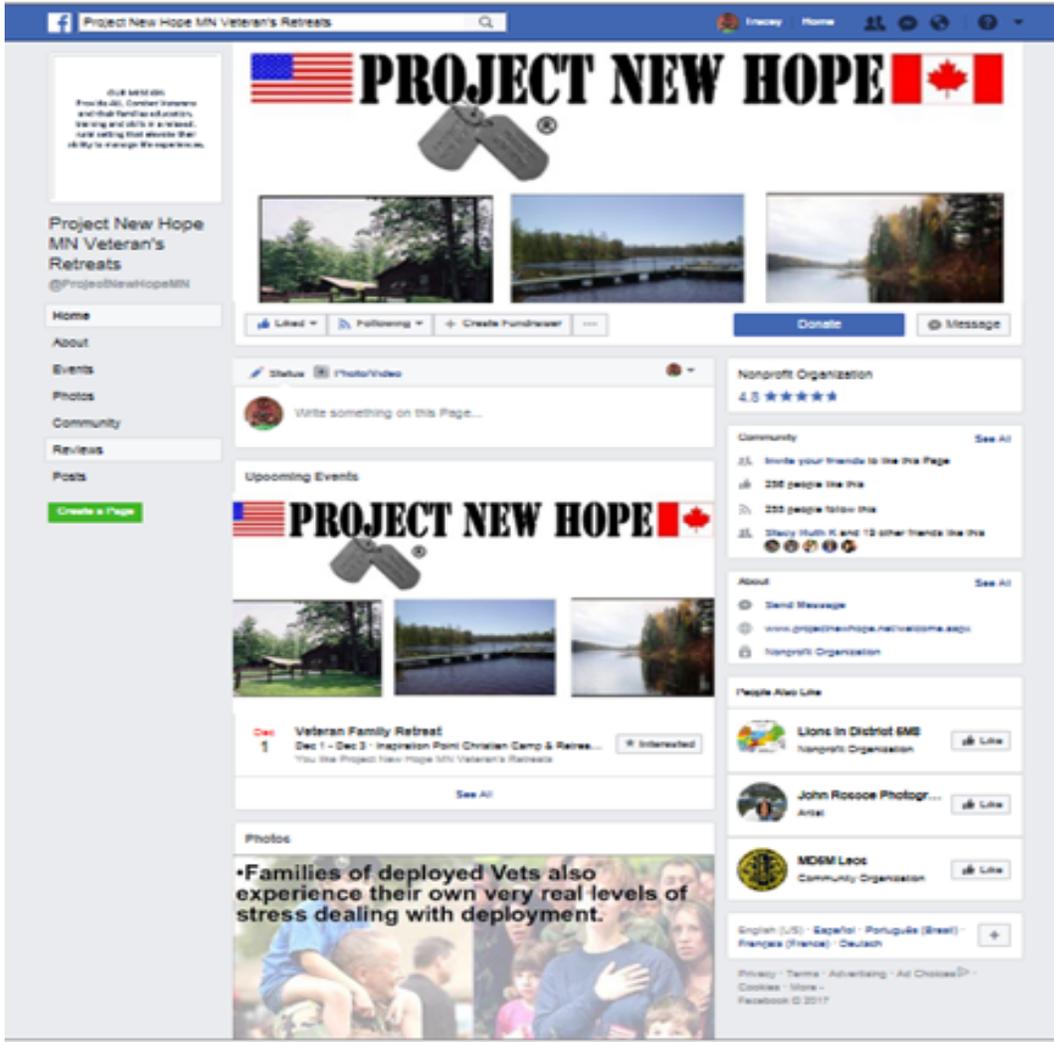
If yes, please send the names of the new officers. If inducting new members, please have the LCI New Member Kit with Pin and signed Certificate.

Will the Governor be expected to give out awards to club members? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please send an additional letter stating the awards and the names of those receiving the awards. (Please have awards, certificates, pins, or changes in installation or inductee ceremony available when we arrive for the Governor's visit.)

I look forward to coming and visiting with your club!!

**Please mail this form to:**  
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**Aitkin, Mn 56431**



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR TOM'S CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER**

- 2-3—Project New Hope @ Inspiration Point, Clitherall, MN
- 3—Hewitt Lions Visit
- 4—Osage Lions Visit
- 9—Malmo Area Lions Potluck
- 12—Akeley-Nevis Lions Visit
- 13—Urbank Lions Visit
- 17—Hill City Lions Visit
- 18—Battle Lake Lions Visit
- 19—Detroit Lakes Lions Visit

5M5 & 5M6 Conventions @  
Bloomington

- 8—Nisswa Lions Visit
- 11—Pillager Lions Visit
- 13—Pequot Breezy Point Christmas
- 15—Northland-Remer Lions Visit
- 16—Callaway Lions Visit
- 18—Verndale @ Aldrich/Ted & Jen's
- 19-21—5M1 Convention @ Rochester
- 5M7 Convention @ Bloomington
- 5M10 Convention @ Dryden, ON
- 22—Cass Lake Lions Visit
- 23—Malmo Area Lions Visit
- 26-28—5M4 Convention @ Morton

**JANUARY**

- 5-7—5M9 Mid Winter Convention

Please submit stories and photos by the 15th of each month for the following months newsletter.  
 When possible, send photos in jpeg format and articles as a word document.  
 Use of pdf is also acceptable. Contact me for assistance or with questions.  
 Thank You Tracey Buhl

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