



DG Bruce's
Port of Calls & Club Visits

Catch Your Dream



Bruce Beck 5M9 District Governor

February

- 2nd- Aldrich, Verndale Lions-Lioness Club visit
- 3rd-5th- 5M8,10,11
- MidWinters
- 7th- Gateway-Menagha Club
- 8th- Pine River Lions Club
- 9th- Parkers Prairie Club visit
- 10th-12th- 5M2 MidWinter
- 13th- Nisswa Lions Club visit
- 14th- Akely Lions Club visit
- 16th- Underwood Lion/Lioness visit

- 17th-19th- 5M13 MidWinter
- 23rd- Dent Lions Club visit
- 24-28th- Family time

March

- 1st- Wolf Lake/Frazeo Lions
- 16th-17th- Council of Governors
- 25th- Cabinet mtg @ Nisswa CC
- 26th- Lake Park Lions Club
- 31st- Hearing Foundation mtg

April

- 9th- Baxter Lions Club visit
- 10th- Palisade Lions Club visit
- 14th- GMT/GLT Mtg St Cloud
- 18th- Deer Creek Club visit
- 23rd- Henning Lions Club
- 27-29th- MD5M Conv @ Hinkley
- 30th- College of Leadership

May

- 1st- College of Leadership Wadena
- 2nd- College of Leadership Detroit Lakes
- 3rd- Backus Lions Club visit
- 10th- Hackensack Lions visit
- 14th- Pride of Parkers Prairie
- 15th- Longville Lions Club
- 28th- Sebeka Lions Club visit
- 30th- reserved

June

- 11th- Cormorant Lions Club

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5M9 MID-WINTER

FUN FOR ALL



Nisswa Lions Funds Program to Produce Inexpensive Reading Machines

In an effort to help more people with sight problems, the Nisswa Lions funded a project designed by one of its members to develop a reading machine for less than \$300. In some cases, the actual cost per unit is less than \$50. A commercially available unit performs well for those who can afford the unit. However, with our approach, our club could help more than ten times the number of sight impaired people using the same funds needed for one commercial unit. A significant improvement has already been seen by our club and we are willing to make this program available to other clubs.

Our system uses a camera lens mounted within a box which projects the image on a television screen, as shown in the first photograph. Our system magnifies the printed image and can be adjusted according to each persons need. By placing the article under the lens, people have been able to read cards, letters, prescription details, bills, newspaper articles, magazines, recipes, photographs, and write checks. The system is quite simple and almost anyone can set it up and use it in a matter of minutes.

One photograph shows a Christmas card which has been projected onto a 24 inch flat screen television. Using a larger or smaller size television would enlarge or reduce the image and magnification. The newer flat screen televisions are lighter and have better definition than older sets, however, some older sets will work fine. All that is required of the television is that there is a video input port which is usually yellow. When using a television for the reading machine, it is necessary to change the signal input to "AV" by simply pushing the "input" or "source" button on the remote. There are also inexpensive switches to allow the television to be switched between the reading machine and regular viewing.



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Catch'n the Lunker



Wheeeeew... The Great 5M9 Lions Family Get-Together, our Mid-Winter Convention, is behind us! What a grand event it was! The Detroit Lakes and Vergas Lions host clubs have set the bar mighty high on how to host an excellent convention! A job well done by all involved. My thanks to the many, many Lions that attended from all across our District and beyond. It was good to see so many of you there. I enjoyed visiting, laughing, the hugs, laughing, dancing, laughing, and spending time with all of you! 5M9 Lions are the BEST and know how to have fun! The speakers for our seminars and meals were top shelf, informative, interesting, and passionate! My special thanks to all of them for their contributions to help make our mid-winter so successful! Our visiting International Director Lion Ted Reiver and his wife Lion Ann were exceptional in all aspects. They were congenial, warm, welcoming, easy to visit with, and team players.

And now on to other happenings in Lions...

The MD5M annual convention is coming up, April 27-29, in Hinckley, at the Grand Casino. Our Multiple does an excellent job putting on a great convention, also. This year's featured speaker is Past International President Sid Scruggs. IPIP Scruggs was the Chair of LCIF this past year and should have a fantastic presentation on what the Lions have been doing through LCIF to help others around the world! The convention and hotel reservation will be found later in this issue.

Some exciting news in District 5M9 from the Perham Lions! We are going to have a new Leo Club in Perham. Perham Lions President Earl Rydell reported to me in December they had a number of interested students and they were moving forward. I received an update and they now have enough to 'charter' a new Leo club. This will happen in March. What an exciting day that will be in Perham. When you see the announcements, please consider attending, or sending a gift or card to congratulate them and help get them started out on the right foot! Way to go Perham Lions! We look forward to all the great things to come from your new Leo Club!

One article in this newsletter that I would like to highlight is from Lion Ron Neph of the Nisswa Lions. I had asked Lion Ron to please provide an article about what he and the Nisswa Lions are doing regarding reading machines for those with vision impairments. Lion Ron is a retired engineer and believed he could create a more affordable reading machine for Lions to provide to visually -impaired individuals who live in their area. Lion Ron succeeded and I want to thank Lion Ron for the amazing job he is doing, and for offering to all the other clubs in 5M9 the opportunity to get onboard with it. What they have done is truly affordable for any club, so please read his article and give the Nisswa Lions a call! (See Cover Page)

As I write this article, Lions worldwide have planted 6, 644,475 trees! What an excellent job by the Lions fulfilling International President Tam's request to plant trees. IP Tam's goal was one million. The Lions have far exceeded this goal and continue to plant more. In 5M9, our goal is 2,500 trees. I know that many clubs already have a tree planting project in mind that they will complete this spring. To those clubs who do not yet have a project planned, you can contact either of our Environmental Co-Chairs, Lions Jack Riordan @ 218-763-3339 or Randy Beaver @ 218-445-5633 for ideas about projects and assistance to get trees at a very reasonable cost. For the clubs who have planted and those who will be: After you have completed your tree planting project, make sure your secretary enters it on the LCI service & activity report. Or, you can let either one of the Environmental Chairs know what you did and how many trees your club planted!

I mentioned this at our mid-winter convention and realize that not everyone was present, so I will briefly touch base on it again. OUR District 5M9 is the 4th largest single district, with 2,520 members, in all of North and South America and Australia. There are only 3 Districts on those continents with more members, including our good neighbor to the south, District 5M8, which is the largest with 3,060. Our large membership reflects our commitment to growing Lions service. Our Global Membership and Global Leadership Teams (GMT and GLT) want to work with the Lions of 5M9 to expand Lions' service in our communities. If you have had a membership drive event, thank you! If you have not had one, please consider having one. Our GMT- GLT's are there to help you, if you want!

I am so honored and proud of all the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 5M9. I thank you all for allowing me to serve you as your District Governor. We do things well, we do things right, and our PRIDE runs deep! We live the Lions motto every day in 5M9... "We Serve"!

Catch ya on the Water,
Lion Bruce

Now that the Mid-Winter Convention is past history and all of us had a GREAT time, it is time to look ahead to the next six months of this Lions year.

First, my Partner in Service , PDG Peter, and I would like to thank DG Bruce, First Lady Erin, the Detroit Lakes and Vergas Lions Clubs for that great convention. They had great speakers, good entertainment (yes, Bert and Addison, you did a super great job at making all of us laugh so hard that our sides and tummy's hurt) and some really nice prizes. Oh-- that wishing well sure does look nice. We have the perfect spot for it when spring arrives. A big thank you to all who attended and voted me in to serve as your DG in 2012-2013. Last but not least, a HUGE THANK YOU to all of my fellow Bluffton Lions who have supported us since I first announced that I was interested in running for the position of the First --2nd Vice Dist. Governor for our Dist. It's a great feeling to look out over the crowd of Lions and see a sea of red vests and red shirts of my fellow Lions. You are a great bunch of Lions. Sure hope everyone stopped by our hospitality room and went from base to base and enjoyed our baseball food. Our club, the Bluffton Lions along with the Perham Lakes Lions, are hosting the next convention January 4, 5 & 6, 2013. We have been meeting since last August making plans already. Our theme is Lets Touch "Em" All in 2013. Get your baseball dress ready and practice running from base to base with all of us.

Now, on to our District business as we have a lot to cover and make happen in the next six months. Each club needs to get a slate of officers so they can present them to their membership in Feb and hold your elections in March or early April as International says you need to have your elections on or before April 15th. That way the new officers **can and should** attend one of the three locations of the College of Leadership that will be held in our District this year. We are trying to reduce the amount of travel required to attend the Leadership seminars. Even if you have been to the seminars before, there is always something new to be learned. Encourage your new officers to attend and help them have a great experience as an officer of your club. Anyone can attend any of the seminars. This will help them to know what is expected in each office and possibly influence a decision to accept an office in their club for another year.

The end of March will see the beginning of the 3rd round of Zone meetings. This is the time to share with other clubs what your club has planned for the spring and summer months. I challenge each club to attend one of their neighboring clubs functions this spring or summer. It's a great way to get acquainted and see what other clubs do for activities. Maybe your club can pick up a new idea for a fun activity or fund raiser. Remember also, that all of us need to plant a tree or two this spring so that our DG Bruce can meet his promise that he made and signed in front of our International President.

Soon, I will be putting together my cabinet for my year as District Governor. If you are interested in serving as a Zone Chair or Project Chair please let me know as I am sure I will have a few positions to fill.

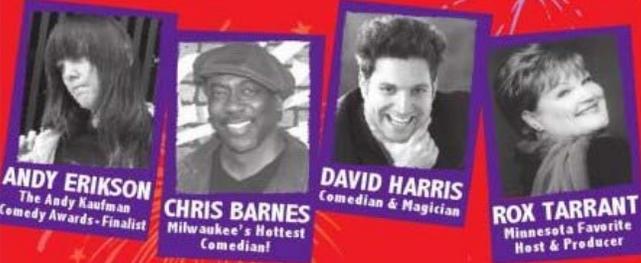
Until next month, keep the ovens warm and those GR8 Caramel Buns a baking.

DGE Margaret Van Erp

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



**6th annual
prime rib & comedy fundraiser**
~Featuring~



SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 25
Verndale Lions Club Fundraiser - Proceeds help benefit schools and programs
Verndale Community Center • Verndale, MN
TICKETS: \$25 - includes prime rib dinner and comedy show
Social hour 6 PM • Dinner 7 PM • Comedy Showtime 8 PM
Tickets on sale now with Lions Club members
Call 218-445-5633 or 218-631-2986 now!
Come on down and support this great fundraiser.
We'll leave the light on.
A Comedy On The Rox Production

WELCOME TO THE SWARM TO THE HIVE

Dog Day at the Hive WITH THE MINNESOTA SWARM

This is the 3rd annual, bring your Best Friend to the Xcel Energy Center and experience the best kept secret in the Twin Cities. Watch a Minnesota Swarm Professional Lacrosse game with your Dog.

The \$10 Dog Night Package will include an Upper Level ticket, a Dog ticket and a wristband for the Dog Walk before the Swarm game.

Participate in the Dog Walk!
From 12:30 until 2:00, bring your Dog to the Xcel Energy Center and walk the 2nd Level with your furry friend prior to the Minnesota Swarm game. This is a great to stay active and out of the cold!

Can Do Canines

Sunday February 12th, 2012 @ 2:00p.m.

Order Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tickets:
Dog Night Package _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____
Can Do Canines Package (includes ticket + \$5.00 donation) _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____
Required Handling Fees \$ 5.00

Total: \$ _____

I will require Accessible Seating (Yes or No) _____

Check Enclosed (payable to Minnesota Swarm)
Charge on the following CC#: _____
Visa MasterCard Discover American Express Exp. Date: _____

To order tickets:
1. Mail this form with payment to: Minnesota Swarm, c/o Carl Starkey 317 Washington St., St. Paul, MN 55102
2. Fax filled out order form to 651-726-1736
3. Carl Starkey can be reached at 651-726-1739 or cstarkey@minswarm.com

www.minswarm.com

*All owners MUST complete a waiver of liability to gain entrance for their dog to the event.
**All tickets must be purchased by February 10th. **Ticket offer NOT VALID at Xcel Energy Center Box Office

As the saying goes — another one for the books. What am I talking about? The 5M9 Midwinter Convention in Mahanomen that Lion Pat and I attended. Kudos to the Detroit Lakes Lions and the Vergas Lions for hosting a top notch Lions Convention> I am sure that if you asked any of them they would say that there were glitches here and there but we never saw any. You two clubs should be proud of yourselves. Everything from the hospitality room, to the Service of Remembrance, to the music, to the seminars, to the meals, to the entertainment (yes even the Drill team), to ID Ted and Lion Ann, to the friendly people there, to the laughter, all the way to our DG and First Lady. It was awesome! Those members that attended now need to go back to their clubs and talk this great adventure up to those that have never attended and GET them to attend in 2013.

I want to thank everyone for all their kind words and support and for voting me in as your 1st Vice District Governor for 2012-2013. I look forward to serving with DGE Margaret VanErp and 2nd VDGE Gloria Anderson. DG Bruce will be one hard act to follow!!!

It is that time of the year that you get your nomination committee busy getting the slate of officers for the 2012-2013 year. The election results need to be to DGE Margaret VanErp no later than April 1st so she can send the information out to LCIF. As I have mentioned before, make sure to ask all officers, even those who are willing to stay on in their office.



**“WATTS” NEW
in 5M9
1st Vice District
Governor Elect
Donald Hendrickx**



This has been one heck of a winter and with the way the weather has been, you almost could be out planting trees, but maybe it would be better to wait for awhile. Just remember to get those trees planted and make sure to include the number on your service activity report or contact Environmental Chair, Randy Beaver, so DG Bruce gets credit for them.

During the month of February, make sure you take care of your heart and of course always take care of your “sweetheart”.
Happy Valentine’s Day.....

Dutch Proverb of the Month - “He is sticking his hand in a wasp nest.”
(English translation - “He is getting into something that will lead to nothing but trouble”)

Pas goed op jezelf ————— **1st VDGE Don**

What is a Leo Club?

A Leo club is a Junior Lions Club, sponsored by a local Lions Club.

The first Leo Club was sponsored by the Glenside Lions Club of Pennsylvania in 1957. It consisted of 35 students from the Abington High School. A decade later, the Lions Clubs International (LCI) Board of Directors adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association.

The objective of the Leo program is to provide youth with opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national, and international community.

Types of Leo Clubs: community-based or school-affiliated Leo Clubs.

The **Community-Based Leo Club** offers membership to any eligible young person in the local area of the Lions Club. This club would meet at a suitable location in the community, and a member of the sponsoring Lions Club serves as the Leo Club advisor.

The **School-Affiliated Leo Club** has members from one school. The advisor is usually a member of the school staff, such

as a teacher, counselor or school administrator, and acts as a liaison between the school and the Leo Club, and also to assist the Leo Club advisor, who is a Lion. This Leo Club must follow all school policies, insurance requirements and regulations of the school. This includes club activities on and off school property.

It is good to get parents of the Leo members involved in Leo Clubs.

There are two levels for the Leo Clubs.

Alpha Leo Clubs for youth between 12-18 years of age. This type of club deals with the individual and social development of teens and preteens.

Omega Leo Clubs for young adults between 18-30 years of age. This type of club is for the personal and professional development of young adults.

The Leo Club Motto—**Leadership, Experience, Opportunity**—says it all:

Leadership: Leo members acquire skills as project organizers and motivators of the peers.

Experience: They discover how teamwork and cooperation can bring change in their community and the world.

Opportunity: Leos develop positive

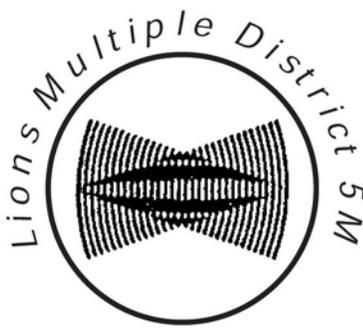
character traits and receive recognition for their contributions.

The sponsoring Lions Club pays a one-time Leo Club organization fee of \$100. This covers 20 Leo members, Leo pin, membership card and a new member guide. After that, a \$5.00 per member fee is charged for each new member kit. It takes about six weeks for kits after ordering

Dues per year is \$90 per club, no matter how many members and the sponsoring Lions Club is billed for this amount.

At the present time, 5M9 has one Leo Club and that is the Wad-Bluff-Creek Leo Club (originally known as the WDC Leo Club), a school-based club. This club is very active and does service activities in the community besides conducting fundraisers and holding fun events for the club. They also work with the three sponsoring Lions Clubs—Wadena, Bluffton, and Deer Creek Lions—with some of each club’s activities.

Contact Leo Chairperson, PDG Ken Anderson for more information.
218-631-9005
glo_ken@hotmail.com



Hearing Foundation, Inc.

Have you ever listened to the wind whispering through the pines or woke from a sound sleep to hear your child cry because they're not feeling well. For many, these sounds have never been heard from the time they have been born or they have lost their hearing do to an accident or perhaps a type of disease that has taken it.

We can all be thankful that we are blessed with the sense of hearing, but for many from the time they are born, to our senior citizens many are without this precious sense. Helen Keller was not only blind, but also deaf and she gave much to the Lions Organization over the years. Helen Keller said... "I am just as deaf as am blind. The problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus – the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

In 1973, the MD5M Hearing Foundation began with the help of the District Governors at the Multiple Convention in Duluth. They were directed to appoint two Lions from each District to act as Board Trustees to organize and establish a Lions Hearing Foundation. Over 1.7 million was raised by requesting that each club pledge \$15.00 pre member in support of the new hearing initiative. That year the MD5M Hearing Foundation entered into partnership with the University of Minnesota department of Otolaryngology and here we are today!

So you ask, what is the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation and what does it do? It is broken down into many components:

Lions 5M International Center

The International Hearing Center sees a wide range of patients for ear, nose and throat problems. These patients range from infants to adults and are seen by

professionals that provide care in general ENT, audiology (hearing testing and diagnosis) cochlear implants, craniofacial surgery, sinus, allergy, head and neck cancer, voice issues and vestibular problems. The center is also a teaching facility for medical students, residents and visiting scholars and physicians from around the world. The Lions have also raised funds to help replace equipment in the Audiology department, space dedicated to 52,500 sq. ft. for the Lions research building and microscopes for the Temporal Bone lab.

Newborn Hearing Screening

In 1999, the Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide newborn screening program. More that \$417,000 in Lion contributions and a matching grant from LCIF, created the Lions Newborn Screening Program. This was a statewide initiative designed to establish newborn screening, without state funding or mandate, in every birthing hospital in Minnesota. In 2000 an Audiologist was hired to execute the program and visited 111 hospitals in Minnesota. The audiologist selected the equipment and trained staff how to use it, as well as report and track the system. The Lions Hearing Foundation paid for the testing equipment. The program drastically decreased the average age at which hearing impairment was detected and improved treatment outcomes. Statistics show that if a child is diagnosed and effectively treated before the age of 6 months they can develop language skills at the same rate as their normal hearing peers.

Hearing Aid Loaner Program

The Hearing Foundation established the Lions Hearing Aid Loaner Bank, providing pediatric hearing aids free of charge to infants who are newly identified with hearing loss. This service allows babies to hear sounds immediately while their parents organize the considerable financial resources necessary and the family and medical team implement a treatment plan. Similarly, the Hearing Center provides hearing aids free of charge to cancer patients treated at the University Hospital – Fairview, as hearing loss can be an unfortunate side effect of cancer treatment.

Affordable Hearing Aid Program

Allows families with low incomes to be able to obtain hearing aids. They are not free and are made more affordable for those individuals that need assistance.

Hearing Aid Recycling

Not only do the Lions recycle glasses, but we also recycle hearing aids. Each Dis-

trict turns in used hearing aids and they are either refurbished or used for parts that can help rebuild hearing aids. Thus reducing the cost of hearing aids and helping our environment.

Otolaryngology Research and the Lions Research Building

The 5M Hearing Foundation is committed to bringing future medical solutions to fruition by providing the space, equipment, and seed money necessary to cultivate promising ideas. The Hearing Center has been a leader in the development of nonembryonic stem cells that may one day replace damaged structures in the ear to cure deafness, not merely treat it.

LIONS Children's Hearing Center

The clinic opened in early 2006. At the Lions Children's Hearing Center, a family can see up to six specialty doctors in one setting in one day, namely:

- Audiologist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- ENT
- Geneticist
- Infectious Disease specialists
- Neuro Psychology

Once the child and their family leaves the Center, the team of professionals takes a team approach as to what course to treatment will be sought.

The Lions Children's Hearing Center also serves as an educational resource for those who work with hearing-impaired children, and as a research center for pediatric hearing disorders. There is no other such comprehensive center in the upper Midwest.

Research Funding

The Lions Hearing Foundation continues to support research via yearly grants to residents and faculty in the Department of Otolaryngology averaging \$150,000.

Thank you to all the clubs of District 5M9 for you continued support of the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation. Your continued Service in your communities helps to build a stronger and knowledgeable Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation and world. Without the help and support of the Lions in Minnesota we would by far have a longer road ahead. The children and adults you have help, are stronger individuals! We look forward to receiving the gift of life from all of you in the years ahead!

5M9 Trustees

PDG's Linda Albrecht-Norby
and Ken Anderson



L-R: MD5M Snowman, Convention 1st Timers from the Guthrie-Nary Lions Megan & Curt Corrick



01/07/2012
 ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT
 PDG Peter VanErp, DGE Margaret VanErp, DG Bruce Beck, Erin Beck, ID Ted Reiver, Ann Reiver, Pat Hendrickx, 1st VDGE Don Hendrickx



CONVENTION COLOR GUARD (above)
 L-R: Aitkin Lions Carroll Janzen & Tom Brand, Aitkin Riverboat Lion Joy Janzen
LEFT– 2nd VDGE Gloria Anderson & 1st VDGE Don Hendrickx going over the 1st Timers Awards
RIGHT Cass Lake Lions, L-R Pam Michaud, Ken Bedeau, Gene & Nathalie Hasert, Judy Brasgallas



The Whole Gang preparing to be hypnotized by Dan Lee

1. Where as the Detroit Lakes and Vergas Lions have done a fantastic job of hosting our 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention- be it resolved that they receive a big 5M9 Thank You!
2. Where as the Shooting Star Convention Center staff has done a fantastic job of keeping our convention going without a hitch- be it resolved that they receive a big 5M9 Thank You for their efforts!
3. Where as District Governor, Bruce Beck, and Lion Erin have shown the famous 5M9 Leadership ability in this great convention- be it resolved that they receive a big 5M9 standing ovation Thank You for all their time and effort!
4. Where as International Director, Lion Ted Reiver and his lovely wife, Ann, have traveled from Delaware to be with us and give us Lion enthusiasm with his message- be it resolved that we give them a big 5M9 standing ovation Thank You and wish them God Speed in their travels!
5. Where as Lion Dr. Abbey Meyer, through her dedicated medical work is truly living up to our motto of "We Serve"- be it resolved that we give her a big 5M9 Thank You!
6. Where as District Governor Elect, Lion Margaret VanErp, has accepted the responsibilities of leading our great District 5M9 for 2012-2013- be it resolved that we pledge to support her in her year as District Governor and give her a big 5M9 Thank You!
7. Where as 1st Vice District Governor Elect, Lion Don Hendrickx, has accepted the responsibilities of leadership in District 5M9 for 2012-2013- be it resolved we pledge him our support and give him a big 5M9 Thank You!
8. Where as 2nd Vice President Elect, Lion Gloria Anderson, has accepted the responsibilities of leadership in District 5M9 for 2012-2013- be it resolved the we pledge our support to her and give her a big 5M9 Thank You!

Respectfully Submitted by: Dick Labraaten



2012 Project New Hope Club Awards

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| Aitkin Lions | Menahga Gateway Lions |
| Aitkin Riverboat Lions | Northland Remer Lions |
| Akeley Lions | New York Mills Lions |
| Baxter Lions | Ottertail Lions |
| Cass Lake Lions | Parkers Prairie Lions |
| Cass Lake Country Lions | Perham Lions |
| Cormorant Lions | Sebeka Lions |
| Cross Lake Lions | Underwood Lions |
| Dent Lions | Vergas Lions |
| Elizabeth Lions | Vergas Lions |
| Emily-Outing-50 Lakes Lions | Verndale Lions |
| Garrison Lions | Wadena Lions |
| Henning Lions | Wolf Lake Lions |
| Longville Lions | |

2012 Above and Beyond Awards



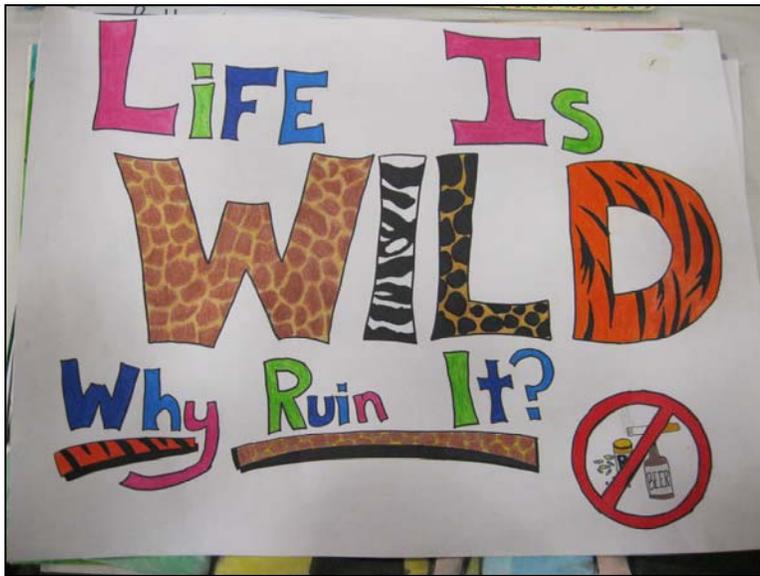
Co-Chair, Dale Johanson, **Jim Arvidson, Bert Nelson, Carroll Kukowski, Linda Albrecht-Norby, ID Ted Reiver, Margaret VanErp, Peter VanErp, Co-Chair, Dick Labraaten**

First Timers Awards



L-R 2nd place-Lion Peg Kruschke (Battle Lake Lions)
 1st Place-Lion Annette Adameitz (Verndale Lions)
 3rd Place-Lion Curtis Corrick (Guthrie Nary Lions)
 1st Vice District Governor Elect, Don Hendrickx
 Traveling Trophy, Most First Timers-Lion David Antonsen (Vergas Lions President)

YOUTH OUTREACH POSTERS



**Kadie Knutson
Battle Lake Lions**

**Faith Goette
Campbell Lions**



**Madison Shepherd
Emily-Outing-
50 Lakes Lions**



**Wadena,
Deer
Creek,
Bluffton
Leos
at the
Convention
with their
advisors,
Diane Webb
and
Tyler Church**

**RIGHT
L-R: District
Governor Elect
Margaret VanErp,
International
Dir. Ted Reiver,
Lion Ann Reiver,
Palisade President
Evie Ladd,
District Secretary
Tami Kullhem**



Kamp KACE Award Recipients



Kim Belgarde, Bob Maneval (posthumously), & IPD Linda Albrecht-Norby received recognition for work with Kamp KACE
Pictured Left: Kim Belgarde, DG Bruce Beck, Eloise Maneval accepting for Bob Maneval and ID Ted Reiver
Pictured Right: Kim Belgarde, DG Bruce Beck, IPD Linda Albrecht-Norby



PCC Bert Nelson Receives HALL OF FAME AWARD



5M9 PDG's
 1st Row: Dick Labraaten, Jack Riordan, Jim Arvidson, Judy Brasgalla, Carroll Kukowski, Adolph Kukowski, Jim Neuerberg, 2nd Row: Ken Anderson, Steve Swantz, Peter VanErp
 Back: Jim Dullum, Bill Wison, PCC Bert Nelson, Linda Albrecht, Norby, Dale Johansen (below)

Lion Mike Adkins Battle Lake Lions Secretary. Is receiving the **5M-9 Website Award** from Lion Jim Johansen 5M-9 Website and Technology Co-Chair.



Visiting District Governors
 L-R: 5M1 DG Joe Schlichenmeyer, DG 5M7 Dave Schroeder, DG 5M8 Sandy Sandwick, DG Bruce Beck, DG 5M11 Joanne Swanson, DG 5M4 Dan Plowman



S.L.O.G.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST
 1st- Garrison Lions Pres Janet Leach (left)
 2nd- Deerwood Lakes Lion Cathe Picek (right)
 Newsletter Editor/Diva Tracey Buhl (center)



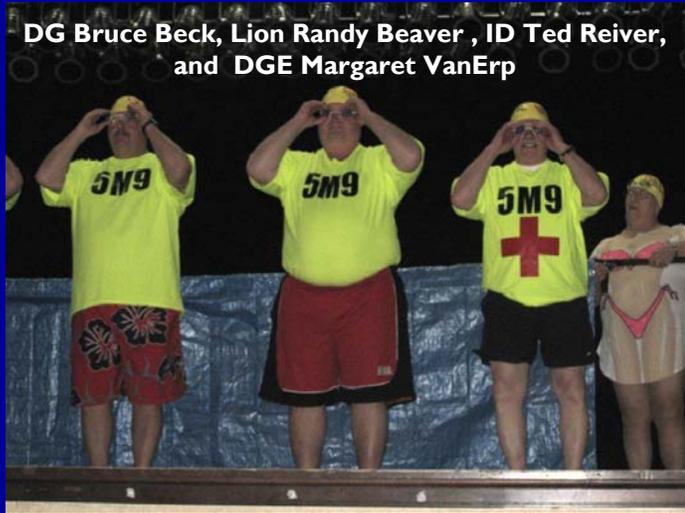
BRAG BOOK CONTEST

1st Place— Emily-Outing-50 Lakes
 2nd Place—Underwood
 3rd Place— Aitkin Riverboat
 Honorable Mention— Bluffton
 No Picture due to technical difficulties.
 Your Diva's sincerest apologies.



Youth Outreach Scholarship Winners honored at Midwinter 2012
 L-R Co-Chair Lion Jeanne Roggenkamp, Nathan Bellefeuille-\$1000, Hannah Rausch-\$1000, Todd Skauge-\$750, Abbi Wittner-\$1000, Ryan Wolfenden-\$750, Desiree Gigstead-\$1000, Scott Enders-\$1000, Co-Chair Lion Ralph Patton.

DG Bruce Beck, Lion Randy Beaver , ID Ted Reiver, and DGE Margaret VanErp



5M9 PRECISION DRILL TEAM



Speakers & Seminars

5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

(starting left, counter clock-wise)

- Lion Kim Belgarde-Kamp KACE Director
- Lion Jim Johansen, The Electronic Lion
- RaChelle Gruba & Carol Mulder (not pictured) MN Lions Vision Foundation
 - Lion Carroll Jackson & Hunter -Leader Dog for the Blind
- Terri Krake and Brody-Can Do Canines
- Lion Wayne Wolden, Mayor of Wadena- Twisted Together by EF4
- Lion Ann Reiver, Wife of ID Ted Reiver- Public Speaking
- Dr. Abbey Meyer, Director, Lions Children Hearing Center



International President Recognition



International Director Ted Reiver presents **International Presidents Commendations** (L-R) Zone Chair Jay Norby, Zone Chair Sister Char Grossman, and Lion Frank McClean



L-R: IPDG Linda Albrecht-Norby, recipient International Presidents Leadership Medal, ID Ted Reiver, DGE Margaret VanErp, recipient International Presidents Medal, 1st VDGE Don Hendrickx, recipient International Presidents Leadership Medal.

above
McGregor Lion Don Pearson (center) received the **International Presidents Personal Pin**. Pictured hear with ID Ted Reiver (left) and DG Bruce Beck (right)



HEALTH FAIR
Detroit Lakes Lions Mari and Armand Radke perform peripheral vision screenings. Diabetes and Glaucoma Screenings were also provided. (left)



Palisade Lions Club, Home of DG Bruce, enjoy themselves as they wait to enjoy a fine meal.

Environmental needs your help! There is a great opportunity for all the clubs to plant trees this spring. We would like to distribute trees through your local schools on Arbor Day, April 27th. Each club needs to contact their local school to see if they are interested. Some clubs share a school district so they can work together. Some schools already do an Arbor Day program through their local soil and water district. So we need to contact the schools before they order through them. Each club may choose a grade or grades to distribute trees through. I would order all the trees through the state nursery in Badoura, they would be 8" to 24" Norway Pine transplants. The cost

would be .55 cents each. I spoke with the Badoura Nursery they would harvest the trees on a selected date just before Arbor Day. The trees would be distributed out of our Verndale Lions center. Each club would report before May 1st on the International report of how many trees they distributed. **Time is of the essence, we need to catch the schools before they order from someone else and the trees are first come first served at the state nursery. Tree orders need to be in to me no later than February 8th.** As I get orders accumulating to 500 trees I will place that order. Payment to me will be due when trees are picked up at the Lions center in Verndale.

Any Questions please contact me.
Thank You!
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3rd ANNUAL
MARDI GRAS

SATURDAY FEB 18, 2012
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CATFISH, GATOR, LOUISIANA GUMBO
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AITKIN RIVERBOAT LIONS
Celebrating 12 Years of Service
December 9, 1999 – 2011

Members of the Aitkin Riverboat Lions gathered at a luncheon on December 9, 2011 at the 40 Club to celebrate twelve years since the charter inception date on December 9, 1999. The Aitkin Riverboat Lions began their years of service in 1981 as the Lioness group of Lions International, Inc. contributing to numerous local causes. Twelve of the current members were installed as Lioness members in 1981. Four of them shown in the photo are Lions Judy Blomberg, Bev Paulson (standing), Dorothy Smeltzer and Mary Webster (seated). Missing from the photo are Lois Hyytinen, Kathy Dox, Marian Piecek, Elaine Bruss, Millie Reinhardt, Sue Ruschmeier, Agnes Weimer, and Trix Wyant. Others in photo are Lions Sharon Lammers, Joy Janzen, Connie Pearson, Cathy Wilke (standing), Kathy Futhey, Marge Muscatello, and Mary Peterson (seated).



Aitkin Riverboat Bell Ringers
(l-r) Aitkin Lion Harvey Blomberg, Aitkin Riverboat Lions Judy Blomberg, & Dorothy Smeltzer
(l-r) Lion Mary Peterson & President, Lion Joy Janzen



Post-Event Publicity

Report the results of your programs and fundraisers to the community through the following:

- News Release – Prepare a brief, 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.





COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP
APRIL 30, MAY 1 & MAY 2, 2012
CROSBY, WADENA & DETROIT LAKES
Details to follow



Exploring Lions Pride
at the
93rd MD5M Convention



April 27-29, 2012
Grand Casino Hinckley Hinckley, Minnesota
Hosted by Princeton Lions Club

Registration Form

The Grand Casino Hotel and Casino are attached to the Grand Casino Convention Center

<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Lioness	<input type="checkbox"/> Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Lioness	<input type="checkbox"/> Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
Name:				Name:			
Address:				Address:			
City:		Prov/State:		City:		Prov/State:	
Zip/CP:		Phone:		Zip/CP:		Phone:	
Email:				Email:			
Title:		District:		Title:		District:	
Club:				Club:			
Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention				Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention			

Meal Plan Options			
Hospitality Book includes: Friday Mixer, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet and Sunday Brunch			
Item	Number	Cost	Total
Hospitality Book (Received BEFORE March 1, 2012)		USD \$100.00	\$ 0.00
Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2012 or later)		USD \$110.00	\$ 0.00
Individual Friday Mixer (snack, cash bar, music)		USD \$15.00	\$ 0.00
Individual Saturday Luncheon		USD \$30.00	\$ 0.00
Individual Saturday Banquet		USD \$55.00	\$ 0.00
Individual Sunday Brunch		USD \$35.00	\$ 0.00

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 cancellation.

SPECIAL DIETARY INFORMATION:

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2012 Convention

Total Submitted: \$ 0.00

Mail registrations to:

Lion Carol Breitkreutz, Registration
28244 Par Drive -
Zimmerman, Mn 55398

Convention information:

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Camping information is available with hotel information.



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Hotel Reservation Information

Hotel reservations can be made by calling Grand Casino Hinckley Hotel.

Phone: 1 – 800 – 468 – 3517, press 2 for Hinckley Hotel

Please ask for the **2012 MD5M Lions** block of rooms.

The individual block confirmation number is: **LIO0426**

The block of rooms will be held until April 1, 2012.

Rates do not include local and state taxes!

Room Type	4/26	4/27	4/28
Standard King or Queen Rate	\$55.20	\$71.10	\$80.10
King or Queen TWR Jacuzzi Rate	\$78.4	\$106.20	\$115.20
Jr or Spa Jacuzzi Rate	\$111.20	\$155.70	\$161.10

RV Resort Reservation Information

The RV Resort is within walking distance of the convention center. And, a 24-hour shuttle operates between the convention center and the RV Resort. Reservations for the RV Resort can be made by calling Grand Casino Hinckley.

Phone: 1 – 800 – 472 - 6321

MD5M Convention registration:

<http://www.lionsmd5m.org/MD5M/MD5MConvention/2012/RegistrationFormFillable.pdf>

MD5M Hotel information:

<http://www.lionsmd5m.org/MD5M/MD5MConvention/2012/ReservationInformation.pdf>

THANK YOU

"Thank you" Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M9 for showing your support and confidence in me by electing me as the 2nd Vice District Governor of 2012-2013. I am looking forward to working with District Governor Elect Margaret VanErp and 1st Vice District Governor Elect Don Hendrickx in the coming year.

2nd VDGE Gloria Anderson

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