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## 5M9 PDG'S AT THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Standing L-R: Dick Labraaten, Peter Van Erp, Jim Arvidson, Don Hendrickx, Joe Doerfler, Eldon Bergman, Adolf Kukowski, Rodger Palmer, Steve Swantz, Jim Neuerburg, Linda Albrecht-Norby, Ken Anderson, & Bill Wilson.  
Seated L-R: Margaret Van Erp, Judy Bragalla, Carroll Kukowski, Gloria Anderson, & Jim Dulle.

## 2015-2016 YOUTH OUTREACH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

L-R: Youth Outreach Co-Chair-Lion Pat Hendrickx, Carissa Heron-Aitkin, Teresa Moenedick-Verndale, Danielle Albert-Pequot Lakes, McKinzie Tangen-Fraze, Karly Masloski-Fergus Falls, Youth Outreach Co-Chair-Lion Evie Ladd. Not Pictured: Megan Haverkamp-Bemidji, Charles Box-Pequot Lakes, Kourtney Newland-Pequot Lakes, Casey Bruggeman-Pelican Rapids, Shaelyn Martin-Elizabeth, Sarah Dodd-Hackensack



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# All Aboard the 5M9 Express!!!



**District Governor —Jay Norby**

Thank you to all of the Lions who attended the Mid-Winter Convention. So far, I have heard nothing but good reports about how much fun everyone had. The seminars for the most part were well attended and some were at overflowing capacity. A big Thank You to the Emily Outing Fifty Lakes "Laker" Lions for all of your hard work and dedication to putting on this year's convention.

Congratulations to DGE Dick Stebbins, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Tom Plagman and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Rose Puckett on your election victories. 5M9 is blessed to have great Lions stepping up to assume the leadership roles in the District. If anyone else has ever considered serving the Lions of 5M9 in this role, it is not too early to let us know of your intentions. If you are not sure, you can contact myself or any of the other officers and PDG's to have questions you might have answered. I can tell you, and I am sure that the PDG's will say the same, it is a great ride.

For those of you who attended the convention, I hope you had the opportunity to attend the health fair and check out the newest piece of equipment that 5M9 has purchased. It is a Vision Screener made by Welch Allen. It is the latest and greatest piece of equipment for checking eyes for potential problems. This machine can check for multiple potential problems in the eye. One of the greatest assets is its ability to screen everyone regardless of their age. It works on everyone 6 months old to 100 years old. About 4 million kids between the ages of 6 months to 6 years screened every year are referred to an eye-care professional. Of the 4 million screened, about 5% will be diagnosed with amblyopia. A treatable disorder that can result in permanently reduced vision if not addressed at an early age. The screening device detects risk factors for amblyopia, such as strabismus (eye cross or wandering eye), refractive errors and unequal vision between the two eyes, as well as potentially more serious issues such as cataracts and eye cancer. We will be putting together a program so that we can get this equipment out to Lions clubs allowing them to work with schools, pre-schools and daycare facilities to test children at an early age so we can prevent eye problems in young children. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact myself or Dr. Armand Radke of the Detroit Lakes Lions.

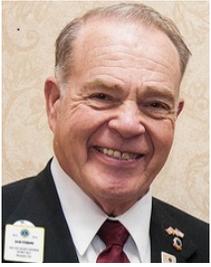
WE are looking at the possibility of chartering a bus to the USA/Canada forum in Omaha, Nebraska. This is a great opportunity to attend the forum and travel with a group of Lions. The dates for the forum are September 15 – 17, the plan is to leave on the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> and come home on the 18<sup>th</sup>. More information and cost of the trip will be in next month's newsletter. Also, we are looking into chartering a bus to attend the International Convention in Chicago for the 100 year celebration of Lions in 2017. As we get more information we will share it in the newsletter. This is a perfect opportunity to attend two of the premier events for Lions, so mark your calendars and plan on having some fun and meeting new lions.

As long as you have your calendars out, mark April 3<sup>rd</sup> down as the Charter Banquet for our newest club, the Malmo Area Lions. It is a Sunday afternoon celebration starting at 3:00 pm in Malmo. The information and invitations will be going out in the next couple of weeks so please try and attend and welcome the newest club and members to the family of Lions in 5M9. Our guest speaker will be IPID Mike Molenda and the MC will be PCC Bruce Beck.

There are still 5 months left in this Lions year and we would like to see the district end this year with more members than when we started. As of January 24 we were down 13 members from where we started last July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please take the time to look at your communities, friends, neighbors or people you work with to see who you can ask to become a member of the world's largest service organization.

So, as we board the 5M9 Express let's bring a new member along to enjoy the ride.

DG Jay



# Richard the Lionhearted

District Governor Elect - Dick Stebbins



What a great Mid Winter convention we had at 5M9! All I can say is a big Lions thank you to District Governor Jay and the Emily-Outing 50 Lakes Lakers Lions for a fantastic weekend. If you missed it, please make an effort to attend next year's convention with the Baxter and Pillager Lions hosting. The goat tail twisting was extremely entertaining for all. I am not sure if I am sorry or not that I didn't win the goat! It was great to see so many Brainerd Leo's there with so much energy, also.

At the business meeting, I was voted in as your District Governor Elect of 5M9. I want to thank everyone for your support and trust. I will give my all by representing District 5M9 to the best of my ability and let everyone know that 5M9 is the greatest district in all of Lions. I appreciate your confidence and support, the encouraging words and offers of help. Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Tom Plagman and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Rose Puckett on their elections. Congratulations to all the award winners this year. You are all very deserving Lions and should be recognized for your dedication to Lions! You bring to life our motto 'We Serve'. Thank you so much for your service!

Our Zone Chairs are setting up the dates for the Spring Zone Meetings. Be sure to check the March issue for the listings of dates, times and locations. Let's have 100% attendance at all Zone Meetings. We can show our Zone Chairs that we appreciate all the work they put in to have an informative and fun meeting. They always have information from the Cabinet to report back to you.

We still have 5 months to go in DG Jay's year and we, as Lions of 5M9, need to continue to make sure we meet and, if possible, exceed his goals. Please help in any way you can to continue to make our district a leader in the multiple.

You should all have a slate of officers for the 2016-2017 year completed soon. Please be sure that the list is sent in before April 15th. The College of Leadership will be held on May 15th at the Wadena High School (the same place it was held last year) Please encourage your newly elected officers and any other Lions to attend. The training you will receive will make your job a lot easier and help you be more productive in your club and District. By attending, you will better understand the duties of club positions making it easier for you to consider accepting that position in the future. If any Lion in the District is interested in serving as a committee chair or co-chair for the 2016-2017 year, please get a hold of me and I will be glad to tell you what is available and what the duties and responsibilities are.

FARE THEE WELL

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

DICK STEBBINS

## The next Webinar is Social Media as a Lions Leadership Tool

Widen your Lions sphere of influence by strengthening your understanding and application of social media as you connect to Lions at the club, community and global level.

Learn how to leverage social media to promote and strengthen your club, zone and district service activities, membership, and fundraising. Latest social media trends and best practices included.

Go to LCI website to register!



# Vice District Governor Elect Tom Plagman

## 1st VDGE Tom on membership

Volunteer groups like service organizations, churches some emergency response teams and fire groups and others are interesting animals to form and maintain. I am a member of both an EMS group and of course the Lions. I was at an Emergency Medical Services convention this past weekend and I have some Lions related observations.

I went to a session about surviving a career in EMS. Notice I used the word career. Many EMS groups are volunteer but the individuals are still encouraged to think of themselves as professionals and their time serving as a career. To compare these services to Lions might be a stretch but there is a common denominator of volunteerism (not being paid for the service we provide) aspect in both groups. The demographics of these two types of groups are broad. While EMS can require an individual to be young and active, service organizations are sometimes suggested for individuals who tend to be more sedentary. Service organizations being considered by some to be more aligned with retirement.

We differ greatly in the service we provide.

### EMS

- Our services require immediate some times life or death decisions.
- We are required to have continuing education beginning at 24 hours every 2 years and increasing from there.
- We can and will be called out at any hour night or day in all kinds of weather conditions to exercise our skills.

### Service Organizations

- Most of our activities are planned and are scheduled weekly, monthly or yearly
- Ours is an elderly population of members
- Our training is based on our offices in the organization or aspirations to rise farther in leadership positions or desire to learn more about the organization.

There are also similarities.

- Service is a large part of what we do.
- The individuals that we help are often truly less fortunate because of geographic, economic, natural disasters and/or other calamities beyond their/our control.
- We both struggle with membership.

Maintaining our membership involves overcoming such things as boredom, burnout, and natural attrition which varies from job displacement to death due to old age. The main thing for both types of organizations is to identify those things that will attract new members and/or keep the good active members involved. We in the leadership positions must constantly strive to keep our organizations vital, relevant and fun. The communities that we live in benefit in many ways from the volunteers among us. Don't hesitate to take credit for the good you do and remember to thank your volunteers as often as you can.



**5M9 LIONS LEARNING DAY**

**APRIL 10, 2016**  
**GATHERING – 12:30 PM/1:00 PM SESSIONS**  
**BLUFFTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

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**SESSION #1 – WEBINARS/GO TO MEETINGS/CONFERENCE CALLS**  
 PRESENTER - PCC BRUCE BECK

**SESSION #2 – MEMBERSHIP RETENTION**  
 PRESENTER – GMT COORDINATOR RANDY BEAVER

**SESSION #3 – PUBLIC SPEAKING**  
 PRESENTER – DG JAY NORBY

**SESSION #4 – CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IDEAS**  
 PRESENTER – PCC BERT NELSON

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There will be a free will lunch served at 4:00 pm



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: GLT LION DON HENDRICKX @ 215-346-5899

PARKERS PRAIRIE PRIDE OF LIONS CLUB:

# Sweetheart

## DINNER & DANCE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH, 2016

THE PRAIRIE EVENT CENTER

Social Hour: 6:30PM

Dinner: 7:00PM



Dance: 8:00PM - 12:00AM



Pasta Bar: VARIOUS PASTAS, MEATS & SAUCES

Photo Booth: JENNESSA KAE PHOTOGRAPHY

Wine Wall: SPONSORED BY STAR LIQUOR

Door Prizes: THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT!

Dance: DJ PROVIDING MUSIC

RAFFLE DRAWING AT 10PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY  
PRIDE OF LIONS MEMBER & AT  
DICK'S STANDARD  
IN PARKERS  
PRAIRIE

Traveling Far? Don't Forget!  
Crossings Inn & Suites  
for overnight accommodations

Any questions, please contact:  
Jacki Suchy or Kelly Olson



## Ottertail Lions



### 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARDI GRAS



Saturday, Feb 20, 2016



At the Ottertail Community Center

5:00 pm Social 6-8pm BUFFET  
CAJUN CATFISH, ALLIGATOR, LOUISIANA  
JUMBALAYA, BOURBON STREET MEATBALLS,

GAMES, PRIZES, HORSE RACES, FULL SERVICE BAR



### FUND RAISER

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LIONS MAJOR CAUSES

ADVANCED TICKETS SALE - \$13

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR-\$15.00

KIDS 10 AND UNDER.....Free



## Brainerd Lions Club

presents the 1st Annual

# Hammering Hammer Handles

## Ice Fishing Contest

February 27, 2016

Lake Edwards

Merrifield, MN

9:00 am—2 pm

Rules Meeting states at 8:00 am Lake Edwards Public Access of Cty Rd 3

150 Maximum Contestants Allowed

#### Rules:

- Must have a valid Minnesota fishing license
- Must follow all Minnesota fishing regulations pertaining to the contest
- Fish house ARE allowed (only paid contestants allowed in the house)
- ONLY Northern Pike UP TO 22 inches will be accepted
- Must be in the weigh in line by 2:15 PM
- Pike must be alive, not frozen upon weigh in.
- 3 fish limit
- 2 lines per contestant are allowed
- ALL of Lake Edwards is fishable
- In the event of a tie, high card draw wins

#### PRIZES

Prizes given out for 1st through 3rd place

Other Prizes include: Heaviest/largest Pike (up to 22 inches),  
Smallest Pike, First Pike weighed in, First Limit weighed in.

On Ice Raffle

Tickets: \$20

Tickets are Available at:

Mill Ave Holiday Station, Community Action Office, and with  
Brainerd Lion Members

Proceeds benefit "The Shop" Youth Center

For More Information, Please Contact:

Mike LeFlec (218)838-1756



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Verndale Lions PRIME RIB & COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEB. 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
VERNDALE LIONS CENTER

SOCIAL HOUR @ 6:00 PM  
PRIME RIB DINNER @ 7:00 PM  
COMEDY SHOW @ 8:00 PM

TICKETS: \$30.00 EACH

ON SALE NOW WITH LIONS MEMBERS  
OR CALL: 218-445-5109

Featuring Comedians...



GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY! THIS SHOW WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY.





**HELP THE PILLAGER AREA LIONS**

**SUPPORT THE MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION**

**DINNER/DANCE**



**FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER—PILLAGER FAIRGROUNDS**

**TIME: 5:00 TO 10:00 PM**



**DINNER WILL BE CATERED BY----TED & GENS BAR-B-QUE**

**(FULL DINNER—CHICKEN & RIBS & DESSERT)**

**DINNER: 5:00 TO 6:00 PM COST OF MEAL--\$14.00**

**TICKETS SOLD IN ADVANCE AND AT THE DOOR**



**BAKE AUCTION: LIVE AUCTIONEER----7:00 TO 8:00 PM**

**CAKES, PIES, COOKIES & MANY OTHER ITEMS**

**SILENT AUCTION: 5:00 TO 9:00 PM WINNERS WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED AT 9:30 PM**



**DANCE: BAND—STEVE'S COUNTRY BAND & MARLENE KORT**



**PLAYING FROM----7:00 TO 10:00 PM**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE**

**EVERYONE WELCOME—COME OUT, HAVE FUN AND**

**SUPPORT THE MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION**



# BRUCE NELSON BENEFIT



Bruce was diagnosed with liver disease and terminal liver cancer on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He is receiving care from Hospice of the Red River Valley. His wife, Sue, is unable to work due to round the clock care. Bruce is an active member of the First Lutheran Church and Lions Club. He enjoys fishing, golfing, and was once a member of the Rhino Hockey Team.

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 1 PM to 5 PM

Silent Auction  
1 PM – 3 PM  
Taco Bar  
Free Will  
Donation  
Baked Good  
Sales

Cash Contributions & Silent  
Auction items can be donated at:  
First Security Bank  
611 Summit Ave  
218-847-3041

Please come share  
some stories and  
support the  
family.

It is our hope  
Bruce may make an  
appearance  
depending on his  
strength.

SHOREWOOD PUB  
1743 LONG BRIDGE ROAD  
DETROIT LAKES, MN  
56501



# CARING for Connie BENEFIT



Member of Detroit Lakes Lions Club

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH • 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

### PANCAKE FEED • SILENT AUCTION

*Connie Klopka isn't the type to ask for help, so we're asking for her. Connie was diagnosed with uterine cancer for the first time in 2011. She hoped that surgery would take care of the problem, but cancer wasn't done with her yet – it had only just begun.*

*A year and a half later, she discovered a tumor on her stomach, which again proved to be cancer. Since then she has been fighting with chemotherapy on and off, as this awful disease has kept her on a roller coaster ride she can't seem to get off.*

*Today her battles are the toughest. She sits with a diagnoses of stage 4 uterine cancer and a slew of complications from treatments. She travels every three weeks to Chicago to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, which forces her to miss work in telesales at the Detroit Lakes Newspapers (a commission-heavy position).*

*Although Connie is tired, she smiles. She has friends, family and co-workers who love her and who hope the community she's lived in her whole life will now help her in her greatest time of need. Please, consider giving what you can to this little lady who has always been one of the first ones in line to help others.*

## FREE WILL OFFERING

A Connie Klopka Benefit Account is set up at Bremer Bank in Detroit Lakes  
To donate silent auction items please email [caringforconnie@outlook.com](mailto:caringforconnie@outlook.com) or call 218-847-3151  
BENEFIT SPONSORED BY DETROIT LAKES NEWSPAPERS AND DETROIT LAKES LIONS CLUB

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MD5M DENTAL INITIATIVE

# CAVITIES ARE PREVENTABLE

Childhood cavities can be prevented. They are caused by germs in the mouth interacting with sugars in food and drinks. You can't avoid germs or sugars, but you **can** limit exposure to them.



Cavities can lead to more serious health problems such as infected teeth, generalized infection, or even death.

Avoid emergency room visits for sore mouths and surgery for sick teeth.

Learn how you can help your child avoid cavities by visiting the Minnesota Oral Health Project website [minnesotaoralhealthproject.com](http://minnesotaoralhealthproject.com) and liking us on Facebook.

Cavities **can** be prevented.



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# Why Baby Teeth Are Important

Did you know that cavities can start in children under 1 year of age who have one or more teeth? Many children who don't get dental care lose their baby teeth early because of cavities. Baby teeth help children chew food, speak well, and guide permanent teeth in place. It is important that the baby teeth do not fall out early.

Baby teeth **are** important. Learn how you can help prevent cavities in children by visiting the Minnesota Oral Health Project website [minnesotaoralhealthproject.com](http://minnesotaoralhealthproject.com) and liking us on Facebook.

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# WHAT ARE LIONS?

If someone walks up to you and says “What are Lions”, here is a short elevator talk that you can give to them;

- ◆ LIONS ARE members of the world’s largest and most active service Club organization.
- ◆ LIONS ARE people who have decided to give something back to their communities, who are dedicated to finding people in need, and who meet those needs in an efficient but caring way.
- ◆ LIONS ARE men and women who believe that by working with other dedicated Lions, they will accomplish far more for their communities than would be possible alone.
- ◆ LIONS ARE people who cherish the friendship and fellowship of their own club, but also feel a close kinship with Fellow Lions in more than 211 countries and areas throughout the world.
- ◆ LIONS ARE patriotic, giving allegiance to their country, while recognizing that all peoples must one day learn to live in peace.
- ◆ LIONS ARE dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical and moral standards in their club and in their personal lives.



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On behalf of the leadership, staff, and the clients and their families who are served by True Friends, thank you so very much Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and MD5M Lions Clubs for your dedicated commitment to the programs and services we offer for individuals with special needs from across MN.

The \$100,000 LCIF Grant that we qualified for in November 2015 will be used to support the True Friends TEAM Quest Adapted Ropes Course & Zip-line being installed at Camp Courage located in Maple Lake, MN. In addition, an accessible van will be purchased and used at this camp with monies made available through this grant.

A plaque bearing an inscription describing the LCIF financial support of this project will be dedicated at a special recognition event that will take place at Camp Courage in October 2016.

We are so looking forward to continuing our working relationship with the Lions Clubs of MD5M in 2016, and we hope that you will consider supporting True Friends through your upcoming Parade of Green event as well as at other Lions events in the coming year.

Please feel free to contact us anytime at:

True Friends  
10509 108<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Annandale, MN 55302  
800-450-8376 or 952-697-2290  
[www.truefriends.org](http://www.truefriends.org)



# 2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum



## Omaha, Nebraska

### Sept. 15-17, 2016

*Leadership ? Service ? It's what Lions do !*



“Leadership for Service”, the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car “Follow a Dream” to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

**Register now via our website: [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org)**

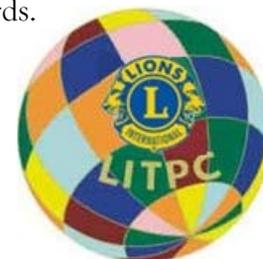
## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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. One (\$2,500) scholarship is awarded each year. In 2012, the first recipient was a Leo from Pennsylvania. In 2013, the recipient was a Leo from Virginia. In 2014, the recipient was a Leo from Iowa. In 2015, the recipient was a Leo from Virginia. The 2016 recipient will be announced at our LITPC Breakfast to be held this year at the Alternate Site in Denver, CO in June, 2016.

The new forms for the scholarship are available on line at [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org). There are 5 pages to be filled out, 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. NOTE: When writing a personal essay to answer questions, the applicant may be disqualified if the statements exceed the maximum allowable words.

**All forms and letters are to be submitted by MARCH 1, 2016 to:**

**Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman  
5M Pin Traders Club  
9 101st 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)



## Lions KidSight Minnesota

Dear District Governor Jay,

Lions KidSight USA is a vision program to safeguard the vision of children aged 6 months to 6 years.

According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. Yet even here in Minnesota there are young children who don't get their vision screened until they have problems learning or paying attention in school. By then, it may already be too late. Unless vision problems are detected early and corrected, they risk becoming permanent by age 7.

Lions in the USA already screen more than 500,000 kids per year through state-wide and local programs often known as "KidSight." Lions KidSight USA is a national coalition that brings together Lions programs that screen kids from 6 months to 6 years of age in order create a coordinated national program.

Our mission is to ensure eye screening and follow-up care is given to all kids because every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. To do this, we will work with Lions to increase the number of screening programs around the country in order to reach more children when it is possible and where it is needed.

### The Need Is Real

About 7-15% of kids screened – nearly 4 million – will be referred for a follow-up exam by an eye-care professional. Approximately 5% of all children in this age group will have amblyopia, a treatable disorder that can result in permanently reduced vision when not addressed by an early age. The screening devices detect risk factors for amblyopia, such as strabismus (eyes that cross or wander out), refractive errors and unequal vision between the two eyes, and potentially even more serious issues such as cataracts and eye cancer.

News of the program was brought to our Multiple District last year by our International Director Lion Mike Molenda. A committee was formed to determine if this was a program that would work in our multiple.

The committee consists of PDG Dave Moen, Chairperson of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, 5M6, IPID Mike Molenda, 5M6, PDG Dennis Kelly III, 5M6, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Steve Wasserman, 5M2, and PDG Bob Hoofnagle, 5M8.

The initial result of the committee's investigation was that Minnesota has a very robust legally mandated vision screening program in most school districts. The area that does not have a legally mandated screening program is the pre-school environment.

Based on that information the committee contacted the Minnesota Child Care Association (MCCA). MCCA represents 220 pre-school care providers in the state. A presentation was made to their Board of Directors who have agreed to partner with the Lions to implement this program in their facilities.

New Horizon Academy, an MCCA member with 60 locations, has agreed to work with us to pilot this program. Unfortunately they do not have any locations in your district. However, we are working with MCCA to identify one or more of their members who would have locations in your district so we can get your clubs involved as soon as possible.

Our initial request would be that you appoint a person to be your District KidSight Minnesota chairperson. We would then work with this Lion to determine how to contact the impacted clubs, explain the program and provide training on the equipment.

We currently have procured one vision screener made by Welch Allyn and will be evaluating another instrument made by Plus Optix. Funding for the equipment and supporting supplies will be provided by the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, Grants from LCIF and contributions from the Districts and their clubs.

A formal presentation will be made to all District Governors at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Council of Governors meeting.

The goal of the program is to provide vision screening in the pre-school environment to all children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years in the state of Minnesota using a standardized training, screening, evaluation and follow up protocol. The committee will be working to develop these documents and procedures for the pilot program.

We would be happy to have a committee member attend your Mid-Winter convention and explain this program to you and your members.

Please provide me with the name and contact information for you program chairperson and in the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this program, please free to contact me at [cdk3inc@outlook.com](mailto:cdk3inc@outlook.com)

Yours in Service,  
Lion Dennis Kelly III  
Lions KidSight Minnesota Committee

# 5M9 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

Visiting International Director Jack Epperson and District Governor Jay Norby presented many awards!



Above: PDG's Bill & Donna Mae Landwher were presented Honorary Membership in District 5M9 .



Above: Lions Randy & Judy Beaver received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for work on 5M9's GMT.



Above: IPDG Gloria Anderson received the International President's Leadership Medal for her dedication to Leading Lions.

Below Lion Les Swift received the International President's Leadership Medal for his dedication to Leading Lions.



Above: Lion Trina Johnson received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication to Lions and LEO's.



Left: Lion Tracey Buhl, 5M9 Communications Team Newsletter Editor/Diva And Right: Lion Evie Ladd, Youth Outreach Co-Chair, both received the International President's Presidential Medal for their outstanding service to Lions International.



Left: Lions of 5M9 welcomed 2 new members. ID Jack Epperson had the privilege of inducting the newest "Centennial" Members. Pictured L-R: Sponsor Kathy Harvet, Emily, Outing, 50 Lakes Laker Lions, District Governor Jay Norby, Sponsor Brad Ost Urbank Lions, International Director Jack Epperson, New Member Joelle Redig Urbank Lions, and New Member Sherri Billman Emily, Outing, 50 Lakes Lakers Lions.



Above: The First Timers Award went to the Brainerd Leos (Emily Johnson, Lauryn Simonson, Brenna Schloemer, Karlie Ray, & Taylor Radunz) who competed as a team. Patrick Carkhoff—Verndale Lions took 3rd Place & Marleen Lindeman placed 2nd.

Below: First Timer, **Patrick Carkhuff** **Verndale Lions** won a \$5 bill for displaying exceptional knowledge that the Vatican is a Geographic Location!

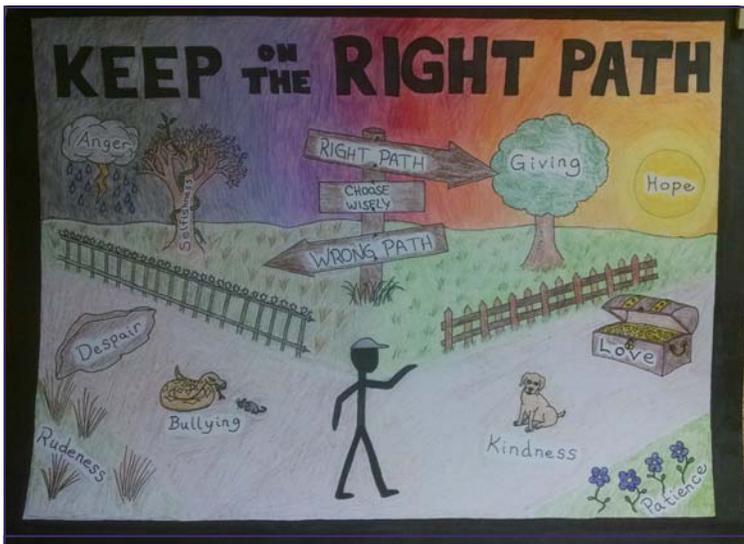


Convention Tail Twisting included purchasing tickets to “win” the goat and/or a chance at kissing the goat. It seems that kissing a goat is not as offensive as one might think. Many Lions really WANTED to win that little nanny goat and her soon to be born kids. Christine (above) was the proud winner.

Below: Lion Ken Schoon presented the **Verndale Lions Club** President Tina Wegscheid with the traveling trophy for having the most members attend the Convention (again). Verndale had 42% of their membership in attendance. This trophy has resided with the Verndale Lions Club for quite awhile. Perhaps the rest of us should accept the challenge.



Above left: Winners of the Brag Book and Newsletter Contests were L-R: Cass Lake Lakes Country Lions/1st Place Brag Book, Garrison Lions/2nd Place Brag Book & 3rd Place Newsletter, Deerwood Lakes Lions/3rd Place Brag Book & 2nd Place Newsletter, Detroit Lakes Lions/Honorable Mention Brag Book, Perham Lakes Lions/1st Place Newsletter.



OUTREACH POSTER 1ST PLACE  
Andrew George—Battle Lake Lions

OUTREACH POSTER 3RD PLACE  
Hailey Knudson—Underwood Lions



PEACE POSTER 1ST PLACE  
Megan Yeager—Garrison Lions



OUTREACH POSTER 2ND PLACE  
Alleathea Pfeifer— Gateway-Menahga Lions



PEACE POSTER 2ND PLACE  
Olivia Starr—Nevis Lions



Right: On January 8, 2016 at the 5M-9 Mid-Winter Convention the **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation** and the **Brainerd LEOs Club** teamed up to try something different. The joint venture conducted a Poker Walk to Cure Diabetes. The mission of the walk was to add a fun new event to the 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention while promoting Diabetes Awareness and to raise a little money for the Foundation. Thirty-five walkers stopped at 5 check points and the strolled the Cragun's facility. **Lion Kathy Budke from the Underwood Area Lions** had the best hand, a full house with Queens over Jacks and won the handmade wooden mug. The walk raised \$351 for the **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation**. This walk was a success and will become an annual event conducted by the **Brainerd LEOs Club**.



Left: At the 5M-9 Mid-Winter Convention Saturday Luncheon, there was a little confusion regarding the identity of the "REAL" Kevin. There seem to be many imposters that would like to travel with DG Jay Norby. Pictured L-R: Kevin, Kevin, Kevin, Kevin and Kevin.



Above: The **Bluffton Lions** teamed up with the Bluffton Home Town Days Committee and hosted a Santa Night on December 11, 2015 for area children. 142 children visited with Santa and many smaller children attended but did not visit Santa. Children had many activities to enjoy including a horse drawn wagon ride by Lester Bain, frosting/decorating Christmas Cookies to enjoy, making crafts AND visiting with Santa (Lion Dale Johansen). Lions Dennis and Betty Swenson donated 4 bikes to be given away. The winners were Reece Davidson (7-12 yr boy), Trina Kovar (7-12 yr girl), Lancy Koshenian (0-6 yr girl) and Ethan Kerhaert (0-6 yr boy). The Bluffton Royalty girls also served a light meal as a fundraiser. What a great example of a community working together to provide a service.



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**"Bend in the River II"**  
 97th MD5M Convention  
 April 22, 23, 24, 2016  
 Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN  
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**Registration Form**

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Meal	During 2015 MD5M Convention Only	Before March 1, 2016	On or after March 1, 2016	# Attending	Amount
Yes, I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals. _____					XXXXXX
Hospitality Book	USD \$90.00	USD \$100.00	USD \$110.00		
Friday night mixer	XXXXXX	USD \$15.00	USD \$15.00		
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Saturday Lunch	XXXXXX	USD \$25.00	USD \$30.00		
Saturday Banquet	XXXXXX	USD \$40.00	USD \$45.00		
Sunday Brunch	XXXXXX	USD \$20.00	USD \$25.00		

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 Mail registrations to: Lion Charlette Abbas  
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Total Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**See separate information form for available hotel rooms and rates.**



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## **Hotel Information**

**Hotel Reservations can be made by calling or booking online to your hotel of choice. Rates will be guaranteed until March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 or until blocks fill up.**

Hilton Garden Inn

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center

20 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.344.1111

Rate: \$90 +tax

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Attached to Verizon Wireless Center

101 E. Main Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.345.1234

Rate: \$94.99 +tax

Holiday Inn Express

3.5 miles away

2051 Adams Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.388.1880

Rate: \$99.99 +tax

Best Western Hotel

1.5 miles away

1111 Range Street

North Mankato, MN 56003

Phone: 507.625.9333

Rate: \$94.99 + tax

# DG Jay's Travels

## FEBRUARY

3—Pine River Lions DG Visit  
4—Perham Lions DG Visit  
5-8—5M8 Mid-Winter Convention  
6—Hearing Foundation Meeting  
8—Brainerd DG Visit  
11—Dent DG Visit  
13—Brainerd LEOs Mystery Dinner  
14—Callaway Lions Pancake Breakfast  
16—Lake Park DG Visit  
17—Cross Lake DG Visit  
19—5M11 Mid-Winter Convention  
20—5M13 Mid-Winter Convention  
21—WDCB Leos @ Bluffton

27—Hewitt Lions Game Feed  
27—Pillager Dinner Dance

## MARCH

1—Ashby-Dalton Lions DG Visit  
3—Frazee-Wolf Lake Lions DG Visit  
10—Nevis Lions DG Visit  
11—Friendship Dinner COG  
12—COG Meeting Roseville  
14—Guthrie Nary Lions DG Visit  
18—Underwood Area Lions DG Visit  
28—Ottetail Lions DG Visit  
29—Zone 7 Meeting @ Lake Park  
30—Zone 6 Meeting  
31—Zone 5 Meeting @ Hewitt

## HISTORY OF DISTRICT 5M 9

## Part 13

### 1934-1935 (part 1 of 2)

Lionism in the three states and two provinces of the 5<sup>th</sup> District suffered some minor reverses during the year 1934-35, but the record was much more encouraging than that of the previous year. The District suffered a net loss of only 2 clubs and 183 members. A tribute to the spirit of the District during the year was seen in the great increase of members holding the rank of Key Member or Master Key Member. There were 374 Key Members and 13 Master Key Members in the District at the close of the year, a very great increase over the previous year's figures.

In North Dakota and Saskatchewan, District Governor John E. Kohnen of Jamestown made 50 visits to his clubs during the year; Carl Melvin of Winnipeg, District Governor of Minnesota/Manitoba, made 21 visits and District Governor Ricketts of Mitchell, Governor of South Dakota, made 20 visits.

The convention city, Aberdeen, South Dakota, put on an excellent convention June 17-19, 1935. Among the principal matters of discussion was the Lions International Club Standard Organization Plan. Representing the International Association at the convention was Third Vice-President Frank V. Birch of Milwaukee, and International Director W. Murray Allan of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Among the resolutions passed at the convention was one discontinuing the annual officers' conference previously held annually in either St. Paul or Minneapolis, and recommending that a sub-district officers' conference be substituted in each of the three divisions of the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

To be continued.....*Compiled and edited by PDG Judy Braggalla, 5M 9 Historian*

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Thank You Tracey Buhl

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