

DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DICK STEBBINS

Introducing Central Lakes College Lions

The **Central Lakes College Lions** were officially welcomed into the 5M9 family of Lions on December 4 at Central Lakes College in Brainerd. A good crowd was on hand to make them feel welcome and to celebrate the day. Baxter Lion President Paul Roth called the meeting to order and Lion Randy Beaver was the MC. Brained Mayor Ed Menk and CLC Dean of students welcomed everyone. ID Bruce Beck spoke on how we are all family and how important teamwork is to make a Lion's Club successful. As always, ID Bruce managed a little humor in his presentation that kept the crowd laughing and enjoying the day.



ID Bruce inducted the new members and DG Dick pinned and gave the new members their charter certificates. Lion Bruce and 1st VDG Tom Plagman installed the Club officers. PDG Bill Landwehr welcomed them into Lions of 5M.

In closing, ID Bruce Beck & DG Dick, 1st VDG Tom Plagman and 2nd VDG Rose Puckett spoke to the new Club and thanked everyone that worked so very hard to organize it. It was an honor for all present to observe the new members signing their charter. It was a great event that everyone present will remember for a long time!

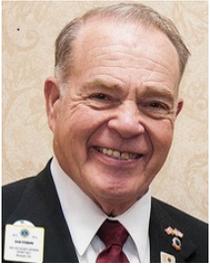
Congratulations to the new CLC Lions Club Lions. We know you will serve your community well and help keep our District the best in the Multiple. We are proud of you! The CLC Lions Club has the honor of being the fourth Centennial Club in our District. Any Club organized between April 1st, 2015 and June 30th, 2018 is recognized as a Centennial Club. The new Central Lakes College

Lions Club is a very energetic group that will not only help their community but will bring energy into our District. It has been so great meeting and working with the people of Central Lakes College. Their sponsoring Club is the Baxter Lions. The Guiding Lions that will be with the Club for the next 2 years are from the Brainerd Lions. A special thank you to Monty Pintok and Cody Caughey for being their Guiding Lions. I would like to thank Erich Heppner of Baxter Lions and CLC Lions for all his help and guidance in starting the Club. People were convinced of what a Lions Club can do and have fun doing it. Members of our GMT were fantastic! A special thank you to GMT Les Swift, Lion Judy Beaver, Lion Randy Beaver and PDG Jay Norby. Without your many hours of dedication and support this would not have happened. We also couldn't have done it without the help of PDG Bill Landwehr and PDG Donna Landwehr from District 5M8.

We had great media coverage from the Brainerd Dispatch and from Lakeland News Channel 22. It was a great afternoon, thank you to all that attended!

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Richard the Lionhearted



DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DICK STEBBINS

It is hard to believe that six months ago I was beginning my year of service as your District Governor. Now, I am starting the last six months of that year. I still have time to accomplish goals that I had set. This time has gone by very fast with Club visits, celebrating Club anniversaries, attending Zone Meetings and also attending Club fundraisers and other events. The best part of all this is meeting so many Lions and renewing old friendships – all part of our Lions family.

We had a great Charter night for our newest Club, Central Lakes College Lions! We hope to see great things happening with them! I hope to see some of them at the Mid-Winter Convention.

It seems early but January is also the time to get your Nominating Committee organized and ready to get the slate of officers for 2017-2018. Elections are to be held by the end of March and PU101s reported by April 15. So, it's not so early after all. You need to get your prospective officers listed, then you need to ask each of them if they are willing to be a candidate. Lions – don't automatically say "No" when asked. Consider taking on this responsibility and I think you will enjoy the experience.

We have six people signed up to attend the Leadership Institute this Spring in Mahanomen, but we can send more people if you are interested. Please contact me if you have an interest in attending.

It was fun to visit many of the Clubs Christmas parties. The roads haven't been too bad yet, but the cold certainly has set in. Also, I will be contacting the Clubs that have not scheduled their DG Club visit yet. Please do so if you have not done that yet.

The Mid-Winter Convention is just around the corner. We are planning to see many of our 5M9 Lions at Cragun's, enjoying all the festivities. Baxter and Pillager Lions have been working hard for two years on this. It should be a great time! Did I mention fireworks? Birthday cake? We will have a great time celebrating 100 Years of Lions on January 6th-8th! Let's welcome our guests warmly and have FUN!

As the New Year approaches with new hopes, we wish you and your family a wonderful year ahead.

Happy New Year!

5M9 DISTRICT GOVERNOR DICK STEBBINS



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!
Prepare your Club's entry
for the District 5M9 Public
Relations Contest!

The winning Club gets to take home this beautiful trophy to display for 1 year and a certificate to keep forever!

See pages 11-12 for details.



Vice District Governor Tom Plagman

International President Chancellor Bob Corlew's theme is "**New Mountains to Climb**". There is an implied message here. "Lionism", like "life", is a journey, not a destination. Because a person has achieved an office in his/her Club that person is not necessarily done. Hear the call and feel the challenge to find that next mountain. Lions will help you to achieve that next goal.

Classes and courses abound! Opportunity is out there.

A Lion's first experience with training should be "orientation" at the Club level. Here is where a new Lion will get acquainted with the larger organization and find out what a great group he or she has become a part of. These classes can prepare you for your next position in Lions. However, some trainings can also help you in your job, family or other activities beyond Lions.

What other volunteer organization provides for it's members to attend extra training or offers such a wide range of advancement opportunities? District officer training classes are one reason Lions are so successful. These classes prepare new officers for the year ahead and help established officers do a better job. Multiple District seminars help Lions grow personally and professionally with at least two training opportunities:

- The Regional Leadership Institute (RLI) is for any Lion in the multiple and builds on skills the Lion already possesses. These happen every two years.
- The Northern Pride Leadership Forum is planned to be on the "off" years of the RLI. This was created using the model of the USA/Canada Forum and ambitiously offers over 30 classes in Lionism, leadership and personal growth.

Online courses are found on the LCI website and offer trainings that a person can take at home via the Internet. Courses include: Personal Development, Advanced Officer Training, Lions University Bachelor's and Master's courses and many, many more.

As if this is not enough, there are seminars at all of our conventions.

And speaking of conventions, ours offers great opportunities to network with Lions from all over the world. **What better way to get new ideas than from Clubs that are trying them.**

And then there is the Lions magazine which contains wonderful articles from Clubs & Leaders around the country and the world.

Congratulations on being a Lion and good luck with the "Mountains" in your future.

1st Vice District Governor Tom Plagman

PLAN TO ENTER THE MD5M CENTENNIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST 2017

Send your entries (Yes, you can have multiple chances to win!) to

Tracey Buhl—5M9 Newsletter Editor/Diva

5m9newsletter@gmail.com OR

28000 Redhead Drive

Underwood, MN 56586

See pages 13-14 for details and entry form.



“SOW THE SEEDS OF SERVICE”



2nd Vice District Governor—Rose Puckett

HAPPY NEW YEAR LIONS!

It’s time to renew your inner LION and perhaps reflect on your Lions Club’s activities. Are you still climbing International President Chancellor Bob Corlew’s mountain? Remember, if you slip a little on the way dig in and keep climbing. Plan a new project - show your community how great it is to be a Lion and how much fun we have serving others. Continue to work on membership – we now have 47 new female members since July. Remember, every new member is said to touch 70 lives.

On December 4, 2016, I had the privilege of attending the Charter Night for our new Central Lakes College Club. What a wonderful group of young enthusiastic students. Also, I have visited quite a few Lions Clubs in our District and visited with many of you. Hopefully, we will meet again at our 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention held at Cragun’s Resort on January 6 – 8, 2017.

The MD5M Convention will be April 21-23, 2017 at Bemidji, MN. I will be attending as 1st VDG Elect (if you all vote for me). All Lions are invited to attend this event.

Good Luck to the Lion members attending the College of Leadership in January, 2017. Thank You for stepping up and furthering your journey in Lions.

I would like to sign off with my New Year’s Wish for You:

- May you have 12 months of Happiness,
- 52 weeks of Fun,
- 365 days of Success,
- 8760 hours of Good Health,
- 52600 minutes of Good Luck,
- And 3153600 seconds of Joy!

5M9 2nd Vice District Governor,

Rose Puckett



COMMUNICATION / TECHNOLOGY TIPS AND REMINDERS

- Contact information you have received through Lions is ONLY for use of Lions business unless you have received explicit permission from individual Lions.
- When sending email to multiple contacts use the BCC option. This not only protects private contact information but also provides a much cleaner email.
- When forwarding emails clean up contact information and extra info that is not necessary.
- Share only photos and stories that are flattering and positive in nature. NEVER share photos without permission from the subject.

MEET YOUR 5M-9 CABINET

Jim Johansen—MN Lions Diabetes Foundation—jkjohansen55@gmail.com



Lion Jim Johansen is serving his 2nd year as a Trustee on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation representing the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 5M-9. Lion Jim serves on the Foundation with a lot of heart and emotion. The MN Lions Diabetes Foundation is Jim's first Lions appointment however, diabetes outreach is nothing new to him. On September 27, 2006 his son Thomas was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of 13 months. Since that day, Lion Jim has dedicated countless hours towards diabetes awareness. Lion Jim started his service to diabetes awareness with JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). The Johansen Family helps raise money for JDRF through participation in the Fargo

One Walk. Lion Jim also serves as a JDRF peer mentor for newly diagnosed Type One families. Lion Jim, wife Carol, and Thomas also help organize and conduct a horse riding fun event called "Horsein' Around to Cure Diabetes". The entire Johansen family is passionate about diabetes awareness and finding a cure. Lion Jim is serving on the Grants Committee and Public Relations Committee of the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation reinforcing that passion. You will also see the Johansen family on a newly released video from the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation and Thomas will appear in print as one of the many faces of diabetes campaign. Lion Jim has also been recognized with the LCI New Horizons Award in Diabetes Education.

Chari Buhman—MN Lions Diabetes Foundation—buhmanchari@gmail.com

I have been a member of the Cass Lake – Lake Country Lions Club for nearly 17 years and have held a variety of offices. I currently serve as the Club's Membership Chairperson. I'm very proud of my association with Lions and I'm privileged to be a member of the Cass Lake – Lake Country Lions Club. My fellow Club members are inspirational women and are, without a doubt, the embodiment of the Lions motto, "We Serve!"



Outside of Lions, I am a daughter, sister to four outstanding men – my brothers, and aunt to four wonderful nieces and two amazing nephews. I have worked for Cass Lake – Bena Schools for twenty years, mainly teaching in the 5th and 6th grades.

I currently hold the position of Instructional Facilitator at Cass Lake – Bena Middle School. I'm attending graduate school at St. Cloud State University where I'm working on a K – 12 Principal's License. My goal is to finish this license up before it's time to retire. Wish me luck! My hobbies all involve the outdoors. I enjoy gardening, fishing, cross country skiing and snow shoeing.

I became interested in the work of the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation through conversations with fellow Cass Lake – Lake Country Lions Club member and former MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Trustee, Lion Bev Labraaten. Bev knew that the disease had impacted my family. In 1992 my father was diagnosed with diabetes. Over the 24 years that followed his diagnosis, our family watched his health deteriorate. Slowly, diabetes laid waste to my father's body, starting with his eye sight - retinopathy, moving on to his mobility – neuropathy (nearly lost a part of his left foot), and ending with kidney failure – nephropathy. On February 15th, 2016, my dad lost his battle to the disease. Just a short time later, July 1, 2016, I became a trustee in the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation.

As I make Club visits, my dad is an inspiration – I sense his presence around me and this helps to give me strength. I look at his picture, which is included in the last slide of my presentation, and usually tear up. How blessed I was to have my hero be my father! How blessed I was to share his last day with him! While it is true he lost his battle to diabetes, through the work being done by the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, *we will win the war!*

MEET YOUR 5M-9 CABINET

The **MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION** was founded in 2008 with the purpose of improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities.

Why diabetes and Lions who are “knights for the blind” you may ask? According to The CDC, Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness among U.S. working-aged adults aged 20–74 years. An estimated 4.1 million and 899,000 Americans are affected by retinopathy and vision-threatening retinopathy, respectively. Couple these vision related numbers with the 21 million Americans who are diagnosed with diabetes and the 8.1 million undiagnosed cases and you are facing a near epidemic number of 29.1 million people, or 9.3% of the population, who live with diabetes. How better than the world’s largest service organization to combat this disease not only here but worldwide.

Although the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (MNLDF) has been in existence for a mere eight years, our impact is being felt. Thanks to the generosity of the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of Minnesota we have been able to grant more than \$900,000 to a variety of educational and research efforts. The crown jewel of these grants is for the Minnesota Lion Islet Imaging Lab. This grant to the University of Minnesota has allowed them to purchase materials and build the world’s first 7 ton Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine to image islet cells in the human body. The MNLDF is also supporting ongoing research of Dr. Fife and Dr Hering. Dr. Hering has two projects MNLDF is supporting. His first project is working to prevent rejection of pig islets with innovative immunotherapies, while his second project is looking at the role of calcium in insulin as a new drug for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. Dr. Fife’s research is focused on blocking the immune pathway in the body thereby stopping the immune attacks on the islet cells.

Even though tremendous work is being done through our research partners there is more to be done. To accomplish this the MNLDF has launched an annual calendar fundraiser with a variety of donation levers starting at a \$10.

With 29.1 million Americans having diabetes, those who manage their blood glucose 24 – 7 – 365 are not easy to pick out of a crowd. The MNLDF has launched a Faces of Diabetes campaign which will introduce two families from your Lions Pride who live with diabetes. These families are the Schirlinger Family from New Ulm in 5M-3 and 5M-9’s very own Johansen Family. Both families share their desire to find a cure. It is also their belief that the MNLDF and their dedicated research partners are conducting meaningful research so that the MNLDF can live up to their slogan “Catch the Dream” Life without diabetes.

As always your 5M-9 MNLDF Co-Trustees are more than willing to present to your club or answer any questions you have.

Youth Exchange and Camp

Co-Chair Lion Ron Genoch Runtala@arvig.net 218-346-4365



I have been a Lion’s member of the Wolf Lake Lions for 30 yrs. I was president 3 times, also Tail Twister a number of times, and of course helped with many Club projects. I have served as Gambling Manager for 12 years and currently, Assistant Manager. I was a Zone Chair for three years, Chaired Alert Program for two years and currently Youth Exchange and Camp Co –Chair.

I have been married for 45 years to my lovely wife Jean, who I can’t get to become a Lion. We have two children and two grandchildren, one is 3 and half the other is 21 years old. I was born and raised in Minneapolis and graduated from Minneapolis De La Salle. My family moved to the farm in Butler in 1961 and milked cows for 25 years, after which we sold the cows and raised beef cattle for many years. A few years ago we sold most of the farm to our son, Ross. We still live on

the farm and help out with the chores. I have also driven school bus for New York Mills school district for 30 years.

My Co-Chair is— Lion William Smith wisa43@outlook.com 218-820-1158

Creating Global Citizens Across Cultures and Around the World

The Youth Camp and Exchange Program (YCE) brings the ideal of global citizenship to life. Each year this program gives thousands of young people the opportunity to experience life in other cultures and gain new understanding of the world through travel abroad. Unlike some youth exchange programs, YCE does not involve academic study or employment. Instead, participants are encouraged to use this travel opportunity to represent their home countries and share their own culture while learning about and embracing a new one, forging the way to becoming young ambassadors for peace and international understanding.

Club Activities



Left: The **Malmo Area Lions** partnered with their local Snowmobile Club to provide the community with vision screening. 89 children and their parents came to have lunch with Santa and 30 of them participated in the vision screening opportunity. The Malmo Area Lions happily report no potential sight concerns were found.

Below: **Central Lakes College Brainerd Lions** hosted a Single Parents Christmas Party. At this party they provide KidSight Testing. Lion Christina Hagen and her son Caden participated in this testing opportunity.

The Central Lakes College Brainerd Lions would like to thank all Lions that helped to make their Charter Night a success either by attending or sending in congratulations.



The **Perham Lakes Lions** provided candy bags for over 200 children at the kids Christmas Matinee held at the Comet Theater in Perham on December 10th. Pictured above: Lions Rosie Alstadt (left) and Lion Alana Herrmann (right) with some grandsons of Lions Don and Pat Hendrickx.



THE FUNDRAISER ISN'T OVER TILL THE THANK YOUS ARE WRITTEN

Left: Five **Cormorant Lions** got together to hand write 60+ thank you cards to the generous donors of the September Fall Stag Fundraiser. Almost \$15,000 was cleared thanks to the generosity of the many local business owners and Lions members. In October the donations committee distributed over \$24,000 to local and Lions Charities.



Above L-R: **Cormorant Lions** President Jim Kaiser, Lions Jeff Mortenson, Ray Lottie Paul Aamodt, and Rick Julian

Club Activities



Above: On November 9, 2016, DG Dick Stebbins visited the **Walker Lions Club**. A Roaring good time was had by all.

Below: On December 8, 2016, DG Dick Stebbins visited the **Dent Lions Club**. During this meeting, DG Dick was honored to induct two new members into the Dent Lions Club.

Pictured L-R: DG Dick Stebbins, sponsor Craig Lund, new member Judy Herzog, new member Mike Herzog, and sponsor Diane Lund. Welcome to District 5M9 Lions Judy and Mike!



Cass Lake Lake Country Lions recently recognized 2 members for their service. Above: Lion Linda Robinson was awarded the Lions Hearing Research Fellow. Below: Lion Nancy Ramsey received the progressive Helen Keller Sight Award. Both of these women are very active in their Lions Club and Community.



Below: December 13, 2016, DG Dick Stebbins visited the **Vergas Lions Club**. DG Dick was honored to induct 2 new members to the Vergas Club. Pictured L-R: Sponsor PDG Rodger Palmer, new member Tom Wollin, new member Judy Wollin, sponsor Lion Elaine Palmer, and DG Dick Stebbins. Welcome to District 5M9!



Club Activities



On December 5, 2016, District Governor Dick Stebbins and his wife, Lion Sue Stebbins (above left) visited the **Osage Lions Club**. Above Right: DG Dick presented Lion Mark Larson, Lion Dick Cox and Lion Jerry Gorden the Silver Centennial Award. Below Left: DG Dick presented Lion Art Yliniemi with Minnesota Lions Vision Foundations Helen Keller Award. Below Right: Lions Jerry Gorden, Dick Cox, Sharon McKibben, and Diane Ketcher led the Club in singing Christmas Carols. It was a wonderful night filled with honoring each others service to the community and enjoying the company of Lions friends and family.



Left: The **Underwood Lions Club** welcomed Lion Jim Johansen, 5M9 MN Diabetes Foundation Co-Chair to their December 13, 2016 meeting. Lion Jim provided a wonderful presentation informing the Club members of the progress being made in Diabetes Research as well as how important it is to continue research.

The Underwood Lions were glad to present Lion Jim with the \$50 contents of the Pink Pig.

Pictured L-R: Lion Mary Hanson, Lion Jim Johansen and Lion Julie Kugler.

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge.

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is Braxton Wiebusch. Braxton now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind since thanks to Mobility Assist Dog Blue. Read their story below.



BRAXTON WIEBUSCH & MOBILITY ASSIST DOG BLUE

Braxton Wiebusch from Sartell, Minn. enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and competing in wheel chair hockey. He's a 20-year-old college student with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a degenerative muscle disease that affects every muscle in Braxton's body. Braxton and his family all wanted an assistance dog, but they were uncertain about this decision because of the fur allergies they collectively deal with.

Enter the playful and sweet canine, Blue. Blue is a handsome two-and-a-half-year-old Poodle who sports a white and brown coat. Not only is Blue specially trained as a Mobility Assist Dog because of his temperament and abilities, but he also rarely sheds due to his unique hair. All of those things made Blue a perfect fit for Braxton and the Wiebusch family. Blue loves helping Braxton with things like opening and closing doors, picking things up from off the ground like his keys or the remote, and providing comfort to Braxton while staying in his room at night.

Braxton found out about Can Do Canines while he was attending the Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp. He chatted with a few of the other campers about their dogs and decided that he should follow through with their suggestions to apply. Braxton was on the waiting list for two years until Blue was ready to train and begin the bonding process. Braxton noted, "Being on the waitlist for a Poodle was well worth the wait. While they can be a little more challenging to train than a lab, they're very smart animals and are completely worth it!"

It takes a village to raise, train and partner an assistance dog for clients like Braxton. With your help, Blue was given to the Wiebusch family free of charge. Braxton is very grateful for your support so that he can live a more independent life. He exclaims, "Your donations really help! The assistance dogs help people even when you may not see that. They help keep morale up and they offset the daily stressors that people have."



**LIONS DISTRICT 5M9
PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST
MID-WINTER 2017**



Dear Lions Clubs of District 5M9,

Please consider having your club prepare an entry for our new **Public Relations Contest** which will be held at the Mid-Winter Convention in January.

This is an all new contest which replaces the old Brag Book and Newsletter Contests.

This contest is designed to focus on your public relationship with your community and how you promote your club. This contest is not about how much money was raised. Small and large clubs alike will have the same chance at placing well in this contest. It will not be expensive to participate in this contest and it will not take an exceptional amount of time. When your entry is complete it should be something that you can use as a promotional tool at other events with few (if any) adjustments.

The 2017 Public Relations Contest will be judged by our visiting International Director, Sam Lindsey and his wife, Jodye. The Lindsey's are from Texas. It will be very nice to have fresh eyes with no previous knowledge of the clubs participating or their projects evaluating the entries. As always, the judge's decisions are final. I hope to be able to provide each club a copy of their judging sheet. My plan is to email them out after the convention. This will hopefully help clubs improve some areas and also have confirmed what is good. Each year we will have new judges from different parts of the country.

I have included information including the requirements and judging criteria. If you have any questions please contact me at 5m9newsletter@gmail.com

Yours in Service,

Lion Tracey Buhl
District 5M9 Communications Team/Newsletter Editor

DISTRICT 5M9 PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST

Trifold board – 28” x 40”

Hi-lite an event your club has done in the past year (calendar year)

- Fundraiser or Service Project
- Promotional Techniques
- # of people served and/or impacted
- Include photos w/descriptions (by-lines)
- Club Name (community)

Judge on a scale of 0 (lowest) to 10 (highest)

- Over all appearance (attractive & eye catching without being too busy)
- Clarity of information
- Photos
 - Quality
 - Content
 - Do the photos tell a story
- By-lines
 - Complete
- Event
 - Description of event and purpose (fundraiser or service project)
 - # of people served and/or impacted
 - # volunteers and hours involved
- Promotional techniques
 - Such as.....
 - Include flyer (sample or photo)
 - Ads (copy or photo)
 - Billboard (photo)
 - Radio / TV (stations and frequency of promotional spot)
 - Etc.

Judges

- Visiting Dignitaries to judge these entries over the course of Friday and Saturday.

Winners receive traveling trophy for 1st and certificates for top 3.

This contest is not about how much money was raised but about how you serve your community and your visibility and public relationship with your community. All clubs, large and small, can compete and be judged fairly.

I look forward to seeing many entries at our Mid-Winter Convention!

Lion Tracey Buhl District 5M9 Communications Team/Newsletter Editor

MD5M CENTENNIAL

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST 2017

Contest Guidelines:

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the 100th Centennial Anniversary. Every club in the Multiple is invited to participate. Small clubs have the same chance as a large club to win.

If there are not enough lines on the application in any area, feel free to attach another page.

Each District will award 1 winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2017 & 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2017 & 2018 Multiple Convention. Top winning Club will receive \$500.00.

Contest will run from July 2016- December 31, 2017 and January 2017 – December 31, 2017.

Please submit your application to your Newsletter Editor.

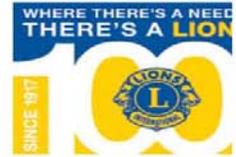
Mail to:

Lion Tracey Buhl
28000 Redhead Drive
Underwood, MN 56586

OR Email Tracey Buhl at 5m9newsletter@gmail.com



Centennial Public Relations Contest
Lions Clubs of MD5M January, 2017-January 1, 2018



District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____

Event _____

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: _____

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

** Attach only 1 picture page

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th? ___ Yes ___ No

Please submit to our District Communications Team before January 1, 2018.
Lion Tracey Buhl, 28000 Redhead Drive, Underwood, MN 56586
Clubs may enter more than once.



2016-2017 Contest Rules

- The 2016-2017 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.
- All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.
- Photos should be original and unaltered.
- Photos should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo club serves.
- Photos that include people will be disqualified.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.
- LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit one photo each to the DISTRICT.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the MULTIPLE DISTRICT by **January 15, 2017**.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL by **March 1, 2017**. Photos must be submitted to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL with a complete and signed official entry form (available on the LCI website). Multiple entries will not be accepted.
- Contest photos become the property of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL. LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display MULTIPLE DISTRICT-level entries at the International Convention in Chicago. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos.
- The three photos receiving the most votes will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. An award will be presented to the winning photographers and the photos will be featured on the LCI website.
- At all levels of the competition, photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.

E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org



FundRaiser!



TASTING

Oh, and yummy food, too!!!

At Billy's in Breezy Point

Saturday, January 21st from 6:00-8:00pm

Spirits of Niswaw and their distributors are bringing the wine and beer samples, Billy's has the appetizers all lined up, all you need to do is buy a ticket and have a good time! \$20 donation gets you in and all proceeds support your local Lions club! We will have surprises sure to make this a great time - have fun while doing good!

We will see you there!

The Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point Lions Club is a non-profit service organization.

Check out www.plbplionsclub.com for more info.



ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT HELP YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

DON'T MISS THIS FUN, HILARIOUS, ENTERTAINING EVENT!!



PARKERS PRAIRIE
PRIDE OF LIONS PRESENTS...

MIDWEST DUELING PIANOS

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 11TH
7:00 PM

Munchies Provided w/ Cash Bar

PRAIRIE EVENT
CENTER

CASH RAFFLE
and our
FAMOUS WINE WALL!

\$25 PER PERSON
\$170 PER TABLE OF 8

Buy tickets online at:
prideoflions_duelingpianos.zapevent.com

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available at the
Crossings Inn & Suites
338-3380

Questions?
Heather
320-226-4206



Join us at the
“LIONS OF THE NORTH”
 98TH MD5M Convention
 April 21,22,23, 2017
 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-10
REGISTRATION FORM



Please Print

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

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TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CLUB: _____

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Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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Please specify any dietary needs: _____

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Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

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MEAL	AT 2016 MD5M CONVENTION	BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017	ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2017	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: \$100	USD: \$110	USD: \$125		
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$25		
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
SATURDAY BANQUET	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$45	USD: \$45		
SUNDAY BRUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I AM COMING TO THE CONVENTION BUT NOT STAYING FOR ANY OF THE MEALS. USD: \$0.00			TOTALS:		

“Zero-K Walk for Diabetes” USD: \$20.00 per Person. Includes a free T-shirt.

T-Shirt Size/Quantity: (S) _____ (M) _____ (L) _____ (XL) _____ (XXL) _____ (XXXL) _____

Make checks payable to: **MD5M 2017 CONVENTION**

GRAND TOTAL SUBMITTED:

Mail payment & registrations to:

Convention Information Email:

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB

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Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2017. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

SEE SEPARATE FORM FOR AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND RATES

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Other Opportunities:
Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zb8>
Many other attractions: www.visitbemidji.com

Hotel Accommodations

**Country Inn and Suites
(Convention Headquarters)**
218-441-4800

110 rooms on hold
Attached to Sanford Center

Additional

Accommodations:

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Best Western 218-751-0390

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218-441-4400

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by Hilton

218-751-3600

Shuttle to Sanford Center

Holiday Inn Express

218-751-2487

Quality Inn 218-444-7700

Super 8 218-751-8481





District Governor Dick Stebbins Visit Request 2016-2017



Club Name: _____

Club Location: _____

Address: _____

2016-2017: 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 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!

Dick Stebbins – 5M9 District Governor



**The Lions MD5M/District 5M5
Centennial Planning Committees
Need Your Help!**

MD5M will celebrate the Lions Centennial on the first weekend in June 2017 at the Mall of America.

MOA will feature large screens in the Rotunda showing Lions Videos for the entire weekend!

We need your Clubs/Members
videos and pictures!
They can be recent or several years old.

The clips/photos will be put together for a presentation by District.

Send your Videos and Pictures to:

Your Centennial Chair
Address
Email and Phone

Any format accepted. Filename should include club name, event, other identifying info.
Deadline for submission is January 15, 2017. But, do it now!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DICK'S TRAVELS

JANUARY

- 2—Convention Mtg
- 6-8—5M9 Mid Winter Convention
- 11—New York Mills DG Visit
- 12—Parkers Prairie DG Visit
- 13-16—5M7 Mid Winter Convention
- 17—Callaway DG Visit
- 18—Frazee DG Visit
- 20-22—5M1 & 5M10 Mid Winter Conv.
- 23—Breckenridge & Campbell
- 24—Verndale & Aldrich DG Visit

- 26—Malmo DG Visit
- 27-29—5M4 Mid Winter Convention

FEBRUARY

- 2—Perham DG Visit
- 3-5—5M8 Mid Winter Convention
- 8—Pine River DG Visit
- 13—Cormorant DG Visit
- 14—Bay Lake DG Visit
- 16—Underwood DG Visit
- 27—Brainerd DG Visit

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 Tracy Buhl

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