

# District Governor Rose Marie Puckett



We Serve

## 5M9 Service Journal

**The 2019 Rose Bowl Parade Theme** is “The Melody of Life” and three musically-talented, Southern California Braille Institute students have been invited to ride on a parade float and wave to millions on New Year’s morning. Participants in Braille Institute’s Youth Program were selected to be part of this year’s Rose Parade festivities because of their love for music and singing, as well as being an inspiration to others. Grace Dabbieri of Coronado, along with Evelyn Maldonado, a 10th grader attending Anaheim High School, and Jorge Gonzalez, an 11th grader at Schurr High School in Montebello, will be riding on the Lions Clubs International float on January 1st.

Grace Dabbieri

Grace is an outgoing, active 5th grader who attends Village Elementary. She said she is super excited to be invited to participate in the Rose Parade and was quite surprised by the invite. Although she was born blind from a condition called Optic Nerve Hypoplasia, she has never let lack of sight keep her from pursuing her passions. She loves music and singing which includes taking piano lessons and working with a singing coach. She’s been asked to sing the national anthem twice, once by the Mayor of Coronado for the “State of the City” address and once for the opening of the summer concerts in the park. Grace also took third place for singing “Hallelujah” in the 2018 Coronado’s Talent show. She also enjoys cheerleading, girl scouts and is an avid braille reader and writer. “I love technology and was recently asked by Google to be in a series of videos they are making about how people with disabilities use technology to go about their daily lives,” says Grace. “I’m very excited to share how I use technology with others!”

*Related:* [Grace Says, “Blind Can Do Anything!”](#)



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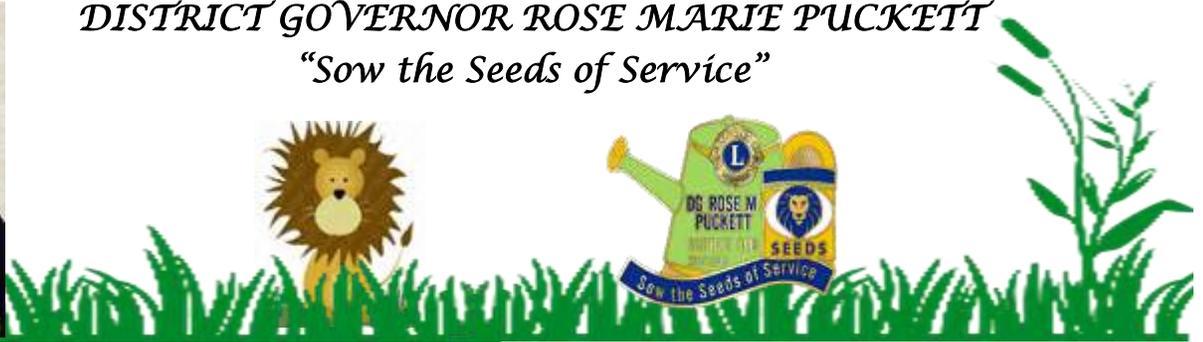
The “The Melody of Life” theme perfectly describes the outlook of the three talented Braille Institute students. “We know that loss of vision doesn’t mean loss of doing what you love, and our three students demonstrate such positivity and confidence through their musical and singing talents,” says Peter Mindnich, President of Braille Institute. “I cannot imagine a better group of young ambassadors to help us kick off our centennial celebration. We are thankful to Lions Clubs International for giving our students this special opportunity. Our connection to Lions Clubs goes all the back to 1925, when Helen Keller named the Lions Knights of The Blind for their good work to prevent blindness and help those with vision loss.”

*Braille Institute will be celebrating its centennial in 2019. For a century, they have been empowering those who are blind and visually impaired lead productive, independent and fulfilling lives. Braille Institute supports over 37,000 people with vision loss a year, and provides over 300 classes and programs that are all free of charge. “Our students do not let vision loss define them or limit what they can do. We celebrate all of them in our centennial year!,” says Mindnich.*



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROSE MARIE PUCKETT

*"Sow the Seeds of Service"*



Welcome to the New Year!

The month of January is Lions International Hunger Month. Each night world wide 800 million go to bed hungry! Our local food shelves are at low inventories this time of the year. I am aware many Lions Clubs donate monetary help with feeding the hungry, however can we do more hands on service? I am asking each club in our 5M9 District to take on 1 or 2 more service projects of their choice during my Governors year. Could you sponsor a food drive to help stock those shelves? Every effort will make a difference.

January 6 – 12 is Lions Clubs International Week. Have you donated yet?

January 13<sup>th</sup> - HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELVIN JONES! I vote for cake at our January meetings.

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Peace Poster Kits go on sale from Lions International Club Supplies Sales. I received only 5 Peace Posters from our district clubs. We can do better than that!

During my travels these past 6 months, I have noticed quite a few members not wearing name badges. Even if you know who you are (most days anyway – ha ha), it is a big help to visitors, speakers, and Lions from other clubs if you are wearing a name badge. They also can be ordered from Club Supplies.

Just a few reminders of upcoming events:

2019 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute – March 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

Please contact me for more information on this wonderful opportunity.

100<sup>th</sup> Annual MD5M Multiple Convention – April 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>

Look for the flyer in this newsletter.

My wish for the New Year of 2020 is for good health, good friends, good deeds, and peace for our world.

District Governor Rose



Fun visit with President Darcy Moore and Hill City Lions - Pot Luck, Membership Drive, and Vikings!





# STRAIGHT SHOOTING FOR LIONS

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
SANDY REMINGTON



I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Welcome 2019!!!

Mid-Winter Convention is happening right now and I'm so hoping you all are getting a chance to stop by and visit with us this weekend. After Mid-Winter, if I am elected as you District Governor Elect, I will be looking to plug some holes in the District Cabinet. Some people have already alerted me to the fact that their terms are coming to an end and others have expressed an interest in changing their focus. If you have an interest or want to change, drop me a line and we will see where we can plug you in and put you to work on something you love.

December was a busy month with the holidays. Our first District Orientation was on December 15th. It was well attended, well received and had them begging for more. Good news is, the GAT leaders are planning on doing this again. If you didn't attend the first one, make sure you get to the next one. It doesn't matter if you are new to Lions or one of our more seasoned members. I guarantee you will learn something new and have a good time doing it.

Stay safe and healthy, and always remember, WE SERVE

Yours in Lionism,  
VDG Cassandra Remington

**HO HO HO**

**PRAIRIE CHRISTMAS  
WAS A BIG SUCCESS !!**

Parkers Prairie Pride of LIONS Hosted  
Prairie Christmas recently.

Santa's Organizing Elves were Lion  
Ashley Iverson, Lion Tiffany Eggert, and  
Lion Kelli Hoffman.





# **CATCH THE BALL AND PASS IT ON**

**2nd Vice District Governor  
Bonnie Genin**



If you have never attended a mid-winter convention before, this is your chance to win some wonderful opportunities. For Lions, the first place winner will receive 90% off two nights lodging at the 2020 convention, plus the hospitality book. Second place Lion will receive 90% off one night stay at the 2020 convention, plus the hospitality book. The third place winner will receive the hospitality book for the 2020 mid-winter which will be held at Cragun's Resort.

For Leos, you can go shopping with your \$50.00 gift card for being in first place. For second place you will receive a \$25.00 gift card, and third place a 15.00 gift card.

Do come to the informational meeting at Craguns on Friday evening, and hear about the rules, meet other first timers and pick up you booklet for a fun filled evening.

For everyone attending the convention, please stop by our hospitality tables for goodies and good conversation!

Bonnie Genin, 2nd Vice District Governor



**Cuyuna Range Lions** know how to have fun while doing good..

Several members rang bells for the Salvation Army. Pictured: Lions Jim and Birdie Walth, Terry and LeeAnne Tichenor, Gary and Becky Guida. Mark & Diane Boike, Steve & Marian Freese, Cathy Aykens and Joyce Juracek, Bonnie & Mark Rekucki, Robin Novotny and Jan Anderson, Ron & Laura Martin.





Dear Lions,

Disaster has once again struck the coastal region of western Indonesia. A tsunami, triggered by a volcanic eruption, struck the area at approximately 9:30pm local time Saturday, December 22, killing over 350 people, wiping out hundreds of homes and businesses, and leaving many people homeless. Because the tsunami was the result of a landslide from the volcano, instead of an earthquake, the tsunami warning system did not activate – giving no advance warning to the impending disaster. Rescue efforts are currently underway for people trapped in the rubble.

The tsunami swamped coastal areas filled with tourists ahead of the busy holiday weekend.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has approved US\$50,000 in designated disaster funding to assist local Lions of district A1 and B1 in providing much needed early response relief.

We know Lions everywhere join us in sending their thoughts and prayers to the people affected by this recent disaster as they not only mourn the loss of loved ones, but also struggle to obtain adequate housing, fresh water, and food.

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Just recently, Lions responded in a most generous manner when flooding swept through southwestern Japan and a major earthquake in Indonesia. This latest disaster is a reminder of why we must always be ready and able to provide disaster relief at a moment's notice – whether from hurricanes, typhoons, earthquakes, tsunamis, or man-made disasters. That is why it is important to support LCIF by donating to our latest fundraising initiative – Campaign 100.

The most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF's history, the goal of Campaign 100 is to raise US\$300M by 2021. Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve hundreds of millions more people by increasing our service impact, fighting diabetes, and expanding global causes to include childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment. Disaster relief remains an important focus of our service in communities throughout the world ensuring LCIF is there when the need is greatest.

Donations to Campaign 100 prepares us to respond to the needs of an ever-changing world.

Lions, disasters strike without notice. Right now, our fellow members and their neighbors need us more than ever. We ask you to consider making a donation to Campaign 100 so we can answer this call to provide much needed funding where it's needed most! Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Sincerely,  
Gudrun Yngvadottir  
International President

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal  
LCIF Chairperson & Immediate Past International President



Aitkin Lions



Placing a wreath at the Aitkin All Veterans Memorial at the Aitkin County Courthouse were Dave and Cathy Wilke, Joy Janzen, Connie and John Pearson and Carroll Janzen.

The Aitkin Lions do charitable work year-round and December is one of their busiest months. The group recently placed wreaths at the Aitkin Area All Veterans Memorial and Lakeview Cemetery “to honor and remember...”!

From Dec. 3-7, the Aitkin Lions answered phones and registered families at Bremer Bank for Operation Christmas. From Dec. 7-8, members rang the bells for the Salvation Army kettle campaign. On Dec. 18, Lions did Christmas caroling at area nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

For Christmas, 10 needy families will be given Shopko and Paulbeck’s County Market cards to make their Christmas brighter.

**CLUB SECRETARIES**

Please submit material for these sections. I would like to publish your most recent community service and your upcoming fundraisers, in which Lions from other clubs could, perhaps, participate.

Submit pictures, flyers or text.

Submit to:

5m9newsletter@gmail.com

# C l u b A c t i v i t i e s

(below) On November 1, 2018 the Deerwood Lakes Lions, sponsored the Zone 2 meeting which was held at the Heartwood Senior Living Center in Crosby, MN. We have a proximately 70 Lions attending. Our head table was left to right Lion Chair Buhman (speaker for Diabetes), District Governor Lion Rose Puckett, Lion Kay Bendorf (President of Deerwood Lakes), Zone 2 Chairman Tom Plagman .

## Zone 2 meeting



(above) Lake Country Lions recently donated \$500 to the City of Cass Lake to be earmarked for the Cass Lake Museum and Lyle's Logging Camp. Pictured are Sue Uhrinak ,City Clerk/Treasurer and Lion's president,



Baxter Lions were ringing bells for the Salvation Army in Baxter. On left Lion Kenn Shepard and helpers. On the right Lion Dick Stebbins and Lion Angela Crowell



**TASTING!**

**AT BILLY'S IN BREEZY POINT**

**Saturday, January 19th from 6:00-8:00pm**

There will be a selection of wine and beer samples, Billy's has the appetizers all lined up, all you need to do is get your ticket and have a good 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](http://www.plbplionsclub.com) for more info.



**Single Ticket: \$20    Two Tickets: \$30**

*Tickets are available to purchase at the door or at Spirits of Nisswa.*

**BONUS:** purchase your tickets at Spirits of Nisswa and receive a \$5.00 gift certificate for each ticket!

*All proceeds support your local Lions Club!*

**Brainerd Lions**



**Hammering Hammer Handles**

# Fishing Contest



Proceeds benefit The Brainerd/ Raaber Youth Center, "The Shop"

**Saturday, February 23rd, 2019**

**Location: Horseshoe Lake, Ossipee Corners**

**Rules meeting & registration 8am @ Public Access**

**Contest Time 9am-2pm**

Prizes: 1st \$250, 2nd \$175, 3rd \$125 and a prize drawing after contest.

**Ticket Price: \$20 only 150 tickets being sold.**

**Ticket Locations:** Mill Ave Holiday Gas Station in Northeast Brainerd, Northland Arboretum, Boomer's Bait & Tackle Misswa MN, S & W Bait and Tackle, Brainerd Lions Club Members. If tickets are still available they will be sold on the ice the morning of the contest.

**Contest Rules:**

1. All of Horseshoe Lake is fishable
2. Only northerns up to 22 inches can be weighed. **ALL northerns over 22 inches must be immediately return back to the water.**
3. Fish houses are allowed.
4. A 10 mph speed limit on the lake will be enforced.
5. Northerns must be fresh, **NO FROZEN** will be accepted.
6. In case of a tie winner of a high card draw takes the prize
7. Must have a valid Minnesota Fishing license and obey all fishing regulations.

**If you have questions on tickets contact:**  
Michael LaFex 218-838-1756





# 5M9 Orientation



The Lions in District 5M9 had an awesome afternoon of Orientation! Great job by all!

Lion Les Swift presented on the club/local level!

Lion Rodger Palmer presented on the District level!

Lion Erin Beck giving an overview of the day!

Lion Bruce Beck presented Lion Jay Norby his 3rd Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship!





"Catch the Sweet Deal" and join us for the 100th Birthday Party of MD5M  
**100<sup>th</sup> Annual MD5M Multiple Convention**  
 April 26th, 27th & 28th 2019, Mahnomen, MN, USA



Your District & Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion \_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> TIMER \_\_\_

Title & Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w/area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending the convention, but NO meals are required, \$10.00 cost to attend \_\_\_ (Name Tag & Pin)

Full Hospitality Book (Includes Friday night Social, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet & Sunday Brunch)

EVENT	Before March 1, 2019	After March 1, 2019	# ATTENDING	\$ AMOUNT
Full Hospitality Book	\$ 95. USD \$ 120. CDN	\$ 105. USD \$ 130. CDN	_____	_____
Friday Night Social	\$ 15. USD \$ 20. CDN	\$ 20. USD \$ 25. CDN	_____	_____
Saturday Breakfast	\$ 20. USD \$ 25. CDN	\$ 25. USD \$ 30. CDN	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$ 25. USD \$ 30. CDN	\$ 30. USD \$ 35. CDN	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet	\$ 40. USD \$ 45. CDN	\$ 45. USD \$ 50. CDN	_____	_____
Sunday Brunch	\$ 30. USD \$ 35. CDN	\$ 35. USD \$ 40. CDN	_____	_____

\*\*\*NO Meals available after April 22, 2019\*\*\*

Totals \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Vergas Lions** Memo: 2019 MD5M Convention

Mail form & payment to: Linda Norby, 1021 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Perham, Mn. 56573

For Convention Information contact: PDG Rodger Palmer, [reporter@eot.com](mailto:reporter@eot.com) or phone 218-841-0302 or PDG Jay Norby, [linorbs@eot.com](mailto:linorbs@eot.com) or phone 218-298-1041.

Check our website for information & updates on the 2019 MD5M Convention, [lionsmd5m.org](http://lionsmd5m.org)

Registration form also on  
<http://www.lionsmd5m.org>

\*Will you require Braille Documents at the convention?  
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**Hotel & Event Center**  
**777 Casino Road, P.O. Box 418**  
**Mahnomen, MN USA 56557**  
**April 26, 27 & 28, 2019**  
**1-800-453-7827**

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\$65.00/Night + Tax

This room features two full beds.



\$70.00/Night + Tax

This room features two Queen beds.



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 fee maker, TV

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Amenities: Refrigerator, microwave, cof-  
 fee maker, TV

**Four Restaurants to choose from.**



- 2 ONE 8 – Fine Dining
- Traditions Buffet
- MINO WIISINI – Eat Well Cafe
- SMOKE Barbeque & Brew



## District Governor Rose's Visit Request 2018-2019



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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dates for Club Visit: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please list other Clubs \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have Meal? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

I am looking forward to coming to visit with your club!!

Please mail to: District Governor Rose Marie Puckett

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## Save the Date 10/11/2018

White Cane Safety Awareness Day  
Celebration at the Minnesota State Capitol

What: Proclamation and White Cane Walk

When: Thursday, October 11th, 2018  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Come join us as we show Minnesota how we travel  
with our white canes and guide dogs

Complete the on-line registration now!  
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFTS8B5>)

Email Holly Nordmeyer if you have questions:  
[hnordmeyer@msab.state.mn.us](mailto:hnordmeyer@msab.state.mn.us)

White cane equals **independence**

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROSE'S CALENDAR

### Happy New Year 2019

Jan 4 5M9 Cabinet Meeting

Jan 4-6 5M9 Mid Winter Convention

Jan 9 New York Mills

Jan 11 Jan 12-5M5 & 5M6  
Conventions

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> Pequot Lakes Breezy Point

Jan 15 – Detroit Lakes

Jan 18 5M7 Convention

Jan 22 Malmo

Jan 24 Verndale

Jan 25 5M4 Convention

Jan 28 – Breckenridge

### Feb

Feb 1 – 5M8 Convention

Feb. 5 – Gateway Menaga

Feb. 7 – Perham

Feb 8 - 5M2 Convention

Feb. 13 – Pine River

Feb. 14 – Parkers Prairie

Feb 15 – 5M3 Convention

Feb. 19 – Dunvilla

Feb. 21 – Underwood

Feb. 25 – Brainerd

### March

March 3 – Brainerd Leos

March 8 – 9 – Council of Govern-  
ors Meeting

March 11 – Parkers Prairie Pride

March 13 – Walker

March 18 – Longville

March 24<sup>th</sup> - 5M9 Cabinet Meeting

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 Editor

Sue Stebbins

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the Lions, Lioness, & Leos of  
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