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RIGHT: The **BATTLE LAKE LIONS** welcomed new member Dean Nelson, sponsor Lion “Doc” Ellingson and new member Gary Widness at their annual picnic on June 16th.



LEFT: The **LONGVILLE LIONS** recently inducted 4 new members. Pictured L-R: Matt & Karen Kruger, sponsor & VP Sean McDonald, Anita & Paul Harwig.

RIGHT: The **UNDERWOOD LIONS** welcome 2 new members. L-R Sponsor Lion Dave Wass, Gary Larsen, Larry Mathistad, Sponsor Lion Ted Fortier & DG Don.



LEFT: OTTERTAIL LIONS new members L-R: Jack Barker, Jane Brauch, Robert Brauch, Nancy Osland, DG Don, Becky Walker, John Walker, Stacy Kettlehut, Larry Wells. Not pictured: Jim & Meg Dix, Vanessa Neels, Karen Wells, Dan & Marnie Whitehead.

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Pressing on in Service

District Governor—Gloria Anderson



Greetings from Toronto!! Well, that's not quite – true. Ken and I are in Toronto but no, I didn't write this article in Toronto. We left June 30th and there were more training sessions for me to attend. Then it was the 2014 International Convention to participate in - a very exciting time. We'll be back home July 11th and then begin our last leg of this incredible and amazing journey begun two years ago. What an exciting time it has been – meeting new Lions, getting to know you all better (trying to remember names) and learning so much more about each club – and it will continue to be an exciting time for us.

Our new 2014-2015 International President, Joe Preston of Arizona, has chosen “**Strengthen the Pride**” as his theme for his year. There are so many ways to accomplish this and during the coming year we can look at various ways and methods to work at Strengthening our 5M9 Pride.

Have you read the latest issue of “The Lion” our organization’s newsletter? In this issue you will learn about the 2014 Peace Poster Contest winner, among other articles. There is a picture of the winner’s poster and it is tremendous artwork. Read the description of his poster. Soon we will begin the contest for this year and we will be going to our schools with information for entering. The Youth Outreach Co-Chairs, Lion Evie Ladd and Lion Pat Hendrickx, will soon distribute this information out to all clubs. Encourage our youth to take part in this year’s contest. This magazine, that we get as members of Lions International, always has excellent articles to keep our interest. There are ideas of service projects that work for other clubs in other places and may give us an idea for a new project to try here.

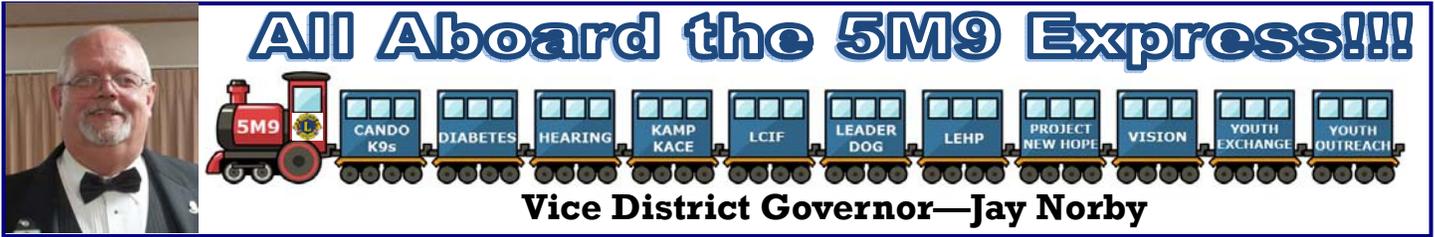
Once again, I write on the subject of membership and “**Just Ask!**” How simple is that to do!!! We all know someone we can “just ask” to keep our membership growing. We have made a tremendous stride forward last year and we need to keep this on the upward swing. However, don't forget the importance of retention. It won't work to get new members and still continue to lose current members. Keep all involved and busy in your club's various projects – make them feel welcomed and needed. Sponsors, keep in contact with your new member so that he/she is involved. If a member has missed several meetings, find out why. Don't just assume they will show up eventually. Everyone likes to know that they have been missed and are wanted for our continued mission of serving. This also goes for present members – if missing meetings, talk to them and find out what is the problem. When we know how they are feeling about the club, steps can be taken to correct the problem. For hints on membership, contact Lion Randy Beaver, 5M9 GMT Chair. He is always ready with answers for you.

Check elsewhere in this issue for the form “District Governor Gloria’s Visit Request.” There are several lines to fill out that lets me know what to expect to be done when I come for the District Governor visit. It's all very helpful to prepare. Please get your desired date in early so that you can get the date that works best for your club. Clubs are already scheduling dates and we want to do as many visits as possible this summer and fall.

First on the agenda for Zone Meetings is the Combined Zone Meetings usually held in the latter part of August. The Zone Chairs are busy setting up dates, times and locations and getting another year started. Club Presidents, this will be your chance to sign up project chairs to present programs at your clubs. When these chairs come, your club members are able to learn what all the money the club donates is accomplishing along with all the donations from other clubs. Every donated amount does make a difference in each project. Plan to schedule at least three project programs for your club this year – make this your goal when attending this zone meeting. Check for dates elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you all for your support these past years for Ken and me. I know I will need your continued support as I go through this year. I am here to serve and work with you and if there is a concern or a problem, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Until next month.
DG Gloria Anderson



“IF YOU WANT TO LIVE YOUR DREAM, FIRST YOU HAVE TO HAVE A DREAM”

Welcome to the new Lion’s year. To all of the new club officers, I hope you have a smooth year filled with fun and rewarding accomplishments. In my case, I cannot believe that my year as 2nd Vice District Governor went by so quickly. Yes, there were a few bumps in the road and everything did not go as planned but overall it was a very rewarding year. Thank you to everyone that has supported me as I continue on the path to becoming your District Governor next year.

District Governor Gloria has set her goals for the year and we as Lions need to help her reach those goals. As our DG she is asked by Lions Club International to list what she would like to accomplish during her year. While this may be her “wish list” none of it can be accomplished without the help and support of all the Lions in the district. As the quote goes, “There is No I in Team” everything she has listed will take a team effort. If there is a district in this multiple that can do it, it is 5M9. So let’s all join “Team 5M9” coached by DG Gloria and “Get ‘er done”.

In the last couple of weeks I have had a couple of interesting conversations that can relate to Lions. One was with some of the staff members at Kamp KACE about C.I.T.’s” (counselors in training). They are so happy that they get many requests each year from past participants who want to continue on with the camp. These young people bring to the table knowledge of the camp, what it’s like to be a participant, the rules and regulations of the camp and a huge list of new and exciting ideas that they want to share with future participants. In the case of Kamp KACE, as counselors get older and graduate from college they move or get jobs that don’t give them the opportunity to participate at the camp so the C.I.T. steps in and they never miss a beat.

The other conversation was with a gentleman from a community that was looking for a way to thank all of the volunteers that have given of their time to make their town a better place to live and work. He talked about all of the volunteers at the Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, etc. but during the entire conversation he never once mentioned the Lions. I had to ask him if there was a Lions Club in his community and he said yes, in fact they had a Lions Club, Rotary, Kiwanis and the Knights of Columbus in his community. I asked if he had contacted any of these groups for ideas or help and his basic answer was “No” because they all were service organizations. As I explained to him, yes they are service organizations, which are run by volunteers.

How do these relate to Lions? We need to mentor Lions to become club officers, district officers, multiple officers and yes, international officers. Take that new Lion and have them work on a committee, partner with an officer to train them as a backup, get them involved with local and district projects, pick them up and take them to a zone meeting, district meeting and mid-winter convention so that they can see what is involved in running the worlds largest and greatest service organization. Also, we need to work with other groups in our communities to become partners in service. Too often I hear that clubs no longer put on certain fundraisers because their membership has decreased or the members are getting older and can’t handle it anymore. Work with your local food shelf, meals on wheels, etc. and take it on as a service project once a month or as often as you can. Wear your vests or club shirts to show the public that you are alive and well in your community.

And last but not least, if you are having a fundraiser for a youth group in your community, get them involved whether it be serving food, serving beverages or picking up trash and busing tables. Have them wear their uniforms at the event to show that you are partnering with them.

Always put the FUN in Fundraiser!!!!

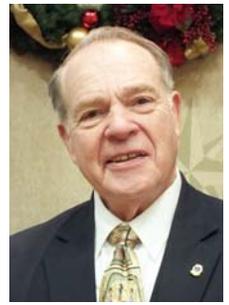
UNTIL NEXT TIME, GET ON BOARD THE 5M9 EXPRESS.

1st VDG Jay



Richard the Lionhearted

2nd Vice District Governor - Dick Stebbins



Happy New Lions Year! This will be another busy year, but fun and most of all, I will be getting to meet all you Lions in our great District 5M9. This is going to be a fun summer! Be part of it!!! Immediate Past District Governor Don Hendrickx and Lion Pat have done a great job leading our District this last year and I would like to thank them for their service.

I am looking forward to this year and the team of DG Gloria Anderson, 1st Vice District Governor Jay Norby and myself as 2nd Vice District Governor. I look forward to installing numerous officers at several clubs in the coming years. Be sure your club does a proper installation for your new officers! I have done several already and enjoyed meeting the new officers. I am ready to serve 5m9 to the best of my ability and look forward to visiting at your club or zone meeting. If you ordered a printed directory for the District and Multiple, look for it in August at the Zone Fairs. Each club will receive a CD with all the same information on it and clubs can print off as many or as few copies as needed for your club at that time also.

The D-Feet Hearing Loss walk was held recently which we attended. It was a great day to walk down at the Arboretum and we had a good turnout of people. There were games for the kids, face painting for everyone, Sponsor booths for information and a great meal of brats, hotdogs, chips and cookies. Lots of Lion clubs were in attendance and available to visit with. It was a great day for supporting D-Feet Hearing Loss for all! Thank you everyone who helped support our project for the Hearing Foundation!

Lion Sue and I are looking forward to this new Lions year and seeing many Lions at various events in our District. Be sure to stop and talk to us whenever you see us.

Enjoy the rest of this summer, enjoy your club's summer projects and of course, have fun!!

2nd Vice District Governor Dick Stebbins

I'M BACK!!! Now that my term as District Governor is done, I have decided to continue my service to the Lions of 5M9 by taking over as the Coordinator for the Global Leadership team along with the Global Membership Chair, Lion Randy Beaver. Together, Lion Randy and I will be working hard to keep 5M9 the best in the Multiple.

The Rest of my GLT team will be DG Gloria Anderson, 2nd VDG Dick Stebbins, and Lions Jim Johansen, Judy Beaver and Rose Puckett. I am looking forward to working with these dedicated Lions and sharing our goals for 14-15 year with you.

Some of the Goals we would like to see achieved are:

- ◇ All positions allotted for our District at the MD5M Regional Learning Institute are filled. This high energy weekend is March 26-29, 2015 at the Shooting Star in Mahanomen. Contact me for more information.
- ◇ More clubs do the Club Excellence Survey.
- ◇ Look for qualified leaders in our District to run for the position of District Governor.

We will be at all the combined Zone Fairs, come see us and get energized for the New Year! As always, if you have any questions or ideas you would like to share we are here to help and listen.

Thank You.

GLT Coordinator Lion Donald Hendrickx





Above: The **PILLAGER LIONS** awarded 5 / \$1000 scholarships to graduating students at the Awards Night on Wednesday, May 28th. Pictured L-R: Front Row: Jenna Pettit, Kelsie Hanson, Carly Bell, Kelly mast, mason Quick and Membership Chairperson Lion Joyce Borgstrom. Back Row: President Lion Doug Allen, Third Vice President Lion Al Barrow.

Below: DG Don Hendrickx assisted in presenting awards to deserving Lions at the **PALISADE CLUB** Charter Night meeting including a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Jerry Wickstrom. Jerry is a charter member of the club with 25 years of Lions' Service to the Community. Lion Jerry, along with Lions Betty Wickstrom and Dawn Quade were presented Dream Catcher Awards for their work with the Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness, which is held each August in Palisade. Pictured are L-R: Palisade Pres. Shirley Pick, DG Don & Lion Jerry receiving his award.



The **LONGVILLE LIONS** hosted an Easter Egg Hunt in May along with the Longville Chamber of Commerce. 450 eggs were hidden with many more eggs, candy and toys handed out to the children. The Chamber of Commerce send the Easter Bunny the children can have their photo taken with him. The Easter Bunny also brings MORE candy and toys for the kids. The children leave with their Easter Baskets brimming!!!



Pictured Right: Lions Karen Kruger (a brand new Lion) and 1st Vice President Mary Jacobson hand out some goodies. Left: Club Secretary Kevin Haugland and Scott Rolfe help out.

BACKUS LIONS FLY-IN BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014



7:30 am—Noon

Backus Airport just West of Hwy 371

\$6 at the door—\$3 for kids under 12

\$5 advance tickets

Fly-In Pilots Eat Free

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee & Milk

BENEFIT FOR BACKUS FIRE & FIRST RESPONDERS

See the Medivac Helicopter and a
Demonstration of the Jaws of Life

11:00 am

FREE DIABETES SCREENINGS

Watch Airplanes Land and Take Off

Talk to Pilots, Firemen, First Responders

See A Fire Engine Up Close

Buy Raffle Tickets for Wonderful Prizes

Advance tickets available from Backus Lions members at...
the Polish Stand at Godfrey's on Saturdays
the Hackensack Flea Market on July 9

OR

from the Backus Fire Dept. & First Responders

ZONES 1, 2, & 3 Zone Fair
Tuesday, August 26
Nisswa

ZONES 4, 5, & 6 Zone Fair
Wednesday, September 3
Wolf Lake

(more information in
next months issue)



Above: Lions Ray Lottie (left) and Rick Julian (right) w/DG Don. Rods and reels were donated by the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman Club to Kamp KACE through the Lions

Below: **BAXTER LIONS** recently presented 8 scholarships to Brainerd High School Graduates. President Sue Stebbins & 2nd VDGE Dick Stebbins presented the awards. Lion Con Molin also attended.



The Fergus Falls Riverside Lions had a great SummerFest in Fergus Falls on the grounds of the Regional Treatment Center. Using solar technology, we powered a computer and television showing Lions promotional videos, along with handing out flyers of Lions projects and history of the Lions. We also sold raffle tickets for a full and a queen size quilt. The proceeds will help the Salvation Army of Fergus Falls purchase a new range/oven so they may better prepare meals for those in the community. Drawing will be **August 12th**, so there is still time to purchase a ticket. Tickets are on \$1.00 each and there are only 1000 printed. Contact Keith Lillis at 218-851-8263 or Burke Almquist at 701-729-5516 if you are interested in supporting this effort.

Many thanks to Otter Tail Power and Tires Plus for their continued support of our SummerFest and community endeavors. Working together builds for a better community.

July 24th we will again be hosting bingo at Pioneer Home in Fergus Falls at **6:30pm** with the help of volunteers.



HENNING LIONS SPRUCE UP TOWN

(the article below was seen in the Citizen's Advocate)



Members of the Henning Lions Club donated approximately 200 spruce trees to elementary students at Henning School. In addition to providing a spruce tree, the Henning Lions provided step-by-step instructions on how to care for the tree when they bring it home. Henning Lions members who helped distribute the trees included: Wayne Hilchen, Mary Trana, Russ Juvrud, Roger Johnson, Wayne Peterson and Jim Espeland.



Below: While attending the Ottertail Lions Picnic at the home of Lions Dick and Joan Rosenberg DG Don was able Tame this Lion!



ZONE 7, 8, & 9 ZONE FAIR

HOSTED BY: PERHAM LAKES LIONS,
UNDERWOOD LIONS, AND BATTLE LAKE LIONS CLUBS
AUGUST 28, 2014
ST. HENRY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BASEMENT
234 2nd AVE. S.W. - PERHAM, MN
\$10.00 PER PERSON

6:00 SOCIAL /RAFFLE TICKETS

6:30 DINNER

7:15 ZONE FAIR

WELCOME: Zone 8 Co Chair Mike Pettingill

6:30 Call meeting to order...Zone 7 Chair Bonnie Genin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE: Zone 8 Co Chair Mike Pettingill

6:30 Dinner

7:15 Zone Fair/Raffle Tickets

7:45: TAIL TWISTING

8:00 CLOSING COMMENTS:

Zone 7 Chair Bonnie Genin
Zone 8 Co Chairs Mike and Donna Pettingill
Zone 9 Co Chairs Marlyn and Peg Kruschke
2nd Vice District Governor Dick Stebbins
1st Vice District Governor Jay Norby
District Governor Gloria Anderson

8:30 MEETING ADJOURNED: Zone 9 Co Chairs Peg and Marlyn Kruschke

RAFFLE PRIZES AWARDED



Sponsored by
Bluffton Lions

Ladies Luncheon

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Bluffton Community Center



11 a.m. - FREE Diabetes Screenings

Noon - Luncheon & Program

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation: Featured speaker will be Kimberly Stommes. The Lions Diabetes Foundation was established to improve the lives of people with diabetes.

Silent Auction * Door Prizes * Dress in Sunday Best

Tickets - \$14.00 donation

Proceeds from tickets go toward Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



To RSVP or purchase tickets, contact:

Margaret Van Erp, Bluffton Lions secretary
38214 610th Ave, Bluffton MN 56518 or (218) 385-3446

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

5M9 DISTRICT WIDE LIONS TRAINING DAY

September 21, 2014 @ Pillager

More info to come in your August Issue!



DON'T FORGET

- ⇒ Plan to attend your Districts Zone Fair this fall. Dates and info will be posted in this newsletter!
- ⇒ Contact DG Gloria Anderson to schedule your DG Visit
- ⇒ Send pictures and stories to 5m9newsletter@gmail.com
- ⇒ "JUST ASK" community members to join Lions
- ⇒ Visit Facebook and "Like" District 5M9 Lions
- ⇒ Check out the District website at www.lionsof5m9.org

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS

As your clubs are preparing for your end of the year audit, please check to make sure all of the donation checks issued to the 5M9 projects have cleared. Contact 5M9 Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Eldon Bergman, to report any checks that have not been cashed. Lion Eldon can be reached at elviberg@arvig.net



District Governor Gloria's Visit Request 2014-2015



Club Name: _____

Club Location: _____

Address: _____

Dates for Club Visit: 1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

Time Club Meeting Begins: _____

When does your Social Hour start: _____

Do you have a Board of Directors Meeting: Yes _____ No _____

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

Will you have a meal? Yes _____ No _____

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

Please list the other Clubs: _____

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

Club contact telephone # _____ Email address _____

Will the Governor be expected to install officers: Yes _____ No _____

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

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

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

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

Gloria Anderson - 5M9 District Governor

Calendar to Go

July		12-13 Granddaughter's Wedding
1-10 Toronto—International Convention	15	Battle Lake Club DG Visit
14 Hewitt Lions/Lioness DG Visit	18	Hackensack Lions 40th Anniversary
17 Henning Club DG Visit	20	Bluffton Lions 40th Anniversary
18-19 Hearing Foundation Meeting etc	21	5M9 Lions Training Day @ Pillager
19 Prep for Bluffton Ladies Luncheon	22	Nisswa Club DG Visit
20 Bluffton Ladies Luncheon	29	Zone 8 Meeting @ Breckenridge
21 Verndale Club DG Visit		
25-26 Council of Governors— St Cloud	October	
28 Bluffton Lions Meeting	5	IPDG Don Hendrickx Mini-Forum @ Bluffton
August	13	Wadena Club DG Visit
3 5M9 Cabinet Mtg— Cass Lake	17-18	Council of Governor's @ Mahnomon
10 PDG Reunion @ PDG Rodger Palmer's	19	Cabinet Meeting @ Verndale
11 Deerwood Lakes Club DG Visit	23	Zone 7 Meeting @ Cormorant
12 Park Rapids 60th Anniversary	25	Thanksgiving for Vision @ Brooklyn Center
18 Cormorant Club DG Visit	27	Bluffton Club DG Visit
25 Emily/Outing/50 Lakes Club DG Visit	November	
26 Zones 1-2-3 Meeting @ Nisswa	10	Cass Lake Club DG Visit
28 Zones 7-8-9 Meeting @ Perham	13	Hackensack Club DG Visit
September	27	Thanksgiving Day
3 Zones 4-5-6 Meeting @ Wolf Lake	December	
4 Backus Club DG Visit	8	Dalton/Ashby Clubs
11 Perham Lakes Club DG Visit	15	Bluffton Club Christmas Party
	21	Family Christmas
	23-25	Christmas

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Thank You

Tracey Buhl