



DG Bruce's
Port of Calls & Club Visits

Catch Your Dream



Bruce Beck 5M9 District Governor

June

- 8th- Wait Park Lions Charter Nite
- 9th- MN Lions Hrg Foundation, D'Feet Hrg Loss walk fundraiser
- 11th- Cormorant Lions Club
- 12th- Bay Lake Lions Membership Nite
- 18th-28th- Attend Lions Intl Convention in Busan Korea (all done as 5M9 DG!)
- 29th- See DG Margaret Van Erp's Calendar!!!

DG MARGARET'S calendar

- July
- 8th- Lion Mark Mansell bikes into Bluffton
- 14th- Vision Found mtg in cities
- 15th- Bluffton Lions Ladies Luncheon
- 28th- Council of Gov mtg, StCloud
- 29th- Cabinet Mtg, Brainerd
- August
- 5th- Parkers Prairie parade
- 6th- Leader/Nimrod club visit
- 10-12- camping @ VanErp farm
- 27th- Emily,Outing,50Lakes visit

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What is with those little **N.O.W.** signs? **N.O.W.** is the GMT/GLT theme that will be used for the remainder of this year and all of the 2012-2013 Lions year.

But what does **N.O.W.** stand for? Actually, it has a dual meaning. The first meaning is simple. If you have not asked someone to become a Lion, the best time to do that is **N.O.W.** Don't wait!! **N.O.W.** is the best time! Asking someone to become a Lion means that you have to talk with the person about Lions, give them a bit of Lions history, a sense of what Lions are all about, some examples of how Lions impact people's lives on the local and International levels, and some sense of what Lions means to you and how Lions club membership has impacted your life.

And why do you need to use this personal approach? Because there is **No Other Way** to give someone a reason to become a Lion other than to give them a sense of how they can serve their community. **No Other Way** to let prospective members know how they really can make a difference in people's lives. The reason we need to ask people to become Lions is that we cannot fulfill our mission to serve without good, quality members. We often hear from Lions that they do not want to hear about membership; that they've heard it all before. We need to get past that attitude and take membership and retention seriously. Let me give you some examples. In this Lions year, current to the end of April, Multiple District 5M added 1,463 members to its membership roster. And that is great news! However, in that same time period, we have dropped 1,737 members. So on one hand we still do a great job of inviting people to become Lions, and people respond to the message and invitation. But we need to do a much better job keeping the members we have. More than 50% of new members drop within the first 3 years of membership. Most of those drops occur because we have not gotten new members involved in the club's activities. It takes only one person to ask someone to become a Lion, but it takes the entire club to make sure that the new members feels welcome, feel valued, and feel like they are really a part of an organization that can reach so many people who would otherwise have nowhere else to turn for help.

One of International President Tam's initiatives this year is to make sure that we treat all the members of our clubs as we would treat our own family members. If we are successful, the Lions that join our clubs now will be Lions long into the future.

Thank you for all that you have done for your clubs, communities, and districts. Keep up the great work!! I am absolutely confident that we will have positive growth in our clubs and districts, and that Lionism in MD5M has a bright, strong future.

Remember, **N.O.W.** is the time to ask someone to become a Lion. **N.O.W.** Is the time to begin making sure that your club is a friendly and inviting club, and a club that someone would want to join. To achieve

our goals, there is **No Other Way.**

Lion Bob Jechorek
MD5M GMT Coordinator



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Catch'n the Lunker



This is it - my last article, newsletter, and month as your sitting District Governor for 5M9. Lion Erin and I have experienced one of the most amazing adventures of our lives this past year! We thank you for the opportunity to serve as District Governor & First Lady of the Greatest District in all of MD5M and probably all of LCI!

What began last year in Seattle, Washington, with our attending the Lions Clubs International Convention, being installed by our International President Dr. Wing Kun Tam, watching on as Lion Brian Sheehan was voted in as our International Director, and planting our first tree, has now come full circle. Among all the experiences of our year, the ones that stand out far and beyond all others are our visits to the individual Lions clubs! We had the good fortune to meet, visit, laugh, and spend time with our members. These were the shining stars of our year! Erin and I have truly experienced the unsurpassed hospitality of 5M9 members. Thank you for welcoming us and treating us like family! We are so proud of you and the work that you do for your communities. You should be truly proud of yourselves for the friends and neighbors that you help, the pride you take in your service projects and fundraisers, and most of all... the difference you are making in people's lives, in your communities, the Multiple, and around the world. You are marvelous examples of why the Lions Clubs International is the number One Service organization "in-the-world"!

And yes, we had so much fun at virtually every event we attended this year. Our Zone Chairs did a fantastic job hosting their meetings and making club visits. Our 5M9 Cabinet Members went above and beyond giving guidance to me and ensuring that District 5M9 continues to be a leader. Every Program Chair was out in the District taking Lions' information to the clubs. The GMT-GLT Lions have done a superb job this year motivating our district to become leaders in membership and to develop stronger clubs with well-trained members and leaders. Our training is looked upon as an example within our Multiple. Another highlight of the year was having the opportunity to take part in the charter a new LEO Club in Perham, an exciting time for the new LEOs, their sponsors, the Perham Lions, and the Perham community.

My special thanks to the host clubs of Vergas and Detroit Lakes Lions for doing such an exceptional job as hosts of the Mid-Winter Convention! You made this convention a particularly great time for us. I think it is safe to say that all who attended had a fun, rewarding Lions experience! I encourage everyone to attend our mid-winter conventions and to bring other lions with you. I know the Bluffton and Perham Lakes Lions are already working very hard to bring you a top-shelf experience this coming year when it will be back at Cragun's Resort on January 4-6, 2013. Start making your plans now.

We had an excellent and well-attended College of Leadership recently of which the trainers are to be commended. Thanks to all who helped put on the events and to those who attended. These sessions help prepare our club leaders for the upcoming year.

I am confident in your upcoming Leadership Team of DGE Margaret and PDG Peter VanErp, 1st VDGE Don and Lion Pat Hendrickx, and 2nd VDGE Gloria and PDG Ken Anderson. They will serve 5M9 in our greatest tradition of being a step ahead, going above and beyond, and inspiring us all!

I need to wrap this up or I will prattle on as you fall asleep reading. One last time, let me hear you Roar... "I BELIEVE"! (Just roar it in your mind for me.) I Believe you can Catch Your Dream in the Lions! You have demonstrated this to me over and over throughout this past year! Be the inspiration to others. Invite them to join you. Pursue your passions. Lend a helping hand to those in need. Lead by example with our motto - We Serve!

It has been our sincere pleasure to share a boat, tell tall tales, and fish the waters of Lions this past year with all of you! God Bless you all and Thank You for all that you do!

Lion Bruce & Lion Erin Beck



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



Another busy month behind all of us. Just a quick recap of what took place. Guess one of the important things is that we had a very successful College of Leadership training on April 30th at Crosby, May 1st at Wadena and May 2nd at Detroit Lakes. PDG Jim Arvidson said that 161 Lions attended representing 44 of our 71 Lions clubs. Hopefully, everyone who attended came away with some new knowledge about Lions. There was a question and answer session at the end of each evening and many good questions were asked.

On the last days of April PDG Peter and I attended the Multiple Convention in Hinckley, MN. We got to meet and have a picture taken with the Immediate Past International President Sid Scruggs III and his wife, Lion Judy. Wow, what great people they are. So down to earth and easy to visit with. IPIP Sid is a wonderful speaker and gave a very meaningful message each time he spoke.

We also attended the Ottertail Golf tournament along with about 30 other Lions from our District. Now that was an experience. We all had to wear a BIG Lions head at the one hole and yet I was able to put

the ball in the hole one handed. I think LUCK played a big part in that shot, but I won a cap for such a great shot.

Sunday May 20th we will be having our zone chair training in Bluffton. They will be getting a lot of information that afternoon. The Zone chairs for 2012-2013 are as follows: Zone 1: Lion Sue Stebbins from Baxter Lions, Zone 2: Lion Rose Puckett from Bay Lake Area Lions, Zone 3: Lion Art Schmidt from Pine River Lions, Zone 4: Lion Zelda Novak from Park Rapids Lions, Zone 5: Lion Judy Beaver from Verndale Lions, Zone 6: will be the first to have co-chairs Lions Elaine and Roger Hollerud from Gateway (Menahga) Lions, Zone 7: Lion Jay Norby from Vergas Lions, Zone 8: Lion Sister Char Grossman from Elizabeth Lions and Zone 9: Lion Jerry Smith from Ottertail Lions. I am looking forward to working with all of them in the coming year. We will again have combined zone meetings for the first round. More information will be in the July newsletter.

Remember to order your printed Directory if you want one before June 15th. \$3.00 for the 5M9

version and \$14.00 for the Multiple Directory. Send your check made out to 5M9 to either PDG Peter Van Erp or Lion Pat Hendrickx. If you have any questions please call 218-385-3446.

As I am writing this article I looked at the calendar and realized that 30 days from tonight, PDG Peter and I will be in Busan Korea. I hope that if I hit the ground running when we get back I will be able to fill at least one of the big shoes of our DG Bruce. Although our District is very fortunate that he will be our Council Chair next year. DG Bruce and First Lady Erin have done a fantastic job for our District this past year. We have enjoyed their friendship, hospitality and good humor. Thank you, DG Bruce and First Lady Erin from all of us in District 5M9. Whoot, whoot, whoot. Fire up those ovens and get those "Buns a Bakin" so they will be ready to go on July 1, 2012. Till then DGE Margaret Van Erp

CLUB REMINDERS & UPDATES

USA/CANADA FORUM

Sept. 13-15, Tampa Bay, FL
72 different seminars to choose from
For More Info contact

- ◆ CCE/DG Bruce Beck
- ◆ Lion Ardean Brasgalla
- ◆ DGE Margaret Van Erp
- ◆ Visit 5M9 website to get a registration form

DIRECTORY UPDATE

This year each club will have the opportunity to purchase a printed version of the District Directory from

your Zone Chair. The books will be in booklet form.

- Complete 2012-2013 MD5M
Directory = \$14.00
- Complete 2012-2013 5M9
Directory = \$3.00

All orders must be pre-paid by June 14th, 2012.

No books will be ordered after this date.

Make checks payable to District 5M9.

Checks should be sent to:

Peter Van Erp	Pat Hendrickx
38214 610th Ave	46590 Mosquito Lane
Bluffton, MN 56518	Perham, MN 56573

OR

There is a tradition in our house that you are to plant your potatoes on Good Friday. Some years I would have had to shovel the snow off the dirt but this year it was a beautiful warm day when I planted them. I looked the other day and they are peaking through the soil. Amazing how one little potato eye can turn into a meal for us. Of course it needs some TLC to grow to it's

potential. Kind of like when you seek out members to join your Lions club. You plant the "seed" of Lions and then when you think they are ready you invite them to a meeting. Hopefully, adding some warmth and kindness will encourage them to join and before long with the right TLC they will become an active member, ready to help out in any way they can. July is coming and with that it is always great to start the new Lions year out with some new blood. Ask that person you have been thinking about to come to a meeting and see what the best kept secret is all about.

Lion Pat and I attended the MD5M Multiple in Hinckley and had a great time meeting all the 1st VDG's that will be with us for the next couple of years (and beyond!). We had the honor of meeting Past International Sid Scruggs III and his wife Judy. What a down to earth couple they are and he had a wonderful message for us. Did you know that LIONS can also stand for "Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service." I really like this version, don't you ?? Every Lion should attend at least one Multiple where they can meet other Lions from the 12 Districts and see what makes them excited about Lions.

Lion Pat and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you in District 5M9 for your support this past year and for your friendship. This year has gone so fast and I know that we are really only starting to get our training for DG, but we look forward to the challenge. We know that our team of VanErp, Hendrickx and Anderson will do our very best to serve you and continue to make our District one of the tops. 😊

Last but not least, we want to thank DG Bruce and First Lady Erin for all the mentoring, question answering, and friendship that they have shown us. This couple has represented 5M9 with grace, poise and of course FUN !! We are excited to continue to work with CCE Bruce and Lion Erin and know that we will continue to "whip" us into shape. Thank you DG Bruce and Erin !!



"WATTS" NEW
in 5M9
1st Vice District
Governor Elect
Donald Hendrickx



Above: VDGE Don proves he is a Lion "Inside and Out" at the **Ottertail Lions Cinco de Mayo** golf. Everyone had a GRRRRREAT time!

Dutch Proverb of the Month ~"
 His pants are always fastened on the second clasp"
 (English meaning ~ He is a big eater)

Pas goed op jezelf – 1st VDGE Don



Perham Lakes Lions

Went to St. Henry's School and St. Paul's School in Perham and gave a presentation about the importance of trees in our environment. A tree was given to each student. Pictured Left are (L-R) Lions Bonnie Genin, Cindy Doll, & Pat Hendrickx, with some of the St. Henry's students (one is Cindy's grandchild and 3 are Pat's grandchildren)

MD5M CONVENTION

AWARD RECIPIENTS & MORE



L-R CC Mike Molenda, PIP Sid Scruggs presenting Cabinet Secretary Palisade Lion, **Tambrey Kullhem a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award** & DG Bruce Beck



L-R CC Mke Molenda looks on as **PCC Bert Nelson receiving Helping Hand Award** from PIP Sid Scruggs

District 5M9 Lions are well represented at MD5M Convention in Hinckley, MN



L-R PIP Sid Scruggs, PCC Bert Nelson receiving Hall of Fame award, PID Debra Wasserman



L-R Front row Lions Erin Beck, Margaret VanErp, Pat Hendrickx. Back Row Lions Bruce Beck, Peter VanErp, & Don Hendrickx



ABOVE: L-R PIP Sid and Judy Scruggs, PDG Judy and Ardean Brasgalla



L-R Lion Sharon and PDG Jim Neuerberg, Lion Ardean & PDG Judy Brasgalla

more from your MD5M convention



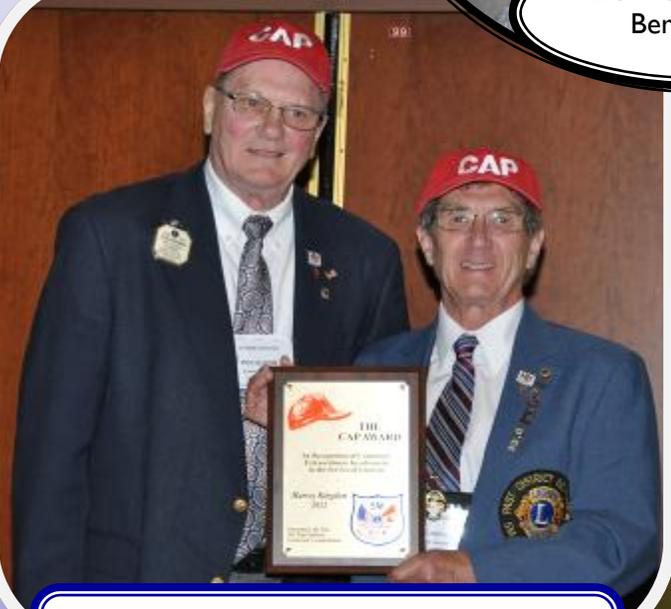
ABOVE
PDG Jack Riordan
received the **MD Recognition Award** for his work as Youth Outreach Quest Chairperson

RIGHT
DGE Margaret and PDG Peter VanErp at the head table



Lion Pam and PCC Bert Nelson

BELOW
PDG Dale Johansen promoting Project New Hope



ABOVE
PCC Eldon Bergman presenting PDG Harvey Kingdon the 'Red Cap' award

RIGHT
The MD5M Snowmen, CCE Bruce and Lion Erin lead the DGE's



last but not least MD5M convention



ABOVE
DGE Margaret VanErp (front black blazer) with the other DGE's perform at the Friday night mixer



ABOVE
PDG Ken Anderson (back row left) and the MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation Board



PDG Dick and Lion Bev Labraaten

Governor's Dinner with the Hackensack Lions



DG Bruce presents Hackensack Lions Pres Marilyn Dascher with a pin for service

This years Governor's Dinner for the Hackensack Lions was held at the Riverhouse Restaurant, Governor Bruce Beck gave a short speech and handed out several awards . The Hackensack Lions meet at the Riverhouse the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.. If you are interested in becoming a Lion, contact any of the 60 or so Lions in Hackensack or a Lion Member in your town and become involved with the LARGEST service organization in the World! **We Serve!**



New Lion member John Stefan was inducted into the Lions by 5M9 Governor Bruce Beck and the Gov. put his Lion pin on his shirt with his sponsors watching.



DG Bruce presents Secretary, Sue Larson and Ed Haefner, Finance Officer with pins for service



5M9 Governor's wife, Erin Beck, received a basket of flowers from Hackensack Lion President Marilyn Dascher.



DG Bruce presents Hackensack Lions Tail Twister, Carl Larson an award and pin for service.



Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions L-R Lions Sec. Christine Albright, Treas. Kelly Olson, Pres. Jackie Suchy, and DG Bruce

RIGHT Northland Remer
President, Gary Selinsky receives the Zone 3 traveling trophy 'Leonitus' from ZC Charles Hoover



DG Bruce received a framed print at Deer Creek's Governor's night. Pictured with Pres. Wayne Perkins



Palisade Lion of the year Dawn Quade & President Evie Ladd



DG Bruce & Ms Tammy Anderson, Lakeland Hospice Foundation Director



ABOVE

Cass Lake Lions club co-operated with the Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cass Lake, to help IP Wing-KLun Tam surpass his tree-planting goal. Each planter wrote their name on the guard-stake for identification.

SERVICE IS EXPANDING FOR LAKELAND HOSPICE

District Governor Bruce was on hand at the Ground-breaking Ceremony on May 7, 2012 celebrating the expansion of Lakeland Hospice services. Construction will soon begin on a 10,000 sq. foot addition at the Hospice House which was recently renamed "Woodland Lodge and Hospice Suites." Woodland Lodge will have a total of 34 rooms which will offer 24 hour care for people over the age of 55 looking for an alternative to nursing home care. Five beautiful hospice suites will be available for high quality, 24 hour hospice care. The project is expected to be completed in early spring 2013. If your club is interested in having a speaker come out and give an update on Lakeland Hospice services please call Mary Widiger at 218-998-7323 or email her at mwidiger@lakelandhospicehomecare.org

Lion Bonnie Genin of Perham Lakes Lions attended a Can Do Canines Ambassador training on May 12th and graduation on May 19th. Bonnie is a Can Do Canine Co-Chair and truly enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the Ambassador training. If you would like to learn more about Can Do Canines and would like someone to visit your club, contact Bonnie at 218-346-2583 or her Co-Chair Linda Altergott at 218-534-3237.





Lions Children's Hearing Center



Our own District Governor Lion Bruce Beck will be walking in the D' Feet Hearing Loss fundraiser. If you or your club wishes to support DG Bruce go to this link:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/hobnob/event/596>

Then in "Search Participants" type in Bruce or Beck and click on the link to my page to donate and support my walk. I thank everyone for helping me raise funds to prevent hearing loss! I am trying to raise \$1,000.00 for this event!



Save the Date... June 9, 2012

Event details:

Time & Date: Saturday, June 9th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Location: University of Minnesota Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Blvd, Chaska, MN 55318. The Arboretum is nine miles west of I-494 on State Hwy. 5; 4 miles west of Chanhassen on Hwy. 5; and ¼ mile west of the intersection of State Hwy. 41 on Hwy 5.

Schedule: Registration 9:30 am to 10:30 am; Walk Starts 10:30 am; Lunch 12:00 noon

Parking: There is plenty of parking.

Registration: Registration is FREE! You can register online by going to our website www.5mhf.org, going to fundraiser page and clicking "Register" tab. You can create a team, join a team, or register as an individual. If you can't get to the arboretum, but would like to raise funds for the Foundation, become a Virtual Walker. All registrants that raise \$25.00 will receive a free T-Shirt.

Food: Lunch will be provided. Visit us at www.5mhf.org

Need Help? Phone: Jim Bremer 612.750.2370 or email jpb@5mhf.org

D-Feet Hearing Loss

Website: www.5mhf.org

CELEBRATE

PERHAM LIONS—40 YEARS OF SERVICE

June 23, 2012—11am to 2pm
 with program at 1:30pm
 Perham Center for the Arts
 (formerly St Stanislaus Catholic Church)
 Located on North County Hwy 8 at the North
 edge of Perham
 Free food and lots of fellowship to be shared!
 RSVP: Diana Osterfeld 218-371-6460
 OR dosterfeld@hotmail.com

Cologne Leo Club

P.O. Box 174
 Cologne Mn, 55322



Greetings Fellow Lions,
 The Cologne Lions are proud to
 announce the Charter Night of the
 Cologne Community Based Leo
 Club. We are warmly extending
 this invitation to your club to come share in our night.
 International Director Brian Sheehan will be doing the
 Induction Ceremony.

Date: Friday June 29th, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:45pm Social

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Place: Cologne Community Center
 1211 Village Pky Cologne Mn. 55322

Menu: Broasted Chicken and Ham
 Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Coleslaw,
 Dinner Roll and Dessert.

Cost: \$10.00

Please rsvp no later than Monday June 25 to:
 Lion Anna Wickenhauser
 lionannaw@gmail.com
 13650 County Road 41
 Cologne Mn. 55322

54,000 COOKIES IN 30 YEARS!
 The **Aitkin Riverboat Lions**, which began as
 the Lioness Club, celebrated 30 years of
 providing the canteen for the American Red
 Cross Bloodmobile, which visits twice a year to
 receive blood donations from members of the
 Aitkin community. The club members each
 bring 3 dozen cookies to the drive to serve with
 coffee, juice, chips, and other snacks. Over the
 last 30 years, an average of 25 members have
 each baked 36 cookies for a total of 900 per
 visit, multiplied by 30 years equals 27,000 twice a
 year, making a total of 54,000 cookies. That is a
 lot of flour and sugar! Some donors say the
 homemade cookies are the reason they come.
 The VFW and Roadside Cafe donate soup each
 day for the staff members, which is greatly
 appreciated, and always delicious.

Photos below.



A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR/DIVA

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. I have had so much fun preparing your newsletter and learning about each and every club. I look forward to another exciting year and hope that you will enjoy looking through your newsletter as much as I enjoy creating it. With the change in officers coming soon I would like to let you know that if you are currently receiving the newsletter emailed directly from me I will continue to do so even if you are no longer a President or Secretary. I will be adding the new officers to my current mailing list. If you are reading this and would like to receive the newsletter directly from me via email please send me a request to: 5m9newsletter@gmail.com

Cycling for Leader Dogs

Most of us probably had a “back to school” assignment as children where we were asked to write about, “What I did over my summer vacation?” This fall, La Center, Washington school superintendent Mark Mansell will have plenty to talk about if he was asked to complete the same assignment.



He is planning on riding his bicycle from Portland, Oregon across the country all the way to Portland, Maine or approximately 3,500 miles. “I enjoy challenges and I love to learn”, Mansell said. “Given the chance to attempt something like this is a very special opportunity that is extremely exciting.”

Putting in the miles is just part of the challenge Mansell is putting before himself. He is also a member of the La Center Lions Club and has decided to raise money for Leader Dogs for the Blind. “Given the time commitments of my job, I have not really been able to participate in many Lion’s functions beyond our local community. When my school board gave me a two month sabbatical, I jumped at the idea of working to support Leader Dogs”, Mansell said.

The goal is to raise at least \$35,000 in order to help someone in need to receive a service dog. To achieve this goal, Mansell (with the support of his home club and interested clubs along the trip route) will work to secure nearly 1,000 sponsors as part of a “penny per mile” for Leader Dogs effort. All donations of \$35 or more will receive a *Cycling for Leader Dogs* vest pin commemorating this solo cross-country bicycle trip.

RIGHT: On May 5th the **Baxter Lions** attended the Cando Canine Tails to Tell tour. It was a very interesting tour especially about the Diabetes Assist Dogs that help people with Type I Diabetes. Diabetes Assist Dogs are trained to sniff for a specific scent on the human breath that is related to rapidly dropping or low blood sugar levels. They are trained to “alert” the person by touching them in a significant way, such as pawing at them, licking their face, or nudging a hand. The canine partner can also be taught to retrieve juice or a snack, get an emergency phone, or get help from another person in the house.

We recommend the tour to all Lions.

Baxter Lions have completed the planting of the white pine trees. Present was the Public TV station from Bemidji. Also present was Jake Frie from the Crow Wing County Natural Resources. Jake taught us how the trees should be planted.

The TV station recorded the process and it was on the news. The Lions who were at the location and Planted the trees were: Con, Marlene, Jim Klein, Jerry Lessee, Gordie Schulke, Christi Lou, Sandy, Pat S., Babe, Rennee, Dewy, & Dale. It took us a little over an hour to plant the trees.

We all had FUN!!!

Lion Dale

Good Job!

Here is the direct link to the planting.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSCGFM7xg3I&feature=player_embedded
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSCGFM7xg3I&feature=player_embedded



LEFT: The **Baxter Lions** participated in the Good Samaritan Bowl at Jack’s House in Brainerd on Sunday, May 6th. We raised \$995 and got the Service Award bragging rights trophy. Lion Dale Eberhadt and Lion ChristyLou Heidelberger are holding the trophy. Bowling team consisted of Lions Dale Eberhadt, ChristyLou, Betty Holden, Rene Rolfes, Sue Stebbins, Con Molin and Dick Stebbins.



District Governor Margaret's Visit Request Form for 2012-2103

Club Name _____

Club Meeting Location _____

Dates for Club visit in order of preference: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Time Club meeting begins _____ am or pm

When does your social hour begin? _____ am or pm

Do you have a Board of Directors meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like the Governor 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 Governors visit?

Please list the other clubs _____

Lion, Lioness, or Leo requesting the Governors visit _____

Club contact Telephone # _____ email address _____

Will the Governor be expected to install officer? Yes _____ No _____ if yes, please send an additional letter stating the names of the new inductees. 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 award. (Please have awards, certificates, pins, or changes in installation or inductee ceremony available when we arrive for the Governors visit.)

.....
Please return this Governors request ASAP, preferably before Oct. 15th so I can schedule club visits. I will correspond with your club as to which date works well for me. Remember, the earlier I get your request form, the easier it will be for me to fulfill your first request. Peter and I are looking forward to your club meeting and anxious to meet new Lions, Lioness, Leos, and guests.

Please mail forms to District Governor Margaret Van Erp or e-mail them to me at petemarg@arvig.net
My telephone number is: 218-385-2446

You can count on us arriving early to familiarize ourselves with your meeting room and organize club meeting requests.

Sincerely,

District Governor Margaret Van Erp

Governor's Contest 2012-2013

The purpose of the District Governor's Contest is to encourage Clubs to maintain their activities and functions at the highest level in support of Lionism and its Objectives. A yearly award is issued to one Club in each zone that has earned the most points. Points are issued by reporting to Lions International and the District, the clubs participation in all local, district, and multiple district activities and programs. Every club is automatically a participant in the contest. The duration of the contest, is one year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30th, 2012. The District Governor's Contest is meant to be fun and there are several ways to earn points. Points are issued in the following categories: Membership, reports, Convention Attendance, Service, Donations, and Programs. Only activities reported on the **5M9** Monthly Activity Report count. For those that submit the Activity report online, there is a link on the district website that has tips on entering the information.

Points are earned in the following ways: **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EARNING POINTS:** Activities must be reported on the 5M9 monthly Activity Report to count.

Membership:

New members 10 points and Induction of those new members, 20 points. A loss of members results in losing 10 points per member lost. Sponsoring a New Club, Branch, or Leos club, 200 points.

Hold a membership drive-25 points

Reports: Copies must be mailed (email or regular mail) each month to the District governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, Zone Chairs and Contest Chair. The monthly 5M9 MA will automatically go to the above persons, but none of the other reports do!

MMR – 20 points by the end of the month

5M9 Activity Report – 10 points by the end of the month

LCI International Activity Report – 10 points by the end of the month

Club Newsletter – 5 points

PUI01 by March 31st – 50 points

Payment of semiannual dues: paid by 09-01-2012 and 02-01-2013 – 20 points each

Convention Attendance:

Mid-Winter Convention – 10 points each member.

First Timer at Mid-Winter – 30 points each.

Attendance at MD5M Convention – 10 points.

Attendance at the USA/Canada Forum or at the International Convention – 50 points.

Attending a neighboring district' mid-winter – 30 points each visit

Community Service:

Each Service, activity or fund Raiser hour worked-5 points

Donations: 10 Points each (District Projects only to allow a level playing field to all clubs).

LCIF

MN Vision Foundation (formerly eye bank)

LEHP

MN Hearing Foundation

Leader Dog

Can-Do-Canines

MN Diabetes Foundation

Youth Outreach

Youth Exchange

Kamp KACE

Project New Hope

Meetings:

Club visitation assigned by Zone Chair (minimum of 4 members to call it an official visit) —10 points per member attending.

Each member attending zone mtg—10 pts

Bonus for each new member attending their 1st zone mtg. and extra 10 pts,must be recorded on 5M9 MA

Bonus,extra 10 pts for each Officer that attends,must be recorded on 5M9 MA

Programs: Regular & Lions: Lions Programs on 'Lion Things' at club meetings – 15 points. (Briefly tell about the program and who presented it,)

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Alert

Environmental

Global Membership Team

(membership or retention presentation)

Global Leadership Team

(orientation or leadership presentation)

Communications Team of Technology, Public relations and newsletter

Scheduling a Lions program at the Zone Meeting Program Fair- 25 pts for each program

Regular Programs: any program not listed under 'Lion Things'. – 10 points.

Hosting:

Cabinet Meetings – 25 points

Zone meeting – 25 points

Mid-Winter Convention – 200 points

Youth Activity:

Mid-winter poster – 10 points

Peace Poster – 20 points

Lions Quest Program – 50 points
Host a Youth for Youth Exchange – 75 points

Send a youth out for Youth Exchange – 40 points

EVERYTHING COUNTS

The MMR, International activities and 5M9 activity reports received after the last day of the month will receive ½ of the points otherwise would of received. Any time spent on **Lions' Projects, Service activities, and Program Speakers.** Everything done for your Lions Club by your members receives points in the District Governors Contest. **HOWEVER, IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON YOUR 5M9 Monthly Activity Report you WILL NOT receive credit for any hours.** Proper recording insures credit for each hour dedicated to Lions. On the Activity report, the following guidelines should be followed.

Upcoming Activities with dates & activity need to be listed. Example- March 8th- Pancake Breakfast-Include the activities you will be doing for the next month or so. –

Completed Activities – make sure the total hours spent on the activities is included. Example, Monthly meeting 32 members 32 hours. Do not count hours already reported if a project or activity covers more than one month include only the hours spent during the reporting month. All completed activities, Service hours and activity hours, fund raisers will all count as 5 pts for each hour.

Church work, unless done as a Lion (with vest on) will not be counted.

Contributions – name and Dollar amount – List all donations even if there are no points awarded. **Programs** – Meetings only – (Leader Dog, Diabetes, Boy Scouts, etc.) Note if you have new Member Orientation so the proper points will be awarded. All the work put in by individuals is vital to maintaining a successful club. The District Governor's contest is a way of monitoring the activity of each club and provides the club with a history of project and activity involvement that will prove to be invaluable in planning future events.

The District Governor's Contest encourages Clubs to maintain their activities and functions at the highest level in support of Lionism and its Objectives. An award is given to one club in each zone who has earned the most points. The points are earned by reporting the clubs participation in local, district and international programs and events. The contest makes it more fun to compete with other clubs while performing usual activities. Through it all, enjoy being Lions and remain active in your community – Have Fun. It you need additional information, contact Joyce Ramsay @ 218-538-6694 or email:

jkramsay70@gmail.com. The District Governor, VDG's and their partners in service visits are NOT eligible for points, unless they go to an event representing their club and not the Dist. The Cabinet members & Program Chairs visits are eligible for points.



Wadena COL panel of experts L-R ZC Jerry Smith, Lion Tracey Buhl, Lion Mike Monsrud, PCC Eldon Bergman



Aitkin Riverboat Lions 'Serving' at their Salad Luncheon



COL attendees in Crosby



COL attendees at Wadena

The College of Leadership went well!

There were over 160 participants from 44 Clubs who came to prepare themselves as New Officers and Leaders for their Clubs. A lot of Fun was had with the "Meet the Press" Panel of Experts who gave their Opinions on some Excellent LIONS Questions

Thanks again to the Cuyuna Range Lions, Wadena Lions and Vergas Lions for Hosting these great Sessions.

LIONS & KAMP KACE

The sound of kids having fun and enjoying the summer activities is here. With schools out for the year here come summer camps. A week where kids can be themselves from sunrise to sunset and renew old friendships.

Kamp KACE is like every other summer camp with one exception. The majority of the kids attending have cancer. The Lions have been helping out at the camp for almost 25 years now. Kim Belgarde, Camp Director, has stated on many occasions that without the support of the Lions many of the projects that we run at the camp would not be held.

What we do at the camp can be best summed up in two words, **"WE SERVE"**.

On **Sunday** night we kick off the camp with an ice cream social. About 150 campers and staff enjoy a bowl of ice cream with a large selection of toppings. The Lions supply all of the fixings and it takes 6 to 8 Lions to serve.

On **Monday** we take pictures of all of the campers and staff. Each camper at the end of camp receives a picture of the entire group and a picture of their cabin and counselors. Monday night we provide them with pizza & dilly bars for their meal. We usually have one or two Lions taking pictures and one or two more delivering the pizzas and ice cream.

Tuesday is the big day for Lions. Tuesday afternoon we take all of the campers fishing. We provide everything for them, fishing poles, life vests, bait and treats while fishing. Typically, we need between 15 to 20 boats or pontoons on this day with a captain and first mate on each boat. On shore we have another 10 to 15 people cleaning all of the fish that the kids have caught.

Wednesday is the fish fry. The fish caught the previous day is cooked up and served for the Wednesday night supper. We need 6 to 8 lions to help bread and fry the fish.

Thursday is the "Academy Awards

Dinner" where we provide the servers for this meal. We need 6 to 8 people to help with this event.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP? We need boats, Captains and first mates for fishing and people for fish cleaning. If you can help us out please contact **Lion Randy Buhl @ 218-841-2605**

or Lion Jay Norby @ 218-234-7441. We can always use more help for any of the other events. The more helping hands the lighter the workload. And last but not least, we can use donations of pop, candy, snacks and chips for the kids. If you or your club can help or would like a schedule of times for all of the events please contact **Jay Norby at the number listed or e-mail ljnorb@eot.com.**



Do you give donations to the American Diabetes Association? What do they do with the money?

The American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Area is currently planning our two largest programs of the year: Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint and our Diabetes Expo. As Lions Club members I would like you to see how your dollars are being spent. I personally want to invite you to visit one or both of these programs this year.

Camp Needlepoint sessions are Sunday, August 12 to Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19 to Saturday, August 25. Since registration and camper pick-up are scheduled for the Sundays and Saturdays, we ask that you schedule a day during the week. Your trip to camp will include a tour of the camp facility, lunch with the campers and an opportunity to meet the medical staff, counselors and campers. Camp is located just south of Hudson, Wisconsin. Contact Chris Schaefer at 1-888-342-2383, ext. 6592 or by email at cschaefer@diabetes.org to schedule your club's visit. We ask that you not show up without first contacting us as we need to know who is on-site for the safety of the campers and staff. Talk to the campers you sponsor and hear firsthand what the experience means to them.

Our annual Diabetes Expo will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Minneapolis Convention Center. It is billed as "the Home & Garden show of diabetes" and includes workshops, cooking & fitness demonstrations, free health screenings, an "Ask the Expert" area, and over 70 vendors of diabetes products and services. Last year over 8,400 people attended; we're expecting more this year. Lions can get involved in several ways:

We invite you as a 5M Lion to come to learn more about diabetes. We need many day-of-event volunteers for this activity. Lions Clubs in may want to volunteer as a club. Many clubs helped last year and by wearing their vests gained more recognition for Lions Clubs. Volunteer for a few hours (time slots are 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM or 11:30 AM – 3:15 PM) or for the entire day. Please contact me at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or at cschaefer@diabetes.org if you or a club would like to volunteer. This year the 5M Lions Clubs will also be having a booth at EXPO! Several areas outside of the Twin Cities worked on organizing buses to and from the Expo for members of their community. Clubs from several communities in your District could set up a bus route with several stops to pick up people. Work with your local clinics, hospitals, churches, etc. to get the word out. If you are thinking about having a bus please contact me at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or cschaefer@diabetes.org for more information. All people will have free admission to the Expo and there will be free bus parking at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

PUBLIC RELATIONS TIP - PHOTOS

- Use a digital camera when possible. Digital photos are easy to send, save and store. Submit digital photos as attached files. Do not cut and paste them into an e-mail.
- Use only clearly focused photographs.
- Shoot candid rather than posed photos. While posed and group shots may be used in club bulletins, candid shots are much more interesting. Many publications will not use posed photos.
- If you must pose people, make the photos look as natural as possible by having them do something. Carefully frame the photos so some people aren't cut off.
- Get as close to the action as possible.
- Limit the number of people and don't include too much background.
- Shoot a lot of photos and select the best shots.
- Call your local newspapers to see if and how they accept electronic photos.



Please submit stories, photos with captions, ads and other material to the editor/diva before the 15th of the month for the following months newsletter.

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