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5 M 9 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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## *What Every Lion Should Know About Lions*

Our 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members make us the world's largest service club organization. We're also one of the most effective. Our members do whatever is needed to help their local communities. Everywhere we work, we make friends. We help children who need eyeglasses, seniors who don't have enough to eat and help people we may never meet.

Your Lions Club is part of a District which contains 64 Lions Clubs, 1 Lioness Club and 3 Leo Clubs. We are known as District 5M9.

Your District is part of a Multiple which is known as MD5M (Multiple District 5M). It is all of Minnesota, Manitoba and NW Ontario. We are 1 of 8 International Multiple Districts. In our Multiple there are 12 Districts. Each District has a District Governor that meets 4 times a year at a Council of Governors meeting. These meetings are led by a Council Chairman who is elected from the preceding years District Governors.

Each District must maintain no less than 1250 Lions members and 35 clubs to keep their District in status quo.

Every year, each District holds a Mid-Winter Convention. Every Lion is encouraged to attend their Mid-Winter. Speakers are brought in to provide you with information about Lions that you would not receive from your club. There is also entertainment, displays, visiting with other Lions and lots of fun.

Every year, the Multiple holds an MD5M Multiple Convention. Lions are encouraged to participate in this convention for it has information on a larger scale than the Mid-Winter Conventions.

All Lions clubs are looking for new members and to bring back previous members who have left the club. It starts by inviting one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join. Give them the opportunity to be a Lion, and give your club the opportunity to grow. **Ask 1** is the slogan for this Lions year to help us reach our goal so explore Lions by going to [www.LCI.org](http://www.LCI.org) then **ASK ONE** today!

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# Pressing on in Service

District Governor—Gloria Anderson



June – the end of one Lions year and the stepping stone to the new Lions year. Let's keep on recruiting new members and retaining our current members. We are excited about the prospect of a new Lions Club in 5M9 – Rothsay. We just need to get a few more to sign up and then we can charter.

June is also the end of my year serving 5M9 as your District Governor. It is a happy and yet sad time. Since this is my last article for the newsletter, it is my thank-you article. There are many to thank.

**Thank you,** DGE Jay and PDG Linda, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Dick and Lion Sue, for serving with PDG Ken and me as the DG Team for 2014-2015. It has been a privilege and honor to lead our great district with you. It's been an awesome year – you each took on your duties and fulfilled them without hesitation!! Our district is in very capable hands with both of you and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Tom and Lion Michele to lead us. Have a wonderful year!

**Thank you,** IPDG Don and Lion Pat Hendrickx for all your mentoring and encouragement (perhaps some exasperation with all my questions). You always shared with me your thoughts when I was concerned with something.

**Thank you,** Cabinet members, for the roles you took this past year. When asked to serve, your answer was yes. Then you continued to promote Lions and your particular project. Your time and energy to accomplish this was very generous from each of you.

**Thank you,** Clubs of 5M9 – your support this past year has truly been appreciated and welcomed. We have so many wonderful memories and will store them in our “Lifetime of Memories” thoughts. Thank you for all you do for your Lions promotions in each of your communities. **“Just Ask 1”** and continue to **“Keep One”**.

**Thank you,** to my home club, Bluffton Lions, - for certainly without your support and backing, this past year would not have been realized. Thank you for all you did.

**Thank you,** to my partner-in-service, PDG Ken, for your support and guidance. None of this would have happened without your encouragement to “go for it”. You have always been there to give advice and suggestions, help keep me organized and yes – drive me to the many functions we attended. As I said, you definitely have been my “right hand.”

We both are continuing on in Lions – I will be one of the MD5M Hearing Foundation Trustees with PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby and Ken will be the Leo Clubs Chair. So you will still see us at various meetings.

July, I officially become IPDG. I have now come full circle: “Wannabee” – “Willabee” – “Ammabee” – and now “Wassabee”. It's been a great circle and thanks for the memories. We have indeed **“Strengthened Our Pride.”**

*DG Gloria and PDG Ken Anderson*



**I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.**

Here it is, the final article as 1<sup>st</sup> VDG. This year has gone by so fast. I want to take this opportunity to thank District Governor Gloria for a great year. I have learned so much this year from her. Hers will be some big shoes to fill this upcoming year.

I am looking forward to this next year working with the DG team. I know that we will hit the road running to make sure we continue the amazing legacy of District 5M9. Dick Stebbins and Tom Plagman and I are going to continue to represent the Lions of District 5M9 to the best of our ability.

One of my goals this year is to make sure that everything we do is for the betterment of our members in District 5M9. We are here to serve the membership. If anyone has ideas or suggestions as to what you would like the leadership team to do please let any of us know and we will try to make it happen.

It is time to start thinking about our Mid-Winter Convention in January, 2016. This convention is going to be for **ALL** of the Lions of 5M9. It is the time that we celebrate all that you do for your communities, our country and the world. The convention committee is working very hard to plan this convention with you in mind. Please take a good look at attending this convention. We will have fun, surprises and educational opportunities for all attending.

Our newsletter editor was mentioned in another newsletter in Topeka, Kansas. The Topeka editor stated that "it was nice to see ANOTHER Lions newsletter that was fresh and a "bit off the wall." Congratulations to 5M9 Newsletter Editor Lion "Diva" Tracey Buhl. It is great to see other Lions recognize what a great newsletter we have and that yes, perhaps, our editor is a little "off the wall."

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dick, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tom and I are looking forward to this next year, 2015-2016, and we want to thank DG Gloria for all the help she has given us to make us the best we can be for this next year. We have one month left to make sure DG Gloria goes out with a bang.

**Let's get on board THE 5M9 express.**

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jay**



# Richard the Lionhearted

Vice District Governor Elect - Dick Stebbins



Isn't it great to be a Lion?

The Leadership team has been enjoying the Zone Meetings in our District 5M9, this spring. What an awesome district we have. I am so proud of what our clubs are all doing for their communities. What you are doing in your communities is what Lions is all about. We serve our communities well! Having pride in what we do, in our clubs and especially, pride in ourselves, makes it great to be a Lion!

We are looking forward to the Brainerd Leo's Club charter night and proud that our granddaughter will become a member. There are several service projects they have already planned. They have a great leadership team and the Leo's are so excited to become part of our Lions' world. I can see great things being accomplished by them!

Have you been taking pictures of your club doing your community service projects? Submit these photos through the LCI website and you could be featured in the LION Magazine or on the LCI Facebook page. How exciting to be recognized all over the world! Public Relations are a great tool for your club. Of course, using these same pictures in your local newspaper and our 5m9 newsletter is another excellent way to get your Lions Club recognized for the important work you do for your hometown. Our communities reap benefits as a result of the services we perform as Lions. The pictures are best for printing if they are close, clear and are action shots.

I am looking forward to the D-Feet walk on June 6, 2015 at the beautiful University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, as we walk to "D-Feet Hearing Loss". I see several clubs and teams are already registered to walk and look forward to seeing you there.

Lion Sue and I want to thank all the Lions in our district for the support, encouragement and friendship you have shown us this past year. The year went by fast and already we are thinking of the new Lions year starting in July. We look forward to the new challenges and seeing you at different events this coming year. Remember, we are here to serve you so if you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask.

**FARE THEE WELL**

**1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT DICK STEBBINS**

## Upcoming Webinars

If you missed your Leadership training in Wadena or Bluffton you can participate in these webinars on your computer at home! Invite other club members to join you.

### **LCI Leadership Development Presents: Club Officer Training Intensive Webinar Series!**

**Club Secretary Training—New for 2015!** Wednesday, June 3rd and 10th. New and returning club secretaries will not want to miss this foundation of skills and knowledge for the year ahead! Review MyLCI features and functions important to club secretaries.

**The Role of Club Treasurer—New for 2015!** June 4th and 11th. Get your club off to a great financial start and stay there! Review MyLCI features and functions important to club treasurers.

**Club President--Leader and Manager** June 15th and July 7th. Prepare to make a positive and lasting impact as club president!

See more at:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/leadership-webinars.php#sthash.Gd7528Zv.dpuf>

## Revised Suspension Policy

The Board of Directors amended the suspension policy that affects clubs that have not paid their club balances in a timely manner. The current policy is as follows:

A Club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 120 days will be automatically suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligation of the Lions Club. In the event, the Club does not reach an active status by the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month following suspension; their charter would be automatically canceled.

Beginning July 1, 2015, clubs will automatically be placed on Financial Suspension if balances beyond 90 days are equal to or exceeding US\$20/member or \$1,000 or greater, and cancellation will occur after the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. As a result, anticipated high suspension will be reported in October and April. Also, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.

Suspension is the temporary deferment of the charter, rights, privileges and obligations of a Lions club due to an unpaid balance.

Clubs on suspension shall not:

- (a) Conduct service activities
- (b) Conduct fund raising activities;
- (c) Participate in district and multiple district functions or seminars;
- (d) Participate in any voting procedures outside of the club
- (e) Endorse or nominate a candidate for district, multiple district and international office;
- (f) Submit Monthly Membership Report and report forms;
- (g) Sponsor a Lions club, or organize a Leo or a Lioness club.

Clubs on Suspension shall:

- (a) Hold meetings to discuss the future of the club and identify the steps needed to regain an active status.
- (b) Make payments to clear the existing outstanding balance, or request a payment plan.

This amended policy has serious consequences for clubs that are in arrears in paying their club balances. To rectify this past due condition, clubs placed on suspension may regain an active status by paying the balance in full. A re-activation report will not be required to regain an active status; however, officers should immediately review and update the membership roster after a Club is released from Suspension. Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and consider paying online. Beginning July, 2015, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation. Clubs should work to avoid cancellation at all times.

Please feel free to contact us at [membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org) should you require additional information. We trust all clubs will review their statements regularly, and will send the necessary payments to ensure their active status is protected.

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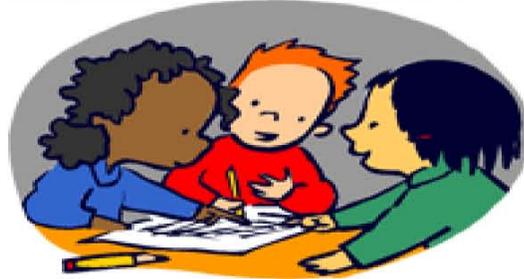
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# Ladies Luncheon

## Sunday, July 12, 2015

Bluffton Community Center

**Noon - Luncheon & Program**

**Minnesota Youth Outreach Scholarship Program: District Co-Chair Lion Pat Hendrickx will speak on the Youth Outreach Scholarship**

**Silent Auction \* Door Prizes \* Dress in Sunday Best**

**Tickets - \$14.00 donation**

Proceeds from tickets go toward District Youth Outreach Scholarship Program



**To RSVP or purchase tickets, contact:**  
Margaret Van Erp, Bluffton Lions secretary  
38214 610th Ave, Bluffton MN 56518 or (218) 385-3446



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Garrison Lions Community Clean-Up Day

June 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon  
(Please note new hours)

**VFW** parking lot, rain or shine!

Can't find the time to make a trip to the landfill?  
"Let us help by bringing the landfill to you."

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Appliances

Mattresses

Batteries

Old Computers

Scrap Metals

Tires & Bikes

Couches & Chairs

Construction Materials

**NO CHEMICALS OR PAINTS, PLEASE!**

Nominal fees will be assessed by the load.

Any questions call: 218-764-2237; 320-692-4208;  
218-678-3727

**PERHAM LIONS  
1ST ANNUAL**



**June 20th**

**Perham Center for the Arts  
(Old St. Stans Church)**

**Cost: \$8.00**

**Serving Chicken, Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato  
Salad, and all the trimmings!**

**Event starts at 10:00 am with  
Vendor Presentations & Food  
Silent Auctions  
Musical Presentations**

**Meal Serving: 4:00 pm—7:00 pm**

**\$10,000 drawing at 6:30 pm**

**Proceeds will benefit the  
PERHAM CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**PERHAM LIONS  
3RD ANNUAL**



**July 11, 2015**

**Old United Community Bank  
Parking Lot Down Town  
Cost: \$1/rib OR \$11/rack**

**Serving Ribs, Beans, Chicken, Turkey,  
Cole Slaw, and all the fixins!**

**The “cook off” cooks will start at daybreak  
preparing the ribs.**

**Serving will begin at 4:00 pm  
until the ribs are gone!**

**There will also be music and cool refreshments  
provided by The Brew.**

**Proceeds will benefit the  
PERHAM HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND**

**DON'T FORGET**

- ⇒ Plan NOW to attend 2016 MidWinter Convention at Cragun's Resort, Brainerd
- ⇒ Send pictures and stories to [5m9newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:5m9newsletter@gmail.com)
- ⇒ “JUST ASK” community members to join Lions
- ⇒ Would you like to be a part of the team to judge Brag Books and Newsletters at the next MidWinter Convention?  
Contact Tracey Buhl at [5m9newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:5m9newsletter@gmail.com)



# CLUB ACTIVITIES

The **OTTER TAIL LIONS** recently presented awards to their members with the assistance of District Governor Gloria Anderson. Many Awards were presented to many deserving Lions.



Welcome 4 new members pictured with their sponsors.



Ken & Gwen Grewe received the Leader Dog Award.



Dennis Euteneuer



Helen Euteneuer



Howard Maki



Barb Lockwood

All received the Can Do Canine Top Dog Award



Jacki McAllister



Becky Walker



Shirley Smith



Jerry Martin received Lion of the Year

All received Special Recognition Awards for dedication to serving others.



John Walker received MN Hearing Foundation Award



President Richard Bosse received a Melvin Jones Fellowship



2nd VP Diane Tix received the MN Diabetes Foundation Dream Catcher Award



Laurie Woessner received a Project New Hope Award

# CLUB ACTIVITIES



Left: **OSAGE LIONS** Dale Kind (left) and Larry Frehse assist in cleaning up the Osage Beach on Straight Lake in Osage, MN in conjunction with Earth Day. This beach has been an ongoing maintenance project of the **Osage Lions** for many years. A few years back the benches were replaced and 2 years ago a retaining wall was installed to prevent erosion.

If you pass by on State Highway 34 on any hot summer day you will see it is well utilized by the Osage Community!

Right: **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** will Celebrate **100 years in 2017!** Leading up to this Grand Celebration, LCI is challenging and awarding Lions Clubs who take an active role in strengthening and improving their Communities.

One Special Recognition is the **Centennial Service Challenge Award**. To earn this award a club must address some special areas of need in their community.

- \* Sharing the Vision of Lions
- \* Protect the Environment
- \* Relieve Hunger
- \* Engage the Youth

The **PARKERS PRIDE OF LIONS** was able to address all of these areas of concern and worked hard to help Parkers Prairie become a valued community. President Kelly accepted the Award and Banner Patch from LCI. PDG Jim Arvidson presented the award.



Left: **PILLAGER LIONS CLUB** recently awarded 5 \$1000 scholarships to area students. Congratulations to the 5 seniors. L-R: Jordan Engholm, Kate Foehrenbacher, Pillager Lions President Doug Allen, Michael Rasinski, Raymond Rohl, 3rd Vice President Les Swift, and Ina Ronnebaum.

District Governor Gloria Anderson visited the **CASS LAKE LAKE COUNTRY LIONS CLUB** in May for their awards night and assisted by presenting many awards to some very deserving Lions.

Pictured Right are District Governor Gloria Anderson, Lion Luey Kane recipient of the Helen Keller Award and the Presidential Excellence Award, Lion Renee Wittner recipient of the Quiet Lion Award and Lion Carolyn Hegland recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.



# CLUB ACTIVITIES



The **DEERWOOD LAKES LIONS** spent an afternoon/evening entertaining the little ones for **Project New Hope at Camp New Hope**. There were about 12 children attending. They did puzzles, made bracelets & name tags, planted flowers in small pails and decorated them for the centerpieces on the tables. They also made smores at the bon fire.

Pictured left: Donna S, Carroll K, Diann B, Kay B, Cathy McD and Nancy C decided to go camping in the tent. It was a little too small for all.

Right: The **DEERWOOD LIONS** have won the Traveling Trophy at their last 3 Zone Meetings for the most attendees. Proud Lions!!!



Left: These **DEERWOOD LAKES** ladies are wearing these stylish hats to show they planned to attend their Mothers Day Tea. The Tea is a take on an Old English Tea Time. The attendees arrive in all their finery including hats, gloves, dresses, pearls, (necklace, earrings & bracelets). This years theme was "Hello Dolly" and decorations include dolls from the past, small tea sets, doll buggies, doll houses and more!



The **DEERWOOD LAKES LIONS** presented 2 scholarships to area students. Below is Lions Diann Bates with scholarship recipient Kari Watson, graduate of Crosby/Ironton. Right: is Lion Carol Male, Kira Sluess (graduate daughter) scholarship recipient Karen Vander Sluess, graduate of Crosby/Ironton College and Lion Diann Bates.



Congratulations to both recipients and good luck for a wonderful future!



## UPCOMING DEERWOOD LAKES LIONS ACTIVITIES

**June 15**—Brainerd Pizza Ranch—4:30-8:00 pm. Assisting customers and bussing tables. Come have your dinner with us!

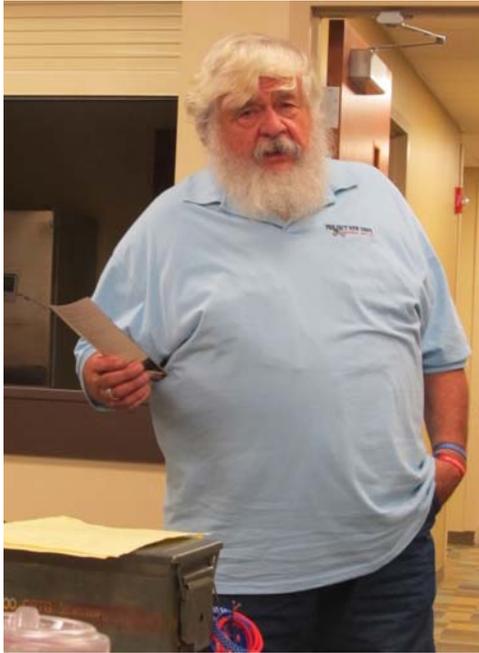
**July 31 & August 1**—East End Cub Foods selling & serving Brats 11 to 5

**August 7-8**—Deerwood Summerfest—9:00 am -3:00 pm each day. A fun filled weekend. Deerwood Lions will host a mini rummage sale, bake sale, and diabetes booth. Come see us in the Auditorium!

# CLUB ACTIVITIES



The **PILLAGER LIONS** installed a new flag pole and flag on May 20, 2015. The flag was installed in the Pillager Park just in time for Memorial Day weekend. Lions Dick Nybakke and Les Swift assisted Dan Sargent from Countryside Flagpole with the installation.



The **PARK RAPIDS LIONS** recently held a Veteran's Appreciation with area Veterans as special guests. Other special guests were (right) Greg Remus, Hubbard Area Veterans Services and (left) Dale Johansen, Project New Hope Chairperson.



(left) The **HEWITT LIONESS CLUB** recently purchased 22 new books for students at the Bertha-Hewitt School. These books were purchased from the schools Spring Book Fair.

Pictured is the Bertha-Hewitt Kindergarten Classroom showing off some of their new books.

The Lioness pictured are Juanita Mitchell, Rose Templin and Karen Ziemkowski.



# Calendar to Go

## June

- 4 Elizabeth Lions  
Steak Fry Picnic &  
Install 2015-2016 Officers
- 6 D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk  
U of M Arboretum
- 8 Merrifield DG Visit
- 13 Henning Lions Rib Dinner
- 15 Bluffton Lions Board Meeting
- 21-25 DG Gloria & PDG Ken  
@ Grand Superior Lodge  
on North Shore
- 26-30 International Convention-  
Honolulu, Hawaii

## July

- 3 Officially IPDG Gloria  
Anderson

**WELCOME INCOMING  
DG JAY!!!**

## HISTORY OF DISTRICT 5M 9

### Part 4

#### 1925-1926

In 1926, the 7th annual convention of the 5th District of Lionism was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, DG Roy B. Marker presiding. A feature of this first time meeting on Canadian soil was the dedication by the Lions of an ornate International Boundary marker on June 13. There were 263 Lions registered for the event, though the 5 Black Hills Clubs, because of the great distance, did not attend.

#### 1926-1927

In 1926-27, the province of Saskatchewan, Canada, was added to the territory of the 5th District and a Lions Club organized at Swift Current, though not in time to be chartered before the 1927 District Convention. Four new clubs were organized in North Dakota, making 10 in that state, 1 in South Dakota, giving it a total of 6, and 1 in Minnesota, making 18 in that state. In his year of stewardship, District Governor, William E. Bek of Grand Forks, North Dakota, spent more than one month of his time and traveled 7,500 miles visiting the clubs of the District.

At that District Convention, the principal question concerned the division of the District into two independent jurisdictions. District Governor Bek recommended that Minnesota, with its 18 clubs, remain the 5th District and that North and South Dakota, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta constitute the 39th District, with 18 Lions Clubs. At a meeting on the Board of Directors of Lions International, held at Mason City some time previous to the Fargo District Convention, a resolution had been adopted making the separation. But the great mass of club members in the District had not known of this action, and the delegates to the convention thought that the membership should have been consulted, though the constitution places the Districts and their boundaries in the hands of the Board. The delegates ignored the division, elected William M. Oates as District Governor for the entire 5th District, and chose Brainerd, Minnesota, for the 1928 convention.

To be continued.....

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