

District Governor Cassandra Remington



5M9 Service Journal



Lions Clubs International

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A message to all Lions from International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

In these challenging times, community has become even more important. We are relying on each other more than ever, which is why your safe service is making such a big difference in people's lives.

Let's keep focused on the health and safety of our families, friends and neighbors. Let's find ways to keep our communities strong. Let's continue to be who we are and what the world needs now—Lions.

Your safe service is making a big impact where you live. The world is looking for good news, so be sure to let your community know how your club is helping.

Here are three ways you can continue to connect with your community:

Social Media – Share your stories of serving safely, and don't forget to use the hashtag **#WeServe** to inspire Lions around the world.

Public Relations – Want to make an even bigger impact? Leverage your local media to help tell your story. Read this great blog to see how you can get noticed with an outstanding media pitch.

Serving Safely – Our newest resource page provides the tools and resources to keep you serving safely in your community so you'll have even more good news to talk about.

Let's stay strong and stay connected with our communities.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

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District Governor Sandy Remington

"Lions Healing the World"



Hello Fellow Lions,

This is my last note in our district newsletter. I've been spending the last month doing a lot of lasts. Last Cabinet Meeting, last Council of Governors Meeting, last newsletter, last of the club meetings and zone meetings as your District Governor.

I'd like to take a little time to reflect on our year together.

Did we meet all of our goals? No. Did we meet or exceed some of them? YES!

LEADERSHIP - We had outstanding leadership at the district, zone and club levels that really helped to get things accomplished. Our Global Action Team and District Governor Team met frequently and initiated several district wide educational events and have already started new projects for the next year. Thank you to both of these groups for an outstanding job.

MEMBERSHIP - We started off great and then started to backslide a little. We recruited like crazy, but had a problem with retention. COVID -19 did not help at the end of our year. We hope to have a new club before the end of the year, and that will help. We won't meet our goal, but we will end the year with a positive growth in membership.

SERVICE - We improved, but can still do better on the reporting of service activities. It has become easier to report our activities and clubs are starting to designate Service Chairs in their list of officers. I encourage you to continue on this improvement.

LCIF - We exceeded the goal of \$50,000 by more than \$25,000. Thank you so much for donations that help others in need.

The year was certainly different from any previous year. COVID-19 changed our meetings from in person, face to face meetings, to virtual meetings. We had our first ever virtual Cabinet Meeting. There was good attendance, and we were able to accomplish what we needed to do. I think we were all pleased with the outcome, even if we couldn't be together.

Club meetings and Zone meetings were the favorite parts of my year. I truly enjoyed meeting all the clubs I visited and seeing how they operated, what was important to their communities, and the similarities and differences between all the clubs. The one big similarity clubs have is the desire to Serve our Youth. Thank you to all the clubs that hosted my visits, all the clubs that hosted Zone Meetings, and all the clubs I will visit in my remaining time. By the way, we have some great cooks in this district!

As your District Governor, I served as Multiple District Liaison for Kid Sight USA. It is my intent that starting in July, I will begin a term as a District Chair on Kidsight USA, replacing PDG Jay Norby and working with Lion Dick Kimball. I have also served on the Legal and the Service Committees for the Council of Governors. I thought, before making decisions on how my vote would affect our district and the Multiple. I tried to vote with my head and my heart, put personal feelings aside, and do what was best for the Multiple and our District. I do not regret any vote I made this past year. This next year will be another unusual and exciting year. I pledge to give my full support to DGE Les and his Global Action Team and District Governors' Team.

Finally, I changed my look again. I shaved my head in support of MN Lions Children's Cancer Foundation. If you have not yet done so already, and are able and willing, donations can be made to the foundation via check to Linda Albrecht Norby at 1021 5th Ave NW, Perham MN 56573. Out of 19 volunteers, 5 were from 5M9. Once again, we are the great ones!!! Thank you to the other four, DGE Les Swift, VDGE Jamie Huttunen, Lions Laurie Kommer and Keith Lillis, for volunteering and to all who have donated to the cause!

Thank you 5M9, for a wonderful year as your representative to the Multiple District and beyond. I remain your biggest cheerleader and applaud you for all your hard work!

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor Cassandra Remington



Facing our Challenges

*District Governor Elect
Les Swift*



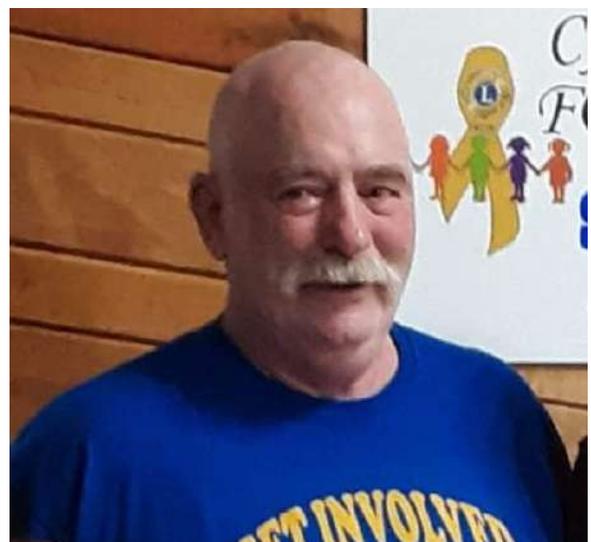
My Lion Family 5M9,

I hope during the times we are going through that you and your families are staying safe and healthy. It has been a life changer for us all but it is now more important than ever to join together as Lions and serve those that need our help. There are new needs to be addressed in our communities. We will have to listen and try to determine where the needs are greatest and where we can do the most good. This will be different in every community, but share with others what you have found to be the greatest need.

On the lighter side of things the Lions of Multiple 5M have joined together and did a video head shave for The MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Inc that was a great success. It is something I hope we can support on a regular basis with donations because the families of these children have so much already to deal with.

So please let us all keep in touch with each other with a phone call, email or any other way you are comfortable with. Keep bringing new ideas to your meeting however you are able to meet.

Lion Les Swift DGE 5M9





1st Vice District Governor Elect
Jamie Huttunen
Lions Building for Service



Hello 5M9 Lions!

I would like to give a big thank you to District Governor Cassandra Remington for her year as being our leader in our 5M9 District this past year. I would like to welcome our new District Governor Les Swift starting July 1 as our new Leader.

It's time to get your club Officers installed for the new year. Did you know a Club Officer Installation Ceremony is a great chance to express gratitude. Recognize members who have provided excellent leadership to the club the previous year. Celebrate the club's service and positive effect on the community. Recognize long-time members of the club for their dedication and service. Provide an opportunity to share club goals and service plans for the next year. It is the club's decision how traditional or formal its club officer installation will be. There are many different installation scripts online, to use at lionsclubs.org. Many clubs reach out to the District Governor, Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs, or Past District Governors to act as installing officers. Many of those folks have experience doing so, and have found or developed creative ways to recognize new officers. If your club has never tried an installation ceremony, I'd ask you to consider giving it a chance. It will help out your new member in your club find out what lions are all about. To the previous board members as they complete their term? An installation Ceremony is a great opportunity to transfer authority and responsibility from current to newly elected leaders in your Club.

Hopefully we can get some pictures for the July newsletter from the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. We have 4 or 5 members of 5M9 doing the fundraiser for Shave for the Brave they're going to put out a video on Facebook.

Have a great June and enjoy the nice weather

Kindness Matters

Lions Building for Service

1st VDGE Jamie Huttunen





2020 College of Leadership



Due to the pandemic, this year's training classes will be held on line.



Club Presidents, Vice Presidents - PDG Jay Norby
Sunday June 7th 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Zoom Meeting



Club Treasurers, Vice Treasurers - PDG Linda Norby
Sunday June 14th 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Zoom Meeting



Club Tail twisters - PID Bruce Beck
Sunday June 14th 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Zoom Meeting



5M9 Happy Hour All Lions are Welcome - DGE Les Swift
Friday June 19th 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Zoom Meeting



Club Service Chairs - PDG Rose Puckett
Sunday June 28th 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Zoom Meeting



Club Membership Teams - Lion Jerry Haase
Tuesday June 30th 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Zoom Meeting



Log-in Information will be sent to the Club Presidents and Secretaries. Please check with them to get the information so you can attend these important training sessions.



We Serve



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Battle Lake Lions

Highway clean-up

Our highway clean-up project took place Thursday, May 7, after having to postpone due to rainy weather. Our section of State Highway 78 in nearly three miles long, so we try to break the distance in to three equal sections.

Those helping were, back row: Jim Braun, Chairman Dean Nelson, Brian and Sally Kvebak, Kelly Hepper and Co-Chairman Gary Widness. Kneeling: Sheila Scheer and Jon Tamke. Others helping were Connie Krusemark (taking the photo) and Tom Boik.



Lions help Battle Lake Food Shelf in big way

During the annual Minnesota FoodShare March campaign the Battle Lake Lions Club has been committed to helping the Battle Lake Food Shelf for many years. This year was no exception, as the club and membership again made a big impact.

At their March Board of Directors meeting they voted to donate \$1,000 from the treasury. Then at the monthly dinner meeting and through mail-in contributions, individual members donated \$890 for a total of \$1,890.00 for the year 2020. The individual donations were down this year because attendance at Lions monthly meeting were limited due to concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2019, the Lions Club made a donation of \$1,000 and the individual club members chipped in a whop-



'Treasurer' Westgard passes

Our Club was saddened with the passing of long-time treasurer, Bob Westgard, who lost his battle with cancer Thursday, April 23. As a tribute to Bob and his family, over 30 members lined the highway as the funeral procession made its way to the cemetery. About one week before his death, Lion Bob was presented with the Helen Keller Sight Award at his home. A \$100 donation was made to LCIF in his honor.

Donation to local scholarship fund

The Battle Lake Lions Club Board voted to donate \$500 towards the Kent-McAllister Scholarship fund this spring. The scholarship was named in memory of two former BLHS teachers. In addition to the Lions donation, many individuals, businesses and members of the school staff also contribute. Generally, nearly a dozen seniors benefit from the scholarships.





Park Rapids Lions donated \$500.00 to the Hubbard County Meals on Wheels program



The **Palisade Lions** were helping our environment today with our socially distant highway clean up! With Donna Redman, Evelyn Ladd, Steven Ladd, Bruce Beck and Joe Pipp! Great job and thank you!





JUNE 7, 2020

LIONS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The foods we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature.

Yet, these are exceptional times in which nature is sending us a message:
To care for ourselves we must care for nature.

It's time to wake up. To take notice. To raise our voices.
It's time to build back better for People and Planet.



MD5M PHOTO CONTEST

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

“UNFORGETTABEL SCENERY – CITY OR COUNTRY”

RULES:

- **Original work of a Lion or Leo Member**
- **Submit name, phone number, district, name of the subject & city or town photo was taken**
- **Only one entry per member**
- **Submit photo by email in digital format, must be minimum resolution of 300 dpi jpeg format to rosepuckett313@gmail.com**
- **No snail mail**
- **Entry implies consent to use for promotional activities**
- **First Place \$50.00 or 11x17 Canvas**
- **Second Place \$30.00 or 8x10 Canvas**



LET'S GET CLICKIN!



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- **Flexible payments** – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.

Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President



The New Date is Set!
October 30-31, 2020
 St Cloud River's Edge Convention Centre



 **Northern Pride**
 Lions Forum
 October 30-31, 2020
<http://www.northernpridelionsforum.com>

Dear Registered Northern Pride Lions Forum attendees,

We are happy to let you know that the Northern Pride Lions Forum has been rescheduled! The new dates are October 30-31, 2020, in St. Cloud. The Forum will take place at the Best Western (Kelly Inn) and St. Cloud Civic Center as previously planned. With this new information some Lions have stated that they wish to continue their current registration and not receive a refund. . **If you plan on staying registered for the event no response is necessary.** The Northern Pride Lions Forum Committee will gladly refund your fee you wish to cancel your registration. Please reply to this email (npllfmd5m@gmail.com) if you desire a refund.

If you stay registered you will need to contact the Best Western (Kelly Inn) and reserve your room 320-253-0606.

Thank you for your patience.
 Northern Pride Lions Forum Committee

Training available for all Lions through
**USA-Canada Leadership
 Forum at
 Lions University**
<http://www.lionsuniversity.org>



Check out the Archived Leadership Development Webinar Recordings

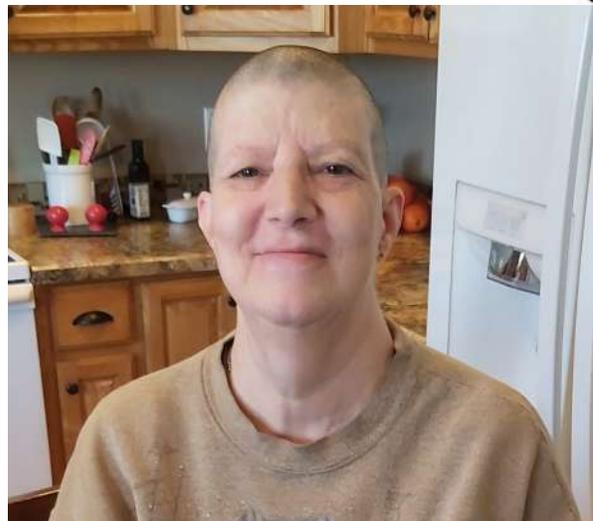
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/archived-leadership-webinars>

Shave for the Brave

This clean shaven looking bunch have just lost their hair in support of Childhood Cancer. There is still time to donate. (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/9pjgq-shave-for-the-brave> (MN)).

Here are 4 of the 5 Lions from 5M9 that have participated in the "Shave for the Brave" Fundraiser for the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. Pictured are Laurie Kommer, DGE Les Swift , 1DGE Jamie Huttunen and DG Sandy Remington.

Keith Lillis is also participating.



Zone Chair's

Happy Anniversary

Rothsay Lions

6-18-2015

Baxter Lions

6-20-1977

Deerwood Lakes Lions

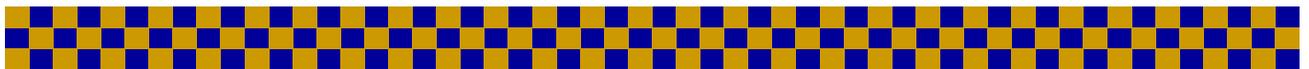
6-28-1999

Dunn Township Dunvilla

6-23-2016



Zone 1 Chair	Les Swift	Zone 6 Chair	Jamie Huttunen
Zone 2 Chair	Tom Brand	Zone 7 Chair	Dennis Breitzman
Zone 3 Chair	Scott Rolfe	Zone 8 Chair	Burke Almquist
Zone 4 Chair	Dick Kimball	Zone 9 Chair	Sean & Melissa Abernathy
Zone 5 Chair	Les and Diane Brietling	Zone Chair Advisor	Jay Norby





Join us online for our
**SUMMER
GRADUATION**

A Virtual Event

Set reminders, view details,
and then attend the event at
graduation.can-do-canines.org

**SATURDAY
JUNE 27
1 p.m.**



While we cannot get together in person right now, we are planning a virtual, interactive graduation event. The event will honor 13 graduates and will include some video of each team working together. We hope to host a more personal event in the future, primarily for the benefit of the clients and the puppy raiser.

Just like our regular graduation, this event will be open to the public. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now! The event will premiere at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2020, and will last about 30 minutes.





We Serve
BRainerd LIONS PLATINUM JUBILEE 1921-2021
RACING TO SERVE – KINDNESS MATTERS

5M9 MIDWINTER CONVENTION REGISTRATION JANUARY 8-10, 2021, AT CRAGUN'S ON GULL LAKE

Name _____ Club Name _____

Please circle one: Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Address _____

City _____ Prov/State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone _____ email _____

2021 Lions Title (District level and/or local) _____

___ This is my first 5M9 Convention

___ I require handicap seating

___ I have dietary needs--Please explain _____

FULL CONVENTION COST
(includes gift bag, all meals and pin)

INDIVIDUAL COSTS (Please check the items included)

Cost until Dec. 1, 2020 \$100.00 _____
 Pine Wood Derby 30.00 _____

Cost Dec 2 – Dec 27, 2020 \$156.00 _____
 Pine Wood Derby \$ 30.00 _____

No refunds after December 27, 2020.

Saturday Breakfast \$16.00 _____
 Saturday Lunch \$29.00 _____
 Governors Banquet \$49.00 _____
 Sunday Brunch \$27.00 _____
 Convention Pin \$ 5.00 _____
 Gift Bag \$10.00 _____
 Pinewood Derby \$30.00 _____
 (includes car)

Total Amount \$ _____

Please return one registration form for each person attending the convention to:

Amanda Bachman, 406 West Washington Suite #5, #216, Brainerd, MN 56401

Checks to be made out to: Brainerd Lions Club

For information or to pay by credit card, call Nancy Cross at 218-829-9079 or

Email: crossn00@gmail.com, there is an additional \$3.00 charge to pay by credit.

Room Reservations: Complete a room reservation form provided by Cragun's. The standard room rate for the 2021 convention is \$98.78, which includes all taxes, per night payable directly to Cragun's.

**PREFERRED LODGING HELD UNTIL
December 4, 2020**

(Room Rates honored after December 4 but
room AVAILABILITY is NOT GUARANTEED)
\$50 deposit required with reservation
Credit/Debit Card/personal check must accompany form.
Deposits will be processed upon receipt of form.

District: Lions 5M
 Club Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Day Phone: _____
 Arrive/Depart Dates: _____ to _____
 E-mail Address: _____

Please print clearly
 Confirmations will be sent to the above e-mail address.
 E-mail address will not be sold, but may be used for special offers by Cragun's.
 Please do NOT send me e-mail specials from Cragun's
**PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION
WITHIN 2 WEEKS FROM THE TIME YOU SEND US THE FORM**

DEPOSIT METHOD OF PAYMENT

All Deposits will be processed upon receipt of form.
 Check (Send with form - Payable to Cragun's)
 Credit/Debit Card (Card charged upon receipt of form)
 Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card Accepted
 Card # _____ Exp. _____
 Cardholder's Name _____

MAIL FORM (No phone reservations)
 Cragun's Resort & Hotel on Gull Lake
 11000 Craguns Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401
 Fax Number: (218) 825-2727
 Website: www.craguns.com
 Questions email: Lbourassa@craguns.com

CRAGUN'S LODGING RESERVATION FORM
 Lions 5M-9 – January 8 - 10, 2021

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Lodging: (Friday and/or Saturday, nightly rates)
- Sales tax

Please X nights to reserve: Friday Saturday

Two-night reservations are given priority lodging.
 Rooms assigned first come, first served. If the type you
 choose is not available, you will be placed in the next
 available type at the adjusted rate.

All Rooms are Non-Smoking - \$300.00 charge for smoking
 in a non-smoking room. Any additional cleaning or
 damage to rooms will be charged accordingly.

Lakeview Fireplace Room: Spacious room with one
 king or two queen beds, fireplace, refrigerator, microwave,
 coffeemaker, TV, balcony on lake side.
 All non-smoking rooms

- \$99.86 per night up to 4 people per room

Pool Area Room: Large rooms with two double beds,
 TV, coffeemaker, refrigerator, microwave, balcony level
 overlook indoor pool.
 All non-smoking rooms.

- \$99.86 per night up to 4 people per room
- *Clubs having hospitality have priority for lower pool rooms.
- *If your club wants a hospitality room, please call Rocky Miles
 @ 218 825-2855.
- *All other pool area rooms are 1st come 1st serve.

**CRAGUN'S WILL PROVIDE ON-SITE
SHUTTLE SERVICE TO / FROM SLEEPING
ROOM & EVENT LOCATIONS**

ROOM OCCUPANTS

Total # of people in room: _____
 Names of all adults and names & ages of kids
 Please List: _____

For safety and security reasons, Cragun's will not assign
 roommates.

EARLY ARRIVAL/STAYOVER RATE

I would like to arrive a day early, Thursday, or stay over
 Sunday, at the special rate of \$99.86 per room (includes
 tax), no meals included. Please X below.

(Room will be held until 12 noon the following day)
 Thursday Sunday

SPECIAL REQUESTS

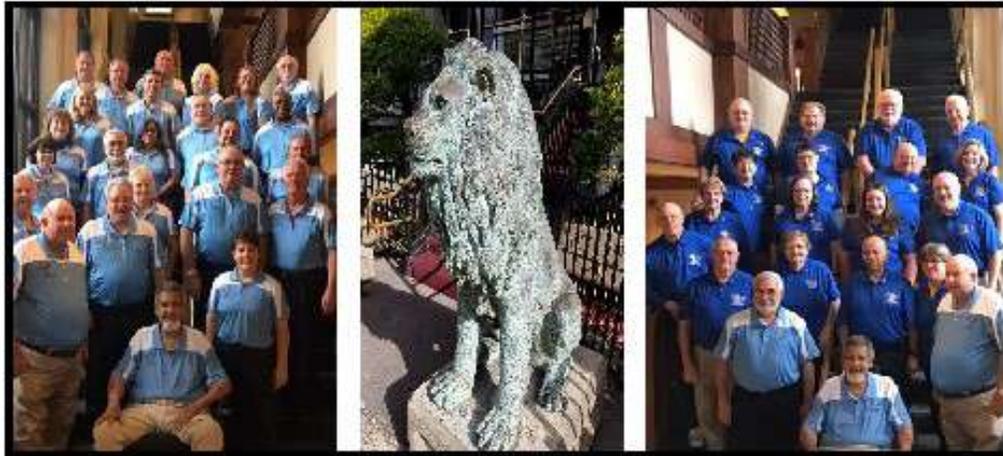
(i.e. room accessibility, dietary needs, etc.)
 Please Explain: _____

**CRAGUN'S HAS A NO PET POLICY
 PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF
 CERTIFIED SERVICE ANIMALS REQUIRED**

Cancellation/Refund/No Show Policy:

- Less than 30 days prior to arrival: NO DEPOSIT REFUND.
- All 30 days or more prior to arrival: REFUND less \$40 processing fee.
- No Show (arrival night) – NO DEPOSIT REFUND
 (Room will be held until 12 noon the following day).
 You are responsible for the dates indicated on this reservation form.
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Complete 1 Form Per Person or Couple.
 Make A Copy Of This Form For Your Records.



Forum Planning Committee

Kentucky Host Committee

**We can't wait to see you,
in Louisville, Kentucky,
for the 44th
USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum!
*September 17-19, 2020***

**Fun, Fellowship and
Fantastic Leadership Seminars!**

Register NOW!!! (Prices will increase in the spring) To register,
visit <https://lionsforum.org/>

Creative Covid-19 Time!



Well with not much to do with the Covid-19 virus going on, I got busy with my sewing machine. I put together a wall hanging of our projects in 5M9 and wanted to share it with the club and district. It really turned out great and I have it hanging in my living room.

Lion Linda Albrecht-Norby PDG

How to submit an article

Please submit material for these sections. by the 15th of each month for the following months newsletter.

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. In photos please put names of who is in it. 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
Submit to: 5m9newsletter@gmail.com

Sue Stebbins editor



DISTRICT GOVERNOR SANDY'S CALENDAR

JUNE

30 End of Lions calendar year

JULY

1 2020-2021 year begins, International and 5m9 dues in effect.



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