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Help Lions Help Others Through LCIF



Joni and I are Lions, but we're parents, too. So it was very gratifying for us when we recently visited a primary school in Nairobi, Kenya, and watched as more than 300 lovely children received vision screenings. Joni and I then had the privilege of giving eyeglasses to the children that needed them. I'm not sure who was smiling more—the children or us. You can smile with pride, too, because the screenings were made possible by LCIF. And LCIF's remarkable service is made possible by Lions such as yourself.

I almost didn't want to tell about this project in Kenya. You may get the wrong idea about LCIF. Kenya is probably not anywhere near you. You may think, "Oh, yes, LCIF helps people far away from here, in undeveloped nations." I am proud that LCIF indeed helps people in dire need in impoverished places. Working through LCIF, Lions restore sight, protect people against measles, help disaster victims get back on their feet and so much more.

But our Foundation also helps millions of people in developed nations. It's active perhaps in your own community or likely a community near you. As just a few examples, LCIF recently awarded \$100,000 to Lions in Colorado to provide vision screening equipment to the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute, \$75,000 to Lions in Ohio to equip a handicapped-accessible playground and \$100,000 to Lions in Toronto, Canada, to provide equipment to a Lions eye care center.

LCIF is Lions' tool for serving on a larger scale than clubs can do on their own. Think of LCIF as a logical extension of the Lions' model. We join a club because our service is more valuable when we unite with like-minded others. We support LCIF because our funds go a lot further when put into common pool. Through LCIF, we help each other help others. We can and do provide services that governments and other civic groups are not able to.

One sure way to Strengthen the Pride is to better understand who we are and what we do. Now that's something to smile about.

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Pressing on in Service

District Governor—Gloria Anderson



Are you ready? Ready for what? you ask. Well, ready for Spring – ready for warmer weather – ready for hibernation to come to an end, for us as well as the animals – ready to jump into outside yard work? Of course, we can't jump into outside work yet as no doubt the snow will still be on the ground and so can't do any raking.

Are you ready - to continue promoting Lions – recruit new members – and retain current members?

Did you "Ask 1" yet? If not, why not?! We all know one person we can ask to join us as Lions. If a club of 20 members each "Ask 1" the result can be 20 potential new members. If half of that number decides to join, that club is now a club of 30 members. Repeat the process and the club jumps to 45 members. A simple plan that works. Think about it. This is a great time of year to hold a membership drive.

The next thing to think about is "Keep 1." Yes, we do want new members – and there are many to ask – but it is very important to keep our current members. Keep them involved. Involved Lions are active and happy members who want to contribute to the club. Show these Lions you value each and every member and encourage them. Members like to know that their opinion is valuable to the club and worth consideration. When Lions are satisfied with their club experiences, they will remain members. If they haven't been coming to meetings, call them, offer to pick them up for the next meeting. There are so many things we can do to keep our members – it just takes a little effort on our part.

March is Eye Donor Awareness Month – a special time to honor donors and their families for giving the gift of sight. Also, very important is donating eyes for research and education as well as for corneal transplants. I think most of us have heard the testimonies from corneal transplant recipients and the wonderful impact this transplant has made in their lives. Our MN Lions Vision Foundation Co-Chairs, PDG Peter Van Erp and Lion Carolyn Hegland, have information on this project.

Don't forget – elections are to be held in March and reported by April 15 to Cabinet Secretary PDG Margaret Van Erp. Once again, I remind you to make sure all names are spelled correctly and have current contact information. LCI uses this information to send out information to clubs and if one number is not correct, that information will not get to the club. Following elections, all officers should make plans to participate in Club Leadership Training. Of course, all Lions are welcome to come and learn about the different positions in leadership of the club. Learn what the duties of each office are and be ready to accept a position when asked. Look for more information on this training in next month's issue.

The final round of Zone Meetings for this Lions year will soon be here. Be sure to attend the one for your zone. Your zone chair will be sending out details such as dates, times, and locations. We are planning to be at each zone meeting and hope to see you all there, too.

One of President Preston's areas for "Strengthen the Pride" is **Rededication**. We have pride not only in the past but also in our present and this will propel us into the future. It is important to remember the legacy of service willed to us by our founder, Melvin Jones. Let's rededicate ourselves to the community and humanitarian codes, objects and principals of our association.

Until next month

DG Gloria Anderson



As we approach spring and another busy summer please take the time to look at your communities and see all that you as Lions have done to help those in need and make your communities a better place to live. Also, ask the question, what we can do, to continue to improve our communities? Ask your local government or county board as to what programs or improvements can be made. Often these ideas get shelved because we answer with, “we can’t afford to do that or we don’t have the manpower to do it”. Look at other community based groups to join forces with to accomplish a large project or goal. We are often accused of being the world’s best kept secret. If you join forces with other groups, before long, everyone will know who the Lions are and what we stand for.

I have had the opportunity to travel around the district this year attending zone meetings, club visits and fundraisers. Please, do not take this as a negative, but why is it when we go to our club meetings or zone meetings that some clubs do not wear their vests or a Lions shirt? These same clubs have fundraisers and again do not wear any Lions clothing and wonder why their club does not get the recognition in their community. Be proud to be a Lion and wear your vests or shirts with pride. If you show your community that you are proud to be a Lion the community will be proud to have a Lions club making the area a better place to work and live.

The next two months are a perfect time to look at holding a membership drive. If you are stuck on what you want to do or how to do it, get a hold of our GMT leader Randy Beaver. Lion Randy has a long list of ideas and suggestions that you can do to entice potential members. Remember, make it fun, educational and keep the time of the presentation to a tolerable limit. “The mind can absorb what the bottom can endure”.

Exciting things are going on in the district. We are close to starting a new Lions club, a new Leos club and we have 11 Lions attending the Lions leadership institute. There may be a few openings left so if you are at all interested get a hold of District Governor Gloria or GLT leader Donald Hendrickx to see if we can still squeeze you in.

Make sure you are holding your elections this month and get your PU101’s in on time. We will be holding our spring leadership forum for all club officers and members coming up. We will be sending out invitations to all clubs with the agenda and there will be something for every Lion.

So.... All Aboard, and let’s keep the 5M9 Express rolling down the tracks.

DGE Jay



Richard the Lionhearted

Vice District Governor Elect - Dick Stebbins



By the time all of you read this newsletter it will be March already. I'm not sure where the month of February went. I know it's a short month but the days are really flying now that we are getting closer to spring, our College of Leadership, spring Zone Meeting and the Leadership Institute.

I hope that all clubs have their nominations of their slate of officers for the 2015-2016 terms. Remember that you need to have the voting done and sent in by April 15th. After your election, make sure that they attend the College of Leadership. It will be in Wadena this year on Sunday, April 26. The last round of Zone meetings is in the making, so make sure to check your emails for that information from your Zone Chairs. Let's have a great turn out at these meetings and support our DG Gloria as these will be her last Zone meetings as our District Governor. She should have some words of encouragement for all of us! The MD5M Multiple is coming up in April in Bloomington. I hope to see many of you there! The Leadership Institute that is held in Mahanomen will be the end of March. This will be a great learning/training for 3 days. We have a good group of Lions going to this training. Lion Sue and I look forward to the experience.

If you haven't checked out the LCI website webinars, please give it a try. They make it very easy to learn in your home. There are various topics on building yourself and club as a Lion. A webinar is a virtual lecture or training session presented live on the Internet, allowing Lions from around the world to learn about and discuss topics that help improve clubs and make an impact. Each session includes a PowerPoint presentation, handouts, video, interactive questions and answers. The webinar is typically led by LCI Headquarters staff, and guest panelists often include Lions and Lions partners.

The new webinar for March is: **Minding Your Members—Leading Strong Teams.** Develop confident and creative Lions teams through intuitive leadership that includes self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and communication skills. Presentations offer practical scenarios in which Lions demonstrate best team leadership practices in everyday club situations.

Intended Audience: All Lions, Register for a session: Wednesday, 3/4 or Friday, 3/13, 7:00pm, CDT. Follow directions on the LCI website to register.

FARE THEE WELL

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT DICK STEBBINS

DON'T FORGET

- ⇒ Plan NOW to attend 2016 MidWinter Convention at Cragun's Resort, Brainerd
- ⇒ PU 101's are due by April 15th to District Secretary, PDG Margaret Van Erp.
- ⇒ Send pictures and stories to 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



CLUB ACTIVITIES

The **Fergus Falls Riverside Lions** took great pleasure in participating with M State and the event "The Empty Bowl" in assisting the Fergus Falls Salvation Army in raising funds for the purchase of a new commercial oven/range for the Salvation Army's kitchen to better serve those in the community.

The event "The Empty Bowl" is a yearly event in which the pottery students of M State College of Fergus Falls have made bowls and soup is made for the event and for a \$15.00 donation you get a great meal and the bowl. City bakery also participates by supplying the rolls. Over the last 10 years "The Empty Bowl" event has raised over \$30,000 which all goes to the Salvation Army. Photo Right (left to right): Chef: Jayne Irwin, Lion Keith Lillis, M State Pottery Teacher: Lisa Sharest, Salvation Army Lt. Linda McCormick



Members of the **Fergus Falls Riverside Lions** participated in the 12th annual Someplace Safe Tea Fundraiser held in Legacy Hall on M State College Campus in Fergus Falls on Valentine's Day. It was Emceed by Kris Warhol who is the founder of Someplace Safe's Tea Fundraiser. There were 32 tables sponsored by various organizations and individuals. Each table seated 8 individuals. (left) Entertainment consisted of a barber shop quartet, silent auction, dance routines by the Fergus Falls School of Dance, a fashion show by Someplace Safe Thrift Stores and numerous drawings for prizes.

The meal was catered by Creative Catering of Fergus Falls and serving was done by The Fergus Falls High School National Honor Society and the Underwood Unitarian Church members.

All in all it was certainly a great day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Below: **Cormorant Lions** announce their 31st Annual Fishing Opener Raffle! The Grand Prize is \$5000. Tickets are \$10 each with only 2000 being sold. Great odds for winning! The drawing will be held May 9th at Noon. After the Fishing Opener Pancake, Eggs and Sausage Breakfast at the Cormorant Community Center. YUM!!! Join in the fun and have a great meal. You need not be present to win the raffle.



Above: Jane Bartholomay joined the **Cormorant Lions** and presented on Hospice of the Red River Valley. She presented President Chuck Holverson a cool thank you gift.



CLUB ACTIVITIES



The **Perham Lions** presented awards at their February 5th meeting.

Awards presented by District Governor Gloria were..(left top to bottom)

Lion David Reitmeyer received the Volunteer of the Year Award,

DGE Jay Norby received the Past Presidents Award,

Phyliss Still accepted the Wilber Still Memorial Award in honor of her husband,

Wilber Still, who was a Perham Lion and past away last year.

(right top to bottom) Lion Nick Theroux received the Presidents Appreciation Award,

Lion Ray Masters received the Kamp KACE Award and Mary Schmidt, a teacher at Perham HS who acts as the liaison between the Lions Club and the school providing names of students requiring help with hearing or vision problems received the Hearing Foundation Award.

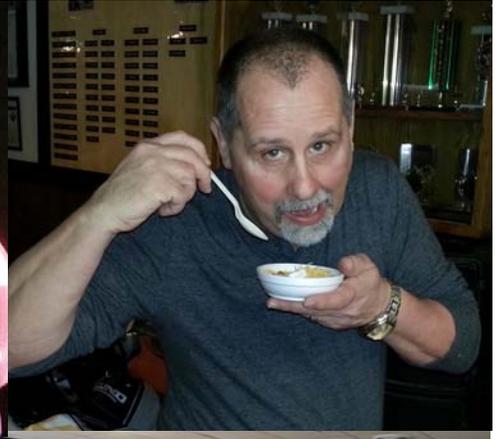


Right: Each month the **Perham Lakes Lions** visit the Perham Nursing Home and help with their "Friday Happy Hour". Lions members help to serve food and drinks to the residents and their families while spending some time visiting with them.

Pictured are Lion Bonnie Genin (center) and Lion Pat Hendrickx serving wine.



CLUB ACTIVITIES



The **Fraze Lions** the First Annual Bobby Cates Chili Contest. This event was named in honor of Lion Bobby Cates who passed away last year. Bobby was a member of the Fraze Lions and the Fraze VFW Club.

Pictured above are Lion Core Baker, Karen Cates (Bobby Cates Widow), Lion Mark Flemmer, Lion Anna Leitheiser, Lion Gary Negen, Lion Dena Baker and Lion Kathy Fry.

Contest results were as follows.....

Traditional Chili 1st: Kathy Fry, 2nd: Gary Negen

Non Traditional Chili 1st: Dena Baker, 2nd: Anna Leitheiser

Spicy Chili 1st: Corey Baker, 2nd: Mark Flemmer

Best Overall Chili: Marvin Anderson

The Chili Contest raised \$423.00 which was donated to the Lions Diabetes Foundation in Memory of Bobby Cates.

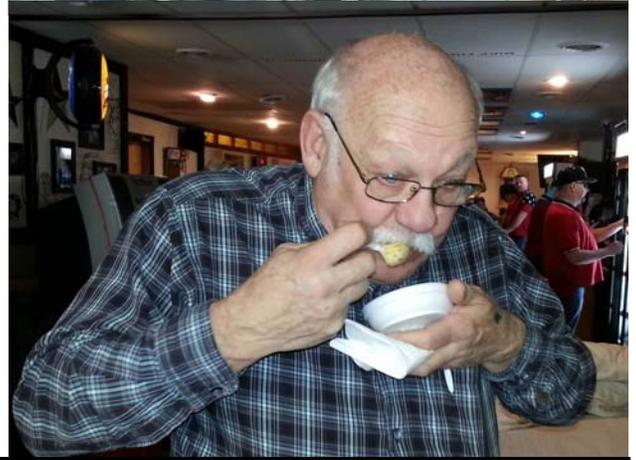
Assisting in this event were...American Vets paid for the trophies, Fraze VFW paid for the advertising and Destiny donated time to play music.

Also pictured right (top to bottom)

Lion Corey Baker enjoying a bowl of chili,

Community members socializing and enjoying their chili,

Lion Gary Negen having a bowl of chili.



Left: Carolyn Hegland, **Lake Country Lions** helped Lion Jay Mondrey, **Park Rapid Lions**, raise money in North Port, FL by purchasing raffle tickets at his winter clubs Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon.

Right: Youth Outreach Chair Pat Hendrickx presented the Peace Poster Award to Isabella Matejke from Fraze HS. Lion Vi Bergman coordinated the contest for the **Fraze Lions**.





Left: **Can Do Canine** co-chair, Bonnie Genin recently visited the **Parkers Prairie Lions Club**. Bonnie brought with some home made “Can Co Cookies” which she auctioned off. Lion Tony Woodworth was the luck winner bidder. \$415 was raised for Can Do Canine.



Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train dogs, specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge. We're on track to graduate 46 new teams in 2015, an increase of ten additional teams over 2014. That's more dogs than we trained ever before! Below is the story of one such team, Deborah Javinsky-Wenzek & Mobility Assistance Dog Zach, who graduated from Can Do Canines in 2013. Thank you again for your support of our organization.

A BIG CHANGE FROM A LITTLE (FURRY) PACKAGE

Deborah Javinsky-Wenzek & Mobility Assistance Dog Zach
Taking off your socks—you probably do it every day without even thinking twice. For Deborah Javinsky-Wenzek of St. Louis Park, MN. she needs a little help. Not because she's incapable of doing it herself, but because each day she knows the energy in her muscles is limited. Deborah was diagnosed with a form of Myotonic disorder at age eight. The cause of here illness remains unknown and treatment has been elusive. The disorder has been a constant hurdle in her life, including when she was younger. One day as a child her muscles became so stiff her father had to carry her to bed while her mother gave her medicine through an eyedropper because Deborah couldn't move. That's the primary symptom she experiences: muscle stiffness. As years have gone by, muscle stiffness has led to muscle weakness, which can leave her incapable of getting out of a chair for a period of time.



“There was a time when my life stopped,” Deborah says. “I stopped working because I was so fatigued. I could go only 2-3 hours before my energy would completely drop.” Help came in an unexpected way. After the passing of one her dogs, Deborah rescued a Jack Russell-Cairn Terrier puppy named Zach. After a few years and four levels of obedience training, Deborah trained him to fetch his favorite treat—the beef stick. This got her wondering, “Perhaps he could be trained to help me in other ways?”

Deborah called **Can Do Canines** and the two set about equipping Zach with a variety of skills to make Deborah's life easier. Primarily this meant retrieving items, at which Zach is now an expert. He picks up the remote, cell phone, bags, small pieces of paper and couch pillows, amongst other things. While these may not sound like life-changing skills, Deborah attests that they are. “Picking up things for most people isn't tiring, but for my muscles it is,” Deborah says. “Every kind of movement takes energy away from me trying to get through the rest of the day.” “He can bring me silverware from the floor, and can almost put the silverware in the dishwasher—we're working on that. Also if I drop a used food container, he'll sniff it first, but then bring it right to me!”

Deborah says that if Zach wasn't with her, she'd be exerting a lot more energy. She'd have to plan her life on a contingent basis and would feel a lot more discombobulated. “Once when I was out with Zach, my phone rang. In an effort to grab it, I dropped all the items I was carrying and my purse spilled out. Without even asking Zach started picking everything up,” Deborah says. “Life's much less stressful with Zach around.”



MD5M

2015 CONVENTION

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Great News!!!!!! It looks like over 400 Lions will be attending our 2015 MD Convention in April!!!

In addition to listening to great speakers on Saturday afternoon, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve", you also have the opportunity to participate in a great service opportunity.

Saturday afternoon, from 2:00 to 4:00, up to 140 Lions, Lioness, and Leos can work packing meals at the "Feed My Starving Children" facility right near the hotel. If you are planning to participate in this service activity please send an email to Lions Steve Knudsen at steven.knudsen@usfamily.net, provide the name of each individual, name of Lions club, and the individual's email address.

We are close to selling out our rooms at the Marriott Airport Hotel. If you are planning on attending and have not made your hotel reservation there are several hotels in the area you can call if the Marriott is sold out.

<u>Hotel Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Nightly Rate (Dollar \$)</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Miles from Minneapolis Airport Marriott (Driving)</u>
Radisson Blu Mall of America	(952) 881-5258	\$157 Average Nightly Rate	Mall of American, 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425	1.1 Miles
Ramada Bloomington Minneapolis Airport	(952) 854-3411	\$154 Average Nightly Rate	2300 East American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.1 Miles
Radisson Hotel Bloomington By Mall of America	(952) 854-8700	\$110 Average Nightly Rate	1700 East American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.3 Miles
Fairfield Inn & Suites Minneapolis Bloomington	(952) 858-8475	\$94-104 Average Nightly Rate	2401 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.5 Miles
Courtyard Marriott Bloomington	(952) 876-0100	\$99-109 Average Nightly Rate	7800 Bloomington Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.6 Miles

April 17-19, 2015

Marriott Airport Hotel

2020 American Blvd East

Bloomington MN 55425 1-800-228-9290

<http://lionsmd5m.org/MD5M/MD5MConvention/MD5MConvention.htm>

Where There's a Need, There's A Lion#



American Diabetes Association Alert Day®

Americans are urged to take the Diabetes Risk Test on American Diabetes Association Alert Day® and to share it with everyone they care about to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

American Diabetes Association (ADA) Alert Day® is a "wake-up call" asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. This year, during the Association's 75th anniversary, Alert Day will kick off on Tuesday, March 24 and continue through Tuesday, April 21.

The Diabetes Risk Test asks people to answer simple questions about their weight, age, family history and other potential risk factors for prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. Preventive tips are provided for everyone who takes the test, including encouraging those at high risk to talk with their health care provider, eating more healthfully and getting active.

You can be part of the movement to Stop Diabetes®! To get information about diabetes, take the free Diabetes Risk Test (available in English or Spanish) and join or start a Step Out team, visit us at diabetes.org/alert or call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383). Lions Clubs of Multiple 5M are joining ADA Minnesota in this campaign. If you would like risk assessments to use at upcoming events in your community, contact **Lion Deb Weston at (763) 360-4696**.

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight to Stop Diabetes® and its deadly consequences and fighting for those affected by diabetes. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes. Founded in 1940, our mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org. Information from both these sources is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



The Lions Multiple Hearing Foundation will be holding a fundraiser on April 17-19, 2015 at the Multiple District Convention in Bloomington at the Airport Marriott.

There are several chances to help out this fundraiser:

Raffle Tickets - \$10.00 per Ticket (Need not to be present to win)

1) Vacation in Orlando, Florida - \$1,800.00 Value

(One week, 2 bedroom, 2 bath Condo- February 2016)

2) Getaway to Causeway on Gull Lake - \$1,400.00 Value

(February 28 to March 5th, 2016)

3) Ontario Canada Fishing Trip - \$1,300.00 Value

(2 people-4 nights, 3 days at Eagle Lake Lodge-American Plan)

Linda Albrecht-Norby 218-346-3200

Dick Stebbins 320-692-4373

Raffle Items:

Donated Raffle Items – Tickets \$1.00 to be placed in buckets at convention.

Silent Auction Items – Bid sheets at Convention.

Live Auction Sunday AM at Brunch - 3 items to be auctioned off within a half an hour.

Lions Children's Hearing Center



D-FEET Hearing Loss

2015 Fourth Annual Walk

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- ♦ Free entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- ♦ Free event t-shirt
- ♦ Free Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- ♦ Featuring the Teddy Bear Band
- ♦ Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- ♦ Fun for families of all ages
- ♦ A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

Children ages 12 and under get in free. Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!

Visit us for more info at: www.5mf.org



ALOHA

ZONE 4 SPRING MEETING
Hosted by the Guthrie Lions
April 21st

Gathering 6:pm
Meeting 6:30

\$12.00

Speaker

Communication Expert
Tracey Buhl



Special guests
"The Great Khuna's"
RSVP by April 15th

218-732-9295 zeldanovak530@gmail.com

Event Details:

- **Date: June 6, 2015**
- **Time: 9:30 a.m.**
- **Place: Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN**
- **Kids 12 & under get in free!!**

FEATURING:



It's coming...
Save the Date...

June 6, 2015

TEDDY BEAR BAND

WANTED !

Auction Donations for
The Lions MD5M
Hearing Foundation
Fundraiser

April 18, 2015

at Minneapolis Airport Marriott
Bloomington, Mn.

Please call:

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Calendar to Go

March

- 9 Guthrie Nary DG Visit
- 11 Pine River DG Visit
- 13 Friendship Dinner w/DGEs
- 14 Council of Governors
- 19 Underwood DG Visit
- 22 5M9 Cabinet Mtg @ Bluffton
- 23 Lake Park DG Visit
- 25 Hill City DG Visit
- 26 Zone 7 Mtg @ Perham
- 26-29 Regional Lions Leadership Institute—Mahnomon
- 28 Diabetes Tour @ UofM
- 31 Zone 2 Mtg @ Deerwood

April

- 4 Hearing Foundation Mtg @ St Cloud
- 7 Menahga Gateway DG Visit
- 13 Baxter DG Visit
- 14 Palisade DG Visit
- 15 Deer Creek DG Visit
- 16-19 2015 Multiple Convention @ Bloomington

- 21 Zone 4 Mtg @ Guthrie Nary
- 23 Bluffton Lions Membership Drive
- 26 Club Leadership Training @ Wadena
- 27 Cass Lake DG Visit
- 28 Ottertail DG Visit
- 29 Zone 5 Meeting @ Aldrich
- 30 Zone 9 Mtg @ Battle Lake

May

- 5 Zone 3 Mtg @ Longville
- 6 Zone 8 Mtg @ Dalton
- 11 Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point DG Visit
- 14 Nevis & Akeley DG Visit
- 18 Cass Lake Lake Country DG Visit
- 25 Memorial Day

June

- 6 D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk U of M Arboretum
- 8 Merrifield DG Visit
- 26-30 International Convention-Honolulu, Hawaii

HISTORY OF DISTRICT 5M 9

Part 2

The first two clubs in the Northwest District were the Minneapolis Lions Club, organized on May 5, 1918, and the final organization of the St. Paul Lions Club the next day.

The first president of the Minneapolis Club was Ewen W. Cameron who became International President in 1921-22. The first president of the St. Paul Lions Club was William A. Repke and, when the District was organized, the first District Governor.

When the first District Governor, with jurisdiction over Minnesota and her sister states, was appointed by the International President, there were only two Lions Clubs in all that expanse of territory, which included at the time, three large states and part of a fourth.

In 1920, the first District Convention was held and was only a joint meeting of those two clubs, clothed with authority to administer the District. Part of the proceedings took place in both cities and was attended by a representative of International and visitors from a few clubs in other Districts.

In 1921, Lions Clubs were formed in South Dakota, North Dakota and Manitoba.

During 1922, Minnesota and its attendant states became the Fifth District.

To be continued.....

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Please submit stories and photos on or before the 15th of each month for entry into the following months newsletter. When possible, send photos in a jpeg format and articles as a word document. Use pdf format only when the other options are not available. Contact me for assistance or with questions.

Thank You

Tracey Buhl