

DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DICK STEBBINS

JAMES PICK & MOBILITY ASSIST DOG OAKLEY

Brainerd, Minn. resident James Pick has a new roommate: [Mobility Assist Dog](#) Oakley. James is living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), a chronic disease which attacks the central nervous system. "Because of my MS I have problems with balance and I fatigue easily," says James. Without family close by James and his loved ones were living with a lot of worries; with Oakley around James has an assistant to help him with tasks as well as providing greater peace of mind for both himself and his family.

Mobility Assistance Dog Oakley is a gorgeous three-and-a-half-year-old black Labrador. James notes that she is very polite, well-behaved, and a great worker. Oakley was trained by Can Do Canines staff. She retrieves dropped items for James such as his cane or cell phone, helps tug off clothing, opens and closes doors, and braces to help James up if he falls. Having Oakley as his Mobility Assist Dog fills James' life beyond the daily help with tasks, "Oakley is my best friend."

"Retrieving items for me and taking my socks off at night are some of the most significant things she does for me every day."

Oakley has changed James' life immensely. "I feel like I'm not alone in this anymore. I have someone who loves and cares for me. I didn't realize how much it would help my psyche," says James. Oakley and James are a successful team because he made Oakley's training a top priority. He took the training so seriously that he put playing his guitar (his most favorite activity) on the backburner in-order to be fully present. James feels proud and a sense of accomplishment for the energy and commitment he's devoted to training Oakley.

To the supporters who made James and Oakley a success, James says, "All I can say is thank you! You're going to make me cry, but thank you for all you do!"

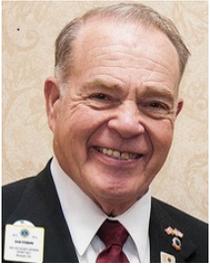


Many of you may remember seeing James and Oakley at our 5M9 Mid Winter Convention. When he spoke of his connection with Oakley it was obvious how significantly Oakley has affected his life and aided his independence. While James is not a Lion, his parents, Bill and Shirley Pick are members of the Palisade Lions Club.

Congratulations James & Oakley!

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Richard the Lionhearted



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With a little over 4 months to go, this Lion's year is quickly drawing to a close. While we may be on the downward turn for this year, we still have a lot to do before the end of the year. Please take the time to check out the dates, times and locations of the Zone Meetings that have been scheduled for this month.

I am doing well on having scheduled most of our District Governor visits. There are just a few that aren't signed up yet, please contact me to schedule soon. I hope many of you have signed up to go to the MD5M Convention in Bemidji in April. It should be a great time and is the closest distance in a long time. I am happy that we have five people signed up for the Lions Leadership Institute the end of March. See me if you are interested in going and I will try to get you in.

The last round of Zone Meetings for this year will be starting the end of March and continuing into April. Presidents—make plans to have your members attend and keep up with District 5M-9 happenings. Our Zone Chairs spend a lot of time and effort in planning these meetings so they are informative, interesting and fun. Be sure to thank each of them for the great job they do.

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 & accurate 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 the Club Leadership Training. Of course, all Lions are welcome to come and learn about the different positions of club leadership. 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 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, contact our GMT Leader Les Swift. Lion Les has a long list of wonderful ideas and suggestions that you can use to entice potential members.

If you have ever thought about serving on the 5M9 Cabinet and seeing what happens in Lionism in our district, please let DGE Tom, 1st VDGE Rose or 2nd VDGE Sandy know that you are interested in serving in some capacity in the district. Believe me, you will meet a great bunch of people and your Lions Family will continue to grow. When Sue and I joined Lions, we knew a few people that were Lions. Now our Lions Family has grown to hundreds of people that we know and visit with as we travel for Lions.

I hope some of you have received your new Lions coin. The coin features Lions founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse. It is a very nice looking coin and \$10 of the price goes to LCIF.

As I come down to the last few months of my being your governor, I need to say thank you to 5M9 for making Lion Sue and I feel so much a part of your clubs and for all the great things that each of you have done to make our District one of the best. I have been so proud to represent you.

FARE THEE WELL

DG DICK STEBBINS



District Governor Elect Tom Plagman

On our path to being your District Governor, Michele and I have discovered that we are encouraged to attend other Districts MidWinter/Annual Conventions. When the convention season is over we will have been to 6 of the conventions in our Multiple. Whew! Some of the conventions conflicted with each other being on the same weekend. One convention was held in November before we even realized that we were encouraged to attend. So, having made it to 6 is doing pretty well. Again Whew!

What we have seen includes but is not limited to: Excellent, inspirational speakers, good food and fun, Lions from clubs all around MD5M (Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba), and new venues in exotic locations like Willmar, Grand Rapids and Fairmont. We have met and heard from International Directors from Texas, Alaska and Massachusetts.

ID Lewis Quin from Alaska talked a lot about the specialty and episodic clubs in his great state. He presented a slide show that highlighted both dirt bike and ATV clubs. These are clubs that do not have regular monthly meetings but gather for activities around events.

Briana Ziemer, a student at the College of St. Benedict and a 2015 graduate of Sauk Center, talked to those gathered at the 5M4 convention in Willmar about a project she was involved with. **Soles4souls** is an example of how we in this country can make a difference in the lives of people around the world with the simplest of things. Her original goal of 250 pairs of discarded, unwanted, or unused shoes quickly grew to 2000 then 5000 and at the end of her year had collected over 12000 pair to go to Haiti. These shoes that sat in closets and gathered dust are worn by school children, working women, and men in the fields. The ones that were worn out were recycled to make new shoes. Check out the **Soles4souls** website. <https://soles4souls.org/>

Camp Confidence, a camp for kids and adults with disabilities, is another example of a great project where we can help others.

It was comforting to discover that we are not alone in the difficulties we experience. How do we better serve our fellow man and get the new and or disenfranchised members involved. Our/your club is not the only club that is looking at an aging membership. There are no easy solutions to this challenge. Perhaps the best way is to continue to do what we do best. That is to serve with a giving heart and positive attitude.

It felt good the find that we have much common ground with many clubs.

Oh yes, there was fun which in most cases included food and drink. The hospitality rooms at the other conventions were enough to keep you coming back. Need I say more? We also have heard many stories from members who have served our organization faithfully for years,

It is great to be a Lion!

DGE Tom

PLAN TO ENTER THE MD5M CENTENNIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST 2017

Send your entries (Yes, you can have multiple chances to win!) to
Tracey Buhl—5M9 Newsletter Editor/Diva - 5m9newsletter@gmail.com OR
28000 Redhead Drive
Underwood, MN 56586
See pages 18-19 for details and entry form.



“SOW THE SEEDS OF SERVICE”



1st Vice District Governor Elect—Rose Puckett

This last month has been fairly quiet in Lion Land. I have attended a few meetings and gained some insight of what is to come in my year as 1st Vice District Governor. Thank You to the Past District Governors who are so willing to share their knowledge.

Spring District Zone Meetings are being planned and I hope you all will try to attend. Our Zone 2 Meeting has a speaker from Kids Against Hunger and we are organizing a Pack Night with all the clubs in Zone 2 getting together to help. I did some research into the subject of hunger worldwide and in our local communities. Here are a few facts we should all think about:

- 800 million people go to bed hungry every night
- Every 6 seconds a child dies from hunger related causes
- 1 out of every 8 children in Minnesota are at risk for hunger
- We can feed a child for .25 a meal

March is Food Shelf Month ---- Be generous with your donations!

District Governor Dick and Lion Sue are almost done with their year. I wonder if he has met his new member goal? Have you inducted a new member? Lions International is awarding a Centennial New Member pin if you sponsor a new Lion. You might have heard this before – “each new Lion member will touch 70 lives”.

1st Vice District Governor Elect,
Rose Puckett

Zone 7 Spring Gathering

HOST CLUB: Frazee Lions

WHEN: March 28, 2017

6:00 Social, 6:45 Dinner, 7:15 Meeting

COST: \$11 for baked chicken w/all the fixings

WHERE: Detroit Lakes American Legion

SPEAKER: John Nordstrom, Friends of Maplewood

For more info contact Zone Chairs

Bonnie Genin or Rick/Diane Hanson.

MEET YOUR 5M-9 CABINET



Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation



Mike Berneck lives in Park Rapids with his wife Anita. They have been married for 31 years and

have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. Mike retired in 2011 after working for American Family Insurance for 32 years. 19 years as an agent and 13 years as District Manager. Mike has been a Lion for 15 years. He has been the President of his club for 2 years and has been on the Board of Directors for 6 years. July 1, 2016 Mike accepted the position of 5M9 MLVF Co-Chair. He serves Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4 which includes 33 clubs. His Co-Chair Cesca serves the remaining part of the District.

Mike became a Lion to help serve others so they may have a better life.

Cesca Vogel has been a Lion for about 13 cumulative years. Cesca is serving her second year on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF). Cesca's passion for vision programs and research can be attributed to a family history of both Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma. Cesca is also the Vice Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee of the MLVF, and currently working on a committee to develop a new signature fundraising event (watch for more information on this in the future).

In 2016 Cesca received her Bachelor's in Lions, and attended the graduation ceremony at the USA/Canada Forum, in Nebraska.

Cesca was raised in a family of Lions and has been volunteering with the Underwood Lions her whole life with her family. Cesca's father is a Lion and her mother was a Lioness and a Lion. When Cesca turned 18 she joined both the Underwood Lioness and Underwood Area Lions clubs (Cesca was the first female Lion in the Underwood club). Cesca was also a member of the St Louis Park Lions for a couple of years while living/working in the cities. Cesca has been the club Tail Twister, the Assistant Gambling Manager, and is currently the Gambling Manager and 3rd Vice President of the Underwood Lions.



National Eye Donor Month

In case you weren't aware of it, March is *National Eye Donor Month*. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed this in 1983 and for 34 years it has raised eye donation awareness, honored donors and their families, and celebrated cornea recipients. Your Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF) board representatives, Lion Cesca and Lion Mike, would like to remind you to celebrate *National Eye Donor Month* by registering yourself and encouraging family and friends to be an organ donor. The contribution of your eyes to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank (MLEB) will help others maintain and receive the gift of sight. Corneal transplants and important eye research can only occur when someone makes the selfless act of donating their eyes.

Spring University Tour

With the spring coming your way very soon, please make note of the date for the tour at the University of Minnesota. Saturday, May 6th will be the day for you to check out the vision and hearing clinics & facilities at the U of M. It is a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand some of the exciting changes at the U of M that the MLVF and MLHF are involved with. There will be a speaker and box lunch included with the tour. If you're interested, please let Lion Cesca and Lion Mike know. We can help you get registered for the tour and will be happy to see you on May 6th!

As always, please contact us with any questions or to have us speak at your club meeting!

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MEET YOUR 5M-9 CABINET

Thank you to everyone in 5M9 who have been such great supporters to the **LIONS MD5M HEARING FOUNDATION** over the years! Without your donations, the Foundation would not be where it is today. Each year we strive to support research to find a cure for hearing loss, help those who can't afford hearing aids and return them to a hearing world, help families find help and diagnoses for their children with hearing loss and the list goes on.

We are the 5M9 Trustees for the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation and we'd like to tell you a little about ourselves.



I am **PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby** and I joined the Hearing Foundation in 2011. I have been a 5M9 Trustee for 6 years. I served as the Foundation Co-Chair from 2012-2015 and have been the Foundation Chair since 2015 to present. My duties have ranged from club presentations, leading both the Executive and Board of Trustees meeting, working with the University of MN Department of Otolaryngology and reporting to the Council of Governors. My greatest reward has been meeting so many fantastic Lions in my travels who want to help those who are in a silent world do to hearing loss.

I have been a Lion 16 years, joined the Vergas Lions in 2001, held numerous offices and remain an associate member. Member of the Perham Lions since 2012 and hold the office of Treasurer.

On the District level, I have been the Zone 7 chair, Youth Exchange Co-chair and Kamp KACE Chair, Vice District Governor, District Governor 2010-2011 and member of the PDG Association.

On the multiple level I served as Council of Governor Liaison MN. Vision Foundation and a member of the PDG Association and editor for "The PDG" newsletter. I am a graduate of the 2005 Lions Leadership Institute, graduate of the Lions University Bachelor and Masters programs and a mediator for the 2016 MD5M Northern Pride Institute.

On a personal note, I have been married to IPDG Jay Norby for 16 years. We have 4 children, 10 grandchildren (with one on the way), and one great-granddaughter. I have been an LPN for 22 years and work at Perham Living and am a former Hospice nurse. I have volunteered for the Otter Tail County Sheriff's POSSE for 6 years and was Captain 2015-2016 and am currently Treasurer.

Awards I have received are: Vergas Lion of the Year, Dream Catcher, Hearing Foundation Fellowship, Kamp KACE Friendship Award, 2 Presidential Certificates of Appreciation and a Presidential Leadership Award.

I am **PDG Gloria Anderson**, a member of the Bluffton Lions Club since 2004. I have served as Director, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Vice President and President, Membership Committee and Membership Chair. I am an Associate Member of the Wadena Lions Club.

I first served on the 5M9 District Cabinet in 2008-2009 when I was asked to be the Women and Family Initiative Chair. Next I served as Zone 5 Chair for two years, the two VDG positions and then District Governor 2014-2015. I also served as the Liaison for the Council of Governors and the Hearing Foundation during my year as DG. I then was asked to serve as one of the Trustees for 5M9 on the Hearing Foundation Board and this is my second year in that position. I have learned so much about the Hearing Foundation and all that is accomplished. It has been a wonderful experience and an honor and pleasure to represent the Lions of 5M9 on this Board.

My husband PDG Ken was DG 1996-1997. PDG Ken and I have been married for 54 years and we have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. I am a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena and served as Co-President of the Immanuel Church Women for two years.

I am retired now but my years of work were in the printing field. During high school I worked for my grandparents, then later on worked with my father as he had taken over the print shop from my grandparents.



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Club Activities



Left-Right Rick Hayft, Ed Carlson, Evie Ladd Co-Chair Youth Outreach, Nisswa Lions President Terry Hansen, Gary Thompson and Nisswa Lions member Don Mork.

Nisswa Lions Celebrate Youth Outreach Projects

Evie Ladd, Co-chair of 5M9's Youth Outreach Projects, was the featured speaker at a recent Nisswa Lions membership meeting. In addition to learning the in's and out's of Youth Outreach, Evie acknowledged that the Nisswa Lions qualified for 8 Youth Outreach Awards. Understanding the Club could use these awards to recognize non-members who have long been involved with youth programs and exemplified Lionism through their volunteer efforts in the community, the club chose three such community members to receive awards.

First recognized was Gary Thompson, who became a Certified Snowmobile Safety Instructor in 1996 and has conducted state mandated courses since then and in Nisswa since 2009. Doing some rough math, that's in excess of 500 youths receiving training. Quoting Gary, "My goal is to give our kids the tools to be safe riders and make kids realize that snowmobiling is a fantastic winter sport, but that it can be extremely dangerous."

Ed Carlson has been on the Nisswa Park Commission for 10 years and volunteer Youth Hockey Coach the last 8 years. "It's all about kids; they come first." Ed has also been a Nisswa volunteer fireman for 29 years and a Nisswa Jaycee member for 15 years.

Rick Hayft also has 8 years coaching youth hockey for the Nisswa Park and Recreation. Rick says, "Everybody got equal skate time, a chance to learn some skills and have fun while doing so."

Both Carlson and Hayft have coached nearly 100 youth during their time with the Nisswa Park and Recreation.

Awards were presented by President, Terry Hansen and member, Don Mork.

Club Activities

BAY LAKE AREA LIONS CLUB members and guests honored and thanked Deerwood Mayor Mike Aulie and members of Deerwood's Police, First Responders, Fire Department and their spouses for their service, time and pride of Deerwood at an Appreciation Dinner Thursday, January 26, 2017 held at the Deerwood Auditorium.

The Lions also celebrated their 100th Year Legacy Project with a dedication plaque presented to Mayor Aulie for the remodel of the Auditorium kitchen with a donation of \$50,000.00 made by the Bay Lake Area Lions. The update of the kitchen ensures future use of the facility for community and private functions.

5M9 District Governor Dick Stebbins (pictured right with VDGE Rose Puckett) addressed the group with the heritage of Lions and the importance of its 100th Year not only in our community but around the world. The dinner was catered by The Deerstand and prepared in the new kitchen by Shane and Lion Jenny Miles. Door prizes were in part donated by Guide Point Pharmacy, Cranberries on Main and Lion Matt Larson. Many thanks to those Lions that worked on the event and made it happen!

The Legacy Project is a notable event that is the core of our motto "We Serve". The Bay Lake Area Lions continue to serve our community with charitable donations, CRES Back Packs, Food Shelves, 10 scholarships given each year to Aitkin and C-I High School seniors, and the Kid's Lunch with Santa among the many things we do.

We can be proud that we are Lions and "We Serve".



Club Activities

Lions Demonstrate TEAM Work

Members of the **Lake Park Lions** and **Detroit Lakes Lions** joined forces to give Christmas Gifts to the kids from the Cormorant Church Sunday School.

Lion Jim Dorrence is a Disabled Veteran who served during WWII in the Maritime Services and as a Volunteer for Security Forces with the US Coast Guard Reserve. Lion Jim is blind in one eye and has an artificial leg. He is a member of the Detroit Lakes Lions, American Legion and National Fish Decoy Association. Lion Jim been assisted by many people and most recently the Ladies of the Cormorant Church led by Sharon Julian. Lion Jim wanted to THANK this group of ladies for their assistance so he recruited longtime friend Lake Park Lion Dixi Jacobs who is also a Disabled Veteran and American Legion member for some help to fulfill this thank you.

A plan was hatched to create 44 toys for the 3rd and 4th graders at the Cormorant Sunday School. Utilizing each other's strengths, Lion Jim and Lion Dixi created handmade wooden cars and trucks and sunbonnet dolls. On January 7th, 2017 Lion Jim was able to extend his thanks and deliver these special gifts to the boys and girls who immediately began playing with their new toys. Not wanting anyone to be left out Lion Dixi, with the help of family members David and Jackie Rosman, handed out crosses to the Sunday School Teachers and older Sunday School Kids.

The Lions score again with their unstoppable "We Serve" attitude! Thanks to the team work of Lion Jim and Lion Dixi, children's smiles were widened and hearts were warmed.



Left: Recently, the **PERHAM LAKES LIONS CLUB** could be found serving concessions at the Perham's Business Liquidation Sale held at the Perham Area Community Center. The Perham Lakes Lions have been proudly serving their community since 3/2/1998.

Lions Clubs International has been serving people in need since 1917. The Perham Lakes Lions happily share their excitement and celebrate LCI's centennial birthday with their community.

Club Activities

Local Lions poster winners announced

Several Wadena-Deer Creek students were recognized recently for their Lions Youth Outreach Posters.

Winners chosen by local Lions Club included: Grace Gallant, Bluffton Lions Club winner with her “Don’t Drive Distracted” poster; Ashley Lepinski, Deer Creek Lions winner with “They (Animals) Need You!” poster; and Jade Benning, Wadena Lions Club winner with “Life is Beautiful So Keep It” poster. Each first place winner received a \$25 gift card.

Other winners included: Danielle Dickey, fourth place, \$20 cash prize; Madelyn Gallant, fifth place, \$15; Johanna Brunsberg, sixth place, \$10; Jamie Barthel, seventh place, \$10; Kayla Meeks, eighth place, \$10; Amarianna Vinje, ninth place, \$10; and Ella Stroeing, 10th place, \$10.



The contest was open to students in grades 6-8 dealing with the following subjects: drug and alcohol abuse/awareness, violence, volunteering, citizenship, peer pressure, as well as healthy and positive aspects of life growing up. The posters were judged and displayed at the 5M9 Lions Mid-Winter Convention, Jan. 6-8 in Brainerd.

Front L-R: Ashley Lepinski - Deer Creek Lions Winner, Jade Benning - Wadena Lions Winner, Grace Gallant - Bluffton Lions Winner. Middle L-R: Larry Spent - Deer Creek Lions, Harry Harrison - Wadena Lions, Marge Harrison - Bluffton Lions. Back L-R: Madelyn Gallant, Ella Stroeing, Johanna Brunsberg, Jamie Barthel, Kayla Meeks and Danielle Dickey. Not Pictured: Amarianna Vinje



Public Relations Press Release- MD5M District Newsletters It's Time! Do it NOW!

It's time to assign just one Lions Club member to the job of checking your Lions signs posted in your town. I think we have put this job off long enough and in June, Lions Clubs International celebrates 100 years of service so it's time to upgrade and make your club look good.

Think about it- if your club sign is worn, faded, cracked and old looking, how does that make your Lions Club look? I have traveled throughout our MD5M area and I have seen a lot of tired looking signs out there. “We upgraded” you say. Maybe, just maybe there is that one sign that you missed or forgot about and that is the one that stands out like a sore thumb.

It is so easy to make the sign look fresh and new. Just go to LCI.org, Club Supplies & Distribution, Lions Store, Highway Signs Accessories, Sign Replacement Decals OR Highway Signs. For the Decals the cost is \$23.95-\$43.95 (depending on the size you are looking for). For a new sign the cost is \$54.05-\$181.35 (once again, depends on the size and kind you are looking for).

So now that you know how easy it is to get the replacement, let's get out there, find your club signs and order the size you need. It's as easy as 1-2-3- ROAR!

Lion Cheri Appel
MD5M Public Relations Chair



Bluffton

Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bluffton Community Center

Bluffton Lions will be serving an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, French toast, sausage, juice, milk and coffee.



Freewill Offering!

Breakfast proceeds go toward Bluffton Lions projects.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

VERGAS EVENT CENTER

March 18

5:00 – 9:00 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm



5:30-6:30

**Potato and Salad
Bar & Dessert**



6:30 pm Dance

Tickets available from Lions Members or Vergas Liquor Store
Or at the door.

\$25.00/ Couple \$15.00 Single
Sponsored by the Vergas Lions

Sebeka Lions Fish Dinner Fundraiser

March 24 2017
Time 400 to 730

At Sebeka SR. Center

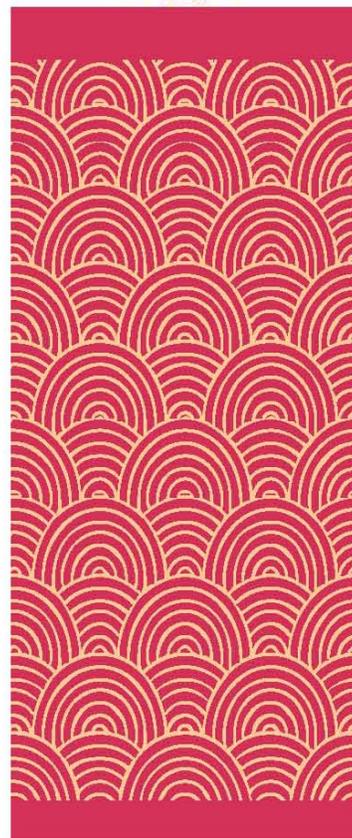
Sebeka, Mn.

Look us up on Facebook

PROCEED TO HELP FIX Lions PARK SHELTER
At Sebeka park



We Serve



It's that time of year again

Vergas Maple Syrup Festival



Saturday, April 8th

Vergas Lions and Vergas Community Club Fundraiser

Pancake Feed

8am-noon VEC

Adults \$8 * Children Under 12 \$4

SERVING PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, JUICE, COFFEE & REAL MAPLE SYRUP, OF COURSE!

**Raffle opportunities for Syrup and Gift Certificates will be available at the VEC.*

**Try a Maple Milk Shake \$2- Visit the Maple Syrup Booth*

** Maplewood State Park Maple Syrup demonstrations*



Maple Medallion Hunt

Event details at the pancake feed

Gospel Train plays **BLUEGRASS**
9:30am-11:30am

New this year...

Maple Sap & Carbonated Sap Tasting

The Saps Running

5K RUN/WALK

\$ Pre-Register / \$ Day of Event

8AM Registration / 9AM Race

Pre-Register at www.cityofvergas.com

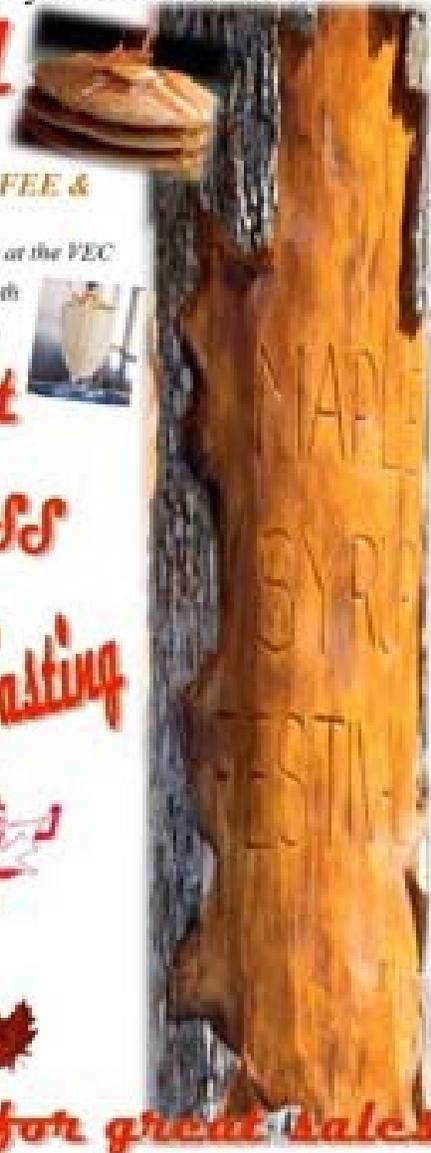


Maple Leaf Hunt

10am

6 years of age and under

Shop local businesses for great sales!





COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP



5M9 Club Leader Training being held in TWO locations:

(There is no charge for the meals.)

Aitkin, MN.

1st Lutheran Church – 107 2nd St. S.E. – Aitkin, MN

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Meal served from 5:30 – 6:15 pm – training starting at 6:30 pm

OR

Perham, MN.

St. Henry's Catholic Church – 234 2nd S.W. – Perham, MN.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Meal served from 5:00 – 6:15 pm – training starting at 6:30 pm

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Sessions offered will include Membership (orientation, attracting & keeping members), Club President duties & responsibilities, leadership techniques, treasurer duties & responsibilities, techniques & ways to bring life to meetings (for tail twisters).



Note --- There will be a separate training for the Zone Chairs and Secretaries on June 25, 2017 at the Bluffton Community Center.

Join us June 3, 2017 for the Sixth Annual D-Feet Hearing Loss Fundraiser Walk



Event Details:
June 3, 2017
9:30 a.m.
Landscape Arboretum
Chaska, MN

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- ◆ Entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- ◆ Event t-shirt
- ◆ 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

Kids 12 & Under get in free!

Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!

FEATURING:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
June 3, 2017



Dance to the Teddy Bear Band while having fun with Goldy!!!



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

MD5M CENTENNIAL

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST 2017

Contest Guidelines:

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the 100th Centennial Anniversary. Every club in the Multiple is invited to participate. Small clubs have the same chance as a large club to win.

If there are not enough lines on the application in any area, feel free to attach another page.

Each District will award 1 winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2017 & 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2017 & 2018 Multiple Convention. Top winning Club will receive \$500.00.

Contest will run from July 2016- December 31, 2017 and January 2017 – December 31, 2017.

Please submit your application to your Newsletter Editor.

Mail to:

Lion Tracey Buhl
28000 Redhead Drive
Underwood, MN 56586

OR Email Tracey Buhl at 5m9newsletter@gmail.com



Centennial Public Relations Contest
Lions Clubs of MD5M January, 2017-January 1, 2018



District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____

Event _____

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: _____

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

** Attach only 1 picture page

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th? ___ Yes ___ No

Please submit to our District Communications Team before January 1, 2018.
Lion Tracey Buhl, 28000 Redhead Drive, Underwood, MN 56586
Clubs may enter more than once.



NEXT STOP.....**CHICAGO!!**

LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND 100TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 30TH TO JULY 4TH

AVOID THE STRESS OF DRIVING, PAYING PARKING FEES IN CHICAGO AS HIGH AS \$68 PER DAY, AND MASSIVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION. TAKE THE BUS!! WE ARE LOOKING AT RENTING A COACH BUS OR BUSES AND RIDING IN STYLE TO CHICAGO!!

CHICAGO STYLE HOTDOGS, CHICAGO DEEP DISH PIZZA, INTERESTING SEMINARS, PARTICIPATE IN A PARADE WITH 30,000 OTHER LIONS, ENJOY AN ASSORTMENT OF TOURS, SHOPPING, FIREWORKS OVER LAKE MICHIGAN, AND CONCERTS FEATURING:

THE BEACH BOYS, CHICAGO'S OWN "CHICAGO," THE BLUES BROTHERS, PATTI LAPAIGE, A BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND, THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND, AND MORE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONVENTION GO TO PAGES 18 – 24 IN THE FEBRUARY, 2017 LIONS MAGAZINE. FOR UPDATES GO TO

LIONSCLUBS.ORG AND CLICK ON THE BANNER HEADING; LCICON.

LEAVE MINNESOTA: THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

RETURN TO MINNESOTA: WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH

PICKUP POINTS: TO BE DETERMINED ONCE WE SEE WHERE THE RIDERS ARE LOCATED.

COST: \$155 US, PER PASSENGER, TO BE PAID AT THE TIME OF YOUR RESERVATION.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Denny Ganz; 218.244.4232, dsganz@tds.net or Les Swift; 218.839.2184, ltranch@brainerd.net

BUS REGISTRATION TO CHICAGO

June 29 to July 5, 2017

NAME _____ (please print)

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBERS (home) _____ (cell) _____

MEMBER OF _____ LIONS CLUB

TRAVEL COMPANION _____ (please print)

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM
YOURS _____

PHONE NUMBERS (home) _____ (cell) _____

NUMBER PASSENGERS _____ X \$155US = _____ AMOUNT PAID

Make checks/money orders to 5M9 BUS

And remit payment to:

Denny Ganz

5079 County 40 NW

Hackensack, MN 56452



Join us at the
“LIONS OF THE NORTH”
 98TH MD5M Convention
 April 21,22,23, 2017
 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-10
REGISTRATION FORM



Please Print

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CLUB: _____

CLUB: _____

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Please specify any dietary needs: _____

Please specify any dietary needs: _____

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

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MEAL	AT 2016 MD5M CONVENTION	BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017	ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2017	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: \$100	USD: \$110	USD: \$125		
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$25		
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
SATURDAY BANQUET	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$45	USD: \$45		
SUNDAY BRUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I AM COMING TO THE CONVENTION BUT NOT STAYING FOR ANY OF THE MEALS. USD: \$0.00			TOTALS:		

“Zero-K Walk for Diabetes” USD: \$20.00 per Person. Includes a free T-shirt.

T-Shirt Size/Quantity: (S) _____ (M) _____ (L) _____ (XL) _____ (XXL) _____ (XXXL) _____

Make checks payable to: **MD5M 2017 CONVENTION**

GRAND TOTAL SUBMITTED:

Mail payment & registrations to:

Convention Information Email:

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB

Lion Wayne Tieman: tieman13@yahoo.com

P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619

Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2017. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

SEE SEPARATE FORM FOR AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND RATES

Bemidji 2017

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Other Opportunities:
Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zb8>
Many other attractions: www.visitbemidji.com

Hotel Accommodations

**Country Inn and Suites
(Convention Headquarters)**
218-441-4800

110 rooms on hold
Attached to Sanford Center

Additional

Accommodations:

AmericInn 218-751-3000

Best Western 218-751-0390

Double Tree by Hilton

218-441-4400
Shuttle to Sanford Center

**Hampton Inn & Suites
by Hilton**

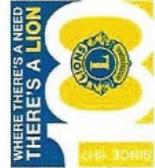
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Shuttle to Sanford Center

Holiday Inn Express

218-751-2487

Quality Inn 218-444-7700

Super 8 218-751-8481





5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

January 5, 6 & 7, 2018

Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center, Mahnomen, MN

Official Hospitality Book Order Form for 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention 2018 at Mahnomen. Each Lion, Lioness, Leo and Guest must fill out this form completely and return with a check made out to the "2018 - 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention" for registration or individual meal ticket(s) requests.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

(Please Circle One) Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

2018 Lions Title: _____

- Check if this is your first 5M9 Convention
- Check if you require Handicap Seating
- Check if you have Dietary Needs _____

Full Hospitality Book:

Includes All Meals, Entertainment,
Mid-Winter book & Pin.

First-Timer Cost until Dec. 1, 2017 \$65.00 _____

Cost Until Dec. 1, 2017 \$69.00 _____

Cost After Dec. 1, 2017 \$75.00 _____

Total Amount: _____

Individual Meal Tickets:

Registration Fee: \$10.00 _____

Saturday Breakfast: \$15.00 _____

Saturday Lunch: \$20.00 _____

Saturday Banquet: \$30.00 _____

Sunday Brunch: \$20.00 _____

Total Amount: _____

Room Rates for the Convention will be \$84.50 (including tax). _____ Friday Night _____ Saturday Night

Number of Nights stay _____ X \$84.50 = _____

Please mail this form & your Check to:

2018 Mid-Winter Convention
 C/O PDG Rodger Palmer
 1025 E. Scharf Ave.
 Vergas, MN 56587
 repotter@eot.com

2018 Mid-Winter Convention

Hosted by the Perham Lions & Vergas Lions

January 5, 6 & 7, 2018

Shooting Star Convention Center

Mahnomen, MN



Lions of 5M9,

Thank you to all of you who sent in your registration form to attend the 5M9 Mid-Winter on Jan. 5, 6 & 7, 2018 in Mahnomen at the Shooting Star Convention Center. The winner of the grill set is Lion Patty Johnson of the Dunvilla Lions. Because of the great response we received we are again offering you a chance to win a grill set.



If you send in your registration in the month of March we are again offering an incentive for all of you that did not register or could not attend this year's convention. With your paid registration for the convention we will put your name in a hat for a drawing of a stainless steel 6 pc grill

Each month as we get programs set we will let you know what is going to be happening at your Mid-Winter.

The theme for Friday night is going to be "Lions Hoe-Down". We are asking you to dress in your best pair of bib-overalls, farm clothes or cowboy clothes. We will be having games and prizes on Friday night with pin the tail on the Lion, bean bag toss, milking contest, just to name a few, and tables set up for visiting and getting to know your fellow Lions.

Along with the hospitality tables we are looking to add to the amount of goodies that will be available on Friday night. We are going to have some gift baskets available to bid on and awarded on Friday night.

In the upcoming months we are going to be asking you for ideas and suggestions for the seminars that we will be providing at the convention. When we send out the form please take the time to fill it out and let us know your thoughts and ideas. We want to make this your convention with your ideas.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DICK'S TRAVELS

MARCH

- 2—Leader DG Visit
- 4—Hewitt Lions Wild Game Feed
- 10—Friendship Banquet
- 11—Council of Governors
- 19—Cabinet Mtg @ Bluffton 1pm
- 20—Longville DG Visit
- 25—Hearing Foundation Mtg
- 27—Parkers Prairie Pride DG Visit
- 28—Malmo DG Visit
- 30-1—Leadership Institute

APRIL

- 3—Good Sam bowl alley rally
- 10—Baxter DG Visit
- 11—Palisade DG Visit
- 16—Happy Easter
- 19—Deer Creek DG Visit
- 21-23—MD5M Convention @ Bemiji
- 24—Cass Lake Lake Country DG Visit

Please submit stories and photos by the 15th of each month for the following months newsletter.

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.

Thank You

Tracey Buhl

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