

5M9 SERVICE JOURNAL

Don Hendrickx

5M9 District Governor

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



DG Don recently visited the **Lake Park Lions Club** and inducted several new members. Pictured above are, L-R: Front: DG Don Hendrickx with new members Sean Degerstrom, Amy Degerstrom, Jerald Basol and Durell Dux. Back: Sponsors Carol Ricke, Kevin Ricke, and Dixi Jacobs.



DG Don inducted Ann Powers into the **Baxter Lions Club** at their Governor's Dinner. They are pictured here with sponsor, Renee Rolfes.



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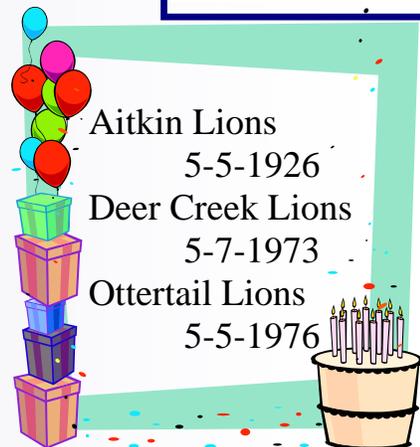
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“WATTS” NEW in 5M9

District Governor— Donald Hendrickx



With the warmer temperatures, I do believe that Spring has sprung and with that, everyone seems to have a little more “spring” in their step.

It seems that the sun energizes us all, and that is what Lions can do too. Go out and sell Lions to your family and friends and be passionate about it. I know that I have been preaching about membership and I encourage all Lions to “JUST ASK”. The month of May is **Strengthen Membership Month** and that is what we in 5M9 need to do. I want to end my year with a plus membership but I have to be honest—June makes me nervous because a lot of clubs seem to clean house. Please, try to avoid the drops in your club by reaching out to those members who have not been active in the club and see what you can do to get them interested again in Lions. Let’s all strengthen our clubs and give me as your District Governor the bragging rights that our District had a plus membership in all four quarters.

Secretaries—Thanks to all of you for getting you PU101’s in by the deadline. You made me proud. Now you can make me even prouder by attending the training for the secretaries on May 18th at the Bluffton Event Center starting at 1:00 pm. This will just be for the secretaries so all of your questions and concerns can be answered. I know that the Cabinet Secretary Margaret Van Erp would be elated to have a full house.

Just a reminder that LCI has also started a contest to increase membership—**Together We Can Grow**. See page 5 in this newsletter for the details.

Think about attending the USA/Canada Forum in Puerto Rico in September. If you have never been to one, this is a great place to learn and get energized about Lions. There are usually about 74 seminars to choose from in a wide range of topics. The registration forms can be found at lionsof5m9.org and click on the link **Multiple** on the left side. That will take you to the USA/Canada site.

As I start to wind down my year as District Governor, I can’t begin to explain what a journey it has been. If you’ve ever thought about running for DG, all I can say is “Go For It”! When I joined Lions, I never dreamt that one day I would be District Governor. If I can do it, Anyone can do it. There are a lot of great Lions in our District that would be outstanding leaders, but you have to have the courage to **Follow Your Dream**.

*“Service thru the Power of Lions”
5M9 DG Don Hendrickx*



DON’T FORGET

- ⇒ ZONE CHAIR TRAINING, Sunday, May 4, Bluffton Comm Center 1-5 pm
- ⇒ CLUB SECRETARY TRAINING, Sunday, May 18, Bluffton Comm Center 1-5pm
- ⇒ Send pictures and stories to 5m9newsletter@gmail.com
- ⇒ “JUST ASK” community members to join Lions
- ⇒ Visit Facebook and “Like” District 5M9 Lions
- ⇒ Check out the District website at www.lionsof5m9.org
- ⇒ Order your club some copies of the 5M9 printed Directory (order info on back page of newsletter)



Hoping our April Showers—including snow showers snow storms—will bring our May Flowers. That means warmer weather and that will certainly be welcomed

So, how did your April Family & Friends event profit your club? Many clubs held events last month to promote this theme. Some gained new members by getting the word out about Lions and what we do in our communities, in our country, and all around the world. Spread the word—there are many who don't know one thing about Lions. Talking to our friends and neighbors is an easy thing to do to capture their interest and brag about Lions.

There still are a couple of training sessions to complete in May. Zone Chair Training on Sunday, May 4 and Secretary Training on Sunday, May 18. Both sessions will be held at the Bluffton Event Center—gathering at 1:00 pm and starting shortly after that. When finished, a lite lunch will be served—free will donation. Come and learn—be prepared and confident for the coming year. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions.

Have you taken advantage of the College of Leadership and all the other training sessions that were offered to each of you to learn about the different offices? Every convention, zone meeting, College of Leadership, and the Regional Leadership Institute (to be held in April, 2015) are just a few of the venues that our district offers to help us prepare for whatever office we want to understand. These are for all of us to attend and learn.

Remember to order the 5M9 Directory for your club. Each club is encouraged to order 3, 5M9 Directories (one each for the President, Secretary, and Treasurer for proper mailing of club donations to projects) in addition to the disc that the District provides to each President. See the back page of this newsletter for order information.

This month of May is **Lions Recycle for Sight** month. Get collection boxes from our Vision Foundation Co-Chairs, PDG Peter Van Erp and Lion Carolyn Hegland to distribute in your community. So many times people have old eye glasses and don't know what to do with them. Well, we as Lions can make great use of them. Be sure to check these collection boxes regularly—keep them neat and attractive and empty them fairly often. Remember, there is also a need for usable reading glasses and sunglasses. You can also deposit used hearing aids in the same box for Hearing Foundation.

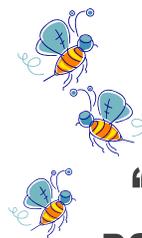
PDG Ken and I have been going to the Spring Zone Meetings. I always enjoy listening to each club list all the activities and fundraisers each has done since last Fall. It always impresses me how busy clubs have been. I realize how vital each club is to its community with all the service projects that are being done. Where would our communities be without us and our hard work?

My Cabinet is now complete. However, this Cabinet is YOUR Cabinet. YOUR District Governor Team along with the Project Chairs may be the “organizers and guides” but it is YOU, the Club Leaders and Members, who undertake the projects and events that are the very basic center part—heart and soul—of our great organization, Lions International. Keep up the great work!!!

If you have any concerns or questions, please get in contact with me. I am willing to help in any way that I can. My contact info can always be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Until next month.....

DGE Gloria Anderson



“WANNABE”

“WILLABE”

“AMMABE” in 5M9

DGE - Gloria Anderson



PUBLIC RELATIONS TIP

The Lions Learning Center at www.lionsclubs.org has online courses to increase skills in Communication, including how to be successful in public speaking. Find this and other courses by going to the LCI website and typing **Lions Learning Center** in the search box. Courses typically take 30-60 minutes to complete.





All Aboard the 5M9 Express!!!



1st Vice District Governor Elect—Jay Norby

As I look out the window writing this article I see a soft rain coming down. Rainy days often give me time to reflect and think about all the good things in my life. My wife, family, friends, a roof over my head and what I have accomplished so far in my journey of life and what I hope to do before my time is over.

As Lions we need to take that “rainy day” time out and reflect on what we as an organization, a Club and as individuals have done to help our communities. Are we doing everything we can to help those in need? Are we doing it for the betterment of our communities or are we doing it to satisfy ourselves? I hope that all of us can say that we do what we do, not only for our own personnel satisfaction but for the good of our community.

The last round of Zone Meetings have started and I am so proud to call myself a Lion when listening to what each club is doing to help mankind. Fundraisers for those in need, park shelters and playground equipment, reading machines for those who are visually impaired, the list goes on and it is incredible.

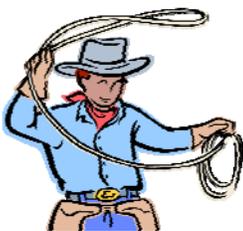
That brings me to the question for which I can't seem to find an answer. Why do we continue to lose membership? As a club are we doing everything that we can to keep our members? As individual members do we treat everyone equally and with respect? Are we looking in the right places to find new members? Officers, hold a mini-retreat where you look within your club and see if there are areas you can improve. Have a facilitator from the C.E.P. group come and sit in on your meeting. Fill out and participate in a **Club Excellence Process**. Conduct a **Community Needs Assessment** to see what others in your area think the priorities are. Contact PCC Lion Bruce Beck or any District Officer to help get you started.

We are the largest service organization and yet, I still meet people that either have not heard about Lions or didn't know that there was a club in their area. We (and I include myself) are not good at blowing our own horn. Do we let the media know that we are holding events in our area? Any time a group of Lions get together we should be contacting the media. Do you show your club banner at events? I know that the majority of clubs have one because I see them at the mid-winter convention. Please display it often and with pride at all of your functions.

Partnerships, look at working with other groups in your area to hold fundraisers or community events. I know that most clubs are doing it but if you are not, please consider it. Many hands make the job easier.

Well, the sun is breaking through the clouds and it has stopped raining. It's time for me to get outside and start getting some spring clean-up work done. As an individual we can only do so much, but as a group, there is so much more we can accomplish.

1st VDGE Jay



Saddle Up ... LIONS....
We're going after DEADLY Diabetes!!

April 5M9 Posse Update
Parker Prairie Lions & Battle Lake Lions
Became Cowboys & Cowgirls
50 Raffle Tickets



Together We Can Grow Contest

Want to be rewarded for growing your club? The Together We Can Grow contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. Building a strong club takes teamwork and leadership. Your club can do even more when the current and incoming club presidents work together this year to increase club membership. Check out what you can earn for your efforts!

Here's what your club needs to achieve to win:

- Be the top club in your district with the largest net membership gain (by percentage) between January 1 and July 31, 2014.
- Your club must have at least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain during the contest period. See complete contests rules below.

Together We Can Grow winners will also receive:

- A congratulatory letter and certificate from International President Barry Palmer and First International Vice President Joe Preston for the current club president and the incoming club president
- A Together We Can Grow banner patch
- Special recognition on the LCI website

Together We Can Grow Contest Rules

- LCI will count new members who join between January 1, 2014 and July 31, 2014, as reflected in LCI's official records. Reinstated members do not qualify.
- At least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain are required during the contest period.
- The winning club in each district shall have the highest net membership gain (by percentage) in the district for the contest period, and shall have already submitted to LCI (prior to January 1, 2014) names for the persons of Club President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- To receive the US\$250 prize, winning clubs must pay their first membership dues billing for 2014-15 by August 31, 2014.

Enter our Innovative Member Recruiting Contest!

Twenty-four clubs from around the world will be recognized for their creative and effective approaches to adding or inducting new members. The 24 winning clubs will each receive:

- US\$250 in a Club Supplies Credit or a US\$250 donation from LCI to LCIF towards the club's next MJF
- Publication in LION Magazine and on the LCI website

Participating clubs must submit their member recruiting stories from August 1 to August 30, 2014. Winners will be judged on the quality, creativity and effectiveness of their invitations, recruiting campaigns and induction ceremonies. See complete contest rules below.

Innovative Member Recruiting Contest Rules

- Submissions will be accepted from August 1 to August 30, 2014.
- Entries must be 500 words or less.
- 3 clubs from each constitutional area and Africa will be chosen as winners.
- Winners will be selected by the international Global Membership Team (GMT).
- Clubs are eligible to win in both contest categories – membership growth and innovative recruiting.



Hey Perham!!!
The Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band
is playing two concerts just for you!



Be sure to mark your calendar for an evening of great music!!!

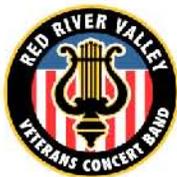
Concert date: Thursday May 1, 2014

Where: Perham Living @ 7:00 PM

Perham Lions @ 8:15 PM
(Perham Lakeside Golf Club)

The Red River Valley Veteran's Concert Band is an all-volunteer, non-profit concert band whose mission is to promote patriotism through music. While patriotic music is included in every performance, the band's music is not limited to marches and anthems. Audiences hear Broadway show tunes, TV theme songs, big band swing, Dixieland, rock and roll, and even Latin music. The band often features vocalists from within the organization. Above all, an entertaining performance is the goal of the band.

The concerts are free and the band invites everyone to enjoy an evening of great musical entertainment as we honor our military service men & women!



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The Club Excellence Process



The District 5M9 Global Leadership Team wants to remind all clubs to sign up for the Club Excellence Process (CEP)! You will review why we are here, what Lions clubs do in communities, find out the characteristics of an excellent club, determine the needs for your club - with the community and internally, and then set goals and action plans to achieve your ideas! All this in only two hours' time!

To find out how to sign up and get your club started, please contact Lion Bruce Beck at subdriver660@gmail.com or call 218.845.2204, or Lion Randy Beaver at r_beaver_2000@yahoo.com (underscores after the r's in his email address) or call Randy at 218.640.1220.

Join us!



Peter and Margaret Van Erp 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration

Saturday, May 10 2014 from 1-5pm

Join us at the Community Center in Bluffton, MN to celebrate 50 years of Marriage, Memories and Blessings.

The community center is also reserved for Sunday for any friends/relatives that have traveled and/or just want a chance to visit and relax with our family.



COME AND ROAR WITH THE WALKER LIONS

BACK AGAIN FOR THE SECOND YEAR

"B Flat and The Not too SHARP".

**DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SILENT AUCTION AT THE
NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO EVENT CENTER,
WALKER MINNESOTA. FRIDAY JUNE 13TH.**

**TICKETS \$35, AVAILABLE FROM
NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO 218-335-3151 OR
CONTACT LION SECRETARY SHERRY KIISA
218-547-2050.**

**SOCIAL 5:00 P.M., DINNER 6:00 P.M.
AND ENTERTAINMENT 8:00 P.M.**





Cormorant Lions



30th Annual Fishing Opener Raffle and Pancake, Sausage, and Egg Breakfast Saturday, May 10, 2014 7am to 11am Cormorant Community Center

Our **30th Annual Fishing Opener** event will feature a raffle with a great grand prize made affordable by Okeson Off Trail and additional prize drawings for over \$500 donated by our local, supporting establishments.

Get your raffle tickets early from all Cormorant Lions members.

Cormorant Lions will again host a hearty breakfast the morning of the MN fishing opener. Adults \$6, Children \$3. Raffle prize drawings following breakfast.

Grand Prize

2014 Polaris Sportsman 570 HO ATV or \$4000 cash.

Gift Certificates from local Establishments - support them, visit their Facebooks

Pit 6-11 (10 - \$10 certificates)

Roadhouse (4 - \$20 certificates)

Randy's (5 - \$10 certificates)

Cormorant Pub (10 - \$10 certificates)

Ella Marie's Cafe' and Collectibles (6 - \$10 certificates)

Cornfield-Dunvilla (4 - \$10 certificates)

Cormorant Inn (5 - \$10 certificates)

Zorbaz-Pelican (2 - \$10 certificates)

The Lakeplace Bait, Tackle, Camping (3 - \$10 certificates)

FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc (2 annual memberships)

Drawings held 12 noon, May 10, 2014. Need not be present to win.

Raffle permit # X-99012

This is a major fundraiser for club. **'We Serve'** with many local donations and projects.

We invite you to join us.

Visit us on **Facebook** - Cormorant Lions

Contact **Email** CormorantLions@gmail.com



Special Olympics Summer Games

Lions Volunteers Needed!

Please Register Now!



Volunteers are needed for Special Olympics Summer Games, June 26, 27, 28. The event this year is at Stillwater High School.

It starts on Thursday morning June 26 with the set-up of the Healthy Athletes Village and ends Saturday June 28 around 1 to 2 pm. The Lions assist the doctors and medical professionals in vision screening and other health related screenings.

Lions usually have fun wherever they go, and this is no exception. The enthusiasm and excitement of the athletes greatly adds to the experience.

All are welcome, family and friends too! Just sign up!

We are asking you to sign up for a shift or more. If you have any questions or want to sign up by phone or email you can contact Lions Ray Moonen at 952-926-316, moonen@myinfmail.com or Jim Cain 763-2320790, jhcain2@gmail.com.

The easiest way to sign up will be by going to the 5M5 Lions Website 5m5lions.org and clicking the link on the right hand side of the page for **Special Olympics Signups**. This will bring you to the form to fill out, choose you shift(s) and press **Submit** to send the form. We will then receive it by email. A sample view of the form and information required is below. We will send a reminder with a map and any special instructions for the event the week before to your email address.

We hope to get a lot of Lions registering for the event.

Thanks, in advance for your help and consideration.

Lions Jim & Ray

| Your Contact Info | Please Type Here |
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| Middle Initial | |
| Last Name | |
| Home Address | |
| Unit Number | |
| Home City | |
| Home State | |
| Home Zip | |
| Home Phone or Cell w/ Area Code | |
| Email Address | |

| Please Indicate Your Shift Preferences | Yes | No |
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| Set up – Thursday, June 26 - 8:30 am - 12:30 Noon | | |
| Health Screening – Fri., June 27 - 8:30 am -12:30 pm | | |
| Health Screening – Fri. June 27 - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm | | |
| Health Screening & Take down – Sat. June 28 - 8:30 am - 2:00 pm | | |



Mark your calendars ~ June 7, 2014

Winter getting you down? Looking forward to spring flowers, green grass, flowering trees, warm sunshine, root-beer floats and grilling with friends? Then [mark your calendars for June 7, 2014](#) and come out to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska for the

[Third Annual D-Foot Fundraiser walk](#) sponsored by the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation.

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)
- ◆ 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

Visit us for more info at: <http://www.5mhf.org/>



An enjoyable evening was had by those who attended the **Family and Friends Night** hosted by the **Elizabeth Lions**.

On April 3rd The Elizabeth Lions invited people from the community and surrounding area to a light meal and program. The program was the history of Elizabeth presented by Chris Schuelke of the Otter Tail County Historical Society. It was presented as a small skit, which involved some of the Lion members. Pictured above Elizabeth Lions President Duane Rose, Sister Char Grossman, Mr. Chris Schuelke, Secretary Joan Brusven and Past President Jerry Schauff all had small parts. 115



people were in attendance. We hope some of those will be interested in what Lions do and will join us as we serve our community.

The **Vergas Lions Club and CDH Rescue Team** joined forces with the help of many volunteers hosted a Health Fair on April 5th. Vision and Diabetes Screenings were performed and presentations given on Project New Hope, Can Do Canines and Kamp KACE as well as CPR and What To Do While You Wait For Help.





Walker Community Education hosted an annual Women's Expo on March 8th at the Northern Lights Casino. The Walker Lions Club was there and screened 60 people for blood glucose levels. The **Walker Lions Club** hopes to make this activity an annual event.



Below: On behalf of the **Cass Lake Lake Country Lions**, Lion Pat Town (left) presented a check for \$200 to the Cass Lake Area Food Shelf board members at the March food distribution.

Below: The **Deer Creek Lions** honored Club Treasurer Steve Techam with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is pictured with DG Don Hendrickx.



Below: DG Don with 11 others at the **New York Mills Lions** auction "fishing" for the big fish (a bottle of beer with a fish under the cap) - the DG pulled in a 10 lb. salmon which did not win him the money!!! The club raised over \$20,000 on this annual and fun event!



Cubbie Finally Returns Home!!!

After being held hostage for more than 2 months by the devious DG Don, sold to the Cormorant Lions for a \$500 LCIF donation, Cubbie was finally reunited with his parents, Lions Marlyn and Peg Kruschke at the Zone 7 meeting in Detroit Lakes. Cubbie swears to never attend another Zone Mtg.





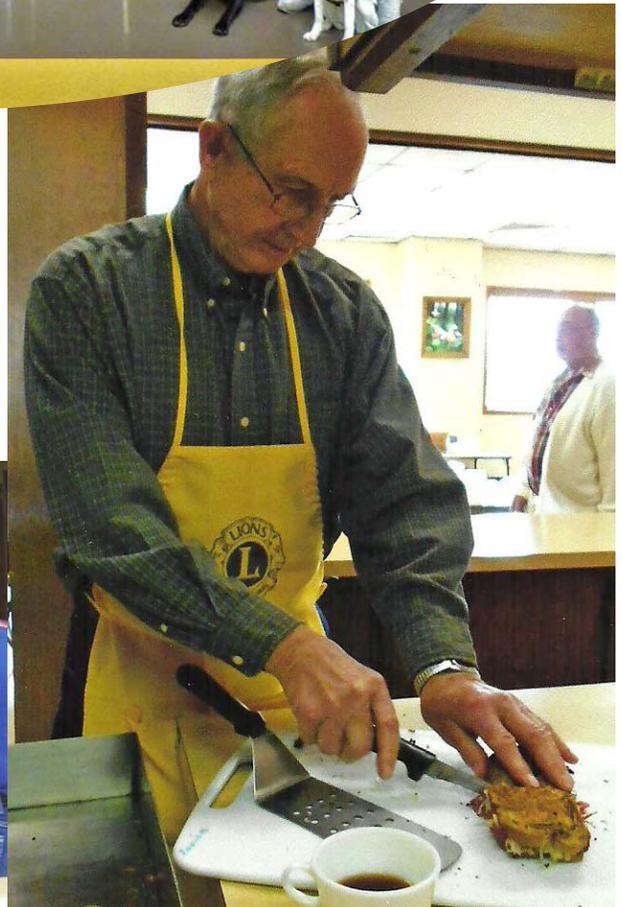
Left: It was a busy day on April 12th for the MN Lions Vision & Hearing Foundation Tours at the University of MN. PDG Linda Norby and 2ndVDE Dick Stebbins MD5M Hearing Foundation trustee's, joined in as tour guides for the event.

Below: Lions Vice District Governors-Elect from all MD5M districts toured the Can Do Canines facility in New Hope, Minn. on March 12, 2014 and learned about their assistance dog program. Lions Club are a primary sponsor of the organization, which trains assistance dogs to help people with disabilities, including hearing, mobility, seizures, diabetes and autism.

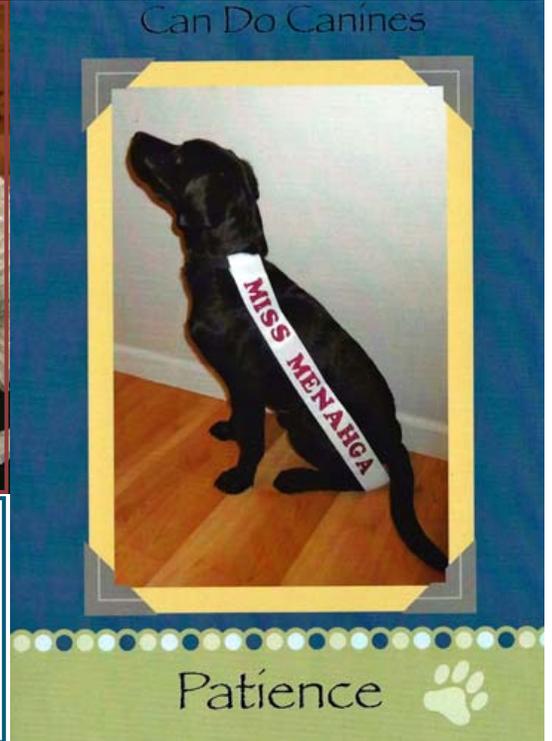


The **Cass Lake Lions Club** found themselves in the kitchen once again. In March, the 5M9 GMT/GLT Leaders made a surprise visit. They demonstrated the Lion's dual motto "We Serve" and "We Also Clean Up" by giving Lion Pat Eslinger a hand with the dishes after the meeting. L-R are Lions Bruce Beck, Randy and Judy Beaver.

Pictured Right is Lion Leonard Tompkins carefully preparing a Reuben sandwich for a Reuben/Potato Soup Luncheon the **Cass Lake Lions** hosted on March 30.



Gateway Lions of Menahga



Above: Lions Jeri Heldt, Lyle Heldt, Betty Hotakainen and Kari Carlson received the Top Dog Awards from the Can Do Canine Association.

Right: Patience was purchased with \$2500 raised from the 2013 Walkathon for Can Do Canines.

Right: Menahga 6th Graders, Annie Lake, Samantha Pfeiffer and Abby Miska were the finalists in the poster contest. Samantha's poster went on to the 5M9 Convention and won 2nd Place.



Above: Lion Elaine Hollerud received the Dream Catchers Award from the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation.

Right: Lion Roger Hollerud presented Lion Shar Lusti and Lion Kim Rasmussen the Helen Keller Sight Award from the MN Lions Eye Foundation.



Baxter Lions Club Governor's Dinner



DG Don Hendrickx presented awards. Lion Sandy Johnson received the Dream Catcher Award, Lion Babe Clifford received the Silver Founder Tribute Award and Lion Sue Stebbins received the Helen Keller Award.

DG Don presented Lions Renee Rolfes, Sharon Orser, Betty Holden and Judy Hustak with the Top Dog Can Do Canine Award.



DG Don presented Hearing Foundation Awards to Lions Dick Stebbins, Betty Schulke, Paul Roth, Anne Buranen and Dewey Bjork.



Deerwood Lakes Lions Board Members
with DG Don and Lion Pat Hendrick

Lions Ascot Order Form

Ascot as shown on Lion Kay Bendorf (second from left) available in:

| | | | |
|-------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Blue | Qty. _____ | @ \$16.00 | Total \$_____ |
| Gold | Qty. _____ | @ \$16.00 | Total \$_____ |
| Black | Qty. _____ | @ \$16.00 | Total \$_____ |

Cotton/Polyester blend fabric; washable and dryable. One size fits all.
Price includes shipping and handling.

Send your order and payment to:

Lions Ascots
Deerwood Lakes Lions Club
PO Box 1
Deerwood, MN 56444

Delivery within 4 weeks of receipt of order.



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OH, THE PLACES WE WILL GO

May
1—Induct new members/
install officers/ Elizabeth
4—Zone Chair Training @ Bluffton
8—Zone 5 mtg @ Hewitt
9—Grandparent's Day @ St. Henry's
School in Perham
10—Van Erp Anniversary celebration
13—Induct new members/Vergas
15—Brainerd Lakes visit

17—Can Co Canines Graduation
18—Secretary Training @ Bluffton

June
7—De-Feet Hearing Loss Walk
16—Induct new members/ Ottertail
19—Underwood DG visit
25—My Birthday

July
9—Officially the IPDG

October
5—My Mini-Forum @ Bluffton



2014-15 5M9 Directories

Order your Directories from:

- + PDG Peter Van Erp @ 385-3446 / petemarg@arvig.net
- + Lion Pat Hendrickx @346-5899 / phend@arvig.net
- + PDG Ken Anderson @ 631-9005/ glo_ken@hotmail.com

MD5M Multiple Directory - \$15.00

5M9 Directory - \$5.00

We encourage all club Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers
to order a 5M9 directory for references.

Deadline is JUNE 15, 2014 — all orders must be prepaid.

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