DG Bruce's
Port of Calls & Club Visits

May
1st– College of Leadership Wadena M State
2nd– College of Leadership Detroit Lakes M State
3rd– Backus Lions Club visit
8th– Palisade Lions install officers
10th– Hackensack Lions visit
14th– Pride of Parkers Prairie
15th– Longville Lions Club visit
16th– Brainerd Lions Club visit
19th– Can-Do-Canines Graduation, Twin Cities
21st– Sebeka Lions Club visit
23rd– Brainerd Lions 90th Anniv PID Debra Wasserman Speaker
30th– Cuyuna Range Lions 75th Anniv– ID Brian Sheehan Speaker

June
8th– Wait Park Lions Charter Nite
9th– MN Lions Hrg Foundation, D'Feet Hrg Loss walk fundraiser
11th– Cormorant Lions Club
12th– Bay Lake Lions Membership Nite
18th-28th– Attend Lions Intl Convention in Busan Korea (all done as 5M9 DG!)
29th– See DG Margaret Van Erp's Calendar!!!

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Catch Your Dream

Bruce Beck 5M9 District Governor

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PERHAM LEOS CLUB

On Sunday, April 15th at 1:00pm the Perham Lions hosted the new LEO Club Charter Event at the Promenade Ballroom in Perham. The Perham Lions are the proud sponsors of the new Perham LEO's club. The MC to the grand afternoon was Perham Lions President Earl Rydell. Speakers included 5M9 LEO Program Chair PDG Ken Anderson and District Governor Bruce Beck. Following the presentations, DG Bruce installed the new LEO Officers of the club. Others in attendance were the Perham Lions, DGE Margaret and PDG Peter VanErp, 1st VDGE Don Hendrickx, 2nd VDGE Gloria Anderson, and 1st Lady Lion Erin. After the installations a light lunch was served and congratulations were extended! The new LEO's already have several new projects in the works. The entire District 5M9 welcomes our newest club and we look forward to seeing great things from them for the Perham Community!

Pictured above: Perham Leo Club Officers and Advisors
Front L-R: LEO's Danielle Graham, Abbijo Rydell, and Advisor Missy Graham
Back L-R: DG Bruce, LEO's Griffin Helmeke, Nick Kalina, Scott Graham, and Advisor Gary Senske

Catch'n the Lunker

April was LEO Awareness Month! What better way to recognize LEOs than starting a new LEO Club! Congratulations are due to the Perham Lions Club as they helped organize the new Perham LEO Club. They held the charter event on April 15, 2012, at the Promenade Ballroom in Perham. It was a great event in a grand setting - job well done by the Perham Lions and all the new LEOs! District 5M9 welcomes you and we look forward to the great projects you will do for your community!

Lions of 5M9, I am so proud of all your hard work in service to your communities and especially in the area of club membership. At a recent MD5M GMT-GLT Forum, 5M9 was recognized as only one of two districts in the Multiple to have a positive membership increase. At the MD5M Convention in Hinckley, **N.O.W.** (No Other Way) was promoted by the Multiple GMT & GLT. You have to ASK someone to be a new member. There is **N**o **O**ther **W**ay to get new members into our Lions clubs! Team 5M9 has worked hard to create a "Culture" in which every club will have a major membership drive/event each year. It has made a significant, positive difference for us! Thanks to those clubs who have had a membership drive event. I challenge clubs who have not had this type of event to plan one.

Our clubs have taken IP Tam's challenge to plant trees to heart. With the advent of spring, trees are being planted all over 5M9. We have exceeded my promise of 2500 trees for District 5M9 and I thank you all for making this happen! To the best of my knowledge, we have planted over 4,000 trees - a job well done by all. In 5M9, we make good things happen!

No, I have not forgotten that the Fishing Opener is this month. Let's get the boat out and,

- Take a kid fishing.
- Invite a senior who loves to fish and can no longer get out themselves.
- Spend time fishing with grandkids, family, and friends.
- Invite a new friend, a potential new Lion member, who likes doing the things you do, **N.O.W.**!

I hope all the Lions of 5M9 are cranked-up for a fun, energetic, sunny, warm summer of great things to do. We have the privilege of living in God's handiwork of nature & beauty! Get out; enjoy it, for we are truly blessed! Let's not take it for granted!

Catch Ya on the Water,
Lion Bruce

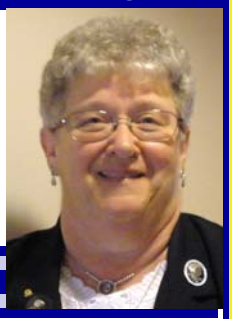
Baxter Lion Con Molin presenting DG Bruce with an Eye Glass collection stand and challenging DG Bruce to collect more eyeglasses! Challenge Accepted!

Zone 1 Chair Lion Dale Eberhardt receiving the Club Excellence Award from DG Bruce for his year as the Baxter Lions President 2010-2011.

Stitching Together the News of 5M9

District Governor Elect

Margaret Van Erp



Winter, Spring, Winter and Spring? At least the snow has left, again. We did get a wonderful welcome rain for several days. Hopefully, not too many plants got froze off in the winter part of last weekend.

Wow, the time is picking up speed. Last Saturday 1st. VDGE Don Hendrickx, 2nd VDGE Gloria Anderson and myself spent the day in St. Cloud attending a GLT/GMT seminar. Our own CCE/DG Bruce Beck and PDG Carroll Kukowski were two of the presenters. As always, they did a super job! It was a day of learning for us all learning about the GLT/GMT duties. Membership was a big issue. Our Multiple and our District attract many new members, We need to place more focus on keeping our current membership. Each club should look at our membership and ask ourselves, "Have we lost members this year?" Did anyone of us ask "Why" they decided to leave our great Organization? Was it something someone did or said? Did something at home change? Remember, what seems like not a big deal to one person may offend another one. Maybe there has been a misunderstanding and it needs to be brought to the surface so the problem can be solved. Each club should seriously consider performing an exit interview when Lions chose to leave. Treat them like you would want to be treated. Consider changing your meeting time to encourage younger members to join. Believe me, when you look around many of our clubs you see many heads with gray hair or some with no hair. We really need younger members in each and every club. Each year we recognize about 35 members at our Necrology service, but we lose many more. Let's see what we can do now with Spring time here. Perhaps new life in nature all around us can stimulate our Lion clubs, with new life, new ideas & more helping hands for all of us.

We had good turnout at all of the final zone meetings for this Lions year. A special Thanks to all the Zone chairs for their dedication to the Lions. Also, thanks to all the Clubs. It's unbelievable how many hours, dollars and labor goes into the projects throughout our District. We do have the Best District in the MD5M.

MD5M Directory discs will be provided to each club again this year. If you would like to order a hard copy please see the information in **CLUB REMINDERS & UPDATES** below.

April 2013 the Multiple will again have the Regional Leadership Institute. Please start to think about attending this training session. Our District will have 6 places to fill and many times if the other Districts don't use their spots it is then opened up to the rest of the Multiple to send more people. We have always had a good attendance from our Dist. It's not only to help you in Leadership in Lions but it is worth the time and energy to help you in your job or just everyday living. It does cost $150.00 for the training but if you attend all of the meetings you will receive $100.00 back on Sunday afternoon before you leave.

The Bluffton Lions and the Perham Lakes Lions are busy getting things ready for a Grand Slam Home Run Convention in 2013. Mark the dates on your calendar—January 4th, 5th & 6th 2013. Get yourself a baseball shirt and be ready to PLAY BALL!

Until next month keep the ovens on with the buns baking.
DGE Margaret Van Erp

CLUB REMINDERS & UPDATES

USA/CANADA FORUM

Sept. 13-15, Tampa Bay, FL
72 different seminars to choose from
For More Info contact

- CCE/DG Bruce Beck
- Lion Ardean Brasgalla
- DGE Margaret Van Erp
- Visit 5M9 website to get a registration form

DIRECTORY UPDATE

This year each club will have the opportunity to purchase a printed version of the District Directory from your Zone Chair. The books will be in booklet form.

- Complete 2012-2013 MD5M Directory = $14.00
- Complete 2012-2013 5M9 Directory = $3.00

All orders must be pre-paid by June 14th, 2012.
No books will be ordered after this date.
Make checks payable to District 5M9.
Checks should be sent to:

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38214 610th Ave
Bluffton, MN 56518

Pat Hendrickx
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Perham, MN 56573

"WATTS" NEW in 5M9

1st Vice District Governor Elect Donald Hendrickx

If you remember, last month I was saying how March came in like a Lion and I was going to let you know how it went out ~ well the old saying held true this year ~" It came in like a Lion and left like a Lamb." But now the question is, "What happened to the lamb, as it has been a bit chilly around Perham."

A HUGE thank you goes out to all the Zone Chairs for the wonderful third meetings they had. I have attended quite a few and I have always had fun at each one. I am very impressed with the projects each club is involved in. Keep up the great work, but most importantly ~ **Always remember to have Fun!!**

I along with my wife Pat, will be attending the MD5M Multiple Convention in Hinkley the end of April. I look forward to getting to know the other 1st VDG's in the Multiple and I will begin my training to become your DG for 2013-2014. I understand there is a lot of training and considering I have been out of school for 41 years, my brain will be working overtime ! But I am up for the challenge.

Speaking of conventions, the 2013 5M9 Midwinter will be held at Craguns Resort on January 4,5,6th hosted by the Bluffton Lions and Perham "Lakes" Lions. We have been meeting on a monthly basis and have a lot of planning in the works already. Start thinking of putting this date on your calendars and come join the baseball fun !

One more date to think about ~ the Regional Leadership Institute held at Mahnomen Shooting Star will be sometime in April of 2013. This is a three day learning seminar that is packed full of learning about Lions and every day lessons. I attended in 2011 and was apprehensive about going. It was one of the best things that I have ever done for myself. I was so pumped on the way home and know that this learning experience has not only helped me in Lions but in my own personal every day living.

Thank you to all the Lions who planted trees this year and helped our DG meet his promise to International President Tam. 5M9 continues to excel in everything.

Dutch Proverb of the Month ~ "It's not difficult to become a farmer, but it is difficult to remain a farmer."
Pas goed op jezelf – ***1st VDGE Don***

VERNDALE LIONS

presented the following awards at their annual Comedy Night in February. 1st VDGE Don presented Lion Tina Wegscheid the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award and Lion Steve Pickar the Dream Catcher Award.

LION PAT HENDRICKX

received a "Top Dog" award from Leader Dog for all the has done with Perham "Lakes" Lions. Lion Dick Kimball presented the award at Perham "Lakes" Lions last meeting.

WADENA-DEER CREEK LEO CLUB COLLECTS POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Wadena-Deer Creek Leo Club organized a pop-tab drive during the month of March to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Pictured below, several of the LEO Club members weighed the pop tabs. Left to Right: Missy Moore, M. Schroeder, Gabby Weiher, Darylann Webb, Hope Dumpprope and Hope Norenberg. (Photo by Dana Pavek, WDC Schools)

Students and staff in grades 7-12 gathered up their pop tabs in a competitive challenge coordinated by the LEO Club. The classes with the most pop tabs were: first place: Mr. Maki with 5.6 pounds; second place: Mr. Patterson, 4.6 pounds; and third place: Mr. Brunsberg, 4.4 pounds. The classes will be awarded cookies for their efforts from the LEO Club.

LEO Club advisors are Tyler Church and Diane Webb, who finds this community-service project an important one for LEO Club members.

"Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling, as well as raise funds to help children and their families at the same time," said Church.

The LEO Club is an active group of youth volunteers who perform a variety of community service projects. Their purpose is to promote service activities and to develop individual qualities of Leadership, Experience and Opportunity (LEO). The club is sponsored by Wadena, Deer Creek and Bluffton Lions Clubs.

Ronald McDonald House offers rooms for families of pediatric patients under 21 years old, who are receiving medical care at medical facilities.

Contact: Tyler Church, WDC Schools, 632-2172

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KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK LEOS

PUBLIC RELATIONS TIP

- Invite community organizations to present information about their activities at club meetings and offer to present information at their meetings.
- Ask government and school district newsletters to include information about your club, especially if you are involved in a community or school project such as the Peace Poster Contest, a vision or diabetes screening, etc.
- Donate a subscription of LION Magazine to your local library. Contact the LION magazine department at LCI for ordering information.

LIONS
PUBLIC RELATIONS STRATEGIES

Third Annual "Season Opener" Fish Fry!

Wadena Lions Club

Walleye Fish Fry

Friday, May 11th

Serving from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

WADENA ELKS LODGE

North Highway 71 - Wadena

Only $9.00!!

$5.00 Children's Portion
12 Years and Under

Delicious walleye fillets hand-dipped in our special batter, then deep fried to mouthwatering perfection! Served with baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll and your choice of milk or coffee.

Dine In or Take Out!

Pre-Sale Tickets Available at Rick's Barbershop or Club Members – Proceeds Support Lions Community & Youth Activities

AITKIN RIVERBOAT LIONS held a **Diabetes Screening Booth** at the Sports & Commerce Show on March 10 & 11. There were 262 people who were tested and approximately 10 referred to their physicians for further diagnosis. Shown in the photo (left to right) are Lions Judy Blomberg, Joy Janzen, Vicki Miller, and Lynne Kellerman.

On January 17, 2012, **Aitkin Riverboat Lions and Aitkin Lions** installed new members into their respective clubs. Current Lions sponsors and the new members are: Connie Pearson and Kathy Stromberg, Judy Blomberg and Vicki Miller, Elaine Bruss and Barbara Watkins, Bud Bruss and Lee Watkins. (no photo)

Aitkin Riverboat Lions
Spring Luncheon

Thursday May 3rd, 2012
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Tickets–$7.00 each

1st Lutheran Church
107–2nd St SE
Aitkin MN

Proceeds for Community Projects

Tickets available from Aitkin Riverboat Lion's members, at State Farm Insurance or at the Door

Right: DG Bruce recognizing the **Baxter Lions with 35 years of Service!**
L-R: DG Bruce, Lions Jerry Leese, Dewey Bjork and Gordy Schulke.

100% Attendance Awards of the Deer Creek Lions: (below)
L-R: Front row: Lions Dick Malone, Chuck Perkins, Wayne Perkins. Back row: DG Bruce, Lions Norman Jahnke, Chris Brand, Larry Spenst.

ELIZABETH LIONS & ROTHSAY SCHOOL MARCH '12

The **ELIZABETH LIONS CLUB** presented a check for $400.00 to the Rothsay Public School to purchase library books. The Elizabeth Lions (pictured above/right) making the presentation are from left to right: Duane Rose, Wayne Myrvik, and Jerry Brusven. The librarian is Cindy Blair and the two kindergarten children holding the check are Gracyn Peterson and Matthew Danielson. The Elizabeth Lions hope to continue helping with the purchase of books for the school library in the future.

FRAZEE LIONS CLUB planted 59 trees (1 per member) around the community.
Photos are thanks the Frazee Forum reporter that came out to witness the event.

PALISADE LIONS

Celebrated their Charter night with several awards given out.
Left: Lion Tami Kullhem received a Dream Catcher Award and DG Bruce Beck
Below: DG Bruce pictured with Lion Darlene Hlidek receiving a Melvin Jones, and Palisade President Evie Ladd

Shown below working at the
CASS LAKE LIONS CLUBS
Reuben sandwich/potato soup luncheon are club members Ken Bedeau, Nathalie Sullivan-Hasert and Leonard Tompkins. The first-ever meal was well received and another is planned for next year.

NEW YORK MILLS Trade Show screened 80 people. One did not know she had high blood pressure was encouraged to follow-up with her physician. Screenings performed by DGE Margaret and Lion Vi Bergman.

Nisswa Lions attending the Zone 1 meeting in Pillager:
L-R: President Mike Rempe, Youth Exchange Chair Frank McLean, Secretary Ted Dullum, Treasurer John Weizeneggar and 1st Vice Pres. Lyle Steffens!

DEER CREEK LIONS annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast was held on Sunday April 22. Profit of $1100 which will be applied to the "Lifelines" (13) the Deer Creek Lions provide.

ZONE 4 UPDATE

The Zone 4 spring meeting was hosted by the Cass Lake Lions Club on March 29th in Cass Lake with 42 Lions in attendance. Lion Jerry Wohlers presented an informative program on Camp Confidence. Pictured are Lions Jerry and Frank Bender of Park Rapids.

Zone 4 Chair, Zelda Novak has instituted a new award to be given annually called the **"Quiet Lions Award"** to be given to someone in a club that is recognized by their officers for their contribution to their clubs and community. The first recipients are Lion Janice Foster from Lakes Country, Lions Ken and Judy Thompson from Nevis, Lion Angela Jobe from Guthrie Nary, Lion Tom Prosser From Cass Lake, Lion Walter Rinskers from LaPorte and Lion Larry Novak From Park Rapids. **Congratulations** to all of the "Quiet Lions" and many thanks to the Cass Lake Lions for a delicious meal and for hosting this meeting.

Zelda Novak, Zone 4 Chair

Pictured left is
IPDG Linda Albrecht-Norby
screening for Diabetes.
Picture below is
Lion Arthur Yliniemi along with
Al doing Glaucoma screening.

OSAGE LIONS HEALTH FAIR & PANCAKE FEED APRIL 14TH, 2012

The Osage Lions screened 52 people for Diabetes and/or Glaucoma. 4 people were alerted to follow-up with their doctor ASAP.

Please submit stories, photos with captions, ads and other material to the editor/diva before the 15th of the month for the following months newsletter.

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