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5M9 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

GLORIA ANDERSON

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Brainerd Leo Club

recently had our kick-off night and it was a huge success. Since our kick-off we have had 14 people join our club. With the help of Brainerd Lions Club we have been able to start the Leos and are planning our charter night. At our first meeting we were able to elect officers and came up with many ideas of where to volunteer in our community. Over the summer we plan to volunteer with the following things in our community: Kujava Benefit, Fishing Clinic, Bike Safety Program, Miracle Field, The Center, Operation Sandwich, and many more. On April 26th, our club officers attended the Lions Training Day in Wadena. We learned about Leos, how to run a meeting, and much more. We are hopeful that we will be able to volunteer more and become a larger club. We are also very excited to have this opportunity to become a Leo and help in the community.

Emily Johnson—Brainerd Leo Club President

Right: President Emily, PDG Peter Van Erp and Vice President Megan.
 Below Left: PDG Dale Johansen and Secretary Alison.
 Below Right: PDG Eldon Bergen, Treasurer Taylor, and PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby.



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Pressing on in Service

District Governor—Gloria Anderson



May already. Time is sure flying fast – Spring is here and trees are starting to leaf out. The grass is turning green from winter brown and we can plant our flowers.

We are in the process of starting a new Lions club in Rothsay. There was a club for many years in this community but it folded several years ago. The potential and interest is there – we do have quite a few signed up now. One more sign-up opportunity was held after the initial one and then it will be the organizational meeting. Watch for news on a charter night. Lion Randy Beaver, 5M9 GMT Coordinator, along with several Lions, has been working very hard on this new club process. Thank you, Lion Randy, for your dedication.

Congratulations to the newly-organized Brainerd Leos Club. The sponsoring Lions club is Brainerd Lions. PDG Ken and I were at Brainerd for the sign-up event and the youth attending were very excited. They have since held a meeting, elected officers and planned a few projects. They are well on the way to having a fun and dynamic club. The members are anxious to get going. The advisors are Lions Trina Johnson and Jen Baker. Welcome, Brainerd Leos!!

May is Lions Recycle for Sight Month. Here in 5M9 we recycle used eye glasses all year long. There are collection boxes at various businesses in our District. Please check these boxes to make sure all are in good shape and look great. You could hold a contest with a neighboring Lions Club to see which club can collect the most glasses in a specified time limit. It could be a fun project and no doubt would result in a great collection of glasses. Remember to collect sunglasses too. Report this activity on MyLCI Service Activity Reports to receive Centennial Service Challenge recognition.

The Worldwide Week of Service is a special Centennial Service Challenge event during the week of May 16-22. Consider hosting a project that benefits youth, vision, hunger, or the environment. Another suggestion for this week involves hosting a project to help children in need in your community. There is so much we can do. Look for project ideas and resources on the Worldwide Week of Service website.

Spring Zone Meetings are in full swing, with several scheduled yet in May. We have been attending all these meetings and continue to be impressed with the projects and undertakings of each club. It is awesome to listen to each club’s report and hear what the members have accomplished. Some clubs say they are a small club in numbers; but when they start listing their projects, it is one great small club. Keep up the great work you are doing for your communities. All are benefiting from our Lions Clubs involvement.

One of President Preston’s areas for “Strengthen the Pride” is **Courage and Conviction**. As Lions, we need to Roar!!! We need to tell the whole world who we are and that we will never stop trying, because we have a service to perform and we are going to provide it, no matter what the challenges are. Have you considered how much courage it takes to stand up to a bully, to right a wrong, to defend a weaker person? Also, consider the amount of conviction it takes to live by a set of principles that says no need shall not be met, no one should go hungry or surrender to a preventable disease. Lions Clubs International was born of courage and has succeeded due to our conviction to the principle that it is better to serve others, than to serve ourselves. Focusing on this same courage and conviction will carry us into the future.

Until next month

DG Gloria Anderson



All Aboard the 5M9 Express!!!



District Governor Elect—Jay Norby

“We are Lions”

In the eighteenth century, the British Empire had a slogan that the sun never set on their territory. Today, we as Lions are the only ones who can truly say that the sun never sets on us. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year somewhere in this world there are Lions helping out.

Talking about helping out, please ask your club or club members to help out and send a donation in to LCIF to help out the people of Nepal after the horrendous earthquake that happened there. LCIF has already given a \$100,000.00 donation to help out and before it is over the people of Nepal will need more. This is what we do. Those who have suffered major natural disasters can depend on the Lions to deliver help within hours.

We just finished the 5M9 Leadership Training day. To those that attended, thank you. From the comments we heard, those in attendance had some fun and learned about their respective positions. To the instructors I want to say a big thank you also. Your knowledge and enthusiasm made for a great day. Please check the district newsletter or multiple newsletter as we have some more great learning opportunities coming.

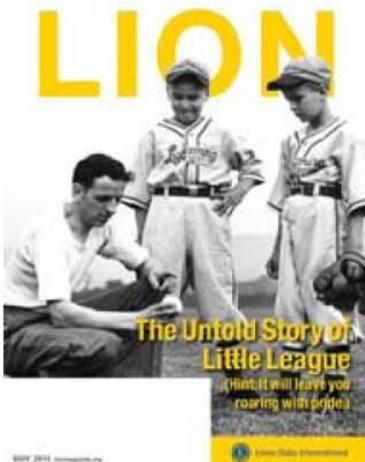
We are headed down the back stretch of this Lions year and what a great year it has been. We are not done yet, so let’s all put one more push to get that service project done, or sign up a new member and equally as important, invite your members who have not been attending lately to come to a meeting and let them know that they are missed.

The train is nearing the station and it is time to get on the 5M9 Express.

Lion Jay Norby DGE

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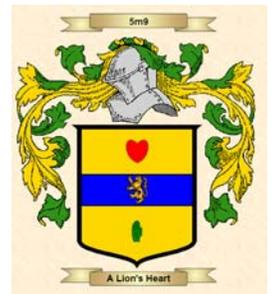
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Richard the Lionhearted

Vice District Governor Elect - Dick Stebbins



Hello Lions of 5M9! Spring has arrived, it is getting warmer, the birds are singing and the ice is out! The last Zone Meetings are in progress and I hope all of you who attended have gained something from the meetings. It is always fun to see Lions from your own Zone and hear what club projects they have been doing. At this time of the year it is particularly interesting to me to hear about the scholarships that are being given by the Lions each year to deserving high school students. Students will remember for many years the generosity of the Lions with these scholarships. We hope that this will certainly encourage them to perhaps become future Lions and of course future leaders in their communities.

We also have completed our officers training in Wadena, which I once again believe is so very important to the well being of a club. Good leadership is instrumental in growing a club and maintaining a good healthy club. I hope those of you who attended the training this year, found it very beneficial. We truly appreciated all of your attendance.

By the time you read this news article we will have been to the Multiple Convention in Bloomington. This will be my first official training as 1st VDG. I am looking forward to serving our Great District in the year to come as 1st VDG. I am available to help. If I don't have an answer I will try to find it for you.

When talking about training, Lion Sue and I and others from the district went to the Leadership Institute in Mahanomen and came back exhausted but very excited about Lionism and sharing with our clubs, District and Community. It is very hard to come back and say "I learned this". It's the type of learning and knowledge that you can use in your Lions work and everyday life. If you haven't been to the Leadership Institute start thinking about attending the next one which will be in April of 2017.

There was a great turn out for the new Brainerd Leo's club organizational night. We enjoyed the evening and our granddaughter signed up to be a Leo. We look forward to seeing what they will accomplish!

What is your club doing? I am so looking forward to spring and the newness it brings to all things. Make sure your club is an integral part of spring-time in your community. I hope you think of yourselves as true Lions and not a meeting attendee.

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
- ⇒ 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





Deerwood Lakes Lions
ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA

HELLO DOLLY!

Bring a doll and story to share
Saturday, May 9
Noon to 2 pm

Cascade Methodist Church
(Hwy. 6 between Crosby & Deerwood)

Tea Luncheon with scones, delectable desserts,
music and door prizes!

Reservations required and available until 5/5/15
Tickets \$15.00
Contact: Lion Diann Bates
601 2nd Ave. NE, Crosby, MN 56441
218-546-5237

Proceeds benefit local community needs.



GARRISON LIONS 34TH ANNUAL STYLE SHOW AND DINNER



DATE: May 21st, 2015 Thursday

Place: Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

Time: Social 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Fashions from:

Ruttger's Country Store - Deerwood
Christopher Banks - Brainerd
Giada's - Aitkin



Tickets: \$29.00 Sold in advance – Reserved seating

Tickets sold by Garrison Lion members or
Call Kay 612-816-8070 or 320-692-4887

COME JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING WITH YOUR FELLOW LIONS!



**DOOR PRIZES AND
8 RAFFLE BASKETS
WORTH SETTING
YOUR HOOK INTO!**

RSVP to Scott Rolfe – (218) 232-7241
bigskipper61@aim.com

YOU ARE INVITED

What: 5M9 Zone 3
"Opener"

Hosted By:

The Longville Lions

When: Tuesday, May 5th,
2015

Where: Patrick's on The
Shore of Girl Lake

Agenda:

5:00 P.M.

Social Hour, Registration,
Raffle Ticket Sales, Meet
and Greet

6:00 P.M.

Meeting Begins Featuring
Guest Speakers, Club
News, and Tail Twisting

MENU: Fish dinner
\$13.00 (includes tax and
tip)



Ottertail Lions



Golf for Scholarships

The **Ottertail Lions** are putting on their 10th Annual Golf for Scholarships Tournament, **Saturday, May 30, 2015** at the **Thumper Pond Golf Course**. Proceeds from the Tournament will go to Scholarships for selected students graduating from Battle Lake, Perham, Henning, and New York Mills

Tee off will be at **12:00 noon**. It will be an 18 hole **Scramble Tournament** with a **Shotgun** start.

The entry fee is **\$60** per golfer and includes green fees, cart, and a light lunch. Please return entry form and entry fee to:

Jerry Smith
30087 St Hwy 78
Ottertail, MN 56571
367-3136

OR

Thumper Pond
Club House

The deadline for your entry is May 22.

Player _____



Cormorant Lions

31st Annual Fishing Opener Raffle

and Pancake, Sausage, and Egg Breakfast
Saturday, May 9, 2015 7am to 11am

Cormorant Community Center

Our **31st Annual Fishing Opener** event will feature a raffle with a great **Grand Prize of \$5,000 cash!**

Only 2000 tickets will be sold.

Raffle prize drawing at noon following breakfast.

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. Famous pancakes, sausage, eggs, and all the trimmings! Adults \$6, Children \$3, little ones free.

Thanks to these local businesses for allowing us to sell tickets in their establishments and for their continued support:

Pit 6-11

Randy's

Ella Marie's Cafe' and Collectibles

Cormorant Inn

The Lakeplace Bait, Tackle, Camping FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc

Roadhouse

Cormorant Pub

Cornfield-Dunvilla

Zorbaz-Pelican

Drawings held 12 noon, May 9, 2015. Need not be present to win.

Raffle permit # X-99012



YOU ARE INVITED TO CAMP NEEDLEPOINT & EXPO!

The American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Area is currently planning our two largest programs of the year: Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint and our Diabetes Expo. I personally want to invite the members of your club to visit one or both of these programs this year.

Camp Needlepoint sessions are Sunday, August 16 to Saturday, August 22 and Sunday, August 23 to Saturday, August 29. Since registration and camper pick-up are the Sundays and Saturdays, we ask that you schedule a day during the week. The time at camp will include a tour of the camp facility, lunch with the campers and an opportunity to meet the medical staff, counselors and campers. Camp is located just south of Hudson, Wisconsin. Contact Susan Klimek at 763-593-5333, ext. 6591 or email sklimek@diabetes.org to schedule your visit. We ask that you not show up without first contacting us as we need to know who is on-site for the safety of the campers and staff.

Our Diabetes Expo will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Hall E. It is billed as “everything you need to know about diabetes under one roof” including workshops, cooking demonstrations, fitness activities, free health screenings, an “Ask the Expert” area, and vendors offering the latest diabetes products and services. Last year over 8,300 people attended and we’re expecting more this year. As a Lion, you and/or your club can get involved in several ways:

- We invite you to come to learn more about diabetes.
- We need many day-of-event volunteers for this activity. Lions Clubs may want to volunteer as a club. Many clubs helped last year; by wearing their vests they gained more recognition for Lions Clubs and what they do in the community. Volunteer for a few hours (time slots are 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM or 11:30 AM – 3:15 PM) or for the entire day. Please contact Molly Duerr at 763-593-5333, ext. 6652 or at mduerr@diabetes.org if you or a club would like to volunteer.
- Several areas outside of the Twin Cities worked on organizing buses to and from the Expo for members of their community. Clubs from several communities in your district could set up a bus route with several stops to pick up people. Work with your local clinics, hospitals, churches, etc. to get the word out. If you are thinking about having a bus please contact Molly Duerr at 763-593-5333, ext. 6652 or mduerr@diabetes.org for more information. All people will have free admission to the Expo and there will be free bus parking at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

We appreciate the support we have received from Lions Clubs in the past and invite you now to see how your funding is helping people with diabetes.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

ZONE 6 MEETING

May 19, 2015

VFW Club

Menahga, MN

6:00 PM SOCIAL

6:30 DINNER AND MEETING

HOSTS: MENAHGA GATEWAY LIONS

COST FOR DINNER \$10.00

PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR ZONE CHAIRS

ROGER & ELAINE HOLLERUD

[218 255-0134](tel:2182550134)

NO LATER THAN MAY 14TH 2015

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

SHOULD ATTEND

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT TURNOUT FOR

THE GATEWAY CLUB



Above: **Deer Creek Lions Club** presented Lion Dick Malone with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is pictured here with DG Gloria Anderson.

Below: Lion Sue Stebbins, 1st VDGE Dick Stebbins, 2nd VDGE Tom Plagman, and Lion Michele Plagman enjoyed the **MD5M Convention** in Bloomington.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Garrison Lions Shamrock Sale

The Garrison Lions celebrated their 4th year of fund raising for the food shelf by presenting a check for the amount of \$480.87. Money was raised by the sale of "Shamrocks for the Food Shelf". March is Minnesota Food Share month, and is the largest drive of the year to help stock food shelves. All donations in March to the food shelf will be matched by Minnesota FoodShare's - March campaign. One Dollar donation goes more than twice as far than if food items were purchased at stores.

Thanks to all the Garrison Lions, merchants and individuals for their involvement.

A REAL COMMUNITY EFFORT!

A special "THANK YOU" to the Garrison VFW for the donation of 2 of the 'Famous Chicken Dinners' for top "sales person".

Below L-R: Tim Drahosh, Sharon Hannon, Steve Harvey- traveling sales Team - "The Lions Pride" Garrison Lions, at the VFW.



Baxter Lions celebrated their 5m9 Governor's visit with DG Gloria Anderson at their April meeting. DG Gloria gave an inspiring talk and mentioned activities old and new that they have worked on. It was fun to be reminded of some of the old projects! The meeting concluded by giving out awards.

Pictured below L-R, Lions,

Top Dog Award, Kenn Shepherd, Diabetes Dream Catcher Award, Babe Clifford, Hearing Foundation Award, Sandy Johnson, Lion of the Year Award, Sharon Orser, Helen Keller Award Christy Lou Heidelberg, Governor Gloria Anderson, Leader Dog Founders Tribute Award, Renee Rolfes, , Top Dog Award Can do Canine Con Molin. Sitting, Hearing Foundation Awards, Sue Stebbins and Dale Eberhardt.



CLUB ACTIVITIES



Above left: Cheryl Rodriguez, Westchester, IL and daughter of **Cass Lake Lion** Tom Prosser, was recently voted in as an honorary lifetime member of the **Cass Lake Lions Club**. In the past several years she has worked very hard selling over 1,400 tickets for the **Cass Lake Lions Club** annual "Truck Thru the Ice" contest. Lion Tom is the project chair.

Above right: The car went through the ice April 8 at 12:36 pm. Lions Doug Eslinger and Leonard Tompkins are in the "rescue" boat. Cass Lake City provide community service and assist with their fork lift. Winners are Kurt B.-MI, Sue England-Westchester, IL, Doug and Pat Eslinger-Cass Lake Lions & Shirley Preston-Bemidji.



The **Osage Lions** held a Pancake Breakfast and Heath Fair on April 11, 2015.

Above left: Lion Millie Wilson is getting her blood pressure checked. Above right: Lion Art Yliniemi is performing eye tests. Below left: Lions Madeline Yliniemi, Lori Longworth and Dean Johnson serve pancakes and sausage. Below right: Lions Helen Ellingson and Dale Kind are cooking up fresh pancakes with a smile.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

UNDERWOOD LIONS PROVIDE AND PRESENT SPEECH AWARDS IN UNDERWOOD

Each year, when Underwood High School hosts a speech meet in the spring, the Underwood Lions provide and present the awards. The meet is held in two parts in order to accommodate all the competitors. This year, the Senior High competition was held on February 28th and was the largest Underwood School has ever hosted, with around 400 students attending. The Junior High competition was held on March 16th. A team of Lions was present at each event to congratulate the winners and hand out awards.



Students compete in several different categories and winners in each category receive awards. In addition, there are trophies for the top three teams. Parkers Prairie was the top team at both competitions with Minnewaska second and Morris third at the Senior High meet. Perham and Breckenridge took second and third place trophies at the Junior High meet.

Above: Underwood Junior High Speech Team with the Underwood Lions Team.

Right: Underwood Lions Corliss Enquist and Sharon Larson prepare the awards.



Left: Underwood Lion Elias Larson presents winners with ribbons.

Right: Underwood Lion Gordon Hanson presents first place team trophy to students fro Parkers Prairie at the Junior High Speech Contest.



A BRIGHTER WORLD BECAUSE OF YOU

Chad Wilson & Mobility Assist Dog Porter

“Porter is one of the best things to ever happen to me. What he brings to me, in addition to physical support, is joy and companionship.”

When Chad Wilson shares this over the phone about Mobility Assist Dog Porter, you can hear the smile on his face. A large dog, weighing in at 75 pounds, Porter has an ample personality to match. Chad describes him as a “funny guy” with a love for squeaky toys. Chad says Porter shakes his whole body and jumps around like a “bucking bronco” when he’s excited.

Chad’s mother Sandy says, “Porter is, most importantly, Chad’s companion. He’s always there for Chad, and it’s clear that for Porter, Chad is number one. If you could see the way they interact, you would have no doubt.”

Chad was born with muscular dystrophy, a condition which causes progressive weakness and loss of muscle mass. He was diagnosed at age four, and received his first electric wheelchair when he was 14 years old. Sandy says that the wheelchair has sometimes been a barrier, but that Porter serves as an “ice breaker,” encouraging people to approach and engage socially with the two of them.

“Because of my disease, I get progressively weaker, and certain things become more difficult for me. I always try to find a way around these difficulties, which is where Porter comes in.”

Chad’s main concerns are falling and the loss of his ability to bend over and pick things up when he’s dropped them. He has worked hard to stay as independent as possible in his daily life, and that continues to be his primary goal.

“Porter is a great help in making that possible.” Chad says.

Porter acts as a brace for Chad when he falls, and retrieves any items he may drop. He’s also been trained to get the emergency phone in case Chad needs some “non-canine” assistance,

To sum up their partnership, Chad says, “Having Porter is having peace of mind, knowing I can go out into the world and not have to worry about the things I can’t do on my own. Porter allows me to have independence. Without Can Do Canines, I wouldn’t have Porter, and in turn, my world would be a little less bright.”



Calendar to Go

May		24	Grandson's Grad Party @ Fargo
1	Wadena Lions Fish Fry @ Wadena Elks	25	Memorial Day
		June	
5	Zone 3 Mtg @ Longville	6	D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk U of M Arboretum
6	Zone 8 Mtg @ Dalton	8	Merrifield DG Visit
9	Mother's Day Tea @ Deerwood	13	Henning Lions Rib Dinner
11	Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point DG Visit	21-25	DG Gloria & PDG Ken @ Grand Superior Lodge on North Shore
14	Nevis & Akeley DG Visit	26-30	International Convention-Honolulu, Hawaii
17	Secretary & Zone Chair Training @ Bluffton Community Center		
18	Cass Lake Lake Country DG Visit	July	
19	Zone 6 Mtg @ Menahga VFW	3	Officially IPDG Gloria Anderson
21	Garrison Lions Style Show @ Ruttgers		

HISTORY OF DISTRICT 5M 9

Part 4

1924-1925

The sixth annual District Convention of the Lions Clubs of the 5th District was held at Hibbing, Minnesota, June 1 and 2, 1925, with District Governor Low presiding. There were 92 delegates from 23 clubs present. In his annual report, District Governor Low recommended that the District and all the clubs manage their finances according to the fiscal year July 1 to June 30; and that every club adopt the budget system, governing expenditures strictly by the closest possible estimate of the club's income.

There was a long discussion on the subject of a per capita assessment for financing the annual district convention, but instead of final action, the whole subject was left to a committee to consider and report to the next convention.

The District had been administered during the year in five sub-divisions: Northern Minnesota, Southern Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba, each under a deputy District Governor.

Roy B. Marker of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was elected District Governor and the 1926 District Convention was awarded to Winnipeg, Manitoba, the first time the Canadian club had won the District Convention.

To be continued.....

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Thank You

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