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Challenge to Change



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**2007-2008
5M9 District Governor
Annette Contos**

Lions/Clubs recognized for efforts

MERLO team presents at Mini Forum

The 2007 Mini Forum was held in the new Parkers Prairie Community Center this year. There was over 75 Lions, Lioness and guests to see the MERLO team presentation about membership, extension, retention, leadership, and orientation. The main speaker was Past District Governor Robert Vokes from Duluth who spoke about leadership and growing it in our district. He has served as the Multiple 5M



PDG Robert Vokes

Leadership chairman.

Many deserving awards were presented to Lions Clubs and members who have worked hard to make District 5M9 stand out in our multiple.

Immediate Past District Governor Carroll Kukowski named the respected winners:

Lions Services for Children Certificate of Achievement - Vergas Lions Club

This award is to recognize the many achievements accomplished in the lives of special children over the years...for Kamp KACE.

**Excellence in Effort Award
Cuyuna Range Lions Club**

This award recognizes the Club in our District for outstanding work in sight conservation and work with the blind.

New Horizon Award in Diabetes Education - Aitkin Lions Club

This award recognizes the Club in our

District that has done outstanding work in diabetes education.

District Diabetes Awareness Chair Award - Jim Neuerburg

This was given to Lion Jim for his work in motivating others to participate in the Diabetes Awareness Program.

**Lions Services for Children Award
Marg Mohs**

This was presented to Marg for her dedication and initiative in the areas of youth involvement in our District from the poster contest to Leo clubs.

Lions Club Community and Cultural Activity Patch Parker Prairie Lions Club

This was given to them for their outstanding effort in completing the community center.

**Lions International Activities patch -
Detroit Lakes Lions Club**

This award recognizes the First Object of Lions - "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world." Their eyeglass project in Mexico goes to the very heart of this object.

Lions International Relations Award

Honduras Project - Jack Riordan

Mexican Eye Project - Armand Radke

Other special awards:

Rodger Palmer - Ranger Pin, extension

Jim Arvidson - Lions Emblem, Alert

100% Zone Chair Awards

Zone 4 - **Margaret VanErp**

Zone 9 - **James Arvidson**

100% Presidents Awards

Ardean Brasgalla Cass Lake Lions

Jan Anderson Cuyuna Range Lions

Ralph Patton Laporte-Benedict Lions

Dennis Anderson New York Mills Lions

James Arvidson Parkers Prairie Lions

Michele Kohler Whitefish Area Lions

100% Secretary Awards

Vi Bregman Frazee Lions

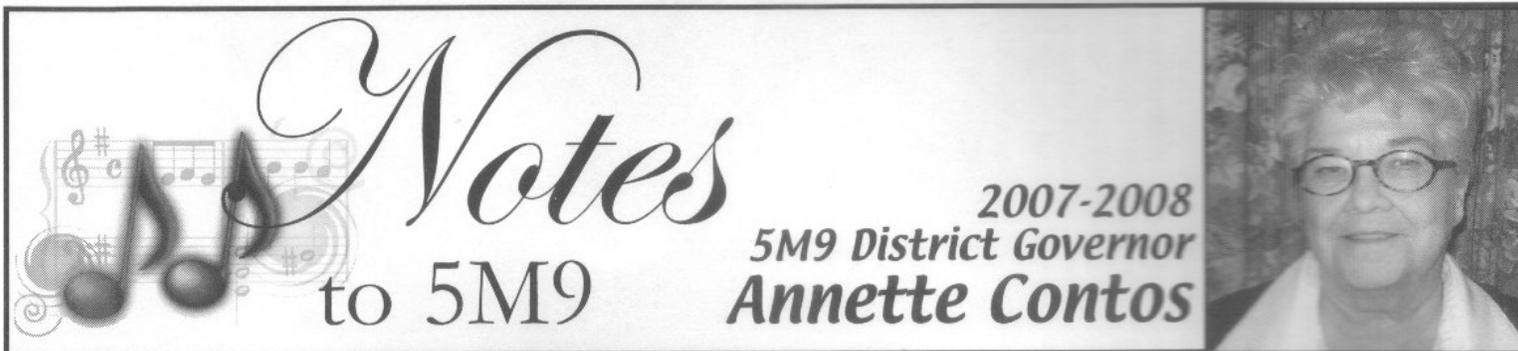
Gloriann Tritsch Hewitt Lioness

Paul Ramsay Wolf Lake Lions

Alice Graff McGregor Lions

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Check out the District web site - www.lionsof5m9.org



Here it is almost Thanksgiving—uffda and I am in my 6th month of serving as your governor. THANKS! It has been great to meet all of you. When you see me at zone meetings, and midwinter please say hi and mention your club—I do pretty good with faces, but I have a hard time putting the correct name to the face.

We had a good Mini Forum in Parkers Prairie hosted by the Parkers Prairie Pride. IPDG Carroll presented a good program on MERLO. Her keynote speaker was PDG Robert Vokes; those of you who have attended the Leadership Institute in Mahnomon know what a knowledgeable Lion he is. There were many awards handed out, I am sorry all the recipients weren't there to receive them. My congratulations to all the new Melvin Jones Awardees, you have all contributed your time, talents, and passion to make 5M9 a good place to be a Lion. Thank you also to all to the spouses that encouraged them in their passion.

We had our second Council of Governor's meeting on October 20. My how time flies and how hard all of the various committees on the multiple work to make life easier for those of us on the district level. At the COG we had three Lions announce their candidacy for International Director, they are PDG Robert Vokes 5M10, PCC Keith Johnson 5M4, PDG Debra Wasserman 5M2. Those of you who have attended the Regional Leadership Institute, or our College of Leadership, or the Mini Forum in Parkers Prairie will have met one or two of the Candidates PDG Robert Vokes was an instructor at the Leadership Institute and keynote speaker at the mini forum. PCC Keith Johnson was the keynote speaker at the College of Leadership. Unless you have attended a multiple convention I don't know if you have had an opportunity to have met PDG Debra Wasserman. All three candidates are good candidates, I am sure all three will be at our midwinter and where we will be asked to endorse one of the candidates. A point of information neither Robert nor Debra like to have their names abbreviated they are Robert and Debra and there is no way to shorten Keith's name.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Cragun's in January! Please get your reservations in NOW and make life easier for yourself,

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one more thing you don't have to remember, and for the committee—they will have a nose count for meals. There are good seminars planned, interesting entertainment, and good speakers!

This year we are having a special Saturday afternoon meeting for the LEOs. Len Quinn the Leader Dog representative will be speaking; you will receive information on foreign travel, and have pizza. I hope all LEOs will be able to attend.

A reminder to those clubs that haven't invited me to visit, please do send me an invitation. I am sure those who still haven't scheduled a visit are trying to figure out when their snowbirds will come home to Minnesota, take a wild guess and set a date, invite me and if the date ends up being a problem for you we can reschedule.

**Please make 2007-2008 a Plus One Year
by exercising your Power of One!**

DG Annette

Flood Relief Donations

If you or your club would like to donate money for flood relief in Southeast Minnesota, you may do so by sending your donation to the 5M1 Lions Emergency Flood Relief Fund. Please specify flood relief in the check's memo line. This is NOT a 501c3 organization. Clubs with charitable gambling should check with their compliance specialist before donating funds raised from gambling activities.

**Donations can be sent to: Mark Marreel
5M1 Cabinet Treasurer
2623 59th Street NW
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Annette's travels

November

1 Pelican Rapids visit
8 Perham Lakes & Richville visit
15 Zone 5
18 Cabinet meeting, Bluffton
20-27 Family
29 Zone 2 Deerwood

December

6 Urbank visit

January

4-6 5M9 Mid Winter Convention
28 McGregor visit

February

11 Nisswa visit

April

24 Zone 2 McGregor
28 Baxter visit

May

May 2-4 MD5M Convention, Mahnomen

NEW!!! 5M LEO Leadership Forum

The 5M LEO Forum will be held in Marshall, MN in July of 2008.

The forum committee is asking for your help in raising funds for this event. Each District is asked to raise \$1500. This can be a combination of a cabinet donation, individual clubs donations, or fund raisers. Any pledged money can be sent to 5M Executive Secretary, Bob Harms. Checks made out to "MD5M Leo Event".

If all the requested money is raised, the cost for each Leo member that attends will only be \$20 for meals and room. Let's help our youth experience a great forum!

Contact Marg Mohs for more information. 218-631-2042



Cultivating our Minds...
Let our Service Grow



5M9 Vice District Governor
Peter Van Erp

keep the wheels, soil and minds turning

It's really getting to feel like winter is just around the corner so guess I'd better get the garage cleaned out so my pickup can go back in after having the lawn mowers taking up the space for the summer months. Yes, there has been frost on the windshield. But it's a beautiful time for walks with the trees all in color and a crisp breeze so you don't get overheated.

The pace has quickened for us. Since I last wrote we have been to two charter nights, the first one was for the Parkers Prairie Pride Lions Club. Wow, what an energetic and wonderful group of Lady Lions. Welcome to our Lions family. The 2nd charter night was at Villard, Minnesota. We had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with many Lions from District 5M4. We have attended all 9 zone meetings now. We enjoy meeting and visiting with all of the Lions. (Of course we have had delicious meals too)

Oct 6th we were to the Leader Dogs for the Blind Seminar in Minneapolis. This was a very interesting and informative session for us. We also took Lion Bunny Tabbet, Leader Dog Rep. (she is blind) and her Leader Dog Baker with us. This alone was a very new and rewarding experience to drive Bunny and Baker to the cities. Wow, what a GREAT person she is. When you get a chance, visit at the Mid-Winter Convention with our Leader Dog Rep. They are at our conventions each year. They are a wealth of information.

Oct 13th we traveled back to the cities, this time to the Hearing and Service Dog Open house for the VDG's and Hearing and Service Dog Chairpersons. They too are doing great things with training dogs. They are now in the process of training a dog to help an autistic child. They have had many requests for this type of service. Sure hope all goes well for them. But like everything else it does take a lot of money to accomplish a task like this. So please remember Hearing and Service Dog of Minnesota as one of the major Lions projects, they too do so much for people with disabilities.

Today Oct 14th we just got home from the Mini Forum at Parkers Prairie Event Center. IPDG Carroll Kukowski handed out many District awards to very special and deserving Lions.

Wed afternoon Oct 17th we will be leaving for three full days of our VDG Training which is held in Mahnomen, MN.

At each meeting we have attended it has been brought up about membership, orientation and retention. Why not have your club invite one of our Cabinet people that have willingly said they would help and give all of us ideas as what we should or can be doing to improve our membership, orientation and retention. (Lion Bruce Beck gave a good one man skit at the Mini Forum) Maybe he would get the rest of the gang and put on a six man skit. Invite your friends and neighbors and then invite those guys and I'll bet we would get some more new members. They would see all the fun that Lions can really have. Challenge to change. Cultivate those minds before the snow flies and get new ideas and projects going by spring planting.

We, my partner in service and I are having a great time serving as your VDG. Keep up all the good work that you have been doing. But do ask someone to become a Lion today. They can't say yes or no if you don't ask! Right?

Until next month
VDG Peter

Lions Quest

The 5M9 Lions hosted a Lions Quest conference for teaches in September. The program teaches students skills to get along with their peers, teachers and parents. Pictured is Quest Instructor Sue Miller, Pine River Backus teachers Kathy Wagner and Dawn Bergerson, and Quest Coordinator Jack Riordan.



Jim Arvidson throws hat in for Vice District Governor



Jim Arvidson

Enthusiasm! I want all of you to be excited about what we can do for ourselves, our community, as well as the world.

I am proud to be a member of the Parkers Prairie Lions for the past twenty years, where our goal has been to help our community and live up to the Lions motto "WE SERVE".

I was honored to hold office in this club and head up various projects, including the "Peace Poster Contest" where you can really see some enthusiastic 6th graders come up with their own impression of "Peace in the World".

I took the job as Zone 9 Chairman seriously for 2 years and am currently the District ALERT program Co-chairman.

I have been recognized with numerous awards and feel proud to present them to you.

- The 100% President Award
- The 100% Zone Chairman Award
- The District Governors Appreciation Award
- The Governors Mission 30 Award
- Attended the MD5M 2007 Leadership Institute.
- The International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.
- I am a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

I am also a very proud Guiding Lion for the newest club in District 5M9. The "Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions".

Other community activities including:

- Was very active in 4H and FFA - State FFA Vice President in 1967-68
- School and the P547 Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Jaycees
- Selected as the "Outstanding Young Farmer in 1984"
- Parkers Prairie Event Center Committee
- Lutheran Brotherhood Local Branch President in 1987

I enjoy being a Sportsman.

I am a member of the Esther Lutheran Church where I have been Treasure, Director, Council Chairman and Chairman for the Church Addition in 1996.



My wife, Linda and I have been married 36 years and live on the family "Century" farm. We have three children, Cami, David, Rachel and 3 grandchildren.

My wife, son and daughter have all joined Lions in the past year.

I am currently a Territory Manager for Sheyenne Tooling and Manufacturing in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

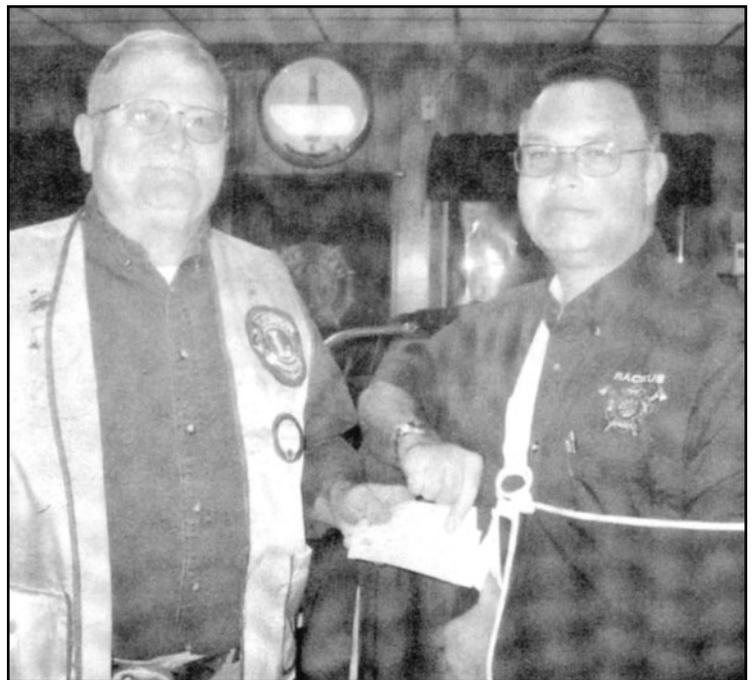
Being your Vice District Governor in 2008-2009 will be a new challenge, but I look forward to it with Enthusiasm!!

Lion James Arvidson

WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
William Taylor	Backus	
Melvorn Taylor	Backus	
Hank Ratajezak	Cormorant	Robert Brostrom
Charilyn Knosalla	Menahga	Betty Hotakainen
Stacy Schoon	Menahga	Betty Hotakainen
Jed Harting	Pillager	Samantha Harting
Brian Koslofsky	Pequot Lakes Breezy	Mike Bajczyk
Sherrri Koslofsky	Pequot Lakes Breezy	Mike Bajczyk
Jason Nelson	Pequot Lakes Breezy	Troy Friberg
Rick Youngbauer	Wadena	Dan Sartell
Phil Larsen	Walker	Al Sanford

Backus Lions donate



Chuck Foust, Co-chairman of the Backus Lions Fly-In Breakfast, presented a check for \$621.75 to Karl Flier, for the benefit of the Backus Fire Department. The remaining proceeds from this event will be given to the Backus First Responders.

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A Constant Companion



Carolyn "Lee" Doerfler and Zoey

by Julianne Larsen, Tails from Minnesota

Lee Doerfler of Cross Lake, MN says her Hearing Dog, Zoey, has been an amazing addition to her life. Lee says, "Zoey has taken my house by storm with her endearing personality and charm." Lee has a profound hearing loss



due to a prolonged, untreated illness. Before Zoey, a Bichon/Yorkie mix, entered her life, Lee tended to isolate herself in her home. With Zoey by her side, life is changing.

Now Lee has Zoey to let her know of sounds around the house. She no longer misses the alarm clock, a knock at the door, the oven timer, a strange sound at a door or window, or the smoke detector. And Lee also has a constant companion. "We both enjoy the long walks that we take to get our exercise," she says. "Zoey especially likes watching the chipmunks."

Zoey made it clear during one practice session that she wouldn't let Lee miss a thing. While practicing the smoke alarm, Lee forgot to shut it off. Zoey wouldn't stop jumping on her (the cue that Lee needs to pay attention and follow Zoey to a sound). Finally, Lee realized the smoke alarm was still sounding and

shut it off. "I can sleep soundly at night now," Lee says, "knowing that Zoey is there to let me know if *anything* is going on."

Lee thanks field trainer Carol Manley for her help with both the sound training and obedience training. She also thanks Shirley Doerfler, her sister-in-law, who helped practice sounds, and her children for their support.

"Having Zoey has given me much more confidence, both at home and in public," Lee says. "I am so happy. She sure loves me, as I love her."

Editor's note:

If you wish to donate or learn more about Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota contact 5M9 chairpersons Linda Altergott 218-534-3237 or Paul Ramsey 218-538-6694.

Lee and Zoey

Hackensack donate to Washington D.C. trip



At a recent Hackensack Lions meeting, the membership voted to donate \$300 to Taylor Kennedy to help him with his trip to Washington D.C. as part of a national organization called "People to People" program. Kennedy will spend a week in Washington D.C., learning about government, visiting some of the National Monuments, meeting some of our senators and representatives, and have meetings with other children selected to take part in this program from all over the states. Taylor accepted the check from Hackensack Lions Gambling Manager, Pat Fisher. Upon return, Kennedy plans to give a small presentation to all those who donated to make this trip possible for him.

Lions we will miss

Criston Drake	Brainerd Lions Club
Leo Steffl	Callaway Lions Club
Kathleen Bussard	Deerwood Lakes LC
Fredric Madsen	Merrifield Lions Club
Mary Thoennes	Urbank Lions Club
Gordon Dahlgren	Vergas Lions Club
Rufus Wilson	Walker Lions Club

Club secretaries, please review and send or email your deceased member's photo to: Lion Jim Johansen
8103 210th Street North, Hawley, MN 56549
jkjohansen@juno.com 218-483-1121

This will help make the Service of Remembrance even more meaningful with a picture of your past member.

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Doggone Good Friends

Sharing the Spirit

Photos and story by Nikki Rajala, St. Cloud Visitor staff writer

Sebeka - For 10 years, as puppy raisers for Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lucille and Jack Belch have shared the spirit with people they've never met. They train golden retrievers and yellow and black labs for careers as guide dogs, for blind, visually- and hearing-impaired persons.

Lucille and Jack decided training guide dogs would honor the memories of two of their children, daughter D'Juana, and son, Allan, who died. Both loved animals. D'Juana especially showed innate skill in working with their dog, Max, on a 4-H project. Lucille recalls that D'Juana once harnessed Max with twine to a wagon, and dangled bread on a stick to get him to turn. "Our son, Terry, recognized that sharing our knowledge of dogs could help others," said Lucille, an obedience trainer and senior judge for the 4-H dog program and also for the Wadena County Humane Society.

They just finished 11 months of training with their 10th puppy, Jaelu, (pronounced jay-loo) named for Jack and Lucille. Besides exposing Jaelu to busy everyday life, they provided obedience training. The Belches prepared her to wear a vest (as a Leader Dog, she will wear a special harness) when she was working. Jaelu learned to behave while socializing with other dogs or pets: if her vest was on, she had to attend to the owner's needs, but if her vest was off, she could play. She learned to use traffic sounds to determine when it was safe to cross a street. And Jaelu



Jack Belch plays with Ernie, who became their pet instead of a Leader Dog for the Blind. Ernie is the only one of their ten puppies to make a "career change." The Belches have a very high rate of success, since usually about 65 percent of puppies become Leader Dogs.



Lucille Belch holds Jaelu, the last puppy she and Jack will raise for Leader Dogs for the Blind. They have been involved in Leader Dog for the Blind for over 10 years.

learned to stay close when ascending or descending stairs but to walk a bit ahead of her owner, to ensure the safety of an area.

"New owners actually put their lives into their dog's feet and body," Lucille said, "The dog won't move when it's not safe. We received a heart-warming letter from Marie, the owner of our sixth puppy, Frisco. Marie wasn't completely blind when she received him, but later lost all her sight. When she returned home from the hospital, Frisco sensed what had happened. He made sure Marie had the easiest path so she wouldn't stumble, and he kept her away from riff-raff in bad areas. He knew he had to find new solutions."

Staff members at the headquarters in Rochester, Mich., carefully match the personality and needs of both dog and owner. Jack and Lucille heard that Cruiser, their third dog, had been placed with a young man, Bobby, who had recently lost his first dog to cancer and was having difficulty opening up, both to his new dog and to others. Cruiser and Bobby hit it off immediately. Bobby commented at their graduation, "Cruiser and I have become such good friends that now we can 'cruise' the entire world."

Jack and Lucille knew Jaelu would be their last - they have retired from raising puppies. Jaelu passed her tests with flying colors, and the president of the Leader Dog School complimented the Belches on another excellent contribution to the world of the blind. They handed over the leash and said good-bye, not just to an intelligent problem-solving dog, but also to years of sharing the spirit and giving independence to hearing- and visually-impaired people.

Lake Park Lions help in Pumpkin Days success

The Lake Park Lions helped make Pumpkin Days in Lake Park on September 29 a success. The Lake Park Lions conducted three activities and utilized the talents of the majority of their membership.

The morning started at 7:00am with a glucose screening held in conjunction with the American Legion Pancake Breakfast. The Lake Park Lions with assistance from Lion Cheryl Hedlund RN screened 33 people. The results were alarming. 10 people had levels just above normal and may be at risk for developing diabetes. Two participants were encouraged to see their doctor as their levels were above normal.

The Lake Park Lions hosted their second Plowing Bee. More than two dozen operators hooked on to moldboard plows and turned 35 acres of wheat stubble black. Men and women, young and old operated International, John Deere, Case, Fordson, Oliver, Minneapolis-Moline and Ford tractors. We would like to invite any one to come and plow with us.

The Lake Park Lions were able to satisfy the hunger pains of many of the people in town with the Lake Park Lions Grill. The Lake Park Lions served hotdogs, chips, pop and home-made doughnuts. The Grill

was the Lake Park Lions only money raising event of the day with the proceeds going to the Lake Park Lions general fund.

All in all the Lake Park Lions had a great day proving a little club can do big things.



Diabetes Deal A deal was struck as Lion Cheryl Hedlund RN checks the daughter's glucose level and the daughter would get to check her mothers glucose.

Service of Remembrance

James Finch	Baxter Lions Club
x Charlie Hobbs	Bay Lake Lions Club
Marty Wharton	Bay Lake Lions Club
Criston Drake	Brainerd Lions Club
Leo Steffl	Callaway Lions Club
x Dan Gumphrey	Cass Lake Lions Club
x Kathleen Bussard	Deerwood Lions Club
Eleanor Posthumus	Deerwood Lions Club
x John Potter	Frazee Lions Club
x Daniel Rust	Guthrie-Nary Lions Club
Illa Anderson	Laporte-Benedict Lions Club
x Don Lutzke	Leader Lions Club
Fredric Madsen	Merrifield Lions Club
Donald Langren	Perham Lions Club
Dessie Parks	Perham Lakes Lions Club
Bob Brunhuder	Pine River Lions Club
x Peggy Nichols	Underwood Lioness Club
x Janette Becker	Urbank Lions Club
x Mary Ann Thoennes	Urbank Lions Club
Gordon Dahlgren	Vergas Lions Club
x Kurt Fankhanel	Vergas Lions Club
Rufus Wilson	Walker Lions Club

x indicates I have a picture

Secretaries

Please check over this information to see if there are any errors, omissions or additions from the list of deceased members from your club starting January 1, 2004 to now.

Any addition and or corrections can be directed towards Jim Johansen jkjohansen@juno.com or 218-483-1121.

Also please be sure to email or send a photo to Jim Johansen, 8103 210th St N, Hawley, MN 56549



Moldboard conga line?



Plowing Sherwood Lion Sherwood Nelson Plowing Bee Organizer making the rounds.

Mission accomplished



In less than three days a volunteer labor force of New York Mills Lions and from the community assembled and installed the new playground at New York Mills Elementary. By evening, the place was crawling with excited kids testing out the slides, climbing walls and much more.

It didn't take long for things to come together on the new playground project. Under the direction of Dave Braukmann and installers from Little Tykes, an impressive group of volunteers had the playground up and ready.

From climbing walls to corkscrew slides to new-age monkey bars to a giant serpent, this playground has a little bit of everything for kids of all ages.



The winner is....

The Leader Lions and the Nimrod Lions hosted 5M9 District Governor Annette Contos at a joint meeting held at Leader. Pictured is the Leader Lions President Walt Sowers and DG Annette Contos as she drew the winning raffle ticket in the 8th Annual Leader Lions Raffle. The lucky winner of the raffle was Holly Johnson of Leader. Other winners were Al Erbe, digital camera; Dennis Schneider \$100 Gift Certificate, Mills Fleet Farm; C to C gift certificate, Bob Stahl; Ted & Gen's Gift Certificate, Judy Ritter; Esther Jordahl's Quilt, Richard Adamietz; and Swan Valley's Quilt, David Smith. "We wish to thank everyone who supported us in this raffle" was the response from the Leader Lions.

Qualifications for candidates for the office of Governor and Vice District Governor

Article IV, Section 7 and 8 of the International Constitution and By-Laws states:

Section 7. A candidate for the office of Governor shall:

(a) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her Single or Sub-District.

(b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her Single or Sub-District.

(c) Currently be serving as the Vice District Governor within the District from which he/she is to be elected.

(d) Only in the event the current Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of Vice District Governor exists at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Vice District Governor as set forth in Section 8 of the Article IV and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of Subsection (c) of this Section.

Section 8. A candidate for the office of Vice District Governor shall:

(a) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her Single or Sub-District.

(b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her Single or Sub-District.

(c) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as Vice District Governor:

(1) As President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years; and

(2) As Zone Chairman or Region Chairman or Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

(3) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Convention News

Registration is underway for the 2008 Mid-Winter Convention to be held January 4-6 at Beautiful Cragun's Resort near Brainerd, MN. Registration forms are included in your newsletter and available from cabinet members. They are also available by contacting Lion Denise at dbramer101@yahoo.com or at 218-445-5489.

Many exciting events have been planned for the convention including a very interesting seminar on the Lion's Spring Point project, former Speaker of the House Harry Sieben, Jr. will be our guest speaker Saturday noon, Jason Mystic entertainment has been hired for Saturday

night entertainment, and Governor Annette has a District Surprise planned for the 1st seminar on Saturday morning.

Friday night the Sebeka/Verndale Lion's clubs will be selling tickets for the traditional Booze Wagon as well as a Snack Wagon. They will also be selling tickets for a SPA package to be used Saturday during the convention. Many exciting raffle prize packages will be available including a vacation package at Cragun's Resort.

On behalf of Governor Annette, the Sebeka and Verndale Lions and the Verndale Lioness, we are looking forward to seeing you in January.

Mid Winter Convention notes and reminders

Club newsletter contest

All clubs with a newsletter are encouraged to bring them to the Mid-Winter Convention. You need to bring January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 newsletters.

Newsletters are to be placed on the display table by Saturday noon at the Mid-Winter Convention to be eligible for judging. A traveling trophy will be awarded on Sunday at the end of the convention.

Resolutions

Since there is little time to give due consideration of operating resolutions presented at these conventions and permit more time for discussion and deliberation. All resolutions affecting the business and operations of District 5M-9 be filed with the resolutions committee no later than five (5) days prior to the opening of the convention. This is done so all resolutions may be presented at the opening business session at the convention.

Brag booklet contest

Please bring your club's Brag Book to the convention. This booklet should show your club's activities for the past year (January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007).

Booklets are to be placed on the display table by Saturday noon at the Mid-Winter Convention to be eligible for judging. A traveling trophy will be awarded on Sunday at the end of the convention.

Club Website contest

1. How up to date is the site?
2. Does the site communicate with the membership well - Upcoming meetings, events, etc.?
3. Does the site communicate with the community - How to become a member, fundraisers, functions, etc.?
4. Is the site tidy, eye appealing, attractive?
5. Can the site be easily navigated - is it laid out well.?

If you'd like to submit your club's site or have any questions, please contact Lion Jim Johansen at jkjohansen@juno.com or Lion Erin Beck at thebecks@mlecwb.net

Guidelines for contests

Guidelines for the Brag Book and newsletter contests at the Mid Winter Convention. The judges are asked to look at a number of items in the books.

They include:

1. Over all appearance
2. Photos with cutlines (names of people in photo)
3. Newspaper articles and clippings
4. Order (by the month or events)
5. Story: what was involved in doing a project, cost, man hours, etc.
6. Programs of events: Mid Winter Convention, Multiple Convention, etc.
7. Membership names and officers
8. Miscellaneous

All these items are given points on a 1 to 5 scale and are judged on their own merit. But these items are just guidelines and the judges have the final decision.

Upcoming
dates for the
USA/Canada
Leadership
Forum



Sept. 18-20, 2008 Saskatoon, Canada
Sept. 17-19, 2009 Memphis, TN
Sept. 2010 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Have you
asked
someone
to be a
LION
TODAY!



Lions' in Paradise

5M9 Mid Winter Convention

Official Registration Packet Order Form

January 4-6, 2008

Cragun's Resort & Hotel, Brainerd, MN

One Registration form per person. Return with a check made out to 2008 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention.

___ **Lion** ___ **Lioness** ___ **Leo** ___ **Guest**

Name _____ 2008 Title _____
Mailing Address _____ District _____
City _____ Club Name _____
Prov/State/Zip _____ E-Mail _____
Telephone _____

Check if this is your first 5M9 Convention _____

List any special needs you may have:

Please Circle the amount you are paying and registering for:

Hospitality Books

(includes all meals and entertainment)

Cost prior to 12-1-2007 \$80.00

Cost on or after 12-1-07 \$85.00

Honors Breakfast (not included in books)

Meals & Entertainment Tickets

Saturday Luncheon \$20.00

Saturday Banquet \$45.00

Sunday Brunch \$20.00

\$10.00

Total amount of check \$ _____

**Mail registration and check to: 2008 5M9 Mid Winter Convention
C/O Joni Callahan
PO Box 135
Verndale, MN 56481 - 0135**

**PREFERRED LODGING HELD UNTIL
November 23, 2007**

(Room Rates honored after November 23 but
room AVAILABILITY is NOT GUARANTEED)

**One night deposit required by
November 23, 2007**

**Credit Card or personal check must
accompany form.**

**Credit Cards and checks will be processed
Friday, January 4, 2008**

District _____ Lions 5M9 _____

Club Name: _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ St ____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Arrive / Depart Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

E-mail Address _____

Please print clearly

Confirmations will be sent to the above address
(E-mail address will not be sold, but may be used for special
offers by Cragun's)

Please do NOT send me e-mail specials from
Cragun's

SPECIAL REQUESTS

(i.e. Room Accessibility, Dietary, etc.)

Explain: _____

DEPOSIT METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check (Send with form - Payable to Cragun's)

Credit Card (Card charged upon departure)

Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover

Card# _____ Exp. ____/____

Cardholder's Name: _____

MAIL OR FAX FORM (No phone reservations)

Cragun's Conference & Golf Resort

11000 Craguns Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401

Fax Number: (218) 825-2727

Website: www.craguns.com

Questions? Call (218) 825-2700 ext. 8400

**Complete 1 Form Per Person or Couple.
Make a Copy of This Form for your Records.**

CRAGUN'S LODGING RESERVATION

Lions 5M9 - January 4 - 6, 2008

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Lodging: (Friday and /or Saturday, nightly rates)
- MN sales tax

Please X night(s) to reserve: Friday Saturday

**Two-night reservations given priority lodging.
Rooms assigned first come, first served. If the
type you choose is not available, you will be
placed in the next available type at the adjusted
rate.**

**Select Lodging by placing a 1 by your first
choice and a 2 by your second choice.**

**All Lodge Rooms are Non-Smoking
\$100.00 charge for smoking in a non-smoking room.**

Lakeview Fireplace Room: Spacious room with
one king or two queen beds, fireplace, refrigerator,
microwave, coffeemaker, TV, in-house movies,
balcony on lake side.

All non-smoking rooms

- \$81.00 per night up to 2 people per room

Poolside Room: Large rooms with two double
beds, TV, in-house movies, coffeemaker, refrigera-
tor, patio or balcony level overlooks indoor pool.

All non-smoking rooms

- \$81.00 per night up to 2 people per room.

Cottage Room: Private room within a complex
outside the Lodge. each room has its own outside
entrance, phone, refrigerator, TV, in-house movies
and two beds or one queen sofa-sleeper.

All smoking units

- \$58.00 per bedroom per night
up to 2 people per bedroom

Shoreline Suites: spacious suite with one king
bed, living room with queen sofa-sleeper, kitchen,
whirlpool bath, gas fireplace, TV, in-house movies,
and balcony on lake side.

All non-smoking rooms.

- \$110.00 per night up to 2 people per room.

ROOM OCCUPANTS

Total # of people in the room: _____

Names(s) of all adults staying in the room:

For safety and security reasons, Cragun's will not
assign roommates.

SHARE RATES

Share rates apply to children or adults sharing with
the first two people in the room. Rates per person:

Children 12 and under Free

13 & up / Additional Adults \$16.00

Please List:

Number of children: _____

Age and name of each child: _____

EARLY ARRIVAL / STAY OVER RATE

I would like to arrive a day early, Thursday, or
stay over Sunday, at the special rate of \$59.00 per
room (includes tax), no meals included.

Please X below.

Thursday Sunday

**CRAGUN'S HAS A NO PET POLICY
PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF CERTIFIED
SERVICE ANIMALS REQUIRED**

Cancellation/Refund Policy:

Your check will be processed or credit card charged if:

1. Less than 30 days prior to arrival - NO DEPOSIT
REFUND.
2. At 30 days or more prior to arrival - REFUND less \$25
processing fee.

After checking in you are responsible for the dates
indicated on this reservation form. 1804/JH/RM

100% Secretary Awards

Vi Bregman Frazee Lions
Gloriann Tritsch Hewitt Lioness
Paul Ramsay Wolf Lake Lions
Alice Graff McGregor Lions

2006-07 Governor's Contest winners

Zone 1	Garrison Lions	Zone 6	Perham Lakes Lions
Zone 2	Bay Lake Lions	Zone 7	Frazee Lions
Zone 3	Crosslake Ideal Lions	Zone 8	Elizabeth Lions
Zone 4	Nevis Lions	Zone 9	Underwood Lions
Zone 5	Bluffton Lions		

Melvin Jones Fellowships presented at the Mini Forum



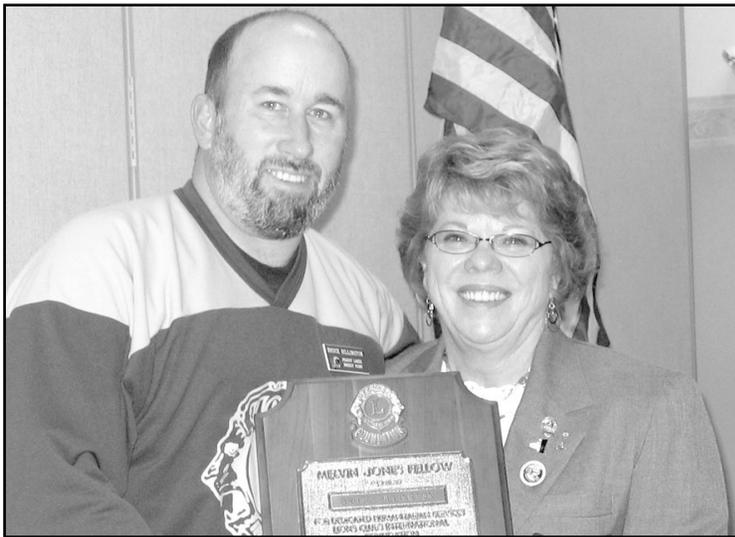
Zone 3 Chairman Robert Anderson was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship by PDG Carroll Kukowski.



Zone 4 Chairman Maria Patton was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship by PDG Carroll Kukowski.



5M9 Cabinet Treasurer Corey Kukowski was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship by PDG Carroll Kukowski.



Zone 1 Chairman Bruce Billington was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship by PDG Carroll Kukowski.