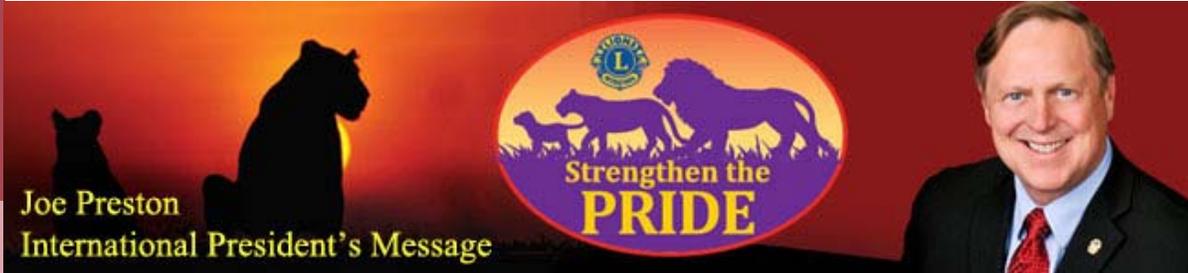




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Joe Preston
International President's Message

Dear Lion,

Soon after I became a Lion, I had an opportunity to drive a group of visually impaired young people to a center in Phoenix. This simple gesture helped open up their lives by connecting them with friends and needed services, but what I got out of it was even better – the satisfaction of making a difference in their lives.

In every community, there are people like you and me who want to make a difference. Let's give them an opportunity to serve their communities as Lions. New members increase our ability to serve, ensure club health, and prepare clubs for success today and tomorrow.

October is New Membership Growth Month, and I'd like you to set a goal of adding new members to your club. It starts by asking one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join your club. If every member asks one person to join, I think you'll be amazed by the results. Be sure to give your recruiting a boost with **Ask One!**

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Registration Forms
or find them at
www.lionsof5m9.org
Sign up early!

**5M9 Mid-Winter Convention at Cragun's Resort
January 9th-11th, 2015**

Mark Your Calendars for a great time of Lions Fun!

Sponsored by the McGregor and Palisade Area Lions Clubs

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Pressing on in Service

District Governor—Gloria Anderson



October is a great month to enjoy the beauty of Nature. The colors of Fall are always vibrant – makes for a great Sunday afternoon drive – of course, if you are part of the Sunday afternoon Football crowd, another day will do just as well.

Since October is the month for Membership Growth, “ASK 1”. Have you done that yet? All it takes is the time and effort to ask someone – your neighbor, cousin or friend. You never know if that one person has been waiting to be asked because he/she is interested. Remember, getting new members in our clubs strengthens us, increases our ability to serve and prepares us to be successful in our projects and fundraisers. Asking someone to join Lions gives him or her the satisfaction and pride to be a Lion.

Another incentive to add members in October and April is you can earn Membership Growth Awards: the Silver Pin for Lions sponsoring a new member in October; the Gold Pin for Lions sponsoring a member in October 2014 AND April 2015. So let’s get to work and ASK 1. Clubs can also earn a Banner Patch for adding new members in October 2014 and April 2015. What an honor this is – work towards it!!

2015 Mid-Winter Convention is fast approaching. Have you registered yet? There is an Early Bird Deadline of December 1, 2014 to get a reduced rate on the Hospitality Book. Take advantage of this opportunity and get ready for a fantastic time to “Unleash Your Lion.” Dates are January 9-11, 2015 and Cragun’s is the place. Our hosts this year are the McGregor Lions and Palisade Lions Clubs. They have been working hard these past months planning another great convention. Friday night will be the Service of Remembrance followed by music by the pool with a DJ. Saturday starts with the Pride Breakfast followed by the Business Meeting. Our speaker at the Saturday Noon Luncheon is Dr. Bevan Yueh, Professor and Department Head of the Otolaryngology (Hearing Center) Department at the University of Minnesota. Come to listen as he updates us on all the new things happening in his department. He also has a lighter side to his talk and likes to visit with all Lions. Three seminars are being planned: “Legal Made Easy” presented by PDG Wayne Swanson, MD5M Legal Consultant; Special Olympics presented by Lion Laura Maki and her son. Lion Laura is the MD5M Special Olympics Co-Chair and is very involved in this program. The third seminar is not yet confirmed. Saturday evening will be the Governor’s Banquet, featuring our guest, International Director Esther LaMothe from Michigan. Be sure to greet her when you see her and show her a big and gracious 5M9 welcome. Sunday includes the Brunch after the church service.

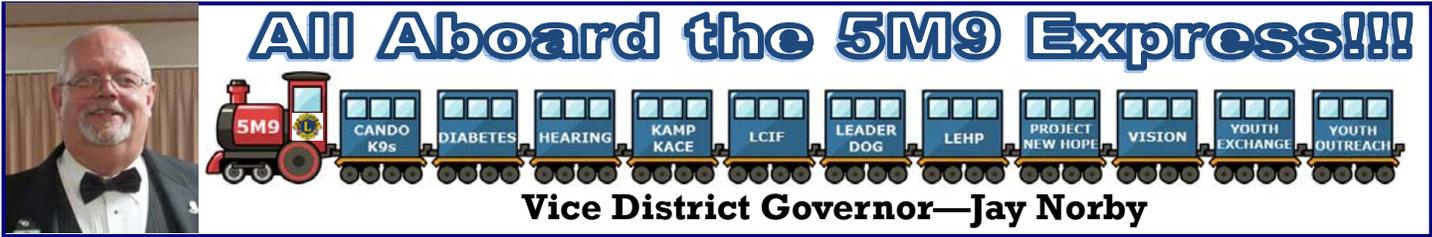
Congratulations to the Hackensack and Bluffton Lions Clubs as each club celebrated 40 Years of Service to each community and to Lions International. In August Park Rapids Lions celebrated 60 Years of Service. Just think how many service projects and events each club has had the opportunity to do all these years. Keep up the great work you do for Lions and your communities.

There are still a couple of months to get your application sent to me for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute March 26-29, 2015 at Shooting Start in Mahanomen. IPDG/GLT Chair Don Hendrickx and I have the application form. It can also be found in this newsletter. Give serious thought to being a participant at this training opportunity.

One of President Preston’s suggestions to “Strengthen the Pride” is by **Strengthening Your Club**. We encourage each club to examine what they are doing and consider implementing new management strategies and techniques to energize their club. How can this be accomplished? First, clubs can participate in the Community Needs Assessment. This will determine how best to serve their communities. Sometimes this leads to a new project that is needed. By undertaking this project, a club may get new members as community members see what the Lions are doing in their communities. 2nd, participate in the Club Excellence Process (CEP) bringing club members together to plan for today and for tomorrow. This is good for club atmosphere and good for all club members. Planning your future helps to insure members are involved in making club plans and new members have a voice in how things are being done. New ideas are always welcome to allow clubs to grow and strengthen the feeling of pride in the club.

Until next month.

DG Gloria Anderson



Vice District Governor—Jay Norby

With the turning of the leaves and winter coming, we need to change our habits and prepare for the cold weather. We too, as Lions, need to look at what we are doing and change with the times. Are your club dues too high? Maybe you can eliminate having a meal at your meetings or set a time so those who want to eat can come early with the meeting to follow. Look at having the club work at an event not as Lions but individuals and put that money in your admin account.

Perhaps we are putting too much emphasis on attendance at meetings and not at projects. Young people today want to help their communities and try and make a difference in our world. However, spending time at meetings is not something that they look very highly at. Look at making sure you send your meeting agenda and committee reports out to the membership via e-mail so they can see what is going to be discussed. Knowing what is going to be discussed may tweak a person's interest in attending the meeting. This works especially well with new or young members.

Do we look at young potential members with children and try and work with them so they can become members or find babysitters or daycare so they can attend? Asking your members to take turns looking after kids on meeting night either in a separate room at your meeting location or taking them somewhere to have fun and educational games will help sell the deal for young people with children to join and attend Lions meetings.

Whatever your club is doing obviously is working for your current membership, but look at your community and see where you can recruit and what your needs are. If you're unsure as to what your clubs strengths and weaknesses are contact your Zone Chair or our District GMT Coordinator Lion Randy Beaver and look into doing a CEP program to access your club's and community's needs.

As Lions we are here to serve our communities and the world. We always talk about how a group of people can do so much more than an individual. But as a club, do we walk away from projects or fundraisers because we don't have enough members? Have you ever thought of asking other groups in your community or another Lions club that is close by? The same could be said when confronted with questions or problems as a club. You have resources to help you, call your Zone Chair or any of your District Officers to help you. Together we can accomplish a lot.

Until next time, Get on Board the 5M9 Express and keep Lions on track as the worlds largest and best Service Organization.

1st VDG Jay

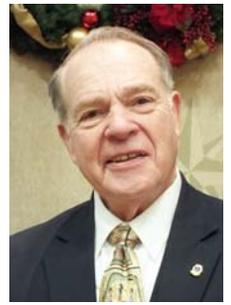
RIGHT: Lion Jason Hotakainen was inducted into the BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB on February 24, 2014 by VDG Gloria Anderson (currently DG Gloria). Lion Gary Wegscheid is his sponsor.





Richard the Lionhearted

2nd Vice District Governor - Dick Stebbins



Fall is certainly in the air today! I hate to put summer behind us.

I would like to thank you for attending your Zone Fairs. The commitments of each of the clubs in 5M9 have to their communities is extraordinary. Thank you to all the Zone Chairs on a great round of Zone Fairs! I look forward to the next round of Fall Zone meetings also.

During October, you and your club are invited to join Lions around the world to lead the fight against blindness. Organize projects throughout the month that encourage your club members to make a difference in your community. Raise awareness about preventing vision loss, or help those who live with blindness and visual impairment. Share the Vision to benefit and be part of the Centennial Service Challenge!

Here are several project ideas:

- Work with local eye care professionals to organize an eye health and safety presentation for school children.
- Arrange sport and recreational activities for persons who are visually impaired such as bowling, fishing or swimming.
- Organize transportation service to medical and other appointments for persons who are blind or visually impaired.
- Volunteer at a rehabilitation or vocational training center for the blind or visually impaired.
- Organize a vision screening event or eyeglass recycling campaign in your community.

Report your service activities through My LCI's Online Service Activity Report.

A number of resources such as a project idea sheet and a planning guide are available to help you in completing a Lions Global Service Action Campaign project. Have you been to the Lions Club International website lately? You can get new ideas for projects, training, membership and much more. For materials and campaign updates, go to the Member Center of the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org.

For all of you that attended the 5M9 Lions Training Day in Pillager, a big thank you for making it a great success. The lineup of speakers and programs were fantastic. For those of you, who did not attend this year; make it a point of attending this event next year. What you learn at these seminars will help you as a Lion. The Pillager Lions were great hosts. I would like to thank you for your hard work in hosting.

FARE THEE WELL

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DICK STEBBINS

DON'T FORGET

- ⇒ IPDG Don's Mini-Forum: 10/5/14 @Bluffton CC—1:00PM
- ⇒ Send in your registration for the Mid Winter Convention and your room registration.
- ⇒ Send pictures and stories to 5m9newsletter@gmail.com
- ⇒ "JUST ASK" community members to join Lions



Membership Update

During the first two months our district membership stands at no gain or loss, we have added 44 members and lost 44 members. Last year we had several clubs increase their numbers by double digits. I'm sure if you asked any of those clubs, they will tell you it took time and effort but the main thing they did is Just Ask! Make sure your club is doing exit interviews on all dropped members. Retention is the easiest way to make sure our numbers increase.

October is New Membership Growth Month, all of our clubs should have their membership growth goals in place. Remember our district goal is to add 5% to each club. It starts by asking one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join your club. End every club meeting by asking the club members what they are going to do this month and have them repeat ASK ONE! If every member asks one person to join, I think you'll be amazed by the results. Be sure to give your recruiting a boost with [Ask One!](#)

You can strengthen your club and earn special recognition by adding new members in October and April. Here's what you can earn in the Membership Growth Awards:

- Silver Pin – for Lions who sponsor a new member in October 2014
 - Gold Pin – for Lions who sponsor a member in October 2014 and April 2015
- Banner Patch – for clubs that add new members in October 2014 and April 2015
Start planning today to earn your [Membership Growth Award](#).



Please contact me with any membership resources that your club may need.

GMT Coordinator
Lion Randy Beaver

Global Leadership Report

Thank you to all the clubs that signed up GLT/GMT at the Zone Fairs. We are looking forward to coming to your clubs to talk about leadership and membership.

A special thank you to the 25 clubs and 70 Lions that came to the District Learning/Training Day in Pillage on September 21st. There are hardly words to express all the excitement and fun that we had that day. Kudos to the 4 seminar speakers who out did themselves and to the Pillager Lions Club for hosting the event. For those of you who did not come -- YOU MISSED A GREAT AFTERNOON.

The 2015 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute is coming up on March 26-29 2015 at the Shooting Star in Mahanomen, and I want to encourage anyone who has thought about going to take the plunge and apply. My story is - I was approached many times in the past years to take this course but I really didn't want to give up 4 days sitting and learning. Finally when my wife Pat was also accepted to go, we went with the attitude "Let's just go and get this over with". What a shock to us that we truly enjoyed the whole 4 days and we were so pumped that on the way home and for days after, this is all we talked about. Honestly! It was one of the best experiences in training and learning that we have done and we both know that this weekend helped us not only in Lions but in our everyday life and especially with my business. And another bonus was, that we made friends in our groups that we still connect with. So don't hesitate because the deadline to sign up is December 1, 2014 to our DG Gloria. If you have any questions or need an application contact DG Gloria or myself. (I just wish that I could take this course again)

Global Leadership Coordinator - Lion Don Hendrickx



LIONS ZONE 2 FALL MEETING hosted by the
PALISADE AREA LIONS CLUB

Where: LONG LAKE CONSERVATION
CENTER, 28952 438TH Lane,
Palisade, MN

When: Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Time: Social hour 5:30-6:30 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM

Cost: \$15.00 per person -Serving Roast beef,
mashed potatoes, gravy,
vegetables, dinner rolls & dessert

RSVP by October 15th to Zone 2 chair

Tom Brand at 218-927-6419 or

[e-mail:brandsmallengine@gmail.com](mailto:brandsmallengine@gmail.com)

Pumpkin decorating contest: Each club is
asked to bring a decorated
pumpkin

Costumes encouraged



LIONS ZONE 6 MEETING October 29th 2014

Hosted by New York Mills Lion Club
at New York Mills Lions Hall

5:30 PM SOCIAL 6:00 DINNER AND MEETING

COST FOR DINNER \$10.00

PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR ZONE CHAIRMEN
ROGER & ELAINE HOLLERUD 218 255-0134
by October 20th 2014

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL
CLUBS ATTENDING

Each club is to give a report on ONE project
from the planning stages to
completion. Also each club is asked to bring
one door prize to the meeting
to be given away to those present.



IT'S TIME FOR THE ZONE 4 LIONS JEOPARDY

Question: What is the American Legion at 407 Front St. W. Walker?

Answer: The location of the next zone 4 Lions meeting on Nov. 17th 2014
gathering 6:00 pm.....meal/meeting 6:30pm

Question: What is ???



Answer: Correct It's a Taco Bar Price \$10.00



Question: Who should attend??

Answer: club officers, all members who want to have a good meal, learn
more about Lions and above all HAVE FUN.

Each club to share a special project you have done, 4-5 minutes
So study up on your knowledge of Lions International---You just might be
chosen to play.

Each club please bring a door prize, Walker club will have a raffle

RSVP by Nov. 12th to Lions Larry and Zelda Novak zone 4 co-chairs
218-732-9295 . zrk@charter.net

ZONE 8 Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 21st

Elizabeth Community Center

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Dinner



ZONE 7 MEETING

Thursday, October 23rd

6:00 pm @ Cormorant

Community Center

Guest speaker: Mark Boen from



Bluebird Gardens

Bluffton Lions Celebrate 40 years



ABOVE: IPID Brian Sheehan was the guest speaker.



ABOVE: New member Lion Aaron Wegscheid & his sponsor Lion Ron Wegscheid.



ABOVE: New member Lion Janet Wright & her sponsor Lion Ron Wright.

BELOW RIGHT: ID Mike Molenda, Lion Marv Wegscheid, Lion Ron Wright and IPID Brian Sheehan. Lions Marv and Ron received their 40 year membership pin and certificate and a 40 year plaque from the Bluffton Club.



LEFT: President Lion Ron Wegscheid read the names of the deceased charter members.



RIGHT: On Sept. 25th the **FERGUS FALLS RIVERSIDE LIONS** set up on opening day of M State College in Fergus Falls for recruitment of new, young and energetic Lions. Having Lions videos playing, handing out flyers, candy and talking about 200 student we contacted. Lion President Burke Almquist, Lion Emilyn Haugen, Lion Melissa Peterson, Lion Kay Axsom and Lion Keith Lillis were there and enjoyed themselves working towards increasing their Lions club membership.
Another great Roar for Riverside.

LEFT: The **BATTLE LAKE LIONS** Dinner meeting was held on Monday night, September 21, 2014. DG Lion Gloria Anderson was present to induct a new member. Lion Ron Parson was the Sponsor for Amy Christenson.



EYES FOR MEXICO - MAZATLAN



MARCH 7-14, 2015

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF NEW VOLUNTEERS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US PLEASE CONTACT ME.

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RIGHT: The **FERGUS FALLS RIVERSIDE LIONS** Summer Quilt Raffle raised almost \$900 to help the local Salvation Army. They will use the money to assist in the purchase of a new commercial range for their kitchen. Riverside Lions President Burke Almquist presented the check to Lt. Linda McCormick.



LEFT: Lions Gary, Carl, Ron and Ford grilled pork chops for the last fling of summer for the **WALKER LIONS** at Agency Bay Lodge, Leech Lake.

RIGHT: Wolf Lake Harvest Queen, Bailey Yliniemi, visits **OSAGE LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST.**

Bailey is also the Osage Scholarship award recipient for 2014. Pictured beside Bailey is Osage Lions President, Arthur Yliniemi.





LEFT: PILLAGER LIONS
President, Doug Allen was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship on September 19th.



PILLAGER LIONS

Mary Bybee, Marlene Lindeman Larry Bybee, Anne Ness, Leroy Smith, and President Doug Allen received Helen Keller Awards On Sept. 19th.

RIGHT: PILLAGER LIONS laid out walkways at the city park in Pillager making it easier for persons with disabilities to access the facilities. Preparing the area are Lions Les Swift, Leroy Smith, Don Ausland, Jim Allen, & Al Barrow.



PILLAGER AREA LIONS hosted the District 5M9 training session on September 21, 2014 at the Community Center. Above (L to R) are presenters Council Chair Earl Orvik, International Director Mike Molenda, IPDG Joan Blank, DG Gloria Anderson, GLT Coordinator Don Hendrickx, Past International Director Brian Sheehan. Approximately 70 Lions attended the event.

Winning a trip to Hawaii, during the 5M9 training session, without leaving town was Pillager's very own 3rd Vice President Lion Les Swift (seated). While being entertained by dancers (L to R) Lion Pat Hendrickx, PID Brian Sheehan, ID Mike Molenda, and Lion Judy Beaver. Lion Randy Beaver (back to camera) gave trip and fight itinerary during the skit. Fun and laughter was had by all!



LEFT: The HENNING LIONS recently served 61 diners while raising money to be used for their scholarship fund.





LEFT: These **GARRISON LIONS** won the “traveling attendance lion” at the Zones 1,2,3 Combined Meeting in Nisswa on August 26th. Garrison has 36 members and a whopping 17 of them attended the zone meeting. They will have the Lion until the 2015 combined meeting.

RIGHT: Approximately 11 years ago the **GARRISON LIONS** built and donated this picnic pavilion to the City of Garrison. This year they gave it a “face lift”. Some ambitious Lions power washed, replaced bad boards, painted it the “Lions Colors” and installed new emblems on both ends. For their August meeting they treated the club members to a catered picnic while enjoying their outdoor meeting in the pavilion. The newly transformed pavilion demonstrates to the Garrison Community that the Lions Motto, “We Serve” is for the local community as well as the world.



LEFT: Sally Feucht enjoying the day with her three grandchildren.

RIGHT: A young karaoke contestant hoping to be a winner in the karaoke contest



ABOVE: A picnic like atmosphere prevailed at the **48th Annual McGregor Lions Corn Feed!** People came early to stake out their favorite spot and prepared to enjoy the day with good food, good music, and good company. There was face painting for the kids and a lot of fun games along with a karaoke contest, Door prizes were drawn throughout the day and the grand prize drawing for \$100 a month was held at 5:00 with a crowd gathered around hoping their name would be drawn. The Lions Corn Feed is the “**Great Minnesota Get-Together in McGregor**” and is an event that people look forward to every year.

Park Rapids Lions celebrate 60 years!



The Park Rapids Lions celebrated 60 Years of Service on August 12th with special guests ID Mike and Lion Linda Molenda.

ABOVE: ID Mike Molenda inducted new members.
L-R: Lion Dick Kimball sponsored Lion Raylene Kimball. Lion Kay Larson was sponsored by Lion Zelda Novak, Lion Betty Haukebo was sponsored by Lion Jeff Haukebo.
Welcome new Lions.



RIGHT: Lion Jeff Haukebo received a Lions Service Award.



RIGHT: Lion of the Year recipients Lions Anita and Mike Berneck pictured with ID Mike Molenda.

LEFT: Lions Richard and Julie LaFountain received the Leader Dogs for the Blind founders Award.



LEFT: Lion Larry Novak received the Melvin Jones Fellowship.



RIGHT: Lions Earl Holmes and John Fischer received the International Presidents Certificate of Commendation. Not Pictured is Lloyd Stigman.





Lions, Lionesses, and Leos from Multiple District 5M will be gathering for great fellowship, learning, and entertainment during the

96th Annual MD5M Convention

April 17-19, 2015

Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington MN

A Special Hotel Rate of \$99.42 (including tax) will be available through November 1, 2014.

We expect the hotel to sell out quickly at this great rate. So make your reservations TODAY.

Call 1-800-228-9290 and tell them you are with the MD5M Lions Convention.

More information regarding seminar topics and schedules will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

You can access the MD5M Convention registration form on the MD5M web site, <http://lionsmd5m.org/default.php#>, select Conventions and select the registration form.

Entertainment by The "Rockin' Hollywoods www.rockinhollywoods.com:



The Lions of District 5M6 look forward to seeing you in Bloomington in April!!!!



96th Annual MD5M Convention April 17-18-19, 2015

Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington, MN

Registration Form

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

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Name & Title: _____

Name & Title _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

email address: _____

email address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

District Number & Club Name: _____

District Number & Club Name: _____

Is this your first MD5M Convention? Yes No

Is this your first MD5M Convention? Yes No

EVENT:

Before

After March 15

Attending

Amount

	Before Mar. 15	After March 15	# Attending	Amount
YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals				XXXXXX
Hospitality Book	\$130 USD	\$140 USD	_____	_____
Friday Evening Social	\$15 USD	\$20 USD	_____	_____
Saturday Breakfast	\$30 USD	\$35 USD	_____	_____
Saturday Luncheon	\$30 USD	\$35 USD	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet	\$45 USD	\$50 USD	_____	_____
Sunday Brunch	\$30 USD	\$35 USD	_____	_____

No meals will be available after April 10th, 2015

Make Check Payable to: 5M6 PDG Association

Send registration form and payment to: PDG Joe Fox, 1821 Myrtle Street, Maplewood, MN 55109

Cancellations accepted & refunded prior to March 15, 2015. A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be applied.

Registration Questions: Joe Fox: foxxx012@umn.ed or Dave Dominick: david.dominick@ymcatwincities.org

Special Hotel Rate: \$99.42 per night for a regular room (tax included)

Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel - Free Parking- rate guaranteed through 11/1

Beginning 11/2 - hotel rate will be \$110.85 (tax included)

Hotel will begin accepting reservations beginning May 1, 2014

To Make Room Reservations- Contact: MPLS Airport Marriott Hotel at 1-800-228-9290

Make reservations early ~ Tell them you are with MD5M LIONS Convention

Calendar to Go

October

- 1 Garrison DG Visit
- 2 Leader DG Visit
- 3-4 Hearing Foundation Mtg @ St Cloud
- 5 IPDG Don Hendrickx Mini-Forum @ Bluffton
- 7 Riverside Fergus Falls & Elizabeth DG Visit
- 8 Walker DG Visit
- 13 Wadena DG Visit
- 14 Bay Lake & Area DG Visit
- 15 Crosslake Ideal DG Visit
- 18 Council of Governor's @ Detroit Lakes
- 19 Cabinet Meeting @ Verndale
- 20 Northland Remer DG Visit
- 21 Aitkin DG Visit
- 23 Zone 7 Meeting @ Cormorant
- 25 Thanksgiving for Vision @ Brooklyn Center
- 27 Bluffton DG Visit
- 28 Zone 2 Mtg @ Long Lake Conservation Center
- 30 Zone 9 Mtg @ Henning

November

- 4 Zone 4 Mtg @ Henning
- 6 Pelican Rapids DG Visit
- 10 Cass Lake DG Visit
- 11 Park Rapids DG Visit
- 13 Hackensack DG Visit
- 20 Cuyuna Range DG Visit
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 1 Osage DG Visit
- 3 Frazee & Wolf Lake DG Visit
- 7 Hewitt Lions & Lioness DG Visit
- 8 Dalton/Ashby DG Visit—Joint Christmas Party
- 10 Urbank DG Visit
- 11 Parkers Prairie DG Visit

- 15 Bluffton Christmas Party
- 16 Detroit Lakes DG Visit
- 21 Family Christmas
- 23-25 Christmas

January 2015

- 1 New Year's Day
- 9-11 MidWinter Convention 5M9—5M5—5M6
- 14 New York Mills DG Visit
- 16-18 MidWinter Convention 5M1—5M7
- 19 Verndale & Aldrich DG Visit
- 23-25 MidWinter Convention 5M4—5M10
- 26 McGregor DG Visit
- 30- Feb 1 MidWinter Conv 5M11

February

- 5 Perham DG Visit
- 6-8 MidWinter Conv 5M8
- 12 Dent DG Visit
- 13-15 MidWinter Conv 5M2
- 20-22 MidWinter Convention 5M3—5M13
- 23 Brainerd DG Visit

March

- 9 Guthrie Nary DG Visit
- 11 Pine River DG Visit
- 14 Council of Governors
- 19 Underwood DG Visit
- 26-29 Regional Lions Leadership Institute—Mahnomen

April

- 7 Menahga Gateway DG Visit
- 13 Baxter DG Visit
- 14 Palisade DG Visit
- 15 Deer Creek DG Visit
- 16-19 2015 Multiple Convention
- 26 Club Leadership Training

May

- 14 Nevis & Akeley DG Visit
- 18 Cass Lake, Lake Country DG Visit
- 26 Zone 7 Meeting @ Perham

5M9 Service Journal



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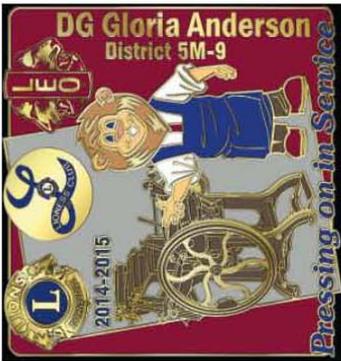
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Please submit stories and photos on or before the 15th of each month for entry into the following months newsletter. When possible, send photos in a jpeg format and articles as a word document. Use pdf format only when the other options are not available. Contact me for assistance or with questions.

Thank You

Tracey Buhl



Unleash Your Lion!

5M9 MID-WINTER CONVENTION
Official Registration Packet Order Form

January 9 - 11, 2015

Cragun's Resort & Hotel on Gull Lake
Hosted by the McGregor & Palisade Area Lions



Please Print Clearly:

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Club Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Prov/State: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

2015 Title: _____

Please fill out this registration form for each person attending and return it with your check made out to the "2015 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention"

Full Hospitality Book

Includes All Meals & Entertainment

Plus Commemorative Pin

Cost Until Dec 1, 2014: \$95.00

Cost After Dec 1, 2014: \$119.00

Individual Meal Tickets

Saturday Breakfast: \$17.00

Saturday Lunch: \$27.00

Governor's Banquet: \$45.00

Sunday Brunch: \$27.00

Commemorative Pin: \$3.00

Total Amount: _____

OR Total Amount: _____

Check if this is your first 5M9 Convention

Check if you require Handicap Seating

Check if you have Special Dietary Needs (explain on back)

Please mail this form & your check to:

2015 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention
C/O Lion Tom Maijala
20540 State Hwy. 210
McGregor, MN 55760



All meals must be pre-registered - no meals will be sold at the convention

You will need to make your room reservations directly with

Cragun's Resort & Hotel on Gull Lake

Complete the separate reservation form provided by Cragun's and mail or fax it back to Cragun's
Standard Room Rates: \$86.00 plus tax.

**PREFERRED LODGING HELD UNTIL
December 5, 2014**

(Room Rates honored after December 5 but
room AVAILABILITY is NOT GUARANTEED)

**\$50 deposit required with reservation
Credit/Debit Card/personal check must accompany form.**

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 e-mail 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

DEPOSIT METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check (Send with form - Payable to Cragun's)
 - Credit Card (Card charged upon receipt of form)
 - Debit Card (Card charged upon receipt of form)
- Upon check-in, the debit card will be charged for the remainder of your stay.
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card Accepted**

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? Please e-mail lbourassa@craguns.com

**Complete 1 Form Per Person or Couple.
 Make A Copy Of This Form For Your Records.**

**CRAGUN'S LODGING RESERVATION FORM
 Lions 5M-9 – January 9 - 11, 2015**

ROOM OCCUPANTS

Total # of people in room: _____
 Names of all adults _____
 Please List: _____

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

EARLY ARRIVAL/STAYOVER RATE

I would like to arrive a day early, Thursday, or stayover Sunday, at the special rate of \$91.91 per room (includes tax), no meals included. Please X below.
 Thursday Sunday
 (Room will be held until 12 noon the following day)

SPECIAL REQUESTS

- Wheelchair Accessible Limited Accessibility
- Dietary Impaired Vision Hearing

Please Explain: _____

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

PACKAGE INCLUDES

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

Please X night(s) to reserve: Friday Saturday

Two-night reservations are 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.

All Rooms are Non-Smoking - \$300.00 charge for smoking in a non-smoking room. Any additional cleaning or damage to rooms will be charged accordingly.

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

- \$91.91 per night up to 4 people per room

Pool Area Room: Large rooms with two double beds, TV, in-house movies, coffeemaker, refrigerator, microwave, balcony level overlooks indoor pool.

All non-smoking rooms.

- \$91.91 per night up to 4 people per room
- *Clubs having hospitality take priority for lower pod rooms.
- *If your club wants a hospitality room, please call Becky Miles @218-825-2855.

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.

- \$124.00 per night up to 2 people per room

**CRAGUN'S WILL PROVIDE ON-SITE
 SHUTTLE SERVICE TO / FROM
 SLEEPING ROOM & EVENT LOCATIONS**

Cancellation/Refund/No Show Policy:

1. Less than 30 days prior to arrival-NO DEPOSIT REFUND.
2. At 30 days or more prior to arrival-REFUND less \$40 processing fee.
3. No Show (arrival night) – NO DEPOSIT REFUND (Room will be held until 12 noon the following day)

You are responsible for the dates indicated on this reservation form.
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