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GLORIA ANDERSON 5M9 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

5M9 SERVICE JOURNAL

5M9 LIONS TRAINING DAY

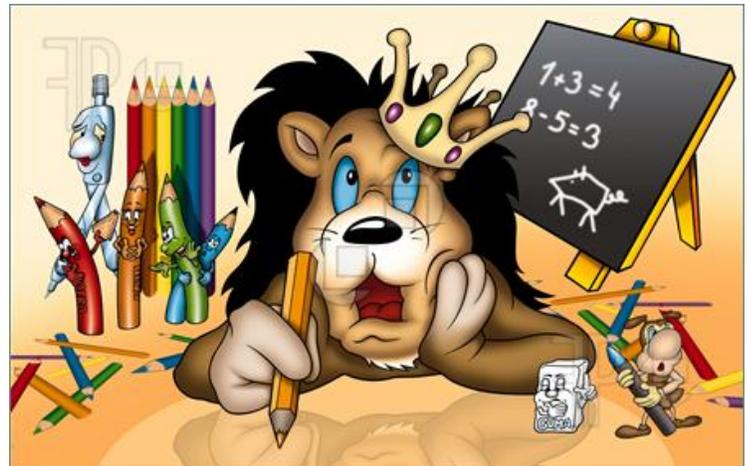
April 26th at the Wadena High School

Gathering at 12:30 pm
Starting at 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

This is for all Lions in 5M9.

We will have training for Club Presidents & Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs. Also, we will have Zone Chair training and seminars on Web Sites, Publicity and Media. We will also have seminars on the various duties and job descriptions for being a Cabinet Member, Zone Chair and District Governor.

There will be a Q&A time so that you can get any question answered that you might have. An e-mail will be going out in the next week with the agenda and presenters so get this date in your calendar and come ready to learn more about the position you hold or might want to hold in the future and yes, we will also have some fun during the day.
SEE YOU THERE!



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Pressing on in Service

District Governor—Gloria Anderson



Let’s celebrate “Family and Friends Month” in April. We can show our family and friends how much they mean to us and how much your Lions Club means to your community. Invite your family and friends to learn, serve, and celebrate with your club at a special event. It could be a service project, an Open House, a lunch or anything you can do to introduce family and friends to your club. It can even include a Membership Drive. Let them see the fun you have in Lions and see the pride we have belonging to Lions. Promote all the great things we do for those less fortunate.

A special day to observe in April involves “Protecting Our Environment” and is on Earth Day, April 22. Get your club involved in the Centennial Service Challenge by organizing special projects to promote. Some ideas include planting trees (we can always use more trees), roadside ditch clean-up (or if you are close to a beach - clean that), and encourage recycling programs. Remember to take pictures and submit an article to LCI on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

Has your club thought about sponsoring a Leo Club? Leos are an integral part of the Lions family. You can “Strengthen the Pride” by sponsoring a Leo Club. Think about it – these young people are our future leaders and sponsoring a Leo Club will provide young people an opportunity to develop as leaders with your mentoring and motivation. April is Leo Club Awareness month – a wonderful chance to ask young people to help your club with a service project. They are so willing to help and many hands make the task shorter and easier to finish.

Two Zone Meetings have already been held late in March and more are scheduled for April and May. Make plans now to attend the Zone Meeting for your zone. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up on the clubs in your zone and perhaps gain a new idea for a service project. Let’s make 100% club attendance at all the Zone Meetings and thank our Zone Chairs for the great work they have been doing. It’s also an opportunity to meet your neighboring Lions Clubs members and listen to the projects and fundraisers planned. Support their fundraisers – they will return the favor. It gives you the best of two worlds. You help them have a successful fundraiser and gives you thoughts for a fundraiser for your own club.

My last Cabinet Meeting for this year was held on March 22 at Bluffton. Thanks to all the project chairs, zone chairs and my DG team for a wonderful year of serving our great District together. They all work very hard to let us all know what is being accomplished with our donations.

One of President Preston’s areas for “Strengthen the Pride” is *Giving*. It seems the more we give, the more we have to give. Let’s have all clubs make a contribution to LCIF, the charitable arm of our organization. LCIF is there to do more than clubs can do working alone. The size of your gift is not important, just the giving is important – you decide the amount you are able to give.

Have a Happy Easter!!

Until next month

DG Gloria Anderson



“WE SERVE”

Two simple words with a powerful message.

As we approach warmer weather and the spring and summer activities heat up, take the time to look at your communities and see what their needs are. Yes, we do great things, but are we doing the things needed to benefit the communities we live in? At a recent Zone Meeting, we listened to what the clubs are doing for their communities and surrounding areas. Two things stuck out for me as I listened to these clubs talk about and yes, “brag about” the projects they have completed or what they have planned for the upcoming months. First was that many had fundraisers for a specific cause for their community and the second was that some of the clubs were teaming up with other organizations in their communities. Helping those in need and working with other organizations is indeed how **WE SERVE** our communities.

5M9 Lions Training Day is coming up on the 26th of this month. Please make an effort to get as many of your club members there as possible. We will be sharing a lot of information that will be useful for the officers of the club but also for the general membership as well. This is a perfect time to get your new members involved and it can help them increase their knowledge of what Lions is all about.

Here is some “food for thought”. As you are electing officers and setting up your committees up for next year, do you have an appointed Lion that handles your publicity for your activities and fundraisers? As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. 1 or 2 people who come to your activities or fundraisers and snaps a few pictures and gets them in the local newspaper, website or community bulletin board goes a long way toward saying who we are and what we do. If every club had pictures with a caption or short story attached sent to the newspaper, website and Facebook page it wouldn’t be long and the whole world will hear about your events.

This next year I would like to come to as many of your events as I possibly can. The trick is hearing about them early enough so I can get it on my calendar. Notify the District Newsletter Editor and the Web Master to get them on the District sites so that I and every Lion in the District can see upcoming events. As my wife, Linda, and I travel we often check for Club or District Facebook pages or websites for the area we are going to see if there are any Lions activities going on. If there are, we can stop and get a meal or have fun with Lions of other areas. We know of a lot of Lions that do this. You never know who is going to show up to your event when you get the word out.

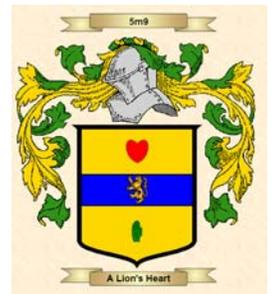
The train is approaching and it’s time to get on board the 5M9 Express.

DGE Jay



Richard the Lionhearted

Vice District Governor Elect - Dick Stebbins



Spring is in the air! I can't believe the snow melted so fast and the raking will begin soon. Although we can start fresh any time of the year, Spring is particularly symbolic with new beginnings, growth and renewal. In your Lions Clubs, spring is also here. It's time to prepare for the coming Lions' year, which officially begins in July. This month we will elect new leadership to 5M9 for the coming year of 2015-2016. These leaders can and will learn much by attending the Club Leadership on April 26th in Wadena. What's in it for me, you ask? President's will learn the duties of the office and leadership roles. Secretaries will learn how to prepare reports and record activities of the club using the computer reports from International. Treasurer's, tail twisters and membership will get training on their new positions. This is meant to include all Lions and if you have ever thought about taking one of the offices, sit in on the class and learn something about it.

We will be offering a printed Directory this year. Whoever orders one MUST prepay for it when ordered. We will be taking orders at the Zone Meetings and at the Cabinet Meeting.

We are starting our last round of zone meetings. What a great time to bring those new members or prospective members along to see what other clubs are doing in their communities. I look forward to visiting at the Zone meetings and learning of the hard work you have been doing.

We have attended the tours at the University on MN, Hearing and Vision tours this last month. It was heartwarming to see so many clubs in attendance. I hope every club attends at some time. It is good to see what your donations are used for and how they improve people's lives.

There are many webinars on the LCI website that are recorded and available for you to watch at your convenience. There are service and activity webinars as well as Leadership webinars. Please check them out. They are very informative. The next live webinar is "You've been a Club President...What's Next?" On April 1st or April 10th. You need to preregister for this one. It will be made available for you to watch whenever you wish at a later date. There are also videos on what other Lions clubs do in their communities. You could get some ideas on activities to do in your own club. Watch the videos to learn more about the community services we as Lions provide. Lion's videos are also available for viewing on the YouTube channel. (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4mls1kw1nChubkbVeRLKw>)

Lion Sue and I hope you celebrate this Easter with a heart filled with peace, joy, cheer and family! Have a Happy Easter!

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



April Is Membership Month

At the end of February our membership count stands at a – 29. This year we have 45 of 64 clubs that have brought in new members so far (70%). There are several clubs that we are working with on their spring membership drives. Retention is a huge part of increasing membership, so far this year we have 43 clubs that have dropped members. We have every confidence that through a combined effort we can turn our negative numbers around!

Have you asked a member to join yet? If not, time is running out we need to increase our membership this year! New Lions members bring enthusiasm, excitement, new ideas and another set of hands to help shape our communities. Have you ever visited or worked with a club that has younger members and is growing. Have you wondered what their secret to club growth is? The answer is their club makes recruiting members part of their everyday Lions activities and at all their club events. At the events they will have a membership booth where they answered questions, provided information and encourage potential members to fill out a membership application. Here are a few ideas for recruiting new members at your next event:

- ◆ Set up a table or station in a central location for recruiting.
- ◆ Put information and photos from recent projects on a poster board. Show a Lions Club International video such as one of the new PSAs or segments from LQ – Lions Quarterly.
- ◆ Distribute pamphlets or business cards with your meeting time and location, contact information and Web site address.
- ◆ Supply membership pamphlets, membership applications and pens. Help people fill out the information and collect the application, then follow up with a phone call to invite them to your next meeting.
- ◆ Even if interested event goers don't fill out an application, invite them to a meeting. Ask them to come meet your fellow Lions.
- ◆ Have fun! When people see how rewarding it is to be a Lion, they'll want to participate, too.
Remember *ASK ONE – KEEP ONE – START ONE*

Lions Family and Friends Month in April!

Invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your Lions club in April. Organize a service project, plan an open house or host a lunch or picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love! Here are some great ways to make your Family and Friends Month a success:

- ◆ **Plan an Open House.** Invite family and friends to learn more about your club and the difference you are making in the community.
- ◆ **Go Green in Your Community.** Plan an April service project to showcase the Protecting Our Environment campaign so everyone can feel the satisfaction of improving the community. Consider planting trees, recycling or cleaning up a park for your campaign.
- ◆ **Share the Gift of Literacy.** Organize a fundraiser or service project that promotes the power of reading to children in your community. Learn more about the LCI Reading Action Program and find literacy project ideas and resources for your club.
- ◆ **Sponsor a Leo club.** April is also Leo Awareness Month, so it's a great time for your club to get involved and support youth development in your community. Learn more about the Leo Club Program in the Leo Zone.
- ◆ **Host a Picnic or Barbecue.** Celebrate with family and friends after your successful service project or fundraiser.
- ◆ **Family Members Receive a Special Membership Discount**

Encourage family members to join your club! They'll receive a special discount on membership dues when they join the same club through our Family Membership Program.

Share the day, share the fun and share the dream of serving with family and friends in April!

Revised Suspension Policy

The Board of Directors amended the suspension policy that affects clubs that have not paid their club balances in a timely manner. The current policy is as follows:

A Club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 120 days will be automatically suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligation of the Lions Club. In the event, the Club does not reach an active status by the 28th day of the month following suspension; their charter would be automatically canceled.

Beginning July 1, 2015, clubs will automatically be placed on Financial Suspension if balances beyond 90 days are equal to or exceeding US\$20/member or \$1,000 or greater, and cancellation will occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. As a result, anticipated high suspension will be reported in October and April. Also, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.

Suspension is the temporary deferment of the charter, rights, privileges and obligations of a Lions club due to an unpaid balance.

Clubs on suspension shall not:

- (a) Conduct service activities
- (b) Conduct fund raising activities;
- (c) Participate in district and multiple district functions or seminars;
- (d) Participate in any voting procedures outside of the club
- (e) Endorse or nominate a candidate for district, multiple district and international office;
- (f) Submit Monthly Membership Report and report forms;
- (g) Sponsor a Lions club, or organize a Leo or a Lioness club.

Clubs on Suspension shall:

- (a) Hold meetings to discuss the future of the club and identify the steps needed to regain an active status.
- (b) Make payments to clear the existing outstanding balance, or request a payment plan.

This amended policy has serious consequences for clubs that are in arrears in paying their club balances. To rectify this past due condition, clubs placed on suspension may regain an active status by paying the balance in full. A re-activation report will not be required to regain an active status; however, officers should immediately review and update the membership roster after a Club is released from Suspension. Visit www.lionsclubs.org and consider paying online. Beginning July, 2015, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation. Clubs should work to avoid cancellation at all times.

Please feel free to contact us at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org should you require additional information. We trust all clubs will review their statements regularly, and will send the necessary payments to ensure their active status is protected.

Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services

300 W. 22nd Street
Oakbrook, IL 60523-8842

membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org

Phone: 630-203-3820

FAX: 630-706-9108

Pillager Lions held a Dinner and Dance Party On February 21. They provided a meal, live music, silent auction, cake auction and raffles. There was plenty to do for everyone.

Below are the committee members who put a lot of work into planning this event. L-R are Lion Cindy Walgren, Lion Shirley Olson, Lion Char Brattlund and Committee Chairperson Lion Marlene Lindeman.



Above: the **Pillager Lions** present a check for **\$1000.00** to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. This money was raised at the Dinner Dance Party at the Pillager Community Center.

L-R front row: Lion Char Brattlund, Lion Marlene Lindeman presenting the check to MN Lions Vision Foundation Committee Chairperson PDG Peter Van Erp, Cabinet Secretary PDG Margaret Van Erp. Pillager President Lion Doug Allen. Back row L-R Lion Shirley Olson and Lion Cindy Walgren.

Global Leadership Update

I am excited to announce that our district has 10 Lions that will be attending the MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute at the end of March. The following Lions have made that commitment to better themselves in Lions and in their personal life. From Aitkin Lions – 2nd VDGE Tom Plagman, Baxter Lions – 1st VDGE Dick Stebbins and Lion Sue Stebbins, Hackensack Lions – Lion Dennis Ganz, Longville Lions – Lion Scott Rolfe, Pillager Lions – Lion Les Swift, Pine River – Lion Art Schmidt, Urbank Lions – Lion Sean Abernathy, Brainerd Lions – Lions Joe Johnson and Mike LaFlex. Congratulations to these Lions! If you see any of them after they have attended, stop to ask how they liked it. If it the experience anything like I did when I attended, they will be pumped and excited.

Don't forget the Club Leadership Day on April 26th that will be held at the Wadena/Deer Creek High School. This is a new name for what we used to call the College of Leadership. This is an important afternoon so encourage the officers and members in your clubs to attend. More information will be following.

Thank you for a great year as your GLT coordinator. I have done some presentations to clubs and have 2 left for this year. I look forward to helping our district find those Lions who we consider leaders and encourage them to pursue other avenues in Lions outside of their club. DG Gloria has been great to work with this year and I thank her for leading us this past year.

I encourage all clubs to do the Club Excellence Process (CEP) survey with their club. My club just completed the lite portion, and then GMT Coordinator, Randy Beaver, came to our meeting and went over the survey results with our club. This is a great way to strengthen your clubs by finding out the strong and also the weak points in your clubs. If you want any information on this, please let me know.

Global Leadership Coordinator
IPDG Don Hendrickx

Jensen has given 5 decades of service to Lions Club

BY CARRIE MCDERMOTT • DAILY NEWS
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One person who knows what it means to be a volunteer is Ken "Doc" Jensen, 99, who is a charter member of the Breckenridge Lions Club, part of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Jensen has been with the service organization since its inception in March 1962, when it was chartered by the Barnesville Lions Club.

For more than 50 years, Jensen and the Breckenridge Lions Club have donated to a number of Lions Club programs including the Lions Eye Bank, Lions Hearing Foundation, Lions Leader Dog Program, District 5M-9 Diabetes, youth Exchange and Lions Club International Foundation, along with many community programs focusing on area youth.

Jensen was a science and math teacher at Breckenridge High School, where he was given the nickname "Doc." He was approached about the formation of the Lions Club during his tenure. He agreed to join and was among 39 charter members. Thirteen years later, the Breckenridge Lions Club sponsored the formation of the Campbell Lions Club, which was chartered in December 1972.

Jensen said he enjoys the companionship of other club members and it's one of the reasons he's stayed with the club for so long. Plus, it gives him something to do, he said. He recently attended Governor's Night Feb. 9 at Prante's with members from both Breckenridge and Campbell Lions Clubs.

Jensen remembers early club fundraisers including selling incandescent lightbulbs and performing in variety shows.

The main fundraiser for the club these days is the annual steak fry benefit, which has been held at Legends the past two years and raises about \$5,000. Club members also take part in fall and spring ditch clean-ups and Jensen still helps

out by driving fellow Lions Club member Dave Sayler's pickup truck along the shoulder while club members toss discarded items into the bed.

Jensen said club members regularly collect old eyeglasses to donate to be recycled for needy individuals in other countries through the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, which also works to help the blind.

Lions Clubs also collect old hearing aids that can be donated to the Minnesota State Hearing Aid Foundation, where they are refurbished and sold at a discounted rate. In addition, the clubs provide immunizations through vaccination drives.

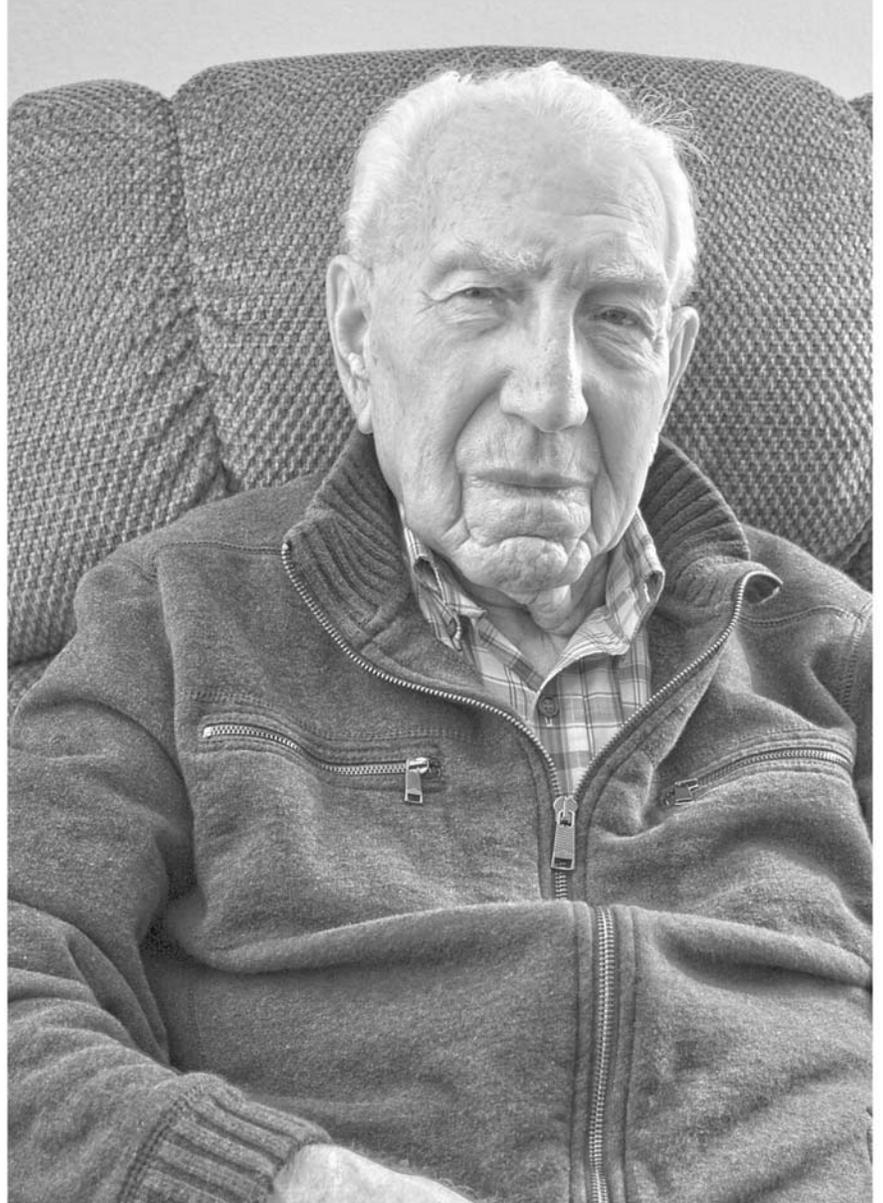
Jensen has lived in Breckenridge since 1942 when he accepted his first and only teaching job. He was born near Spiritwood, North Dakota, where his father first farmed, and later the family moved to Dilworth, Minnesota, when his father's work with the railroad relocated. Jensen's wife, Luella, was also a teacher and passed away March 14, 2011. The couple has a daughter, Muriel Joops and a son, Douglas, and three grandchildren.

Jensen maintains his independence even at his advanced age and enjoys socializing on a regular basis. He drives himself to play cards five days a week at both Breckenridge and Wahpeton senior centers, which "gives me something to do every afternoon," he said. He is a long-time member of the Breckenridge United Methodist Church and attends every Sunday.

He encourages people to come to a Breckenridge Lions Club meeting to find out more about them and to consider joining. He said prospective members should be ambitious and willing to serve their community.

The club meets twice a month over an evening meal. The group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month from September through May at Legends.

Indomitable ...



CARRIE MCDERMOTT • DAILY NEWS

Ken 'Doc' Jensen is a faithful member of the Lions Club. Even at age 99 he doesn't slow down. He remains active in his church and club and plays cards five days a week at the Wahpeton and Breckenridge senior centers.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The **Underwood Area Lions** support the Underwood Schools whenever possible.

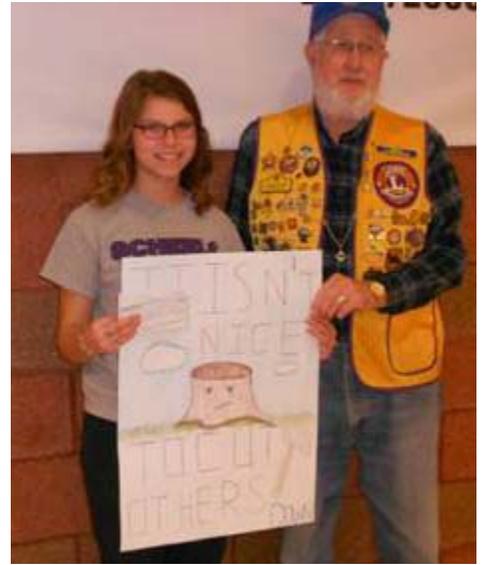
Not only do many of their children and grandchildren attend this school, but these Lions are happy to provide the school with many extras that would otherwise be unavailable to the children of our community.

Below Left: Lion Gordon Hanson Presents a check for \$2,086 to Underwood Schools Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Olson, who is also a Lion, to be used in support of Band and Choir Programs.



Right: Lion Gordon Hanson with Autumn Mattfeld, Grand prize winner in the Community Awareness poster contest at Underwood School.

Underwood Area Lions presented Autumn with \$25 in addition to the prize she received from the District 5M9 Competition.



Right: Underwood School Music Dept. teachers Mrs. Dana Flint, vocal music and T.J. Pelanek, band, accept a check for \$500 from **Underwood Area Lions** representative, Lion Gordon Hanson. The money is to purchase shirts for members to wear when they perform.

Below: The **Underwood Area Lions Club** held their DG Visit & Awards Dinner on March 19th. Many awards were presented and many members had a great meal with friends. Pictured are some Charter Members that enjoyed the festivities.

L-R: Lions Merrel Moore, LeRoy Peterson, Orval Brenaman, Chester Johanson.



CLUB ACTIVITIES




38th Annual Frazee Craft Show

We are looking for Vendors Oct 24th 2015

Sponsored by the Frazee Lions Club

Contact Dawn at 701-351-6855
flemfam@arvig.net

Location Frazee Elementary School

Registration deadline is Oct 15th
Register early for best space

Left: The **Osage Lions** celebrated St. Urho's Day on March 16 and recognize St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Pictured are Lion Arthur Yliniemi as St. Urho and Lion Anna Yliniemi Johnson as St. Urho's wife, Siniki..

Right: The Battle Lake Lions inducted 3 New Members at the March 16th Meeting. DGE Jay Norby was the guest speaker and performed the induction ceremony. L-R: DGE Jay Norby, Lion Mike Adkins, Rich Bullard, Marlene Lehman, Jim Braun and Lion Bob Westgard.



DENT LIONS AWARDS NIGHT

Left: District Governor Gloria Anderson welcomes new Lions members, Craig Lund and Diane Lund. Gary Benson is their sponsor.



Below Left: DG Gloria Anderson presented Lion Don Seifert with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Below Right: DG Gloria Anderson presented the Presidential Appreciation Award to Lion Don Garber.



Lions Children's Hearing Center



D-Foot Hearing Loss

2015 Fourth Annual Walk

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- ♦ Free entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- ♦ Free event t-shirt
- ♦ Free Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- ♦ Featuring the Teddy Bear Band
- ♦ Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- ♦ Fun for families of all ages
- ♦ A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

Children ages 12 and under get in free. Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!

Visit us for more info at: www.5mhf.org



ALOHA

ZONE 4 SPRING MEETING

Hosted by the Guthrie Lions

April 21st

Gathering 6:pm

Meeting 6:30

\$12.00

Speaker

Communication Expert

Tracey Buhl



Special guests

"The Great Khuna's"

RSVP by April 15th

218-732-9295 zeldanovak530@gmail.com

Event Details:

- **Date:** June 6, 2015
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m.
- **Place:** Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN
- **Kids 12 & under get in free!!**

FEATURING:

It's coming...
Save the Date...

June 6, 2015



TEDDY BEAR BAND

52nd Annual

Parkers Prairie Lions Club



SMELT FRY

Saturday, April 18 • 2-8 p.m.

Sunday, April 19 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Serving: Smelt, French Fries, Coleslaw & French Dressing, Bread, Beverage

Prairie Event Center - Co. Hwy. 38

ADULTS: \$13.00, AGES 6-11: \$6.00, AGES 5 & UNDER: Free



MD5M

2015 CONVENTION

It's not too late!!!! You can still join in the MD5M Family Reunion otherwise known as the 2015 Convention. But you must register to take part in any events!!!! Deadline for any food event is April 10th. Registration form and event schedule can be found at: <http://lionsmd5m.org/MD5M/MD5MConvention/MD5MConvention.htm>

In addition to listening to great speakers on Saturday afternoon, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve", you also have the opportunity to participate in a great service opportunity.

Saturday afternoon, from 2:00 to 4:00, up to 140 Lions, Lioness, and Leos can work packing meals at the "Feed My Starving Children" facility right near the hotel. If you are planning to participate in this service activity please send an email to Lions Steve Knudsen at steven.knudsen@usfamily.net, provide the name of each individual, name of Lions club, and the individual's email address. You must email Lion Steve by 4-1-2015.

We have sold out our rooms at the Marriott Airport Hotel. If you are planning on attending and have not made your hotel reservation there are several hotels in the area you can call.

<u>Hotel Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Nightly Rate (Dollar \$)</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Miles from Minneapolis Airport Marriott (Driving)</u>
Radisson Blu Mall of America	(952) 881-5258	\$157 Average Nightly Rate	Mall of American, 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425	1.1 Miles
Ramada Bloomington Minneapolis Airport	(952) 854-3411	\$154 Average Nightly Rate	2300 East American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.1 Miles
Radisson Hotel Bloomington By Mall of America	(952) 854-8700	\$110 Average Nightly Rate	1700 East American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.3 Miles
Fairfield Inn & Suites Minneapolis Bloomington	(952) 858-8475	\$94-104 Average Nightly Rate	2401 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.5 Miles
Courtyard Marriott Bloomington	(952) 876-0100	\$99-109 Average Nightly Rate	7800 Bloomington Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.6 Miles

April 17-19, 2015 Marriott Airport Hotel 2020 American Blvd East Bloomington MN 55425

Where There's a Need, There's A Lion



Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to specially train dogs for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge.



We'll be graduating more than 20 new assistance dog teams on Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m. at Can Do Canines facility (9440 Science Center Drive) in New Hope, MN. Please join us in congratulating them!

Below is a follow-up story to a graduate, Beth Klingellhofer & Diabetes Assist Dog Faith who was partnered with a Can Do Canines assistance dog in 2013. Thank you again for your support of our organization.

A Prayer Answered

When Beth Klingellhofer was driving to New Hope to pick up her Diabetes Assist Dog Faith from Can Do Canines, she knew she was headed into a hope-filled future.

Beth, who has Type 1 Diabetes, had previously experienced numerous, frightening episodes of low blood sugar. These episodes had drastically limited her outside activities and isolated her at home. She was afraid to venture out for activities or chores that most would consider "routine," without her husband along to make sure she was safe.

Then a Google search revealed Can Do Canines based in New Hope, Minn. and the rest is history. Faith, a beautiful black lab, was trained for Beth, and the final confirmation of good things to come happened on the trip to New Hope to bring Faith home. On the radio, a song called "The Prayer" played, and the lyrics that stood out to Beth validated everything: "Give us faith, so we'll be safe."

Faith has indeed made Beth safe. "She saves my life at least three times a week," says Beth.

Beth, who has hypoglycemic unawareness, does not know when her blood sugar levels are low. But, Faith does. By smelling her breath, Faith can alert Beth by nudging her, letting her know it's time to test and thus averting an emergency. In return, Faith has a family who adores her.



"Having Faith has allowed me to be more independent, to do more things—especially to do more things with my kids, and without the help of my husband. He can even go on business trips now without worrying that something might happen to me while he's gone."

Faithful to her breed, the assistance dog has a deep love of retrieving—tennis balls are her favorite. In fact, when the weather prevents playtime outside, there's a place in the house where the tennis ball can be thrown. She is so enthusiastic, though, that Beth has to place pillows in front of the wall so that Faith doesn't hurt herself crashing after the ball. She loves retrieving so much that the balls have to be hidden away when the rest of the family is tired of throwing them for her.

At 45 pounds, Faith is small for a Labrador Retriever, and Beth has had people inquire if she is indeed fully lab. Beth's reply? "She's mostly lab, mixed with a little bit of angel."

Calendar to Go

April	May
7 Menahga Gateway DG Visit	5 Zone 3 Mtg @ Longville
9 Brainerd Leos Kick-Off Night	6 Zone 8 Mtg @ Dalton
13 Baxter DG Visit	11 Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point DG Visit
14 Palisade DG Visit	14 Nevis & Akeley DG Visit
15 Deer Creek DG Visit	18 Cass Lake Lake Country DG Visit
16-19 2015 Multiple Convention @ Bloomington	25 Memorial Day
21 Zone 4 Mtg @ Guthrie Nary	
22 Zone 1 Mtg	June
23 Bluffton Lions Membership Drive	6 D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk U of M Arboretum
26 Club Leadership Training @ Wadena	8 Merrifield DG Visit
27 Cass Lake DG Visit	26-30 International Convention- Honolulu, Hawaii
28 Ottertail DG Visit	
29 Zone 5 Meeting @ Verndale	
30 Zone 9 Mtg @ Battle Lake	

HISTORY OF DISTRICT 5M 9

Part 3

The second District convention was held in Duluth in 1923; Melvin Jones was the "mane" speaker. At that time, the District included western Wisconsin, but not yet the Canadian provinces. When the Districts were rearranged, Minnesota and its attendant states became the 5th District.

At the 1922 District Convention, held in St. Paul, much attention was given to forming new clubs. In the same spring, at the Illinois District Convention in Peoria, Wisconsin became the 27th District and from that time Minnesota had no jurisdiction there, although some of the clubs in the western part of Wisconsin opposed the change.

The 1923 convention included Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Manitoba, and was held at Faribault, Minnesota. District Governor E. T. Conmy of Fargo, North Dakota, presided. Mason Forbes of Duluth, who had served a year as Deputy District Governor, was elected District Governor.

Mason Forbes was re-elected District Governor at the 1924 convention, at Sioux Falls, but resigned later that year when he was elected International Director at the Omaha International Convention. International President Newman appointed Arthur E. Low, of St. Paul, to fill out the unexpired term.

To be continued.....

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