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5M9 District Governor

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District 5M9



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Aitkin and Aitkin Riverboat Lions invite you to come “Cruzin’ down the River 2010” January 8-10 at Cragun’s Convention Center

All aboard!!! All you riverboat belles and captains. The Aitkin Riverboat will be setting sail before you know it.

Don't get left behind. Have you sent in your registration and room reservations for you and your guest(s)? The More Lions and guests that come, the more fun, informative and festive our riverboat get-together will be. If you have never been to a convention before, be sure to take advantage of the first timers discount. You will be glad you did, and the club with the most first timers will have their name added to the traveling trophy.



Lisa Johnson is our Sunday Brunch speaker. She will share her “Gift of Sight.” Her bio is on the back page.

The first order of business on Friday evening will be to remember our deceased club members at the Memorial Service.

Before and after the Memorial Service remember to wear your riverboat theme costumes as we gather around the pool area enjoying pork on a stick, karaoke, and special guest Ronald McDonald. Saturday will be a full day from the pool side continental breakfast to the Saturday evening enter-

tainment by the Rockin’ Hollywoods. We expect many Leo’s to join us at the Ronald McDonald seminar and please partake of the wealth of information that will be given at the other Saturday seminars before the fantastic luncheon Cragun’s will prepare. There will be a Health Fair opportunity on Saturday morning from 9-11, including diabetes testing, eye screenings, and blood pressure checks. The business meeting will convene on Saturday afternoon with an alternative seminar for those not involved with the business meeting.

There will also be a reception for International Director, Anne Smarsh, from 5 to 6:15 PM in Room 371 near “The Center.”

The Catholic Mass will be held on Saturday afternoon, the time will be listed in the schedule. The cuisine that will be served at the Saturday evening Banquet will be fit for riverboat captains and belles.

Sunday will start off with the non-denominational church service. The guest speaker for the Sunday Brunch will be Lisa Johnson, her topic will be the “Gift of Sight”. There will be lots of awards given and Lions recognized for their unselfish service to Lionism. There will be drawings for the raffles, door



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Special guest, Ronald McDonald

prizes, plus two red wagon raffles. One is for the belles and one for the riverboat captains. Please don't let this time slip away without coming and meeting new and valued friends while celebrating what Lionism is all about.

It would be appreciated by the Convention committee if a number of 5M9 clubs would be willing to donate a door prize to the convention effort to help promote your club.

Lion Sylvia Cairl, Aitkin Riverboat Lions
scairl@sisunet.org



Classic Lion Tails

Jim Arvidson, Lions District 5M-9 Governor



IT WAS A GREAT DAY!!

YES..... It was a Great Day for the LIONS of District 5M9 as we reached our goal at the same time that we saw the completion of a fabulous facility, the LAKELAND HOSPICE HOUSE. What an Honor it was for me to stand alongside International Director Debra Wasserman and hand over a check to Lakeland Hospice for over \$153,000 from District 5M9 and LCIF. We were also allowed to "Cut the Ribbon" to officially announce that the Hospice House is ready to "Serve" the great people and communities of West Central Minnesota.

How do you build a House? YES, One Brick at a time and We did it! Thank you LIONS!

JUST ASK TWO!

New Slogan for our 100 Members Campaign. All of us know at least two people that could be potential new Lion Members. There are Good People out there who want to GIVE something Back to their communities. All you need to do is ASK. You will be better for it, your club will be better for it, but more importantly Your Community will benefit and the World will be a better place! **JUST ASK TWO.**

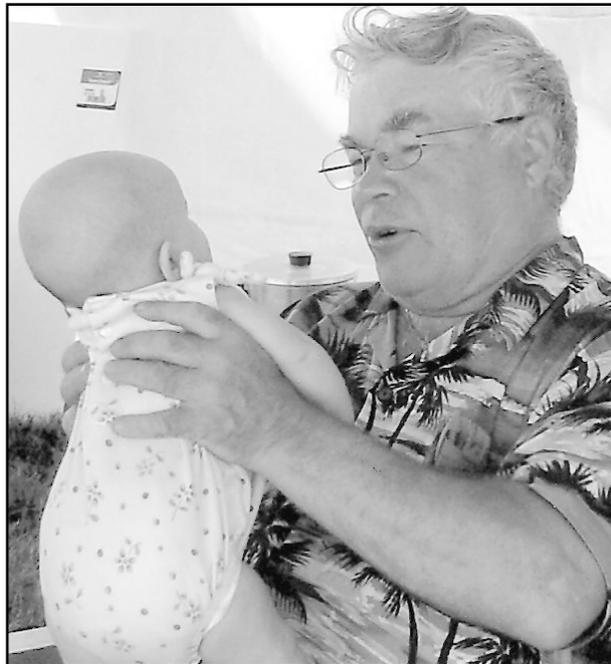
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BAGS PACKED? We will have the CRUISE of a Lifetime as we go Cruizin' down the River to Cragun's Resort where you will be treated to the Best of Everything. Best of Accomodations, Best of Dining opportunities, Best of Education, Best of Friends – Old and New, The Best Fun and Entertainment possible, and the chance for you to be the Best LION possible. You will also have the chance to meet some GREAT people. From Ronald McDonald to International Director Anne Smarsh to Young "Henry," as well as Lisa Johnson, PCC Brian Sheehan, Michelle and Maya Reynolds. Please take the time to introduce yourself to all of these very Special People. We only have room for 600 people on this "Classic" Cruise, so make sure

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Special times are Classic times



DG Jim taking time to relax after a hard days work at the Parkers Prairie car show with his grand daughter.

First Lady Linda and District Governor Jim would wish all the Lions, Lioness, Leos and friends of 5M9 a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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“On the road again”

December

- 1 Zone 8 Underwood
- 5 Zone 5 Bluffton
- 3 Urbank Lions visit
- 6 Bertha, Hewitt Lions and Hewitt Lioness
- 7 Longville Lions visit
- 10 The Big One
- 12 Perham Lakes Lions visit
- 14 Osage Lions visit
- 17 Callaway Lions visit
- 21 Henning Lions visit
- 25 Christmas
- 28 Ottertail Lions visit

January

- 8-10 Mid-Winter Convention, Cragun's, Brainerd
- 8-10 5M5 & 5M6 MWC
- 11 Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions visit
- 13 New York Mills Lions visit
- 15-17 5M7 MWC
- 20 Deer Creek Lions visit
- 23 Lions In Sight Event Parkers Prairie
- 25 McGregor Lions visit
- 26 Park Rapids Lions visit
- 29-31 5M1, 5M4 & 5M11 MWC

February

- 4 Perham Lions visit
- 5-7 5M8 & 5M10 MWC
- 8 Nisswa Lions visit
- 10 Pine River Lions visit
- 12-14 5M2 MWC
- 19-21 5M3 & 5M13 MWC
- 20 Underwood Lions Underwood Lioness
- 22 Campbell Lions visit

March

- 4 Wolf Lake/Frazee Lions visit
- 16 Zone 4 mtg
- 20 Council of Governors - Roveville

April

- 12 Guthrie Nary Lions visit
- 23 Council of Governors Mahnomen
- 23-25 MD5M Convention
- 26 Baxter Lions visit

May

- 6 Backus Lions visit
- 10 Deerwood Lions visit
- 13 Hackensack Lions visit

June

- 28 International Convention
Sydney, Australia

Lions

Heartbeat of 5M9

Linda Albrecht-Norby
Vice District Governor 5M9



The year of 2009 is drawing to an end, my has the time gone by quickly.

It seems it was only yesterday when we were at Mid-winter and giving our campaign speeches. I can't believe how fast this time has gone by, but it has been a busy time and very rewarding. Attending the International Convention in Minneapolis, YE Camp Spicer, Kamp KACE, club meetings, zone meetings, touring Leader Dog in Michigan, USA/Canada Forum in Memphis, MD5M Leo Forum, VDG Training, Thanksgiving for Vision, matching the grant from LCI and opening the Hospice House, yes, it has been a great year so far! The time left will continue to be busy and I look forward to serving 5M9 as your Vice District Governor.

The jackets we wear represent the uniform of the office we hold, and we continue to be Lions at heart, as we all are. The 2010 Mid-Winter Convention is just around the corner and we're ready for fun, work, and electing new officers for next year. If you have never attended a Mid-Winter Convention, come and enjoy in the lively hood of the Lions of 5M9. We start off the weekend with the Service of Remembrance to acknowledge those Lions we have lost over the year. The first timer Lions have a contest of getting signatures from various officers in 5M9, Multiple and International guests. Later that evening we all gather in the pool area at Cragun's and enjoy food, fun, entertainment and you never know what else might happen. Saturday is a very busy day, starting off with the Honors Recognition, displays at poolside, seminars throughout the day, noon luncheon, business meeting and elections and closing the evening with the Governor's banquet and entertainment. Sunday we begin with church services of your choice and close with the Brunch and then the raffles. So come and take a winter get-a-way with your fellow Lions and meet new Lions from the other end of the district at the 2010 Mid-winter Convention and go "Cruisin' Down the River" thanks to the Aitken and Aitken Riverboat Lion Clubs. See you at Cragun's January 8-10!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

With the New Year, come new projects and new ideas to keep 5M9 going strong. The newest promotion for 2010 will be the give-a-way of the 2010 FORD GT MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE for Project New Hope. The goal is to sell 30,000 tickets to expand Project New Hope beyond MD5M. Remember, anyone who has served in the military may be in need of these vital weekends, not only to help themselves, but their families as well.. The Lions of 5M9 have come up with a great project, now lets help support it and make it grow. Let's get started, with the Lions of 5M9 selling tickets everywhere to promote this project. The more we sell, the faster we can get this project expanded

Finally, may all the Lions of the World, look for peace at this special time of year. We all have the gift of giving and may we share the gift of humanity this Christmas Season. May we give thanks for all we do, for our greatest gift is Serving our families, communities and the World as Lions.

Have a Merry Christmas!!!!!!

VDG Linda Albrecht-Norby

Cuyuna Lions presented awards



District Governor Jim Arvidson presented Cuyuna Lion Gary Guida with a Helen Keller Award.



District Governor Jim Arvidson presented Cuyuna Lion Mark Boike with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Governor wins classic car race



Bluffton Lion Pam Nelson starts the Classic (RC) Car Race between DG Jim and Bluffton Lion Gary Wegscheid.



DG Arvidson needed to win the remote-control car race (which he did) in order to claim the tailtwisting money from the Bluffton Lions during his club visitation, by the way, the race was fixed.




Walking the Path to Serve !

Linda Albrecht-Norby

for 5M9 District Governor 2010/2011



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Tail Twister
Lion Tamer
Membership Chair

I'm proud to be a Lion and believe each of us can make a difference through service while having a great time!

I'd be honored to serve 5M9 as 1st Vice District Governor in 2010-11 and would appreciate your vote.

Thank you!



Service With A Smile

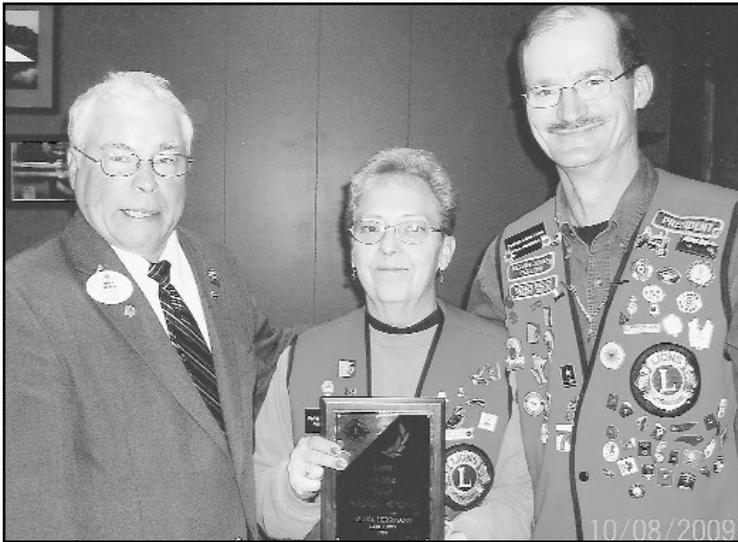
Fulfilled all requirements to serve in the position of 1st VDG

Lions Senior Outing



On a sunny morning recently, the Lakes Lions Club of Perham, took residents from St. James Manor, Briarwood and Lakeland Apts. for a drive around Perham. This is an annual event for the Lions and this year the seniors were treated with a ride on the Perham Train Express, driven by Lion Len Johnson. Most of them had never been on the train and had expressed that they have always wanted to do that. They were picked up at their residence and were given a tour of Perham and all the expansion that is going on. After, they were all treated to a great lunch at Lakes Cafe compliments of the Lakes Lions. Lions providing their services that day were (L-R) Gary Simpson, Bonnie Genin, Rosie Altstadt and Pat Hendrickx.

LOTY Herrmann



During Governor Jim's visit to the Lakes Lions Club of Perham, he presented perfect attendance pins to 18 members and a 25 year perfect attendance award to President Don Hendrickx.

A "Lion of the Year" award was presented to Lion Alana Herrmann, for her dedication to Lions. She is always willing to give of her time and you will find her working at every function the club has. She has also filled in as club secretary when needed. The club members vote on this award and they thank her for service. **Pictured are District Governor Jim Arvidson, Lion Alana Herrmann and Lakes Lion President Don Hendrickx.**

EYES FOR MEXICO MISSION FOR MAZATLAN

March 13th to 20th

Cost is \$897 per person airfare and hotel (Costa De Oro) in the Gold Zone.

The DL Lions will pay transfer from airport and transportation for the mission.

email Dr. Radke today at armand.radke@meritcare.com or call 218-234-6556

RSVP needed by Dec 20th **HURRY**



Deer Creek Lions "Annual Take a Kid Fishing Day"

We caught 175 sunfish and afterwards the kids went swimming. Each child received a pole, reel and a tackle box. The Lions cleaned the fish and grilled hot-dogs for them.

DC Lions donated \$5,000 to the Deer Creek Fire Dept.

Lion Lance Wohlwend presented DC Fire Chief Dan Hendershot with the check.



Lions we will miss

Lion Alan Pettit

Wadena Lions

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.

A fundraiser that roared

Lions members go full force to assist local Hospice House

by Tom Hintgen, Fergus Falls Daily Journal

The new Hospice House in Fergus Falls will serve people from a wide area, as witnessed by the many Lions clubs throughout District 5M-9 who raised money for the new facility the past two years. In all, this project involved 72 Lions clubs in west central Minnesota.

“Our club members went full steam ahead with this project,” said James Arvidson of Parkers Prairie, District 5M-9 Governor. “We cover a wide area, and Lions members really worked hard to raise money through dinners, bingo or you name it.”

Area clubs raised over \$75,000 with those dollars matched by Lions Clubs International. On Tuesday, International Director Debra Wasserman of Fairbault was on hand when a check for approximately \$153,320 was presented to Lakeland Hospice House during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“I can’t say enough about Lions clubs and individual members for their efforts these past two years,” said Wasserman.



DG Jim Arvidson and ID Deb Wasserman present a check from LCIF and Lions of District 5M9 to Tammy Anderson, Diane Thorson and Roger Parks representing Lakeland Hospice House.



ID Deb Wasserman and DG Jim Arvidson cut the ribbon to one of the rooms at Hospice House.

Falls, just off of Highway 27 near Woodland Heights. People also can choose to bring bricks or pavers home for their own personal enjoyment. The bricks are sponsored by Lions Clubs.

Lakeland Hospice Information

What is the Lakeland Hospice House?

The Lakeland Hospice House is a home for people facing a life-limiting illness or those in need of palliative care. We specialize in providing quality end-of-life and comfort care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our home features eight private patient rooms and two family suites for loved ones visiting from out of town.

District Governor Arvidson said all of the towns, from Breckenridge to Bemidji, Detroit Lakes to Alexandria, and others deserve a lot of credit for their love and support for Lakeland Hospice and Home Care.

People who have direct ties to Lakeland Hospice, in one way or another, have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by adopting a brick in honor or memory of someone they hold dear. A commemorative gift honors a loved one’s life and serves to reflect upon memories that live forever.

“A gift can also be made in honor of an individual’s birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special occasion,” said Mary Widiger, Lakeland’s public relations coordinator. “People also share a special thought, message or prayer on the brick or paver.”

The individually inscribed rustic bricks or pavers will be placed on walkways at the new Lakeland Hospice House located in northeast Fergus



ID Deb Wasserman (left) and DG Jim Arvidson spoke about the how Lions get behind a project that is needed in a community.



PDG Annette Contos, Riverside Lion Ginny Paulson, 5M4 District Governor Duaine Essig, International Director Debra Wasserman, 5M9 District Governor Jim Arvidson and 5M9 Vice District Governor Linda Norby stand beside the LCIF plaque, showing the contribution the Lions gave to Hospice House.



VDG Linda Norby (left) helps sing a song written and sung by Kelly Martin, 'Home Is Where the Heart Is,' along with Naomi Larson and Kayleen Frich.

usually covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurances or HMOs. In-room telephone access will be billed separately to families.

What are some of the features of the Hospice House?

The Lakeland Hospice House has been designed with the patient in mind for comfort, accessibility and dignity. Each patient room is specially designed to allow for individual climate control and a quiet atmosphere. Each room has access to a private balcony. A custom elevator allows even bed-bound patients the ability to access all three levels of the home. A small chapel adorns the upper level loft of the home and provides a place of reflection and serenity. Meals are available to patients anytime, and light food and snacks are accessible 24/7 in the snack area.

Call 218-998-1400 or toll free 888-820-7885 to speak to someone from Hospice for more information.

Who can stay at the Hospice House?

Patients who qualify for hospice care are welcome at the Lakeland Hospice House. Hospice patients who do not have a primary care-giver or whose loved ones live far away may find the home appealing as would those families who are exhausted and need assistance caring for their loved one. Younger families or those who have a spouse that needs to work to maintain benefits or those who have small children would find the home a way of caring for someone who needs care round the clock. We offer another option of care for those who may not wish to live at a nursing home or similar facility.

What are the costs to stay at the Lakeland Hospice House?

Staying at the Lakeland Hospice House will cost \$185 per day for room and board and is usually private pay. The nursing care patients receive under hospice whether at Lakeland Hospice House or in one's own residence is



DG James Arvidson and Mary Widiger, Lakeland Hospice and Home Care public relations coordinator, display samples of pavers and rustic bricks that will honor people at the new Hospice House. Photo by Brett Quernermon/FF Daily Journal

Cross-state, two-wheel scooter run helps dreams come true for Make-A-Wish

Perham's Mark Schmidt to push-roll scooter from Red River to Minneapolis to raise funds, awareness of 'Make-A-Wish'

For the past four years Mark Schmidt made wishes come true for others; but next spring he'll be the one doing the wishing -wishing for perseverance, a strong pair of legs and the wind to his back.

As founder of the Perham-based "Dreams for Kids-Make-A-Wish-Foundation," Schmidt is "Scooting to the Next Level" with a new fundraiser. He will be pushing a two-wheel scooter all the way from Moorhead to Minneapolis.

Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions-and is perhaps best known for granting families trips to Disneyland.

To take the fundraising campaign for his favorite charity to another level, Perham native Mark Schmidt's goal is to push and ride his two-wheel scooter down Highway 10, all the way from Moorhead to Minneapolis. He'll be taking pledges all along the way. With the endorsement of the state Make-A-Wish Foundation executive director, and the backing of the Perham Lions Club, Schmidt hopes to dramatically increase annual fund drive donations.

"I would have preferred to start the scooter drive in my hometown, Perham. But we're getting support from Lions clubs all along Highway 10, so it seemed appropriate to start at the state border, and go all the way to Minneapolis," said Schmidt, a Perham Lions member who has also captured the endorsement of Lions District 5M9 Governor James Arvidson, who represents a large share of northwestern Minnesota.

"Nowadays, you have to do something different to get people's attention," said Schmidt, an active volunteer in the Perham area who is employed by Bongards' Creameries. "I thought this was a little off-the-wall and unique. Make-A-Wish state director Tom McKinney thought it was a great idea; a crazy idea-but he really loved it."

An avid motorcyclist, Schmidt and a dedicated core committee of East Otter Tail area volunteers founded the annual "Dreams for Kids" motorbike ride. The event has grown to include not only the ride, but also a raffle for a new Harley Davidson and a full day of activities, capped off by a dance. The fifth annual Dreams for Kids bike run will be July 24, 2010, based at the Perham Pioneer Village. Over four years, the Dreams for Kids group raised \$80,000 and granted 13 wishes, according to Schmidt.

For the new endeavor, "Scooting to the Next Level," Schmidt is



'trading down' from a motorcycle to an old-fashioned, human-powered, two-wheel scooter. Who knows, a scooter ride of that distance may even qualify for a Guinness World Record.

The goals are two-fold. First and foremost, the objective is to raise at least \$6,000, which is about the sum of one "Make-A-Wish" vacation. Secondly, Schmidt expects to make good time on his scooter so he can arrive in Minneapolis just in time for the annual Make-A-Wish Foundation ball and gala on May 1.

Taylor, a 15-year-old from Monticello who suffered burns over 80 percent of her body, will be the first recipient of the funds raised from the scooter ride. If more money is raised, it will be applied to other wishes, said Schmidt. Taylor's wish is to visit Paris

The scooter route will pass through five Lions districts, and Schmidt will be stopping at numerous communities along the way for photo opportunities with Lions members and others from the various cities.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Minnesota grants approximately 230 wishes each year across the state of Minnesota.

A child qualifies based upon four factors: child is between the ages of 2 and 18, the child lives in the state of Minnesota, the child's doctor certifies that the child has a medical condition that is considered life-threatening for the child, the child has not received a wish from Make-A-Wish or any other wish granting organization. If a child meets all four of these factors she/he will receive a wish. The socioeconomic status of the wish family is not a factor at any time.

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Mid Winter Convention notes and reminders

Club newsletter and Brag book contests

All clubs with a newsletter and Brag Books are encouraged to bring them to the Mid-Winter Convention. You need to bring January 1, 2009 to to December 31, 2009 newsletters.

Newsletters and Books 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@mlcwb.net

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.

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.

Future Leader Dog

Linda Wiedewitsch is currently raising Angel, her twelfth puppy that will become a Leader Dog for the Blind. She has been providing a puppy host home for the Lions Leader Dog program since 1999.

Linda receives a puppy from the Leader Dogs for the Blind organization in Rochester, Michigan to be socialized and trained in preparation for its life as a guide. She is in possession of the puppy for about a year and exposes the future leader dog to an environment among people, places and the activities of everyday life. At the end of the development period, the former puppy is returned to Rochester ready to be trained in the skills necessary of a guide for a blind person. Her success has been amazing in that eight of her puppies have successfully completed leader dog training and two are now in the leader dog breeding program. Angel also shows signs of becoming a successful future leader dog.

In addition to her volunteer time and commitment to the program, Linda is responsible for food, shelter, veterinary and other expenses during the year the puppy is in her possession. She does not receive compensation nor expense reimbursement. However, the Detroit Lakes Lions Club recently recognized Linda by presenting her a Service Appreciation Award and a contribution of \$1600 to defray the expenses of raising Angel and her previous puppy, Audrey. Linda is a true "Knight of the Blind" and deserves support from the Lions of District 5M9. Please remember Linda when considering your clubs future contributions program.

Linda owns and operates Lucky Dig Boarding and Training Center in Detroit Lakes and can be contacted at 218-847-4100 or 218-841-4114.



TRAGEDY IN “EL SALVADOR”



Dear 5M9 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

I was just notified that there is a Tragedy going on in El Salvador. They have had terrible Flooding and is a Disaster. Over 160 people have died and 13,000 people have lost everything. Our District has been asked to help and offer Hope to these Great People, many of whom are Lions and have helped other Disasters across the World. Between now and the Mid-Winter Convention, I am confident that each and every one of us can offer something to help these people in need. I want every club involved. You may send your donations/ checks to myself or our District Treasurer. Make checks out to District 5M9. Here is their request.

District Governor and friend,

One time more the tragedy has affected a Latin American country, as you have been able to see in the news; there has been a terrible catastrophe in El Salvador. More than 160 people have died and almost 13,000 people have lost their homes, which is tremendous for a small country like El Salvador. I have received an E-mail from the District Governor of El Salvador requesting help. I have wanted to reproduce his letter (translated by me) and the images that he has sent me.

Dear D.I. Luis Domínguez:

I know you are very occupied as International Director and I don't know if you are aware that my country has suffered one more tragedy, we have had great flood (See the pictures I have attached). LCIF has

Sentenced to jail for being a “Lion” in “Rotary” country



Lion Tyler Krumwiede from the Lakes Lions/Perham was arrested by the Keystone Cops at the Perham Crazy Days and was sentenced to jail for impersonating a “Lion” in “Rotary” country. Unfortunately, the other Lions watching were not quick to come to his rescue and he ended up in the jail cell. He was released though when the crowd started lining up for the great concessions they were selling and his help was needed.

Tyler also won the Best Crazy Days Costume.

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given use the emergence grant (\$10,000), but the necessities are many and that's why I am asking the Lions of USA, Canada, Europe and Spain, thought you for some help, as you have done in the past. We wait with great hope you answer

Sincerely

Gobernador del Distrito D-2 El Salvador

Roberto Ortega Barahona

The Council of Governors of Spain has written to all the Club presidents of Spain asking for this help. May I inform you that LCIF has open a special disaster designated account called “El Salvador 2009,” so when a Lion, Club or District sends money you must mention that they are designated funds for “El Salvador 2009.”

In these cases, I would like to make an important consideration, many Clubs have the tendency to give money to other NGO's when a disaster occurs, and we forget that we have our own LCIF. Which has been recognized as the N° 1 in the world, and what is most important 100% of the funds received go to the needed people, as we have done with the Tsunami Victims, for example. So may I encourage you and your District to help “El Salvador,” and lets all do something though our own FOUNDATION to help these people recover from this last natural disaster.

There are two ways of doing this, one simply making a bank transfer or sending a check to LCIF, saying that they are designated funds for “EL SALVADOR 2009,” also and even easier for smaller quantities, is to make an online donation, it's very easy, just go in here:

http://lionsclubs.org/donations/lions_lcif_online_donation-disaster.php

And above all put in: *Name of disaster to designate donation. “El Salvador 2009,” just try with 20\$ or what you want to give, it's fun.

On behalf of the District Governor of El Salvador, I would like to thank you in advance all the help you can get, I am sure that with a little help from each one of us, we will be able to achieve something important, in another disaster like this one. I tried for the first time this system of international help (way before the Tsunami disaster) and it worked out quiet will, please take a look at this web page I have created.

http://www.lionluis.com/Leones/Ingles/eurolatinoamericano_002_ing.html

Yours sincerely in Lionism,

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Cass Lake Lions treat area kids



Cass Lake Lions members were part of the many organizations and businesses to help at the Palace Casino Treats For Tots event on halloween night. Pictured are: Vern Raehsler, Judy and Ardean Bragalla and Nathalie and Gene Hasert.

WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Kenneth Leinen	Battle Lake	Robert Duerr
Arlen Dahlquist	Bay Lake	Kenneth Nelson
Neil Bengtson	Cormorant	Gary Kaiser
Bruce Stoddard	Frazee	Corey Baker
Linda Benson	Garrison	Betty O'Neil
Toni Schmidt	Menahga Gateway	Betty Hotakainen
Jake Norton	New York Mills	Eric Weber
Luke Waln	Nisswa	James Dullum
Deborah Hegseth	Parkers Prairie Pride	Linda Nokes
Mark Schmidt	Perham	Gary Senske
Jilene Fiemeyer	Verndale	Randy Beaver
Haley Gallaway	Whitefish Area	Doreen Gallaway
Frances Stanley	Whitefish Area	Doreen Gallaway

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you get your registrations in for a boarding pass. You will not be disappointed!!

CLUB VISITS. There are a few clubs yet who have not set a date for Linda and I to come visit. Please let us know your wishes. Thank you so much to all the clubs we have already been to. They have indeed been a "Classic Journey!"

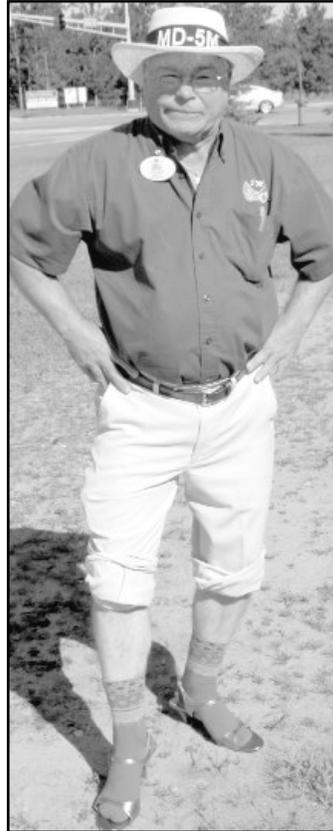
PROJECT NEW HOPE. Whether you're Mustang Sally, or Lion Joe Cool. We have the Real Deal for you. Buy a Chance to drive the American Dream and support the Young Men and Women of our Country at the same time. Tickets are available for a chance at a 2010 Ford Mustang Convertible (RED). You, too could go Cruisin! For Ticket information, call PDG Peter and Margaret Van Erp.

THANKSGIVING has come and gone, but We need to be ever so reminded that we need to be always Thankful for not only what we receive, but for the opportunity to help others as well. WE SERVE!

District Governor Jim Arvidson

OLE : The Journey is The Reward!!

Walk a Mile in their shoes



DG Jim showing off his pair of high heel shoes.

5M9 District Governor Jim Arvidson and Laker Lions Vice President John Reed joined men from all walks of life as they walked one mile in women's high heels on Saturday, August 22nd at Wal-Mart in Baxter, MN. The walk occurred to protest rape, sexual assault and gender violence. Proceeds from the sponsored walkers went to Sexual Assault Services and Mid-Minnesota Women's Center.

Male community members and leaders proclaimed their solidarity with the rape prevention movement by marching in high heels, with women and children marching at their side. Educators, students, law enforcement officers, elected officials and others are participated.

Emcees were Representative John Ward and Senator Paul Koering. The Special speaker was Chuck Derry, of Men's Action Network. The major sponsor was Mills Fleet Farm and Mills Automotive Group.

Inspired by the old saying, "you can't understand a person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes," men literally walked one mile in women's high-heeled shoes. Emily, Outing, Fifty Lakes Laker Lions Vice President John Reed, is a retired Law Enforcement Officer and a member of the planning committee. He said not only did we raise needed funds, a message was sent to other men that violence against women is just not OK. This event was started by men to support women. We want women to know this is not just their cause. Gender violence hurts all of us."



DG Jim and Emily, Outing, Fifty Lakes Laker Lions Vice President John Reed. VP John is a member of the planning committee for the walk.

Lakes Lions of Perham 9th Annual MARDI GRAS!

Friday, February 5
at Mulligan's Pub & Eatery - Perham

social hour - 6:00 pm dinner - 7:00 pm

entertainment by "Note-ified"

\$25.00 tickets

Proceeds to benefit Lions & community projects

- raffle prize • silent auction
- \$500.00 cash • meat raffle
- 2- half hogs • door prizes

Call 346-5899 for tickets

ANNE SMARSH, International Director

Anne Smarsh, from Colwich, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009.

Director Smarsh is an accounting director.

A member of the Maize Kansas Lions Club and a Lion since 1992, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, district governor, council chair, district retention chair, district secretary/treasurer, multiple district budget chair, multiple district treasurer, LCIF/Alert chair and Leadership Institute faculty member. She has also presented at two USA/Canada forums and served as the president and director of the Kansas Lions Foundation.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Lion of the Year Award, Committee Chair of the Year Award, Claude DeVorss Fellow, four International President Certificates of Appreciation and two International President Medals. Director Smarsh is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Smarsh is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a current member of the advisory board for YMCA Camp Hyde. She has also received an Excellence in Public Service Award from Sedgwick County Kansas.

Director Smarsh and her husband, Tom, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter and two grandchildren.

LISA JOHNSON

Lisa Johnson was born blind and lived most of her life without sight because of the eye condition, Congenital Glaucoma. Despite her vision loss Lisa was unstoppable. She graduated with honors from Wausau West High School and enrolled in college at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire seeking a degree in Elementary/Middle Education. While working on her degree Lisa encountered many obsta-



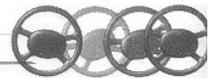
Lisa Johnson and her three children McKail, Nadirah and Nevaeh.

cles in her education and not wanting for others to experience the same hardships she engaged in a research project focused on making geoscience accessible for the visually impaired. Her research gained national attention and she has since traveled nationally speaking about this topic. Her work was also recognized by USA TODAY when she was recognized as one of the top 20 undergraduates in the United States. While working on her degree Lisa learned she was a candidate for a cornea transplant in her right eye and in June of 2001 she underwent her first transplant. Sadly that transplant was a failure but in May of 2002, at the age of 22, Lisa underwent a second transplant; this one was an immediate success. For the first time Lisa was able to see clearly. Among her most memorable first glimpses included her family and friends. After graduating from college in 2003 Lisa accepting a teaching position with the Chippewa Falls School District teaching seventh grade English and advising the middle school student council. In 2004 Lisa married her husband Jeremy and in 2005 the couple welcomed their first of three children. Lisa completed her Masters of Education in Professional Development from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in August, 2006 and is currently working on her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Culture and Teaching at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. In November of 2008 Lisa's vision suddenly failed and she once again was in need of a cornea transplant. After two failed transplants, in March of 2009 Lisa again regained her sight. In addition to her full time teaching duties Lisa is an adjunct faculty member at UW-Eau Claire. She's a busy mother, wife, student, published author, avid reader and gardener. She lives with her husband Jeremy and their three children, Nevaeh (age 4), McKail (age 3) and Nadirah (age 1) in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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