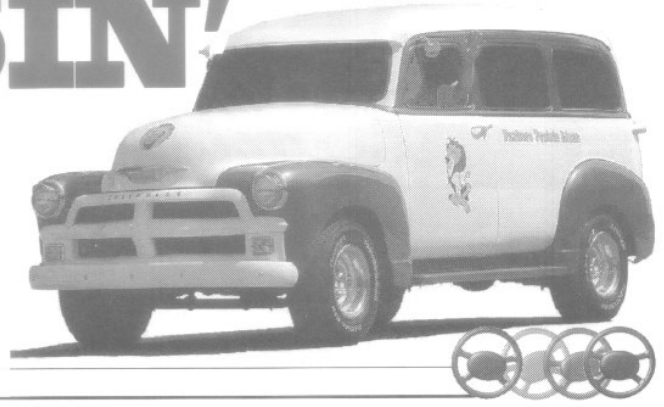


Jim Arvidson
5M9 District Governor

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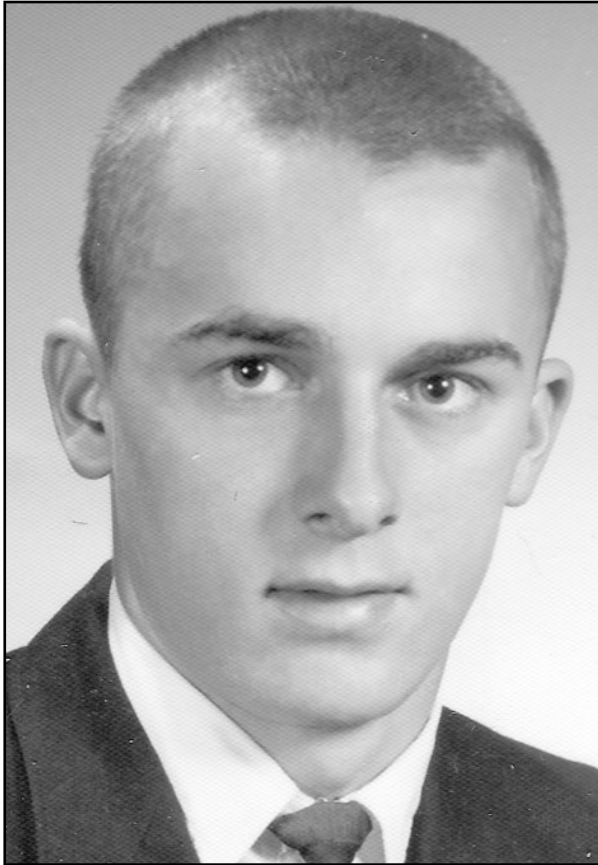
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'Locks of Love'



Do you know this guy? Well, he's been a Lion since 2000, has been a club president twice, is currently club secretary and has served as a District 5M-9 cabinet member for three years. Now, as they say, here's the "rest of the story." On April 11, 1977, I lost my father to complications from brain cancer. On July 2, 2006, my mother, her strength weakened from battling a melanoma in her maxillary sinus, passed away from heart & artery complications. For the past year a very close friend has been battling pancreatic cancer. Very recently a high school classmate was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. While I have my health, there are many people who have battled or are currently battling various forms of cancer and other debilitating disease.

As we all know, one of the side effects of many aggressive treatments, including that for cancer, is the loss of hair. So, last February, I made a conscious decision that I would grow my hair to donate it to Locks of Love, providing it meets their criteria. Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis [www.locksoflove.org]. Even though my hair color is not used to make hairpieces for the recipients, it will be sold to offset the costs of making the custom fit hairpieces, which can cost \$3,500.00 to \$6,000.00. Adult hairpieces do not fit children so these hairpieces are specifically made to fit each child, thus the high cost.

Now, here's my plan and my challenge. I will let my hair grow until the 2011 Mid-Winter Convention, at which time it should be long enough to cut and donate. I am going to make a big deal of this because, one, it will benefit kids in need, and two, it follows the Lions' motto. What's my challenge to the Lions of 5M-9? Those of who can, grow your hair long and donate it to Locks of Love. Yes, "Second Dude" Norby, you too can do this. I read in a recent Leader Dog "Mane Event" [www.leaderdog.org/lions/maneevent/2009/TheManeEvent-Issue6-2009.pdf], that Gary Klop, the vice district governor for Single District 10 on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, has challenged his district with a very unique way to raise some money. "Gary's Hairy Fundraiser" has Gary growing his hair and goatee for two years, his length

of time as VDG and DG. He has done this fundraiser before and raised over \$1,700 in past efforts. While this Lions' challenge is strictly raising money, my challenge is two-fold. Grow your hair to donate to Locks of Love, and, each club who has a participant or participants in this challenge donate \$50.00 to \$100.00 to be sent to Locks of Love as well. Let's do this as district 5M-9 and send everything in as one donation, hair and money.

Have you figured out who I am? I have been a member of the Park Rapids Lions for 9 years and one of the 5M-9 Leader Dog co-chairs for 3 years. Presently, my locks are about 4-5 inches long and must be at least 12 inches long to donate. Even though my hair is 'white' and won't be used to make hairpieces, I am still going through with this project. I really can't wait until my all-school reunion next summer to see the reaction of my classmates since I graduated with very short hair, as shown in my 1965 graduation photo. At the time of my graduation, one of my classmates likened my hairstyle to that of those four lads from Liverpool. Not!!!

See you down the road.

Answer is Dick Kimball



Classic Lion Tails

Jim Arvidson, Lions District 5M-9 Governor



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Where does time go? For somebody like me that was born in the 40's, it's hard to believe that we are in a new Century, let alone the Year 2010.

But, I look forward to a New Year, every year. A New Year born with Optimism, Promise, and Hope that we can Live each Day to the Fullest! A New Year to accomplish those Goals that we have set for ourselves. May each and every one of you have a Great Year!

As LIONS, we have a Great Year ahead of us as well. A year full of Challenges and some Big Goals, but together we will work to really "Make a Difference."

We will "Make a Difference" with PROJECT NEW HOPE and the Car Raffle.

We will "Make a Difference" with More New MEMBERS.

We will "Make a Difference" with the LIONS IN SIGHT Event.

We will "Make a Difference" for a young girl by SCOOTIN' TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

We will "Make a Difference" for the good people of EL SALVADOR hit by Floods.

..... And, WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE with all the Great Projects and Programs that We can really be Proud of. We are close to a cure for Diabetes. We serve those in need with Hearing, Service and Leader Dogs. We can be proud of our Youth Programs along with providing a Camp for Kids struggling with Cancer. The Mn. Lions Eye Bank is one of the Best in the World. We also have one of the Best Hearing Research Centers at the University of Minnesota. With LCIF we can help to Make a Difference anywhere in the World. YES - We Will Have a Great Year ahead of us!

Thank you LIONS!

Have you ever been to Granny's? Great place for a Governors visit in North Eastern Minnesota. They treat you real good there! Santa Claus came to the Longville Lions and we had a really nice visit at Patrick's. Lot's of Story telling and good songs! We also had a Christmas Party at Ted and Gen's with the Bertha and Hewitt Lions and Lioness. Santa



"Classic" Tucker Snowcat

Claus showed up again at Prairie Christmas. There was a lot of Pride there that day! The Osage Lions also had a great Christmas Party with lots of Carols and Singing led by Lion Jerry. Of course, there is a feast at every one of these events. Callaway was no exception. I found out that the Callaway Lions were chartered in 1976 and were the 30,000th club chartered (there are over 45,000 now). The International President at the time (from Brazil) attended the Charter Night Event. What an Honor for Callaway Lions. How about "The Peak?" To give you a hint, it's at the base of Inspiration Peak. This is a few of the "Classic" visits we have had the great Christmas Party with the Urbank Lions in the past month. What a Classic way to Celebrate Christmas!

Oh Yes, I was able to get back to my Parkers Prairie Lions Club, where they "tried" to sing Happy Birthday to me. The next day I was able to spend time with our family and they took me to see a Story called "Deer Camp." What Fun!!

But, now it's time to Move into a New Year!

Hope to see you at the Mid-Winter Convention!

District Governor Jim Arvidson

**"If the Mountain was Flat , you couldn't Climb it!
Who you are, Makes a Difference!"**

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“On the road again”

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
- 17 Aldrich Lions, Verndale Lions /Lioness
- 19-21 5M3 & 5M13 MWC
- 20 Underwood Lions Underwood Lioness
- 22 Campbell Lions visit

March

- 4 Wolf Lake/Frazeo Lions visit
- 16 Zone 4 mtg
- 20 Council of Governors - Roseville
- 22 Lake Park Lions visit

April

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

May

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

June

- 28 International Convention Sydney, Australia

Lions

Heartbeat of 5M9

Linda Albrecht-Norby
Vice District Governor 5M9



'Tis the season, for the tree, ornaments and decorations to be put away until next year. The gifts, if they didn't fit, returned or exchanged. Stepping on the scale and starting your New Year's resolutions, even if you don't keep them! It is the time to look to the future and step into 2010 with a fresh new beginning. A beginning that will bring new ideas, members, open minds and a great new start for us all in a New Year for the Lions of 5M9. I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and fulfilling New Year!!!!!!!

By now, we are ready for the 2010 Mid-Winter Convention and I know we will have 100% attendance from all the clubs in 5M9. What better way to have a great convention, then having all our clubs represented! Remember, to include your new members and let's introduce them to some good of Lion FUN. This is the perfect opportunity for these new members to come attend seminars, business meetings and of course the first timers contest. It will also show them that we don't forget those we have lost. The Service of Remembrance is an emotional time for all. It reminds us of the great Lions that have passed this last year and the memories we will keep in our minds and hearts forever. They may have been founding Lions or just the silent ones who pledged there time to serve as Lions in there communities.

DG Jim and myself have had a busy year and what better way to relax and meet some new Lions at the Friday night entertainment, after the Service of Remembrance. There will be table's set up to meet and greet the candidates for 2010/2011 and lots of great food. Entertainment will continue to who knows when, so come and let's get ready to go "Crusin' Down the River" with our hosts the Aitken and Aitken Riverboat Lions Clubs. They have done a lot of planning to get this convention rolling, so come and enjoy! Ronald McDonald will be there too.

Don't forget to visit the other booths and learn more about our District projects and register for next year's convention. You may win a chance for a free weekend at Breezy Point Resort for the 2011 convention, January 14-16.

Saturday will be a busy day of food, seminars, business meetings and rounding the night off with the Governor's Banquet and the Rockin' Hollywoods. Our guest speaker will be International Director Anne Smarsh and this Kansas gal should have a presentation that will be right on the money! ID Smarsh is also involved with the YMCA Camp Hyde and has received numerous awards for her work in the community she lives in. This weekend she won't be in Kansas 'Toto', but she'll be right here in Minnesota. Let's show her how much we appreciate her visiting us and show her how great the Lions of 5M9 are!

We are expecting the Leo's to be joining us this year at convention. Remember these young adults are learning the ropes of Lionism and will be our future leaders. Please welcome and direct them, if they have any questions. Encourage them to join your groups, so they can meet the Lions of 5M9.

Please enjoy the 2010 Mid-Winter Convention at Cragun's and remember to comment on any concerns you may have regarding the weekend. Enjoy, eat and be merry at this year's convention!!!!!!

On the History channel, I recently watched a program about the Hero's regarding 9/11. Various people who had video taped the events of the towers being hit and the final implosion of the buildings. As we each go about our lives here in Minnesota, it was difficult to watch what the people in New York were going through that day. But, as I watched the program I felt a connection and a huge feeling of loss came over me. I watched many teams of fire fighters, police officers and the average Joe go into the tower buildings and when the towers fell I knew they were still in the buildings. What unique individuals these men and women were, just like Lions all over the world. They didn't look to be recognized as Heroes, but to be remembered as individuals who made a difference in the lives of those who survived. They were everyday heroes and did a job well done! I am proud of the Lions of 5M9 and the Lions all over the world, for the countless times they step up and Serve. Lions of 5M9, I applaud you all !!!!!!!!

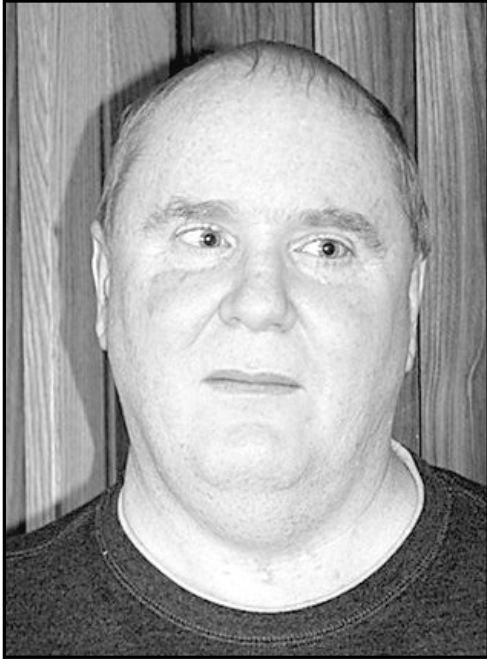
The New Year is just getting started and so are the schedules ahead. Both DG Jim and myself will be visiting other Mid-Winter conventions to learn and observe what these Districts do at their conventions. We have both increased our Lion families as we move forward in the offices we serve

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Bar fight 25 years ago left man blind



Gerald Johnson

It was Sept. 15, 1984, when Gerald Johnson's eyesight was lost during an accident.

"It's been 25 years," he said, "since I was stuck down as a pedestrian in Elizabeth, Minnesota."

Since then, besides his blindness, he has dealt with a lost sense of smell, hearing loss, regaining his balance, reoccurring seizures and depression.

"I've had a lot of ups and downs over the years," he said.

But, at the advice of his psychologist, he decided to not only revisit the night of the accident, but to write it down. Instead of a simple journal, he has written an autobiography, with the assistance of Bill Mohn, about his life story.

Mohn said at the time, he was a stay-at-home dad, and it was a good fit to help with

the book.

Although Johnson agreed with his therapist that it would be tough to revisit, he started doing some research. He contacted the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office, his attorney in Fergus Falls and contacted others involved in the accident, which started as a bar fight.

His mom, Janet, started reading the documents to him.

"It was very good," Johnson said. "At times, my mom would stop and try to control herself. 'Do you want me to continue?'"

Johnson said that after 45 days in a coma, he only remembered so much of what had happened. He heard a variety of stories from those involved. Doing the research, he learned the truth about that night.

"I need to go through and get all this out," he confided.

Since his accident, four people from that night have died. Two of the men involved chose not to talk with Johnson about what happened, but he let them know he was going forward with the book.

To get it all down, Johnson would record on cassette his memories and stories. Mohn said he started with six or seven tapes, which he listened to and took notes. The stories were in no particular order, so it made it more challenging for Mohn to get a story down.

He said he ended up with about 30 pages of legal pad notes, which he color coded to organize.

"I started to see patterns emerge in his life story," he said.

So, he organized the color coded notes into chronological time periods.

"It was the best way I could figure out to make it work," Mohn said.

So with some research, cassette tapes and creative challenges to fill in the gaps, the book came to fruition.

That night 25 years ago started as a celebration. Johnson, who was 21 at the time, was serving as an usher in the wedding of two friends. After rehearsal, it was a Friday night, the group drove to Elizabeth from Fergus Falls for some drinks.

There was an altercation in the bar, and it moved outside. Johnson, stepping in to break up the fight, was hit by a car. In November of 2006, he met with the driver of that car.

"He regrets his participation in that night," Johnson said.

And although he told the man he has forgiven him, it's not likely he'll forget. Johnson said thought that he had to move on or he'd be eaten up inside.

"It's hard to forget. I wake up the same way every morning.

"We had a nice talk. I told the driver thanks for coming out and I want to hear your side of it," he said of the meeting.

A former friendship has sparked again after meeting with an old co-worker that Johnson was always told started the altercation in the first place. In fact, it was one of the two men that wouldn't talk to him that started it.

"My old co-worker and I have buried the hatchet and become friends again," he said.


Johnson spent 45 days in a coma and 45 days recovering and attending therapy before returning home from the hospital.

He said reliving the incident "was very painful" but it helped him as well. "I finally got my peace of mind out of it."

Since some of the details remained vague, Mohn said he had to draw more information out of Johnson.

"I had to get inside his mind. A few times we would get together and I'd ask him some more questions," Mohn said.


Once Mohn had a copy he was happy with,



Walking the Path to Serve !

Linda Albrecht-Norby

for 5M9 District Governor 2010/2011



VOTE
BRUCE BECK
FOR
1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR—5M9


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!

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Zone 2 Chair
Tall Twister
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Membership Chair

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



Service With A Smile

Win a Car and help a Veteran

Simply said, War is Hell and combat veterans live with this mental battle every day. That's why Project New Hope was established, to help combat veterans and their families cope in their daily lives.

Individuals who have been in the combat veterans boots, know exactly what they have gone through and started Project New Hope. In fact, when the Veterans are discharged, the combat zone doesn't stay there. It travels home with them in their minds and begins to affect their family life when they return. These combat veterans just can't come home and pick up where they left off. They can't sit down in front of the TV and enjoy the good old days with old friends. The combat veteran themselves sometimes don't even know what is wrong and blame the slightest thing on loved ones and friends.

Have you ever gone from a calm, loving individual to someone who snaps in a split second and is lost in a time warp. This can be any Veteran who has served in combat and has come home to a world that they have been absent from for sometime. A combat veteran can't just close the door to the combat area the day they are sent home. They can't come home and resume the life they knew before they left for combat. Their world has been turned upside down and they need time and counseling to return to some kind of normal life style. This is

where Project New Hope can help, with professionals, family, friends and the veterans themselves to help recognize a problem and get help.

Individuals, who understand what the veteran has gone through, started Project New Hope. They too have come home and found their worlds turned upside down, lived with the confusion of returning home and not knowing what was wrong. A fancy name for all of this is, Post Traumatic Syndrome.

Realizing a problem will help the healing process and help understand the need to continue with the success of life after the war. Returning home, the soldier is met with challenges and transitions of combat to home. This is where Project New Hope can help. The soldier feels it is their fault and often feels alone and depressed. The family can't understand why the soldier can't resume the lifestyle they left before deployment. There is confusion, anger, abuse, withdrawal and sometimes suicide. Spouses find it difficult dealing with the soldier leaving and then dealing with the return home. Children don't understand why their parent has changed.

Project New Hope is designed for any Veteran from any combat situation from Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan. All Veterans and their families are encouraged to find out about Project New Hope and attend a weekend.

The need for a weekend are facts like these: 25% of the homeless are combat Veterans, suicide for veterans age 20-24 are 4 times greater than civilians and 200 plus Veterans are disabled every day.

If you know of someone or you yourself have served in combat, please come to a

weekend retreat with Project New Hope. Both Vets and their families are encouraged to attend a weekend and they are held three times a year. The weekend is made up of professional counselors from the VA, volunteers, the vets and their families and the cost is FREE. Lodging and meals are provided for the weekend and donations are always welcome. The counselors are available 24/7 all weekend. Activities are counseling sessions, private, family time and group sessions with families and other Veterans.

Retreat locations are private, rural and in the great outdoors for fresh air and time to reflect and think things through. They are located at Camp Friendship-Clearwater Lake, Camp New Hope-Glazier Lake and Eden Wood Center-Birch Island Lake. Free time is also available to fish, boat, hike and visit with others at the weekend.

When you were in combat you had no control as to what happened to you, but with Project New Hope, what happens next, is in your control. Contact Project New Hope at www.ProjectNewHope.net for information.

Project New Hope is a project of the Lions of 5M9, in central Minnesota. Since it's start, money has been donated and raised by the Lions of 5M9 and other individuals, to get this project started. With a project like this, it takes a lot more financial aid to fund the weekends, advertise and spread the word beyond Minnesota. With that, the Lions of 5M9 have taken on a fundraiser to help raise funds for Project New Hope. On, August 26, 2010 we will be raffling off a Red 2010 Ford GT Mustang Convertible at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa, Mn. Tickets are available for \$20.00 per ticket. If you would like to purchase a ticket contact any Lion in District 5M9 or call or email: Pete or Margaret Van Erp at 218-385-3446, petemarg@arvig.net.

he turned it over to his mother-in-law, who is a former copy editor.

"She tightened things up."

When it came time for publishing, hard cover and paperback books were expensive, and Johnson said, "I had no idea the best way to try this project out."

So with the popularity of self-publishing and the availability of the Internet, the ebook is titled "Peace of Mind: The Story of Gerald Johnson." The book is \$5 to download at www.lulu.com.

Editor's note: Gerald is a Lions member of the Detroit Lakes Lions Club. He has served as Zone Chairman and Club President.

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**

Lions we will miss

Lion Levoine "Swede" Nelson Park Rapids LC
Lion Jack Brown Wadena Lions Club

Club secretaries, please review and send or email your deceased member's photo to: Lion Jim Johansen
8103 210th Street North, Hawley, MN 56549
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This will help make the Service of Remembrance even more meaningful with a picture of your past member.

“Soaring with Lionism in 2010”

2010 MD5M Convention

The entertainment at the 2010 MD5M Convention will be outstanding and enjoyable.

Friday Night: for a short time we will have a very good vocal group called “Heaven Bound Trio” followed by DJ Pumpkin Bob with easy listening music.

Saturday Night: will be the Steve Hall/Shogun Red Band, coming to us from Nashville. (He has been voted Country Comedy Act of the year.) Steve and his buddy Shotgun Red (puppet) will keep you in stitches with their banter and good country music. It's not a puppet show-it's a great show with a puppet!!! They have appeared regularly with Ralph Emery on “Nashville Now.” Also hosted “Country Clips” on TNN for six years. Great entertainment you won't want to miss!

We also have the names of some of the speakers. We have Larry

Colbert, from Arizona (many of you have heard him speak in the past), Amy Ruehle, retired women's basketball coach from NDSU, and a representative from Guide Dog Canada.

Remember to register early and get a chance at a drawing for a free hospitality book. Also, as released in October newsletters, the new room rate (reserved before April 1, 2010) is \$64.95 (please confirm this when you register). After that the price goes back to their regular weekend rate.

“Come Soar With Us”

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in and the events we attend. It is a wonderful experience to travel around the state, visit other clubs and meet the people of the communities these clubs serve. Wow, how great is that!

For the New Year set your sights high and dream of believable things. Have fun in what you do as Lions and work to strive for bigger and better things in your clubs. Revisit old ideas or change them slightly, so that as a club you can have a successful project. Work as a TEAM, to make your club known in your community, get your events in the newspapers, so that everyone knows what your Lions club is doing. Lion's success begins at the grass roots of local clubs and grows around the world. Before we can run, we need to take that first step, to begin “Walking The Pathway of Service”.

Happy New Year !

VDG Linda Albrecht-Norby

WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Vern Jewett	Cormorant	Michael Wammer
Larry Stanko	Cormorant	Bob Larson
Marilee Hendrickson	Deerwood Lakes	Diann Bates
Joan McGuire	Hackensack	Edwin Haefner
Dennis Pederson	Lake Park	James Johansen
Linda Eisenbarth	Laporte Benedict	Maria Patton
Perry Eisenbarth	Laporte Benedict	Maria Patton
Virgil Wiekamp	Menahga Gateway	Betty Hotakainen
Kim Risen	McGregor	Davis Hoover
John White	McGregor	Shirley Scollard
Cheri White	McGregor	Shirley Scollard
Philip Sailer	Park Papids	Dick Kimball
Brian Koehn	Parkers Prairie	James Arvidson
Bob Swanson	Vergas	Alfred Kading
Lynn Swanson	Vergas	Alfred Kading
Judy Beaver	Verndale	Randy Beaver
Peggy Iverson	Whitefish Area	Connie Bolei

WELCOME NEW LIONESSES MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Amanda Wiese	Verndale	

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”
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January 23, 2010

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201 West Main St
Parkers Prairie**

2:00 - 7:00 pm

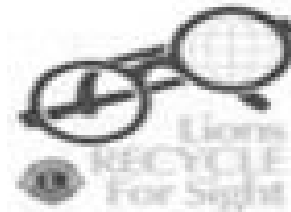
Food, Desserts & Refreshments



On loan from Lions Clubs International is the very impressive display of the 2009 International Peace Poster Winners



Live music featuring:
David Carroll
Dennis Amundson
Local High School Students



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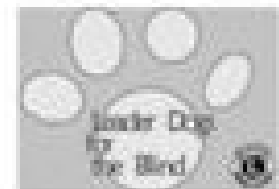
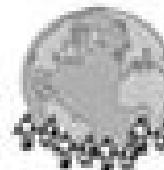
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- Public Health
- Habitat for Humanity
- Lakeland Hospice
- Diabetes
- Camp KACE
- Several other Lions Services



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 is leaving port in a few days. Hope you sent your registrations in, we want to see you there to enjoy the festivity, new and valued friends, and great food.

Remember to bring your riverboat theme costume for Friday evening. Each day is packed with fun and informative activities. Have you been saving pop can tabs? Eye glasses? Hearing aids? There will be collection containers for the pop tabs, but for ease of handling, please pack the

glasses and hearing aids in boxes.

Who will take home the traveling trophies for most Lions attending from their club, or the most first timers? Many of our Leos will join us for Saturday morning and the noon luncheon to meet and greet. There is adventure at every curve of the river.

Don’t get left behind. See you at the 2010 Convention on January 8-10.



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