

Catch Your Dream



DG Bruce's
Port of Calls & Club Visits



Bruce Beck 5M9 District Governor

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November

- 2nd- Zone 2 mtg Deerwood Am Legion
- 3rd- Pelican Rapids Club visit
- 7th- Whitefish Lions Club visit
- 8th- Vergas Lions Club visit
- 9th- Hill City Lions Club visit
- 14th- Merrifield Lions Club visit
- 15th- Zone 4 mtg Park Rapids Faith Baptist Church
- 17th- Cuyuna Range Lions Club visit
- 21st- Battle Lake Lions Club visit
- 22nd- Laporte-Benedict Club visit
- 24th- Thanksgiving
- 25th- Aitkin Lions Fish House Parade
- 28th- Ottertail Lions Club visit
- 29th- Zone 6 mtg Menagha-Gateway

December

- 1st- Perham Lion Club visit
- 4th- Hewitt Lion, Lioness & Bertha Club visit
- 5th- Urbank Lions Club visit
- 12th- Osage Lions Club visit
- 13th- Bay Lake Area Lions Club visit
- 14th- Walker Lions Club visit
- 15th- Callaway Lions Club visit
- 19th- Remer-Northland Lions Club visit
- 24th-25th- Christmas Eve/Day

January 2012

- 6th-8th- 5M9 Midwinter Convention
- 9th- Pequot-Breezy Point Lions Club visit
- 11th- New York Mills Lions Club visit
- 14th- Hearing Foundation meeting
- 23rd- McGregor Lions Club visit

February

- 2nd- Aldrich, Verndale Lions-Lioness Club visit
- 7th- Gateway-Menagha Lions Club visit
- 8th- Pine River Lions Club visit
- 9th- Parkers Prairie Club visit
- 13th- Nisswa Lions Club visit
- 16th- Underwood Lion/Lioness Club visit
- 23rd- Dent Lions Club visit
- 24-28th- Family time

March

- 1st- Wolf Lake Lions Club visit
- 26th- Lake Park Lions Club visit

April

- 9th- Baxter Lions Club visit
- 10th- Palisade Lions Club visit
- 18th- Deer Creek Lions Club visit
- 23rd- Henning Lions Club visit
- 27-29th- Multiple District 5M Convention@Hinkley

May

- 3rd- Backus Lions Club visit
- 10th- Hackensack Lions Club visit
- 15th- Longville Lions Club visit

5M9 LIONS MEET OUR VISITING INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, ALAN T. "TED" REIVER AT THE 2012 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

Alan T. "Ted" Reiver, from Wilmington, Delaware, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 2011.

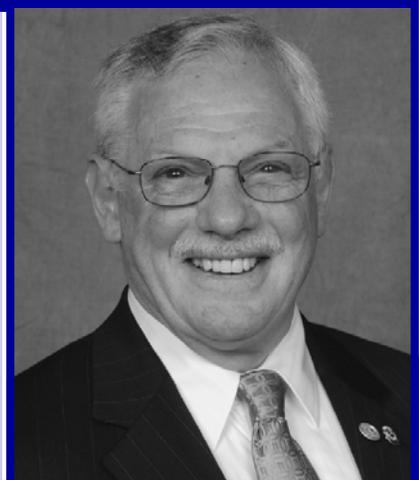
Director Reiver is a floor and window coverings store merchant. A member of the Talleyville-Naamans Lions Club since 1983, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, council secretary, LEHP Coordinator, Rebuilding Lions Coordinator and multiple district international convention chair. He also served as CSF II group coordinator, district chaplain, Kusiak Lions Youth Foundation board chairperson and treasurer, Delaware Lions Foundation grants and loans chairperson, Lions Vision Research Foundation board member and as a faculty member/presenter at numerous Lions Leadership Institutes.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, PID Gene Polgar Fellow, PIP Clem Kusiak Fellow, Dr. Arnall Patz Fellow, PID James A. McCarty Fellow, Ralph N. Helm Fellow, PID Darley Travers Fellow, an International President's Certificate of Achievement, a Presidential Leadership Medal, an International President's Certificate of Sponsorship, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation and an International President's Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Reiver is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Penn-Rose Civic Association and the Board of Delaware Association of the Blind. He has served on several boards of directors, including the Claymont Community Center, Edgemoor Community Center, Sellers Senior Center and the Floor Covering Association of Greater Philadelphia. Director Reiver and his wife, Ann, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter and three grandchildren.

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Catch'n the Lunker



The month of November is a very special time of year as we prepare for the winter months ahead. We are finishing the harvest. The deer hunters are out in every corner of the forests hoping to bag the big buck. The kitchen is coming alive with great smells as the baking begins for the holidays. The Lions are hosting hunter's suppers, harvest balls, bake sales, planning our holiday parties and the list goes on!

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, let us truly give thanks. Thanks to our Service men and women serving and away from home. Thanks for the food on our tables and the many blessings we have received this past year. I am, personally, thankful and proud of the 5M9 FAMILY who faithfully serve their communities in so many ways. You give selflessly to food shelves, schools, libraries, hospitals, churches, and a cornucopia of additional SERVICE projects. It is in our Service that we shine as Lions the most. "We Believe... We SERVE".

On the front page of this newsletter we have highlighted our visiting International Director Ted Reiver who will be with us for our Mid-Winter Convention in January. Elsewhere in the newsletter are features of other programs and events that will be happening at the 5M9 Mid-Winter. If you have ever considered attending a Mid-winter, this is the one to be at. We have an all-star lineup of speakers, programs, and activities you don't want to miss. Please come and join for all the fun at our once a year gathering as Lions in District 5M9. This year, the convention is in Mahanomen at the Shooting Star Casino. The host clubs of Detroit Lakes and Vergas are working overtime to ensure this is the best Mid-Winter Convention ever! Laughter, Fun, Fellowship and Learning are waiting for you. Send in your registration today! The District Candidates for elected Offices will be having a hospitality area. Stop and visit with your upcoming candidates. This year the candidates for office are; for District Governor, Lion Margaret VanErp, for 1st Vice District Governor, Lion Don Hendrickx, and for 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Gloria Anderson. Don't forget to stop and visit the Bluffton-Perham Lakes Lions hospitality area for the 2013 Mid-Winter Convention. I am confident they too are planning great things for their convention.

I have enjoyed visiting clubs so far this year, and I look forward to more visits to come. Lion Erin and I are meeting and getting to know all the Lions of the district better and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events, also.

"I Believe you can Catch Your Dream" with the Lions!

See ya on the water,
DG Bruce

LET OTHERS KNOW ABOUT YOUR CLUB

Think about making a brochure, flyer or card to let others know who Lions are and what we do.

Design it to fit your club. Possible information to include in the piece are the club name, meeting place and time, service activities, fundraisers, the Lions' motto "We Serve", and contact information. Depending on the design, you could also include pictures.

Have the information available at club events and give some to each club member to give to prospective members. If your area has an information center, chamber of commerce, etc., this may also be a place for your Lions' information.



**STOP DROP & SHOP
VISIONS OF VERGAS
CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 12
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
VERGAS COMMUNITY CENTER
\$1.00 Donation at the Door
FREE DIABETES &
VISION SCREENING
VERGAS COMMUNITY CENTER
SENIOR ROOM all day**

Falling leaves, crisp cool air—I think old Man Winter is coming around the corner. This a.m. we were on our way to Fargo and ran into a heavy snow shower. Sure glad it didn't last long. With fall in the air it's time to get some of our Lions business done before the snow banks get real deep.

PDG Peter (now referred to as the spouse or partner in service to me) went along with me to my 1st VDG training which was held in Mahnomon October 13th 14 and the Council of Governors meeting on the 15th. The training was very informative, motivating and inspiring. We had very good instructors. They were International Director Brian Sheehan, PDG Robert Vokes, PCC Keith Johnson, PDG Mary Ferleman, Executive Secretary Lion Bob Harms, CC Mike Molenda and his wife Lion Linda. All of them are right here from our very own Multiple District. This leads me to the next point which is on Oct 30th (I hope many of you will be attending) we will be having a training by the GLT (Global Leadership Team) and the GMT (Global Membership Team) at the Bluffton Community Center starting at 1 p.m. and wrapping up by 5 p.m. We will be served a light meal (free will offering). We have our International Director Brian Sheehan, GMT leader PCC Bob Jechorek and PCC Keith Johnson with us for this training. This seminar is for Club members who love Lions, have a great sense of humor, want to help their clubs grow and to serve their communities better.

Remember to give your club donations to the 11 projects by and no later than Dec. 15th so each chair has time to process them and you will get credit on the brag board at the Mid-Winter Convention which will be January 6, 7, & 8th at Mahnomon, MN. Come and enjoy some great fellowship with other Lions from our District. Even if your club can only give a small amount to each project it will add up and we will be able to help many people. Let's make our DG Bruce proud of all of our Lions clubs with a donation from each club to each project and have 100% support for all of the projects. Wow! That would give DG Bruce something besides a big fish to BRAG about!

When you have time, remember to plant a tree yet this fall. Otherwise, DG Bruce will be planting lots of them in the spring. He made a promise and let's help him keep it.

We, my partner in service and I, are having a great time serving as your 1st VDG. Keep up all of the good works that all of you have been doing in our District. Ask someone to become a Lion today, tomorrow or next week. They can't say YES or NO if you don't ask them! RIGHT??
Until next month.

1st VDG Lion Margaret Van Erp

Stitching Together

the News of 5M9

1st Vice District Governor

Margaret Van Erp



A LIFE CHANGING CUDDLE

Terri Krake of Minneapolis, MN felt that her world had become smaller after the untimely loss of her first service dog to cancer. Terri suffers from seizures due to a brain stem injury, and without her dog, found that the only time she left the house was to take the Metro Mobility Bus to doctor's appointments. Due to the frequency and severity of her seizures, Terri's doctor recommended a vagus nerve stimulator (VNS). The VNS is a small implanted device that, when triggered by a special magnet, sends regular small pulses of electrical energy to the brain via the vagus nerve in the neck to shorten or stop the seizure. After the procedure, though, she often had trouble getting to the magnet in time to activate the VNS before losing consciousness. Her partner Lora feared that Terri had given up on life. After 2 years of encouragement from Lora and her doctor, Terri finally contacted Can Do Canines.

The above information is from an article in the Can Do Canines newsletter. It was written by Anne Ingvaldstad. To see Terri and learn more about her story, join your fellow Lions of 5M9 at the Midwinter Convention in Mahnomon, January 6, 7 and 8.



I had the pleasure of attending IPDG Linda's Mini Forum in October and what an enjoyable afternoon it was. I want to congratulate all the winners that were there to receive an award, especially the 100% Secretary's. This award is special, because it shows that the club secretary has worked hard and honestly to get all the reports that need to be in, on time. Recording all the hours takes a lot of work. Way to go ! Also congratulations to IPDG Linda on receiving the Dream Catcher Award and to PDG Dale Johansen on the prestigious Al Jenson Award. I was happy to see PDG Dale awarded for all the dedication that he has shown towards Lions in his years of service.

As another month ends, I hope that everyone who reads this article has their reservation booked for the 2012 Midwinter Convention. Please encourage your club members to attend this highlight of the year. Make our DG proud and let's have a full house.

Also make sure your clubs are getting the information to your local schools about the Youth Outreach Poster Contest and encourage all students to participate. I still remember when our daughter Stacie won first place in 1995. What a great way to showcase their talent.

I hope all clubs have been supporting all of the Lions projects. To get credit for your support on the donation board, please send donations to the Chairs before the Midwinter. Remember, any amount you give is a donation gladly received.

Lion Pat and I would like to wish all of you a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving. We thank you for the kindness and support you have shown us and consider you all part of this special family we call Lions.
God Bless You ..

Dutch Proverb of the Month – "Even if it rained milk, his bowl would be upside down."
(English translation – Meaning: Someone who always has bad luck

Pas goed op jezelf!
2nd VDG Don



"WATTS" NEW
in 5M9
2nd Vice District
Governor
Donald Hendrickx



UNDERSTANDING LIONS

Whether you are a long time Lion's member or new to your Lion's club, everyone has had problems understanding Lion's history, function or information at the local club level or at the District, Multiple or International level. Hopefully this article will answer those unending questions.

So exactly why would anyone want to be a lions member? There are many reasons to belong. You can give something back to your community as a lion that you may not do individually. Being a Lion is a form of volunteerism that anyone can belong to. In joining a club (the Lion's organization) you choose what level you want to serve at. You may start out small with your club, doing things for your community, club and people in your area.

Club Level– at the club level you need to become orientated in what Lion's is all about. Find out about your clubs history. Each local club has a number of projects that it has worked on. These are the fundraisers for various community needs. Often a club conducts a community needs assessment to determine what your particular community wants and desires. These can range from helping out your school, assisting your city with a park or helping an individual who has a life threatening illness. What your club achieves is up to it's members. You will be surprised how much your community will support your projects and ideas. Maybe your club has: walked road ditches, collected shoes for the homeless, bought and installed playground equipment, assisted in maintaining a park or cemetery, collected eyeglasses & hearing aids, conducted an Santa Day, Easter Egg Hunt, or did Food Shelf Collection, and the ideas go on and on. Your club also donates to the larger picture of the 5M9 District activities, the MD5M Multiple activities and at the International level.

Your position as a member can vary. You can chose to be a member who holds an officer position or a member who is there to help out. The choice is yours. Do you want to chair a project or just be there help the project along.

You will benefit tenfold if you participate in your club. You will feel a sense of achievement, accomplishment and value not only to yourself but to other members and the community. Now go out and share your spirit by asking other to join your club and serve.

A LEADER DOG'S STORY

Hello, I'm a golden retriever. You can call me Cricket, and this is the story of how I became a Leader Dog for a person who is blind.

Here we go on a new adventure.

My parents are two of Leader Dogs for the Blind's finest. From the minute my siblings and I were born, we had the very best of care. Even then I knew I was destined for great things.

When I was 7 weeks old I went to live with my foster mom, a "puppy raiser" who lived about an hour away. Her family is one of more than 400 volunteers who help puppies learn their manners and become socialized. My foster mom took me everywhere she went so I could experience new things. I wore a blue bandana that told everyone I was training to be a future Leader Dog.

We'd go to the mall, to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, to festivals... everywhere! When I become a Leader Dog, I'll be allowed to go everywhere a human being can go! Whenever I needed to see the vet for my checkups, we'd go to Leader Dogs for the Blind. They have a veterinary staff that knows each one of us. They have a veterinary staff that knows each one of us. At any one time there could be more than 300 dogs on campus.



School days!

By the time I was 14 months old I was ready to start my official training. I left my foster family and came back to the Leader Dog campus to live. That's me with my instructor. She says I've got all the qualities that make a good Leader Dog. I'll wear a leather harness that has been designed and made just for me at Leader Dog. My harness serves as the link between me and my visually-impaired partner. It also lets people know that I'm a special working dog.

Jake, one of my brothers, is learning to be a Leader Dog for someone who is Deaf-Blind. He's a very smart dog! Leader Dogs for the Blind was the first organization in the world to train dogs for people who are both visually and hearing impaired.

After weeks of training, I was finally ready to meet my new partner and become a Leader Dog!

It's "Dog Day"!

Here we are at the start of our 26-day training period at Leader Dogs for the Blind. My partner and I will be learning to work together. Of course, I know what I'm doing... she has a lot to learn in order to work effectively with me. Fortunately, she has always been a "dog person" so we get along well, but this is the first time she has ever had a Leader Dog to help her. We practice on campus and also go into the city. When our training is over, I'll be moving to another state.



We're A Team!

I am a Leader Dog. My job is to help my partner travel independently and safely. We go to work in her office building, we ride the bus, cross busy city streets, go shopping and to restaurants. Soon we'll be going on vacation together. Whenever I have my harness on I'm "on duty," but when I take it off, I'm just a regular happy dog.

What do I mean to my partner? Well, I once heard her tell someone: "For the first time I know what it means to be independent!" That's why I'm so proud of her. We're a great team!



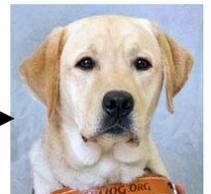
SOME OF THE CLASS OF 2011

← Sophie's human partner recently took her on a road trip to the mountains, and says, „I had so much fun with her! She is a great hiking guide, which thrills me. You have given me such an amazing gift!“

Ollie was raised in leader Dog's puppy raising program in an Iowa correctional facility. Now a working Leader Dog, his human partner is an Assistant Attorney General in Ohio. →

← While visiting friends of his puppy raising family, Stanley took over their cat's bed. Since he seemed to like it more than the cat, they gave it to him to take home. In the beginning his whole body fit the bed; a year later, he used the bed as a pillow for his head.

This is Bentley & he is Leader Dog Graduate Field Representative Bunny Tabatt's new partner. According to Bunny, he is going to be a marvelous partner for her. Bentley's mom Luna was raised by Lion Dave & wife Tracy Petry of Aitkin. →





Past Council Chair ,
Deb Harms, presents
PDG Dale Johansen with
the Al Jensen award.
CONGRATULATIONS
to Dale—well deserved!



5M9 Diabetes Co-Chair Marge Johnson (rt)
presents IPDG Linda Albrecht-Norby (lt) with the
Dream Catcher Award. IPDG Linda has assisted
with many Diabetes checks and has brought atten-
tion to health care issues.

MINI-FORUM
PHOTOS IN REVIEW



Rita Stelzer
Was the main
speaker at the
Mini-Forum, held
in October in
Vergas.



100% SECRETARIES
Pictured with IPDG Linda and Lion Jay
L-R Lion Secretaries Rosie Altstadt, Ginny
Paulson and Judy Brasgalla.
Thanks for a job well done!
(above)



GOVERNOR'S CONTEST WINNERS
L-R Gloria Anderson, Dale Eberhardt,
Rosie Altstadt, Jerry Smith, Mary Hanson,
Betty Johansen, IPDG Linda Albrecht-Norby
(left)

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL
AWARDS, PLEASE SEE THE
FOLLOWING PAGE
CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!!**

5m9 DG Mini-Forum October 2, 2011

100% Secretary Awards-Necklaces

Sharon Orser	Baxter Lions
Margaret VanErp	Bluffton Lions
Judy Brasgalla	Cass Lake Lions
Rosalyn Altstadt	Perham Lakes Lions
Ginny Paulson	Riverside Fergus Falls Lions

5M9 Zone Chairs-Certificates

Tom Beaver	Zone 1 Chair
Tom Plagman	Zone 2 Chair
Diana Gallaway	Zone 3 Chair
Maria Patton	Zone 4 Chair
Gloria Patton	Zone 5 Chair
Ron Genoch	Zone 6 Chair
Ray Masters	Zone 7 Chair
Brent Frazier	Zone 8 Chair
Jerry Smith	Zone 9 Chair

Cabinet Chairs-Certificates

Diabetes Chair	Len Johnson
District Intl Relations	Dennis Anderson
Environmental	Linda & Jim Arvidson
LCIF	Karlene Negen
MD5M Hrg Foundation	PDG Joe Doerfler
Newsletter/PR	PCC Bert Nelson
Technology/Website	Erin Beck
Youth Outreach	Bob Harris

District Governor's Contest Awards

Zone 1	Baxter Lions
Zone 2	Garrison Lions
Zone 3	Emily Outing 50 Lakes Lions
Zone 4	Laporte Benedict Lions
Zone 5	Bluffton Lions
Zone 6	Menahga Lions
Zone 7	Perham Lakes Lions
Zone 8	Underwood Lions
Zone 9	Ottertail Lions
Lioness	Underwood Lioness

Awards

Diabetes Dream Catcher Award	PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby
Diabetes Dream Catcher Award	Maria Patton
Hearing Foundation Fellowship	PDG Annette Contos
Leader Dog Founders Award	Babe Clifford
Melvin Jones Award	Sister Char Grossman
Al Jensen Award	PDG Dale Johansen

CONGRATS TO EVERYONE!

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Necrology for 5M-9 2012 Mid-Winter

Name	Club	Picture
Lion Martin Berg	McGregor	Yes
Lion Sophie Wicks	Akeley	
PDG Lion Don Dorn	Cass Lake	Yes
Lion Fred Sellnow	Hewitt	Yes
Lion Warren Hartman	Wadena	Yes
Lion James Boll	Campbell	Yes
Lion Melvin Rateike	Hackensack	Yes
Lion Mark LeRoy Holm	Hill City	Yes
Lion Audrey Nelson	Garrison	
Lion Don Hinneberg	Park Rapids	Yes
Lion Mike Hancock	Cuyuna Range	
Lion Eunice Watland	Baxter	Yes
Lion Wm "Bill" Taylor	Bay Lake Area	
Lion Leonard Hillstrom	Vergas	Yes
Lion Andy Tweten	Battle Lake	Yes
Lion Dr. John Kloster	Crosslake Ideal	Yes
Lion Paul Johnson	McGregor	Yes
Lion Issy Langer	Bluffton	Yes

Each year at the 5M-9 Mid-Winter Convention we memorialize the Lions, Lioness and Leos we have lost the previous year. A pictorial memorial is displayed during the memorial. Please send Lion Jim Johansen information on your deceased members. He can copy pictures off electronic obituaries located at newspaper and funeral home websites.

You can contact Lion Jim at jkjohansen55@gmail.com or Call 218-483-1121 (home) 612-708-4037 (work cell)

REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS

Please submit all donations to the 11 District sponsored projects to the designated chairpersons by Dec 10th.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| - Can-Do-Canines | - Diabetes Foundation |
| - Kamp KACE | - LCIF |
| - Leader Dogs | - LEHP |
| - MD5M Hearing Foundation | - Project New Hope |
| - Youth Exchange | - Youth Outreach |

MIDWINTER CONVENTION REMINDERS

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?

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 to December 31 newsletters from the previous calendar year. (2012 Mid-Winter Convention please bring materials from Jan 1, 2011 to Dec 31, 2011) 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.

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. Overall appearance
2. Photos with cut lines (names of people in photo)
3. Newspaper articles and clippings
4. Order (by 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.

2012 MID-WINTER ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Join the fun and attend the 2012 Mid-Winter at Mahnomon, January 6, 7 & 8. Some of the awesome speakers and topics you can expect to enjoy are.....

- Leader Dog
- Hearing Foundation
- Can-Do-Canines
- MN Lions Vision Foundation
- And More
- You will have the opportunity meet International Director, Alan T. "Ted" Reiver.

Entertainment will include.....

- SLOG—Some Lions On Guitars
- Hypnotist, Dan Lee

THIS IS WHERE IT'S AT

2nd ZONE 4 MEETING

November 15th, Faith Baptist Church, Hwy 71 S, Park Rapids

Social: 6:00pm, - Meal: 6:30pm—Meeting to follow

RSVP by Nov 10th—Zone Chair, Zelda Novak, 218-732-9295 or zrkn@charter.net



Zone 4 Chair, Zelda Novac & husband, Larry (not pictured) at Cass Lake Lions Club. Pictured with Club President Leonard Tompkins.



DG Bruce welcomes Deerwood Lakes Lions newest member, Laura DiMartino with Club President, Diann Bates



McGregor Lions 45th Annual Corn Feed
Once again a huge success! This years entertainment was provided by Ben's Hot Country Karaoke. Everyone wanted in on the action, including Lion Jerry Feucht who has a great voice. A crowd of young and old stepped up to let their talent shine. Great weather and food with excellent entertainment insured a great time for all. Our 46th annual corn feed is already in the planning. Join Us!

DG Bruce helps Learder Lions Club welcome new member, Barney McCoy and Sponsor, Lion Shirley Feakes

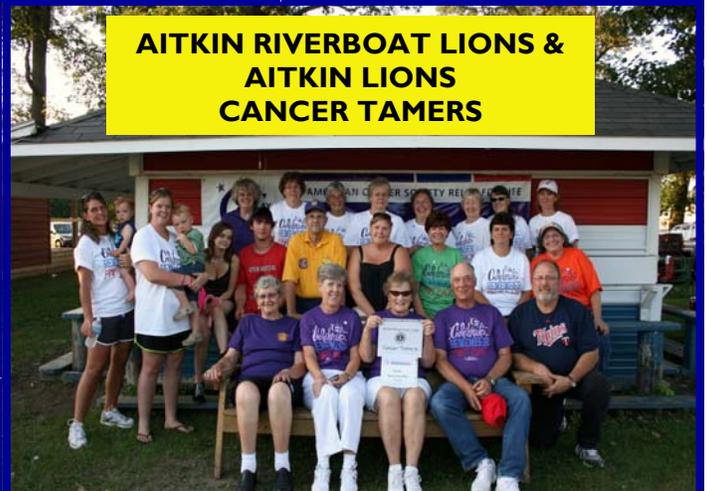


DG Bruce visits Aitkin Riverboat & Aitkin Lions Clubs



Perham "Lakes" Lions Fall Tour—15 Perham area Seniors enjoy a tour on the Perham Express Train captained by Lion Len Johnson & lunch at Lakes Cafe

AITKIN RIVERBOAT LIONS & AITKIN LIONS CANCER TAMERS



"Cancer Tamers" at Relay for Life
The Aitkin Riverboat Lions and Aitkin Lions Clubs gathered in Aitkin for the American Cancer Society's "Celebrate-Remember-Fight back" walk to honor survivors and remember loved ones in their fight against cancer. The walk among hundreds of luminaries was held on July 29-30, 2011, at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds. Proceeds of \$228 from the Riverboat Lions' food booth and club member donations totaled about \$1000 for Relay for Life.



Lions across the state are looking to make a splash with the Polar Bear Plunge! In 2012, the Lions are expanding their long-standing partnership with Special Olympics Minnesota by becoming a state-wide sponsor for the Polar Bear Plunge. Last winter, Nearly 11,000 brave Minnesotans raised a record \$2.2 million this winter for Special Olympics Minnesota!

You may have heard about it on the news, read about it online, or maybe even seen a video on YouTube, but what exactly is this "Plunge" that everyone's talking about? The Polar Bear Plunge — presented by Minnesota law enforcement as part of the year-round Law Enforcement Torch Run events to benefit Special Olympics — is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by jumping into frigid Minnesota waters. It consists of 15 different events that take place across Minnesota during the coldest months of the year. From January through March, the Plunge crew travels around the state to 15 different communities with one goal in mind: raise funds for Special Olympics Minnesota!

As part of our sponsorship agreement, we encourage all Lions clubs across the state of Minnesota to get involved with the Plunge! There are a variety of ways you can get involved to help raise money for Special Olympics Minnesota and spread Lion awareness:

1. Participation in the Special Olympics Minnesota Lions Club Raffle (See SOMN Lions Raffle Instruction sheet)
2. Selling raffle tickets at Plunge sites
3. Selling food (mini donuts, hot dogs, etc.) at Plunge sites. Will work best at White Bear Lake, Maple Grove, Anoka County, St. Peter, South Metro, Minneapolis & Eden Prairie.
4. Financial contribution
5. By Plunging of course!!!
6. We're open to additional creative ideas!

2012 Dates:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Jan. 28 - White Bear Lake | Feb. 18 - Duluth |
| Jan. 28 - Willmar/Spicer | Feb. 25 - South Metro |
| Feb. 4 - Maple Grove | Feb. 26 - Alexandria |
| Feb. 11 - Anoka County | Mar. 3 - Minneapolis |
| Feb. 11 - St. Peter | Mar. 3 - Brainerd |
| Feb. 11 - Rochester | Mar. 10 - Eden Prairie |
| Feb. 18 - Prior Lake | Mar. 17 - Grand Rapids |
| Feb. 18 - St. Cloud | |

Check out the Plunge website for additional information about this unique event at www.plungemn.org. If you'd like to get your club involved or have questions, contact Lion Alyssa Siech at alyssa.siech@somn.org or 612-604-1255.

We hope to see you this winter!!!

Sincerely,

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5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

January 6, 7 & 8 2012

Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen, MN

Hosted by the Detroit Lakes & Vergas Lions

PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THE FORM AND LETTER FOR EACH MEMBER

Join the Detroit Lakes & Vergas Lions for the 2012 Mid-Winter Convention. It will be at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen, MN on Friday, January 6 through Sunday, January 8, 2012. Our Goal is to provide a fun filled and educational weekend with fantastic seminars and a chance to visit and have fun with, Lions, Lioness and Leos throughout the District. We are striving to have every Lions, Lioness and Leos club represented at the convention.

HOUSING: For Lodging Registration, please contact the Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen, MN at 1-800-453-7827. When making your reservations please use the reservation code #259982 and tell them that it is for the 2012 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention. The cost of the rooms, if reserved by December 22, 2011 is \$64.95 for a regular room or 70.00 for a Queen Suite. **Please make your reservations by December 22, 2011 to receive this discounted rate.**

HOSPITALITY BOOKS: The cost for the 2012 Convention Hospitality Book is \$80.00 per person if received by December 10, 2011. For those who are attending the Convention for the First time the cost of the Hospitality Book is \$70.00. After December 10, the cost of the Hospitality Book goes up to \$85.00 and \$75.00 respectively. All Hospitality Bookings received after January 1, 2012 will be \$90.00. If you have special dietary or handicap needs, please indicate them on the form and describe details on the back. The 5M9 Mid-Winter Committee and the Shooting Star Casino will do our best to accommodate your needs. If your Club is paying for all of your members attending, Please enclose a Hospitality Form for each Individual with the check.

MAIL COMPLETED HOSPITALITY BOOK FORMS TO:

Lion Jim Granger, 344 Elizabeth Street, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

OTHER INFORMATION: Please bring your Club Banner and drop it off at the registration desk. You will pick it up in the dining area on Sunday. Used eyeglasses and Hearing Aides will be collected at the Convention. We ask that you please pack them separately in boxes for ease of handling. The Convention Committee will have designated drop-off spots for both items. Also, Please remember to enter your Club Brag Books and Club Newsletters for the annual 5M9 awards.



5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

January 6-8, 2012
Shooting Star Casino



Official Hospitality Book Order Form 5M-9 Mid-Winter Convention 2012 Mahnomen Shooting Star
EACH Lion, Lioness, and Leo must fill out this form completely and return it with a Check, made out to "5M-9 Mid-Winter Convention" for Registration or Individual Meal Ticket(s) Requests. **First-time attendees receive a \$10 discount.**

Please Print clearly:

Lion: Lioness: Leo: 1st Timer: Non member: (circle one)

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name of Lion, Lioness or Leo Club: _____

Purchase your Hospitality Book by December 10, 2011 and save money! **

ITEM PRICE		QUANTITY		SUB-TOTAL
Hospitality Book	\$80.00 each	X	_____ =	\$ _____
Hospitality Book w/Honors Breakfast	\$85.00 each	X	_____ =	\$ _____

(Saturday Honors Breakfast, Saturday Luncheon, Governor's Banquet, Sunday Brunch)

**Hospitality Books must be purchased by December 10, 2011 to receive above price.

ITEM PRICE		QUANTITY		SUB-TOTAL
Saturday Honors Breakfast	\$17.50 ea	X	_____ =	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$12.50ea	X	_____ =	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$25.00 ea	X	_____ =	\$ _____
Governor's Banquet	\$30.00ea	X	_____ =	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch	\$25.00ea	X	_____ =	\$ _____
TOTAL REMITTED			_____	\$ _____

If first-time attendee subtract \$10.

After December 10, 2011 Hospitality Book cost will be \$85.00----NO EXCEPTIONS!

HANDICAPPED SEATING NEEDED _____ SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS _____ (EXPLAIN ON BACK)

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