

# WHAT'S BAKIN' IN 5M9'S KITCHENS

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## PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS

# Win a Toro Lawnmower

Steering for Better Hearing

Purchase Raffle Tickets thru October 25, 2012

Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 apiece

Contact: HF Treasurers,  
Mike/Sue Vos  
20472 371st Ave.  
Green Isle, MN—55338-2172

Email: [sue@vosconstruction.com](mailto:sue@vosconstruction.com)



So Little Ears Can Hear!

Lion Bob Harms, Secretary for the Lions Hearing Foundation & Executive Secretary for Multiple 5M, rode a Toro Zero-Turn lawnmower (donated by Toro) from the Canada Border to the Iowa Border (approximately 485 miles) at the hyper speed of 7 miles per hour. Lion Bob started his trip on August 20 at the Canadian border, 10 miles north of Roseau on Highway 89 to Minnesota 71 and then headed straight south, arriving at the Iowa Border on August 29 at approximately 12:16 p.m. His days were long often on the road at 7:00 a.m. and not arriving to his daily destination until 7:00 p.m. Once arriving to his daily destination he was greeted by local Lion Club members from the respective city he arrived in as well as nearby towns. The clubs often paid for lodging and meals. Lion Bob was accompanied by his "pit crew" PDG Jim Aasness from Dilworth, MN. PDG Jim would support Lion Bob by making lunch and parking his motor home, which towed a covered trailer of supplies, including a motor scooter for PDG Jim to follow Bob on the trip. The motorhome boasted a large banner identifying the fundraiser and pictures of both Lion Bob & our poster child, Maren. Maren was hearing impaired at birth but was not correctly diagnosed until 21 months and was treated at the Lions Children's Hearing Center. Because (continued

## NOTICE

DG Margaret's Calendar of Events has been relocated to pg 3 for this issue.

## *Steering for Better Hearing So Little Ears Can Hear*

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Maren and her family learned first-hand how valuable going through the Lions Children's Hearing Center was to them personally, they allowed the Hearing Foundation to use Maren as the face behind the story. Jennie (Maren's mom) stated she didn't want other children to wait 21 months to be properly diagnosed and treated so they were happy to share Maren's beautiful picture and story.

Because lawnmowers are not built to take on a 500 mile road trip, Toro made some modifications to the machine as well as specially designing a canopy to fit the Toro Zero Turn lawnmower so that Bob would be shielded from the sun and elements. Lion Bob pulled a two-wheel utility trailer behind the lawnmower which carried a cooler for water and supplies and a gas can.

Lion Bob and PDG Jim's days were long often out of bed by 5:30 a.m. to either change oil on the machine, grease the wheels on the two-wheel utility trailer or other preparations to begin the long day's ride. Bob stated he was averaging about 5 miles per hour when you took in breaks for interviews, lunch and gassing up the machine.

Lion Bob's ride met with State wide radio coverage as well as front-page newspaper coverage in 25-30 newspapers. The Willmar Newspaper's coverage caught the attention of the Associated Press which took Bob's ride both nationally and internationally. So Bob not only created awareness for the Lions Hearing Foundation, but allowed the general public to understand how far Lions will go to change the lives of others.

During the ride Bob reported being chased by mean ugly farm dogs, literally soaked by 18-wheelers during rain, but the most humiliating experience was after 200 miles on his lawnmower ride, a jogger had the audacity to pass him up and wave! But it was the beautiful little face of 2-year old Maren that kept Bob going through it all. Lion Bob, who suffered hearing loss himself as a child after repeated ear infections wanted to improve the lives of children with hearing impairment. As Bob stated to one of the reporters, it is so important that these kids be diagnosed and treated by the age of 6 months, because with that early treatment their speech will progress at the same rate as their normal hearing peers.

On August 28, 2012 a celebration was held at the Windom Toro Plant where Lion Bob met up with 2-year old Maren and her family as well as Toro employees & Lions. At that time Maren's parents presented Lion Bob Harms & Lion Marlene Martinek with plaques that read: "***Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear***" ~ ***Mark Twain***. Lion Bob presented Maren with the gift of a Lion. Maren has adopted Bob has her Grandpa and repeatedly called him "Grandpa Bob".

Lion Bob would like to raise \$50,000.00 for the Lions Hearing Foundation and the Lions Children's Hearing Center at the University of Minnesota so that all little ears can hear! To date we have raised approximately \$20,000.00. Please help Lion Bob and the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation raise another \$30,000.00. Consider buying raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 a ticket, but if clubs choose to purchase tickets and win, they can possibly consider raffling off the Toro as a club fundraiser.

Raffle tickets can be obtained from the Lions Hearing Foundation Treasurers, Mike & Sue Vos, 20472 371st Avenue, Green Isle, MN—55338-2172. Or email them at [sue@vosconstruction.com](mailto:sue@vosconstruction.com)





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We just returned from a very busy few days at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa Bay, Florida. They have many educational seminars that you can attend. We received very useful information. One only wishes there was time to attend more of them. It's not too early to start thinking about attending next year's Forum in Overland Park, KS. They have been busy planning just like the Bluffton Lions and the Perham Lake Lions are busy planning your Mid-Winter 2013 Convention which will be January 4,5,& 6, 2013 at Cragun's near Brainerd, MN. Get your registration and hospitality books in soon so as to get the reduced price. You can go on line to [www.lionsof5m9.org](http://www.lionsof5m9.org) and get the form or find it at the end of this Newsletter. Fill it out and send to Lion Ken Anderson at 844 7th St. SW., Wadena, MN 56482. It will be another GREAT convention.

The first round of zone meetings are done and Thanks to all of our Zone chairs who did a super great job organizing them. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gloria Anderson has taken a survey about the Zone meetings from the Project Chairs. The DG Team will compile the information taken through the eyes of others to determine how the Zone Fairs can be improved. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Zone Meetings is right around the corner. Plan to attend and brag/share what your club has been doing and how successful you have been. It is OK to "borrow" ideas from others to implement in your club and community.

Our DG Team will be asking Program Chairs to fill out a form when they visit a club to inform the leaders in our District how each project is being represented. Our clubs must be kept informed as to where and what our donations are used for each year. Besides, it's a sharing the great things our donations do is

a powerful tool when recruiting people to join our great organization. These forms will be distributed to Project Chairs at our next cabinet meeting, Oct 21, 2012 in downtown Bluffton at the Community Center starting with gathering at 1 p.m. and meeting at 1:30 p.m.

PDG Peter and I have been traveling around our District visiting some of the Lions clubs. It is amazing, all the work and money that each and every club does and has planned to do. **"In a World of Service."** Wow, all of you are doing just what our International President Wayne Madden's theme asks. We were asked at the USA/Canada Forum—Have you had your Pit Stop Check already in your clubs? Presidents--- have you stopped and checked if your club is on track with your goals for this year? Have you had your new officers inducted? Has anyone in your club asked a neighbor, friend or family member to come to a meeting and to join us in our great organization of Lionism? Look at your club and ask these questions. Then you can say—"we did a pit stop-checked our engine-checked our tires-oh Yes, and added some gas and we are ready to hit the gas pedal again and start our month of Oct. running strong." Remember club presidents, you are in the driver's seat and I know each one of you has a good pit crew to fuel you up and get you back on track.

Please remember to e-mail ([petemarg@arvig.net](mailto:petemarg@arvig.net)) or mail me the DG visitation form so we can get your date in our planner and come visit your club.

Until next month,

keep the ovens on and the buns a bakin'

DG Margaret Van Erp

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

4—Pelican Rapids visit/40th anniversary  
6—MN Lions Vision Mtg in St Cloud  
7—IPDG Bruce's Mini Forum  
8—Wadena Lions visit  
9—Deerwood/Bay Lake Lions visit  
11—Perham Lakes Lions visit  
15—Riverside Fergus Falls Lions visit  
16—Aitkin Riverboat & Aitkin Lions visit

17—Garrison Lions visit  
- Zone 7/Vergas  
20—Council of Governors mtg  
In Mahnomen  
21—Cabinet mtg in Bluffton  
22—Bluffton Lions visit  
23—Park Rapids visit  
25—Zone 1/Pillager  
—Zone 4/Akely—Zone 5/Verndale  
26—4-wheel raffle in Bluffton  
27—Thanksgiving for Vision  
29—Zone 8 mtg in Dalton  
30—Zone 2/Deerwood

### NOVEMBER

5—Whitefish Area Lions visit  
7—Zone 9/Urbank  
12—Cass Lake Lions visit  
13—Vergas Lions visit  
—Zone 6/Osage  
15—Cuyuna Range Lions visit  
19—Verndale Lions/Lioness/Aldrich  
Lions visit  
26—Sebeka Lions visit  
27—Laporte Benedict Lions visit  
28—Urbank Lions visit



## “WATTS” NEW in 5M9

Vice District Governor  
Donald Hendrickx



Fall is upon us and hopefully, the weather will start to feel like it and not the middle of summer. Another gardening season is pretty much over and soon we will be getting things ready for winter. Love the seasons in Minnesota, especially when one of them is deer hunting!

The Zones Fairs are over and I think they went very well. The Zone Chairs in each of the 9 Zones did an outstanding job in organizing and presenting a fun event. Soon the clubs will be scheduling their own Zone meetings. Please make a huge effort to attend the ones in your Zone. This is where you meet other Lions in your Zone and learn what their clubs do to keep energized. One thing though ~ if your club RSVP's a number that will be attending, that is the number that needs to be there. Too many times, clubs show up short of the RSVP and the host club ends up having to pay for those no shows. Show some consideration and if you sign up, be there.

We had the pleasure of greeting Lion Bob Harms as he came through Wadena on his lawn mower journey to help children with impaired hearing. What a dedicated Lion he is. Not sure how many of us would take on such a fundraiser. But just like Lion Mark Mansell who rode his bike across the states for Leader Dogs, these men are Lions to the core and believe in the cause they are working for. At the last Zone Fair, it was reported by Leader Dog Chair Dick Kimball, that Mark is close to raising \$100,000.00. Wow! And just because Bob's ride has been completed, the journey is not over yet. Tickets are still being sold to win a new Toro lawnmower to be given away in October. Only \$5.00 a ticket.

April 2012 brings us the Regional Leadership Institute. I encourage any member to consider this educational seminar. Talk this up at your meetings and send someone interested in making themselves more comfortable in Lions and life in general. Our District can send 6 participants, so go to the 5M9 website to get an application or see DG Margaret. You will not be sorry ~~ I promise..

The 2013 Mid Winter convention at Cragun's is approaching. The hospitality forms and registration are on the website and in this newsletter. Club President's were given the forms at the Zone Fairs, so make sure and ask for them. I have been part of the planning committee and as always, this convention will be another great one. **“TOUCH EM ALL IN 2013”**

**Dank u wel** --- 1st VDG Don

~~ DutchTriva ~~ The beer Heinekin is originally from Amsterdam & comes in a green bottle.

### PR TIP

Receive national recognition for your club's service activity by submitting articles and photos to LION Magazine. While not all submissions can be published, here are some guidelines when submitting your story:

- Submit detailed information – who, what, when, where, why and how – of your club's completed service project or fundraising activity.
- Do not send images formatted for use on the Internet. Web images are too small and do not have the high resolution required for use in LION Magazine.
- Include clear, candid, action photographs of Lions participating in the project. Be sure everyone in the picture is identified.
- Do not send "grip-and-grin" photos (i.e. people shaking hands, check presentation, etc.).
- Include the name, address, daytime phone number and/or e-mail address of a contact person who is familiar with the project.

Submit stories and photographs that meet these guidelines to LION Magazine, 300 W 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA or email to: [magazine@lionsclubs.org](mailto:magazine@lionsclubs.org). It often takes up to a year for chosen articles to appear in print.

We are now into our Fall season – the very colorful Fall season. I think it's probably the prettiest season of our year but for those of us who aren't snow-lovers, it reminds us that the white of snow will soon be upon us. But for now, let's enjoy these vibrant colors – and of course, the hunting seasons.

A huge "THANK YOU" goes to our Zone Chairs for their excellent combined Zone Meetings. You planned, organized and conducted informational and fun meetings – a great job!! You can all be proud of your work! I hope all of the clubs in each zone signed up 3 programs for this year. We need to keep informed. Now each zone will be having its own zone meetings sometime in the next two months. Plan to attend and learn more of what's going on in your zone, in 5M9 and in MD5M.

Ken and I welcomed Lion Bob Harms and his traveling companion, PDG Jim Aasness, to Wadena on Friday, August 24. Lion Bob was on his fundraising trip across Minnesota from north to south, raising funds for "Steering For Hearing" so little ears can hear. PDG Ken served as a Trustee on the Hearing Foundation Board for the past six years and served with Lion Bob on the Board. One of the current Trustees from 5M9, PDG Linda Norby, traveled with the two when they were in 5M9. His trip on the riding lawn mower is now over, but you can still support Bob's cause by purchasing a ticket for a brand new Toro Riding Lawn Mower to be given out October 26. Both of our Trustees, PDG Linda Norby and Lion Dick Stebbins, have tickets available so contact either of them. While in Wadena, the Wadena Lions hosted Lion Bob and PDG Jim at a Meet and Greet at the Pizza Ranch. There was a good crowd with 10 Lions Clubs represented and of course, tasty food (it seems we all like to eat).

I hope some of you are planning to attend IPDG/CC Bruce Beck's Mini Forum, to be held in Pillager, Sunday, October 7 – social time 1:00 pm and meeting at 1:30 pm. This is CC Bruce's final hurrah for his year as District Governor. Let's all come and support CC Bruce as he gives out awards to fellow Lions. You never know who will get one. Besides all this, there will be fun things, as we know Bruce loves to have fun!! (and don't we all?)



## 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The children and families of

2nd VDG Gloria and PDG Ken Anderson

wish to invite you to an Open House to honor 50 years marriage between Gloria and Ken.

Saturday, October 6, 2012 Bluffton Community Center

2:00—5:00 pm

(please note time change)



**"WANNABE"**

**"WILLABE"**

**"AMMABE" in 5M9**

**2nd VDG - Gloria Anderson**



Speaking of awards, has your club been recognizing your members by giving out awards? As you donate to various Lions projects, such as Hearing Foundation, Vision Foundation, Leader Dog, Project New Hope, LCIF, Can-Do Canines, Diabetes etc. you qualify for these awards. Take advantage of this opportunity and recognize your members. But don't forget your long-time members. They may not now be working on every project your club does but years before they were the ones busy serving. Everybody likes a thank you and some recognition. These awards are very nice and meaningful to the recipient.

Have you sent in your registrations for the 2013 Mid-Winter Convention at Cragun's yet? It's coming up fast and you won't want to miss "Let's Touch "EM" All In 2013." All clubs should have received both registration forms – hospitality book and room – at the combined zone meetings or mailed to the secretary of each club. The registration forms were in last month's newsletter, too. The hospitality book registration form is sent to PDG Ken Anderson at the address printed on the form and the room registration form is sent directly to Cragun's. As I said at the Zone Meetings, "You won't want to miss one inning of the fun." The host clubs – Perham Lakes Lions and Bluffton Lions – are busy planning game days of fun. They look forward to seeing you all at Cragun's January 4, 5, and 6, 2013.

In Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gloria Anderson

Thought for a day:

"Success" never comes before "Work" except in the dictionary.



ABOVE: In order to prepare for the coming year, Cass Lake Lions enjoyed their first meeting with corned beef sandwiches and corn on the cob. They are looking forward to successful year working to enhance their community and LCI.

# FREE

Vergas Lions Club has mint trays and stands to give to a club that will use them.

Email Vergas Lion, Tracey Buhl @ traceyab@arvig.net If you are interested.



# 5M9 Mini-Forum

Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Social Time - 1:00 p.m.

Program - 1:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and Beverages provided.

Pillager Community Center  
207 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Pillager, MN

RSVP no longer needed, please join us!

Featured Speaker -  
Lion Bunny Tabbat  
telling her Leader Dog story

Award Presentations  
by CC Bruce Beck  
And, some other FUN activities, too!



YOUR LIONS CLUB SHOULD BE WORKING ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND EARN THE GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP OR LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR 2012 – 2013.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR TO EARN THIS AWARD IS TO TAKE PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL READING ACTION PLAN. SPONSOR A READING CONTEST OR GO TO A SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND OFFER TO READ TO A GROUP.

QUESTIONS..... GIVE US A CALL.

PDG JIM ARVIDSON / GLT

PDG CARROLL KUKOWSKI / GMT



Above President Roger Richters of the Emily, Outing Fifty Lakes Lions Club (left) and Lion Sue Wilder (right) welcomed PDG Dale Johansen and his wife Betty to the club's 5th Annual Mike Wilder Memorial Golf Tournament. Over \$4500 was raised for Project New Hope and Lions' projects.

# Lets Touch "Em" All in 2013

The Bluffton Lions and the Perham Lakes Lions clubs are working hard to bring you another great Mid-Winter Convention. Here are some highlights of the event coming up at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd on Jan 4-6, 2013.

International Director, Carolyn Messier from Connecticut will be joining us for the weekend. She will bring news from Lions International during her speech at Saturday night's banquet. She will help us celebrate serving together as in this great organization called Lions.

A/C Entertainment will be with us as we get together around the pool on Friday night along with the Nisswa Lions and their pork chops and 4 hospitality rooms to visit. Come join us for a relaxed evening of socializing with old and new friends. The theme for the convention is baseball, so if you want to find your old baseball shirt/outfit and wear it one more time, that's alright by us.

There will be a PRIDE breakfast on Saturday morning that is open to all attendees and will take the place of the Honors Breakfast. This breakfast is included in the hospitality book.

Mike Kingery will be the speaker at the Saturday luncheon. He is also part of the Kingery Family singers that will be entertaining us Saturday night after the banquet. They sing Christian Bluegrass and are a wonderful group to listen to. According to their bio on the web site, Mike played professional baseball for 17 years, which fits in well with our theme!

Once again, Cragun's Resort will have a shuttle service available for anyone who would like help getting from the hotel to the event center where the meals take place. The registration forms for both the hospitality books and the rooms at Cragun's can be found in this newsletter and on the district website [lionsof5m9.org](http://lionsof5m9.org). The deadline for early registration for the hospitality book is December 1<sup>st</sup> and preferred lodging held until December 5<sup>th</sup>, so register now to save money and get your preferred room.

Come join us for fun on Jan 4-6, 2013 at Cragun's resort!

## ZONE 6 MEETING

November 13, 2012 in Osage

Osage Community Center,

Hwy 48, 1 mile N of Route 34

Social: 6:00 pm—6:30 pm

Followed by Dinner Meeting

Attend and enjoy

- Pre-Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Purchase a homemade pie for your Thanksgiving table!

- mega raffle with \$150 cash prize and others!

Come share your activities and successes and let your Lions friends know what you have coming up.

## ZONE 7 MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Vergas Event Center

Social: 5:30 pm

Meal: 6:15 pm

Meeting to follow

**The Vergas Lions Club invites Zone 7 to come enjoy a spaghetti dinner with your Lion friends. Meal cost is \$8/person.**

**Thanks to the family of Lion Bob Shield's, his pin collection will be available to bid on and/or purchase pins in sets and individually.**

**RSVP by 10/12 to Zone Chair, Jay Norby**



5M9 Diabetes Committee  
is again providing free buses to  
the

**8th ANNUAL  
ADA DIABETES EXPO**

October 13, 2012 9AM-3PM

at the

Minneapolis Convention Center

We would like to see more Lions  
participate in this event, so please  
promote it in your clubs.

The MN Lions Diabetes Foundation  
will be having a booth there this year.

For bus schedules, contact  
your Diabetes CoChairs:

Marge Johnson

Bev Labratten

218-346-7088

218-759-0178



**Wolf Lake Lions  
Wild Game Feed & Raffle  
Saturday October 27, 2012**

Wild Game Feed 5-8 p.m.

Raffle Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

**Prizes**

1. Remington 770 SS Barrel Camo .270
2. Savage 223 Axis Combo Stainless
3. 14K Yellow Gold Pendant & Earring Set
4. Digital Game Camera

**PLUS 4 \$50.00 Prizes!**

# LIONS HALLOWEEN ZONE 2 MEETING

Tuesday, October 30  
Deerwood American Legion  
5:30 PM SOCIAL  
6:30 DINNER \$12

Please join us for some  
ghoulish Lions games, freaky Lions  
fun, and frightening food!

*Please bring a non-perishable food item for  
the Second Harvest Food Shelf*

RSVP by 10/20  
Kay B. 218-678-3772 or Cathe218-330-7804 or  
cathe.picek@gmail.com

## ZONE 4 FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 25TH. AKELEY VFW

HOSTED BY THE AKELEY LIONS CLUB

GATHERING TIME 6PM

DELICIOUS MEAT LOAF DINNER 6:30PM

**\$10.00**

7-7:45 MEETING

7:45 -8:15 PM ENJOY THE SONGS OF  
AMERICA'S HERITAGE

MUSIC FROM 1840-1890

BY MARK BRIDGE AND FRIENDS

8:15 PM CLOSING COMMENTS

DRAWINGS.

RSVP BY OCT. 20TH TO ZELDA ZONE 4 CHAIR

zrkn@charter.net

The following is from an article that appeared in the EOT Focus. To learn more, contact Lion Bonnie Genin or check out the rest of the article about her at

<http://www.eotfocus.com/event/search/order/date/keywords/bonnie%20genin>

'Bonnie and her dogs' help others get a new leash on life

Marie Nitke [editor@eotfocus.com](mailto:editor@eotfocus.com)

Bonnie Genin has a 'can-do' attitude about helping people in need.

The Perham woman is closely involved with Can Do Canines, a Minnesota-based nonprofit organization that provides assistance dogs at no cost to people with disabilities.

As a representative of the organization, Genin travels around the Lakes Area and beyond to speak to various community groups and clubs, and to local media, raising awareness of Can Do Canines in hopes that her efforts will result in more people applying for the program.

Her wish – and the wish of the organization itself – is that everyone who needs and wants an assistance dog is able to get one.

"There are so many people who could benefit from having a dog, and they're just not aware that they would qualify," she said in an interview.

Genin, a Lions Club member, first heard about the program back in 1993, at a club convention. She learned then that one of the organization's earliest beneficiaries (outside of the Twin Cities area) was a hard-of-hearing man from Henning, so there was a local connection. She also liked that all the dogs in the program were rescued from animal shelters. At that time, the program trained only hearing assist dogs.



## WANTED: YOU!!!

**FOR: AN UNBELEIVABLE OPPORTUNITY**

**WHAT: 2013 MD5M REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

**WHEN: April 18-21, 2013**

**WHERE: Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahnomen, MN**



We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the 2013 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute! Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.

The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and three (3) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$100 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program. Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions. The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2012. Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

Institute graduates from your district will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact:

Lion Mary Ferleman – [tomar73@charter.net](mailto:tomar73@charter.net)

We look forward to giving YOU this UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY!!



## BRAG BOOK AND NEWSLETTER

Bring your Brag Book to the Mid-Winter Convention to be judged by a panel of your Lion peers. Books are to be placed on the display table by Saturday noon at the Mid-Winter Convention to be eligible for judging. All items are judged on a scale of 1-5 and are judged on their own merit. Judges decisions are final. A traveling trophy will be awarded on Sunday at the end of the convention.

### CLUB BRAG BOOK CONTEST

1. January 1 – December 31 of previous year  
(2013 Mid-Winter should have materials for 2012)
  - A. Order by month or by event
2. Overall appearance
  - A. Neat, easy to read and pleasing to the eye
3. Photos with cut lines.  
(first & last names and title where appropriate)
  - A. Photos should be relevant to story and of good quality
4. Story – may include
  - A. Article in paper or newsletter
  - B. Purpose of event  
(raise money or support for?)
  - C. How many people involved and/or affected
  - D. Etc.
5. Events attended by members
  - A. Conventions, Charter Nights, Special Events (programs etc from event)
  - B. Number of attendees (who)
6. Membership names and officers
7. Miscellaneous

### CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST

1. Order by month
2. Overall appearance
  - A. Neat, easy to read and pleasing to the eye
3. Stories
  - A. Past events with info  
(who, what, where, when, why, results)
  - B. Upcoming events with info  
(who, what, where, when, why)
  - C. Other reports / articles
  - D. Lions info beyond club activities (birthdays, congrats, etc)
4. Contact info (president, editor, website info, etc)
5. Meeting time, place etc.

### CLUB WEBSITE CONTEST

1. How up to date is the site?
2. Does the site communicate with the membership well?
3. Does the site communicate with the community?
  - A. How to become a member
  - B. Fundraisers
  - C. Functions
  - D. Etc
4. Is the site tidy, eye appealing, attractive?
5. Can the site be easily navigated?  
Is it laid out well?

The Club Websites are monitored and judged on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

## “KIDS PACKS TO GO”

The following is from an article in the Summer 2012 edition of The Source. A publication from Second Harvest North Central Food Bank. To read this article in it's entirety go to [www.secondharvestncfb.com](http://www.secondharvestncfb.com)

Since 2007, **Cuyuna Range, Deerwood Lakes and Bay Lake Lions Clubs** have worked together to keep children at risk fed. They have worked with the “**Second Harvest North Central food Bank’s “Kids Packs to Go” Back Pack Program** to supply food insecure children with food packs monthly.

In 2007, 50 kids were served at Cuyuna Range Elementary School but at the end of the last school year, 120 kids were being served.

In 2010 these clubs were joined by the Emily-Outing 50 Lakes Lions. Together they funded over 2,700 Kids Packs in 2010 and 2011.



The **McGregor Lions** held their 46th Annual Lions Corn Feed, Sunday, September 2. Great entertainment was provided by Ben's Hot Country Karaoke and our very own, Lion Jerry Feucht, hammed it up to start off the Karaoke Contest. People always come early to stake out their favorite spot and get prepared to enjoy the day with good food, good music, and good company. Even this little "cutie" really enjoyed that pickle on a stick. This indeed is the "Great Minnesota Get-together in McGregor: and is an event that people look forward to every year.



Above: Lion Barbara Schauff of the Elizabeth Lions Club was presented the Melvin Jones Award by DG Margaret Van Erp at the annual Elizabeth Lions Club Governor's visit. Lion Barb is a very deserving of this award.



5M9's DG Team with Lion Bob Harms in Wadena during his Steering for Hearing Ride.





**5M9 Mid-Winter Convention**  
**January 4,5,6 2013**  
**Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, Mn.**



Official Hospitality Book Order Form 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention 2013 at Cragun's.  
 EACH Lion, Lioness, Leo must fill out this form completely and return with a Check, made out to "5M9 Mid-Winter Convention" for Registration or Individual Meal Ticket(s) Requests.

**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 1, 2012** and save money ! \*\*\*

ITEM PRICE	QUANTITY	SUB-TOTAL
Hospitality Book	<b>\$89.50</b> each X _____	= \$ _____
( includes Saturday Pride Breakfast, Saturday Luncheon, Governor's Banquet and Sunday Brunch)		

\*\* Hospitality Books must be purchased by **December 1, 2012** to receive above prices

ITEM PRICE	QUANTITY	SUB-TOTAL
Saturday "Pride" Breakfast -- \$15.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday Luncheon --\$25.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Governor's Banquet -- \$30.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Sunday Brunch -- \$25.00	X _____	= \$ _____
TOTAL REMITTED	_____	\$ _____

After December 1, 2012 Hospitality Books cost will be **\$94.50** ---- NO EXCEPTIONS  
 HANDICAPPED SEATING NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_ (Explain on back)

Please mail Hospitality Order Form(s) with check to: 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention  
 PDG Ken Anderson  
 844 7<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
 Wadena, Mn. 56482  
 218-631-9005

Please make duplicate copies to hand to your members.



**PREFERRED LODGING HELD UNTIL  
December 5, 2012**

(Room Rates honored after December 5 but  
room **AVAILABILITY is NOT GUARANTEED**)  
\$50 deposit required by December 5, 2012  
Credit/Debit Card/personal check must accompany form.  
Credit/Debit Cards and checks will be processed  
Friday, January 4, 2013

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Lions 5M9  
Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrive /Depart Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print clearly**  
Confirmations will be sent to the above address.  
(E-mail address will not be sold, but may be used for special offers by Cragun's)  
 Please do NOT send me e-mail specials from Cragun's

**DEPOSIT METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL OR FAX FORM (No phone reservations)**

Cragun's Conference & Golf Resort  
11000 Craguns Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401  
Fax Number: (218) 825-2727  
Website: www.craguns.com

Questions? Please e-mail [lbourassa@craguns.com](mailto:lbourassa@craguns.com)

**CRAGUN'S LODGING RESERVATION FORM**

Lions 5M-9 – January 4-6, 2013

**PACKAGE INCLUDES**

- Lodging: (Friday and Saturday, nightly rates)
  - MN sales tax
- Please X night(s) to reserve:  Friday  Saturday

**Two-night reservations given priority lodging. Rooms assigned first come, first served. If the type you choose is not available, you will be placed in the next available type at the adjusted rate.**

**All Lodge Rooms are Non-Smoking \$300.00 charge for smoking in a non-smoking room**

**Lakeview Fireplace Room:** Spacious room with one king or two queen beds, fireplace, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, TV, in-house movies, balcony on lake side. All non-smoking rooms

- \$89.78 per night up to 4 people per room

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

Yes, we are participating in Friday night's hospitality night. Clubs that are having hospitality will take priority. All non-smoking rooms.

- \$89.78 per night up to 4 people per room

**Shoreline Suites:** Spacious suite with one king bed, living room with queen sofa-sleeper, kitchen, whirlpool bath, gas fireplace, TV, in-house movies, and balcony on lake side. All non-smoking rooms.

- \$122.00 per night up to 2 people per room

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

**ROOM OCCUPANTS**

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

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

**EARLY ARRIVAL/STAYOVER RATE**

I would like to arrive a day early, Thursday, or stayover Sunday, at the special rate of \$89.78 per room (includes tax), no meals included. Please X below.  
 Thursday  Sunday

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

- (i.e. Room Accessibility, Service Animal, Dietary, etc.)
- Wheelchair Accessible  Limited Accessibility
  - Dietary  Impaired Vision  Hearing
- Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Cancellation/Refund Policy:**  
Your check will be processed or credit card charged if  
1. Less than 30 days prior to arrival-NO DEPOSIT REFUND.  
2. At 30 days or more prior to arrival-REFUND less \$40 processing fee.  
After checking in you are responsible for the dates indicated on this reservation form.  
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