Cultivating the News from 9

everyday heroes making miracles happen

Peter VanErp
5M9 District Governor

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Dan Lorentz benefit

Helping a fellow Lion

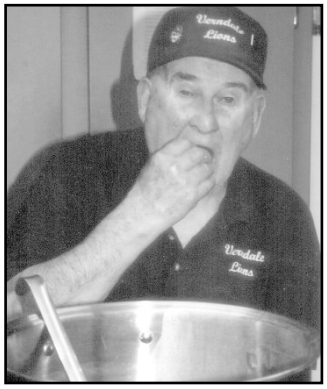
Over a 1,000 people came out to support a fellow Lion and friend on February 5th at the Verndale Community Center. A ham dinner benefit was held for Dan Lorentz. The serving line was half a city block long outside. The day beautiful and people just waited patiently for their turn to see Dan.

Lioness Alicia Johnson cutting the "pig" cake.

Verndale Lions working hard getting ready for the benefit.

Dan Lorentz was diagnosed with Colon-Rectal cancer on July 1, 2008. Dan had been undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments until November 24. He has had three surgerys since his diagnosis with the first on July 6, second in mid-September and on November 26 he had Emergency Surgery in Alexandria for removal of a portion of small intestine. After surgery, Dan spent seven of his 15-day hospital stay in ICU, part of the time on life support.

Since being diagnosed, Dan has traveled to specialists in Fergus Falls, Alexandria and the MOPHA Clinic in the Twin Cities for tests and consultations. With continuing medical care the prognosis looks good.



Lion Corky Anderson is testing the food?

Dan has been married to Pat for 37 years and is th father of five adult children and six grandchildren. Dan has been a Wadena business owner, Dan's Painting, since 1977. Throughout the years, he has been active in the community, church and school.

Dan served as a 5M9 Youth Outreach program chairman for many years.

The benefit was organized by the Verndale Lions, Verndale Lioness, Wadena Lions and the Wadena Elks.

Dan Lorentz thanking the Wadena Lions for their help.

Rick Youngbauer and Randy Beaver announcing the winners of the silent auction.

5M9 District Governor Peter VanErp

keep the wheels, soil and minds turning

Cultivating our Minds... Let our Service Grow

"Old McDonald had a farm?"

DG Peter and Margaret are singing to the District Governor elects at the Friday night Friendship Dinner.

We have just returned home from the Council of Governors meeting in Roseville. Lions of 5M9—Our work is not done. We need to continue to recruit new members and we do a good job at bringing in new members, but what we really need to do is do a better job of retention—keeping the members we have. Our District is down 43 members yet so if each club would get one new member we would be on the plus side of the scale. Some of our club do have a plus since last July 1, and I congratulate each club for that. Just remember even though you have asked that person before to become a Lion and the time wasn't right for them, ask them again as their life situation may have changed and now they would say yes to becoming a Lion. If you don't ask, that person won't have the chance to say YES to Lionism.

Our time is running out for the Leadership Institute April 16th-19th, but we still could use a few more Lions to fill the class. IF your schedule has changed we could still make it happen that you could attend. With today's technology and a quick e-mail I can still get you into the classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to help each Lion in their leadership skills.

I want to Thank all of the clubs who have already had their club elections and have sent in their PU101's. I am expecting many more right after the first of the month as many clubs do meet the end of the month.

Just a reminder to plan to attend the Lakeland Hospice & Home Care Extravaganza which will be held on Saturday April 25, 2009 at the Life Church in Fergus Falls starting at 6 pm with the Silent Auction and 7 pm Show featuring Connie Lee Stich and her sisters. All proceeds will be going to the LCIF match the Grant for the Hospice House. We need to raise $75,000.00 so we can get this grant.

Our Multiple Convention will be here in a few short weeks—May 1, 2, & 3rd- please get your registration in as soon as possible. You can register on line. Go to www.lionsof5m9.org Then click on conventions and register. Give yourself a spring break from our everyday lives and enjoy the convention.

Our International Convention is now less than 100 days away. PLEASE get registered and then also volunteer to work a shift or two. If you want to work only at the parade, hotels, or airport you do NOT need to register but to work any shifts at the convention hall you MUST register. You will get to meet Lions from all over the world. For information on what jobs the Convention Committee needs to fill visit the website at www.2009lionsconvention.org/volunteer/volunteer_signup.htm Then follow the directions. This is a GREAT opportunity to go to the International Convention as it will never get any closer and we all need to help do our part to show the rest of the World that MD5M can put on an Excellent Convention. SEE you there!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our ground is thawing out, the water is running so let's get our Lion spirits moving also and start to cultivate our Lions soil and ask that neighbor, friend, relative or even the person down the street that just moved in that we don't know very well if they would like to join a GREAT organization and help all of us with the wonderful work us Lions do. We have a great MERLO team that is more than willing to come out to your clubs and help orientate this new Lions. JUST give them a call.

Are you wearing your LIONS pin? Have a great day.

Until next month.

DG Peter

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Pete's Places to be

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8 Hill City Lions visit
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14 Palisade Area Lions visit
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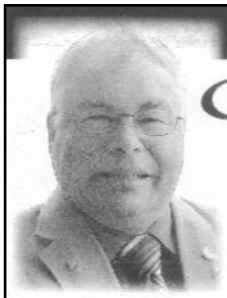
25 Hospice 25th Anniversary celebration in Fergus Falls
26 College of Leadership in Wadena 1p.m.
27 Baxter Lions visit
28 Zone 3 mtg. (Robert Anderson ZC)
30 Leave for the Multiple Convention

May
1-3 MD5M Convention
8 Zone 8 meeting (Ginny Paulson)
11 Parkers Prairie Pride Lions visit
14 Hackensack Lions visit
18 Emily Outing 50 Lakes Lions visit

June
12-14 Nana and Papa Camp at the farm
22 Bluffton Lions Family picnic

July
6-10 International Convention in MPLS

Visit the website at www.2009LionsConvention.org for more information about times and volunteers needed



Classic Lion Tails

Jim Arvidson, Lions Vice District 5M-9 Governor

APRIL FOOL!!! ALL FOOLS DAY is here. Although not a Holiday in it's own right, it is a day celebrated in many countries on April 1. Practices include sending someone on a "fool's errand," looking for things that don't exist, playing pranks, and trying to get people to believe ridiculous things.

Many years ago, the New Year was celebrated on April 1. When New Years Day was changed to January 1, some people still celebrated it on April 1. These people became known as April Fools!

But, for most of us UP NORTH, April is the beginning of a New Year. Ice and Snow disappear, Grass grows green, and leaves appear on bushes and trees. Small animals come out of hibernation and Birds fly north, and flowers bloom for the bees and butterflies.

It is also a Great time to be a LION. For you, it is the satisfaction of helping so many around you and in your communities, as well as the whole world. For me, it is the Joy of seeing and hearing about all the "Classic" Tails of Service that you perform. Lions' Breakfast for the local Food Shelf, Fish Fry's, Diabetes and Eye testing clinics, Eyeglass Mission to Mexico, Fundraiser's for fellow Lions, Snowmobile Run for the youth of the community, and the list goes on and on. YES, We are not Fooled. We Know what LIONS' can do!

HOSPICE HOUSE PROJECT - LCIF GRANT, We have a great opportunity to get close to reaching our Goal of a LCIF Grant for the Lakeland Hospice House in Fergus Falls. The 'Gala Event' planned for April 25 will be well worth the trip to attend, plus it is a chance for you and your club to get involved and help make this happen. From the Outstanding Entertainment to the Facility where it will be held, you WILL NOT be disappointed ! But, we will need your Club's help to make this happen. Please contact VDGE Linda Norby to coordinate. There is only room for 800 for this once in a lifetime performance, so get your tickets soon.

Congratulations to the Institute of Leadership Candidates! District 5M9 can again be very Proud, as we have the most attendees in MD5M. This is NOT an easy school, but will be a great experience that you never forget.

Other Great Events coming up ---- College of Leadership in Wadena , April 26. Multiple 5M convention in Bloomington, Mn. , May 1-2. International Convention in Mpls., July 6-10 (I challenge you to bring your whole Club down) Make it a Bus Trip. Make it a Vacation. USA/Canada Forum in Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 24-26.

Reminder – Most of your clubs are on track to get elections done and get your PU-101's sent in, but want to encourage you to include as much information as possible so as to make the next year more accessible between all of us at the Club level and District level. Thanks.

I have just returned from District Governor training in Roseville, Mn. This was very intense, and we were drilled with a lot of information, But I do feel confident that this again will be another Great Year for District 5M9. NO FOOLIN ' !

District Governor – Elect Jim Arvidson

OLE : THE FIRST OF APRIL IS THE DAY WE REMEMBER WHAT WE ARE THE OTHER 364 DAYS OF THE YEAR.

Lakeland Hospice & Home Care

25th Anniversary Extravaganza

Saturday, April 25th

"Let's help to build the promise of the Lakeland Hospice House"

Lakeland Hospice & Home Care is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with an Extravaganza on Saturday, April 25, 2009 starring regional favorite Connie Lee Stich and her sisters. Other entertainers for the evening will include: Wendy Erlandson, Heaven Bound Trio, "Lena" and The Hospice Sisters of Perpetual Commotion.

This sure-to-be-a-hit show will be held at the Life Church in Fergus Falls on Hwy 210 and County Hwy 116 just West of town.

All proceeds for the benefit show will be going to the Lakeland Hospice House and will be matched by a Lions Club International Foundation Grant. In 2008 the Lions of district 5M9 pledged to raise $75,000 to be matched for the Lakeland Hospice House and the money raised from this evening will help to meet that pledge.

Doors open for the silent auction at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. with complementary dessert following. Tickets are $30 and can be purchased by calling Lakeland Hospice & Home Care at (218) 998-1400 or by stopping by our new address at 1505 Pebble Lake Road, Suite 400 or at Victor Lundeen's in downtown Fergus Falls.

Donations for new silent auction items or certificates for services are being taken by Linda Albrecht-Norby at Lakeland Hospice & Home Care at 998-1407.

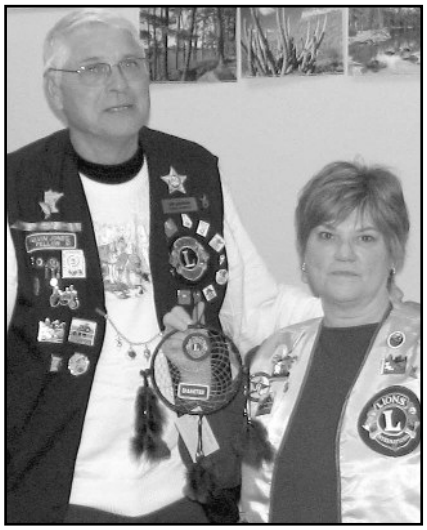
Connie Lee Stich

Lena

Heaven Bound Trio

Sisters of Perpetual Commotion

Wendy Erlandson



If you can 'Dream' it.

Linda Arvidson receives a Dreamcatcher award from Diabetes co-chairman Len Johnson.

Bob Becker from the Pine River Lions received a Melvin Jones Fellowship from DG Peter VanErp.

Jacobs receives MJF

Eleanor (Ellie) Jacobs of the Lake Park Lions Club received a Melvin Jones Fellowship from District Governor Peter VanErp.

Norlins honored as Red Cross Volunteers of the Year

5M9 PDG Dick and Bev Norlin were recognized as Red Cross Volunteers of the Year for Baldwin County, Alabama. Shown here with Dick and Bev are Lisle Mims (left) Director, Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter, American Red Cross and Diane Clewell (right) Baldwin County Chapter Director, American Red Cross.

Wolf Lake Lions donate 1/2 million dollars

Over the past 25 years, Wolf Lake Lions have given over half million dollars in donations to various causes. One of the first major projects that the Lions accomplished was to restore the Wolf Lake Hall. The Hall continues to be maintained and updated by the Lions. The Hall is utilized by many people for parties, dances, clubs, government functions, early childhood education plus the Lions activities. To date the Hall has been available for a nominal fee for use by anyone just by contacting the Wolf Lake Liquor Store and reserving the date.

Lions Ron Genoch, Dennis Anderson, Joyce Ramsay, and Dave Mickelson standing in from of a list of contributions that is on display at the Wolf Lake Lions Hall.

In 2008 the Wolf Lake Lions gave away $27,150 of which the City of Wolf Lake received $19,380 plus donations were also given to the City Fire Department, the Wolf Pack Baseball team, and Sportman's Club. Contributions were made to the Menahga and Frazee Schools for various events and organizations. Money has been given to people having hardships, the Ronald McDonald House and all the Lions causes.

Each year at Santa Claus Day, the Lions give away approximately $2000 in gifts to those attending the event and to senior citizens living in the area. Many people enjoy the sliding hill in the winter and utilize during the summer the shelter house that the Lions built at the Wolf Lake Waterfront Park.

Fund raising for all these donations come from charitable gambling, the Harvest Festival dinner, the serving of food at the Winter Fest and their Wild Game Feed. The Wolf Lake Lions thank everyone who participated in these events.

The Wolf Lake Lions are always looking for new members. If you would like to help to serve the community, help someone who is having difficulty, or just have fun, come join the Lions. In Wolf Lake you can contact President Dave Mickelson, Secretary Joyce Ramsay or Membership Chair Ron Genoch for more information.

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McGregor Lions Forty-Third Anniversary

By McGregor Bonnie Farley

As we stepped from the near zero temperatures into the Community Center on Monday, January 12, the warmth was from the fellowship among Lions as well as the heat from the furnace. Tables were covered in alternating purple and gold and there was a festive atmosphere befitting a club that was chartered 43 years ago. Guests from the Aitkin Lions (who sponsored us) and the Palisade Lions (sponsored by us) were present as well as District Governor Peter Van Erp and his wife, Margaret.

During the brief business meeting, Lion Nort Sorenson reported on the extensive renovation he and his crew have done at Camp New Hope. "This will make it a nice place to welcome our veterans," he said. District Governor Van Erp complimented the McGregor and Palisade Lions on the work they have undertaken in caring for the veterans at Camp New Hope. Project New Hope was voted the third best new Lions project at the International Lions Convention.

DG Van Erp enlightened the Lions about the projects they have undertaken over the years: Sight First, Hearing, Leader Dogs for the Blind, as well as hearing and service dogs, LCIF, etc. He said that the former President Carter has nominated Lions International for a Nobel Peace Prize, adding that "ours is the only service organization to hold that honor."

Lion Robin Pearson, Leader Dog Award; Lion Tom Spencer, Helen Keller Award; DG Peter Van Erp; Lion Jane Adams, Melvin Jones Award.

Lions Bonnie Farley, Alice Graff and Ila Hoover have a total of 35 years of combined service in Lioness and Lions.

Charter Night highlights the achievements of Lions by giving out awards. Attendance awards were given on the 5 and 10 year anniversaries: Penny Olson, 5; Pat Pickles, 10; Bob Roth (posthumously) and Darlene Erickson, 15; Ruby Littman, 20; Curt Johnson, 35. Ila Hoover, Bonnie Farley and Alice Graff were given pins for 35 years of combined service to the Lions and Lioness. The Leader Dog award was given to Robin Pearson and the Helen Keller award to Tom Spencer. The coveted Melvin Jones plaque was given to Jane Adams for her tireless work in the many activities she has participated in over the years.

President Ellsa Sorenson presented DG Van Erp with $1,000 which will go to LCIF. Margaret Van Erp baked caramel rolls which were auctioned off for $60.00. The money from the tail-twisting was added to that to bring the total to $100.00 which will go to the Lions Leader Dog fund.

Then it was back out into our frigid cars, bundled in coats, scarves and the warm afterglow of a very pleasant evening.

'Lions of the Year' in Vergas

Lion Ross Smith (middle) got the Lion of the Year award from the Vergas Lions club. DG Peter and Vergas secretary April Anderson presented the award.

Lion Bill Gerrells (right) also got the Lion of the Year award from the Vergas Lions club.

WELCOME

NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Jim Klein	Baxter	Sandra Johnson
Jeffrey Wirth	Callaway	
Lynda Johnson	Deerwood Lakes	Carroll Kukowski
Teherence Doyle	Hackensack	Bernadette Miller
Daniel Meier	Hackensack	Bernadette Miller
Darla Malcore	Leader	Sandra Smith
Neal Malcore	Leader	William Smith
Gary Ellingson	Menahga	Betty Hotakainen
Mary Niles	Merrifield	Virginia Johnson
Beth Otteson	Nevis	Marvin Vredenburg
Robert Brace	Northland	Lloyd Green
Sandra Brace	Northland	Nancy Green
Gail Ford	Northland	Dennis Ganz
Julie Stoekel	Northland	Dennis Ganz
Robert Stoekel	Northland	Dennis Ganz
Barbara Fick	Riverside Fergus Falls	Virginia Paulson
Douglas Anderson	Underwood	John Quaal
William Novacek	Underwood	John Quaal

Gateway Lions Member Recognized
Carlson presented a MJF

Gateway Lions Club of Menahga member Roger Hollerud presented Brian Carlson with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The award is the highest Lions award presented to a member in recognition of leadership and who has demonstrated and carried out the Lions' motto of "We Serve" on a local and district level.

New Lions website

Dear Lion:

As part of our major branding initiative, Lions Clubs International is launching a new English Web site on Monday, March 30, 2009. This new Web site will make it easier to find information – and complete tasks. Explain who Lions are and what we do. And tell the Lions' story dramatically in pictures and in words.

The new Web site will have familiar sections, including About Lions, The Foundation and News and Events. There will also be new sections:

• Our Impact will include stories and photos that show how Lions make a difference. Plus, "Tips and Tools" for projects.

• Online Community will allow Lions to connect with other Lions on MySpace, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter and share their stories and photos with Headquarters.

• A new Member Center will provide information that Lions need to do service projects and manage clubs and districts.

Please note that the Member Center will contain the same content as our current Web site. So, any information you've accessed on our current Web site will still be available to you on the new site. We will enhance the Member Center content and navigation later this year.

The following features of the current Lions Clubs International Web site will not change on March 30, 2009:

• Submitting Reports: Lions will have uninterrupted access to the current WMMR Web site.

• Language Sites: Our new Web site will launch in languages later this year. Our current language sites will stay online until we launch the new language Web sites.

For More Information

To learn more about our new Web site, please read the article "Setting Our 'Sites' on a Better Web" in the March 2009 edition of LION Magazine.

Sincerely,

Dane LaJoye Manager, Public Relations and Communication Division
Lions Clubs International

Hearing & Service Dog, Project New Hope benefit from convention

The 2009 5M9 Mid Winter Convention host clubs, Wolf Lake and Frazee Lions Clubs donated $1,000 each to Hearing and Service Dog program and Project New Hope due to the outstanding success of the convention.

Lions we will miss

Al Potter **Menahga Gateway Lions Club**
John Oehlenschl **Nimrod 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
jkjohansen@juno.com 218-483-1121
This will help make the Service of Remembrance even more meaningful with a picture of your past member.

Project New Hope updates

Jen Billington has accepted the position of Program Director for Project New Hope.

Jen attended St. Mary's University in Winona, MN graduating with a BA in English Education in May 1994. Jen has worked with Developmentally Disabled adults in various Adult Foster Care Homes for the past 15 years. She became a Pequot Lakes Breezy Point Lion member in the Spring of 2007. Jen has attended all Project New Hope retreats held at the Camp New Hope location in 2008, volunteering in whatever manner the project needed her.

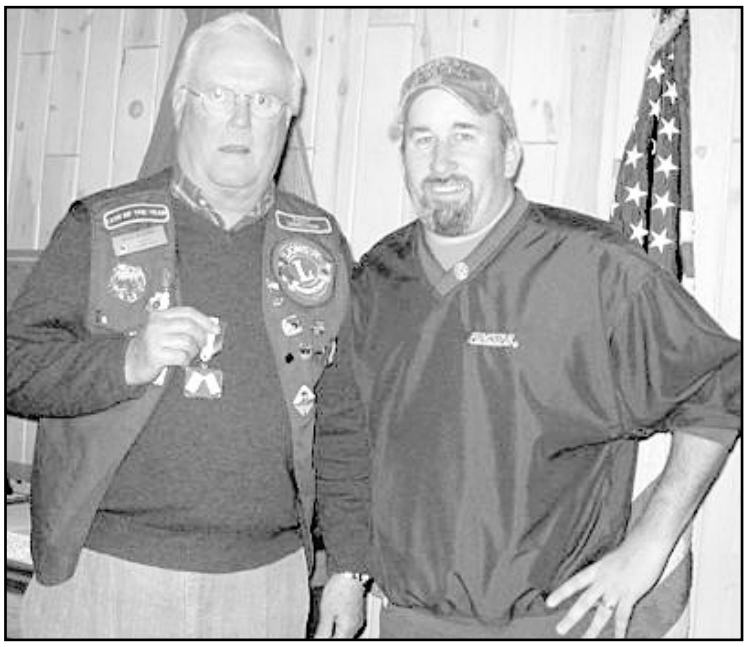
Jen's hard work and incredible dedication will serve Veteran's and Project New Hope well.

Jen can be reached at email address jen@projectnewhope.net or info@projectnewhope.net and her cell phone number is (218)851-5839.

"New Hope ... New Life" www.projectnewhope.net

Project New Hope is now listed as a cause on Facebook. We will use this as another way to get the Project New Hope mission out and to update the members of our cause on any new information. Facebook is a huge social networking service where individuals can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with other people. People can also add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves.

We have 97 members of our cause currently.....97 members that we may have not been able to contact otherwise. Several members copied on this email are already members on Facebook. Here is the link to the Project New Hope cause on Facebook. http://apps.facebook.com/causes/230311/45063871?m=2c16bad3.



Emily Outing 50 Lakes Lions member Mike Wilder was presented with an award by Project New Hope's Project Co-chairman Lion Bruce Billington at the clubs' February meeting. Last fall Lion Mike chaired a golf tournament at Crosswoods in Cross Lake which raised $2,000 for the project.

Resources for Lions from the American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Area

Lions Clubs can order information/brochures to distribute at club functions and meetings by contacting Chris Schaefer at 1-888-342-2383. Brochures include: risk assessments, pre-diabetes brochures, camp brochures, etc. We can also provide diabetes statistics and information on type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes as well as reducing the risk for diabetes and its complications. Chris can also help to arrange a speaker for district or zone activities with advance notice.

Other places to get information (for you and/or your community) or ways to get your club involved: **www.diabetes.org**

Information about diabetes, My Food Advisor, ClubPed, Diabetes PHD (Personal Health Decisions), nutrition & fitness information, games and information for children with diabetes, order free Wizdom kits (educational tool for parents and children with diabetes), find local support groups (and other local info).

eNewsletters

Sign up for one or more eNewsletters on our website, www.diabetes.org:

• **Diabetes World**

Weekly eNewsletter provides the latest news & events occurring in the world of diabetes.

• **Diabetes World** - Advocacy Edition

eNewsletter providing updates on ADA's efforts to increase funding for diabetes research and prevention, improve healthcare and end discrimination against people with diabetes.

• **Advocacy e-Alerts!**

Stay on top of the issues affecting people with diabetes.

• **Diabetes Foodsmart**

eNewsletter providing smart tips, tools & recipes for healthy, delicious food.

• **Parents' eNewsletter**

Bi-monthly eNewsletter provides news and information as well as tips, hints, and resources to help you manage your child's diabetes.

• **Family Health eNews**

Bi-monthly eNewsletter for ideas, news, research, healthy eating & fitness tips, and plenty of great recipes for you and your busy family.

Involve your Community!

• **Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint** - August 16 - 29, 2009 - targets youth with diabetes - provide funding to help provide camperships for those who cannot afford the cost of a week at camp; visit camp to see how camp benefits youth with diabetes and how your club donation is utilized (contact Chris Schaefer at 1-888-342-2383, ext. 6592 to discuss)

• **Diabetes EXPO** - October 24, 2009 - Minneapolis Convention Center - provide a bus for people in your community to get to and from the EXPO, have your club members volunteer to work at the Diabetes EXPO, or visit EXPO to see what it's all about! (contact Chris Schaefer at 1-888-342-2383, ext. 6592 to discuss)

• **American Diabetes Month** - November - targets people with diabetes - provide information about diabetes and its complications at local activities.

Don't miss the fun!

2009 MD5M Convention May 1 - 3 Bloomington

Lions, Lioness, Leos & Guests:

The St. Louis Park Lions Club of District 5M5 invites you to the 90th Annual Multiple District 5M Convention to be held May 1-3, 2009 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota.

We are planning a convention you won't want to miss! We will have stimulating speakers, informative seminars, exciting entertainment and more - all under one roof - with unlimited free parking! To view a brief video of the things we have planned, go to **www.lionsmd5m.org**, click on 2009 MD5M convention information, then click on the video.

Rooms will be $109 (US) per night – taxes and fees extra. Room reservations are to be made directly with the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. Please see the Accommodations sheet on this website for detailed information on Hotel reservations, other area hotels, RV parking, and area attractions.

The Hospitality Book Price, purchased before March 1, 2009, has been set at $120 and includes all meals and entertainment. Convention registrations should be made through the St. Louis Park Lions Club using the official registration form which can be downloaded from this website. Due to a variety of reasons, credit cards will no longer be accepted for convention registration. Registrations should be accompanied with check or cash.

Come to the 2009 Convention, it will be informative, fun, and entertaining!

Sincerely,

St. Louis Park Lions, 2009 MD5M Convention Committee

For accommodations information go to page 10 in this newsletter.

Saturday Night Entertaiment David Malmberg

When David Malmberg takes the stage, he doesn't come alone. Using the classic art of ventriloquism, David makes many very interesting and very funny characters come to life. It's hard to believe these characters aren't actually talking. David can make sounds and voices appear out of virtually anywhere. It's a special treat to watch David work and watch a truly professional ventriloquist do his craft. David also happens to be a very accomplished classical guitarist. Great music, great comedy, and great ventriloquism are all part of an evening with David Malmberg.

Silent Auction items needed at the convention

At the Multiple Convention, there will be a silent auction with the proceeds going to the Diabetes Foundation.

All clubs and/or individuals are welcome to donate items for the auction. The more items that are received, the better and more fun the auction will be.

Please send smaller items directly to the Convention Chairperson: Lion Mike Rardin, 14331 Wellington Rd, Wayzata MN 55391

If you have a larger item to donate that you will bring with you, please send Lion Mike the information about the donation and about how much space might be needed to display it.

With all donations, please include who the donor is so that proper recognition for the donation can be made.

Lion Mike's e-mail address is mrardin@stlouispark.org and his phone number is 952.930.0136

5M9 Marching bands need your help!

District 5M9 has three bands participating in the Lions Club International parade this year in Minneapolis.
The marching bands from New York Mills, Bertha-Hewitt and Fergus Falls have been accepted.
Please send your donations to 5M9 Treasurer Dale Johansen at 21008 Co. Hwy 35, Underwood, Mn 56586.
Make the checks out to 5M9 Lions and put Marching Bands in the memo. The donations will be divided up three ways.

Want to know what it is like to visit a foreign country without spending a lot of money?

Host a foreign exchange student this summer and find out what their country is all about from the privacy of your own home.
Don't delay, students are going fast.

Brought to you by 5M9 Youth Exchange Co-Chairs, Linda & Jay Norby 218-342-3243 or ljnorbs@eot.com

Lions Clubs International Convention
July 6 - 10, 2009, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Volunteer Update

Many have asked if convention registration is necessary in order to volunteer. No. The only jobs that convention registration is necessary are those that are within the convention hall such as sergeant-at-arms, the host committee booth, and the souvenir booth. Note: If you plan to register for the convention, you must do this before May 1 to get the reduced $100 price. All registrations after May 1 are at the late registration rate of $150.

Most jobs such as Airport and Hotel Greeters, Parade Marshals, Airport Drivers, DGE School (occurs before the convention) do not require convention registration. However, we strongly encourage you to participate in this unique experience.

The following is a brief description of the jobs. Detailed descriptions may be found on the web site. If you do not have internet access, ask your club officer tell you the job descriptions. Most jobs have two or three shifts per day. You may sign up for one shift, a whole day, or multiple shifts on multiple days.

DGE School (June 29 to July 9) - We are providing supportive services to the DGE School such as putting together the gift packages (possible club project in advance?), information guides, runners, classroom setup, shuttle drivers, etc.

Transportation (June 27 to July 12) - We need drivers to drive arriving dignitaries to and from the airports upon their arrival and departure.

Airport Greeter (June 27 to July 6) - Our Lions will greet arriving International officers and Lions, assist them to their hotel transportation, or provide other assistance as necessary (information, Blind, etc).

Sergeant At Arms (July 6 to 10) - We will work with the LCI staff and officials to assist with the Plenary Session, the International Show and the Exhibit Hall for crowd control issues, seating, translation headsets, emergency procedures and other items for these large-scale sessions.

Hotel Host (July 4 to 10) - Over 25 hotels will be accommodating our international guests. Each hotel will have an information booth assisting with transportation questions, dining, etc.

Host Office and Information Booth (July 6 to 10) - The Host Committee will be operating an information booth on the floor of the convention center. Convention registration is required for this position.

Host Merchandise Sales Booth (July 6 to 10) - The Host Committee will be operating an souvenir sales booth on the floor of the convention center, adjacent to the Host Office Booth. Convention registration is required for this position. Items to be sold include: Polo shirts, ball caps, bucket hats, coffee mugs, Snowman Bobblehead Dolls and other merchandise. We will also be passing out the Host Committee pins on Monday and Tuesday - Extra help is needed on those two days.

Parade Marshall (July 6) - The Lions International Convention parade is on Tuesday July 6. Step off is at 10 AM. The parade will begin near Washington Avenue, commence southerly along Nicollet Avenue, and end at the Convention Center. Approximately 150 volunteers are needed to assist our bands and delegations with staging at the start of the parade, have positions along the parade to make sure all proceeds smoothly, and to help get the bands back to their buses at the end of the parade.

How To Volunteer

You have several methods to volunteer.

First, we encourage you to use the on-line registration form in the Volunteer section of the Host Committee web site. Fill out the form on-line, hit submit, and you will get a confirmation e-mail in a few minutes.

Second, use the attached form. It is also available on the web site. Please print clearly and legibly. Particularly be sure your e-mail address is legible. Mail, e-mail or fax it to Lion PDG Lynn Farley. The Volunteer Coordinator will then confirm your registration via e-mail.

If you do not have e-mail, you can designate someone to get e-mail updates for you such as your club secretary, friend, or relative.

In May, the Committee Chairs will be contacting all the volunteers to confirm shift assignments and get them additional information.

Interested in having your club take care of a particular Hotel Host booth, take a day at Sergeant-At- Arms, or Parade Marshall? Have your club secretary register the whole group with a comment that you want to work together.

Contact Lion PDG Lynn Farley at Lynn.Farley@2009lionsconvention.org or the Committee Chairperson to work out the details.

Visit our website at www.2009LionsConvention.org for more information about times and volunteers needed.

90th Multiple District 5M Convention
May 1, 2, and 3, 2009
Sheraton Bloomington Hotel
Bloomington, Minnesota
Hosted by the St. Louis Park Lions

Registration Form

Please print

(See Back for More Information and to Enter Additional Registrants)

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ District: _____

City: _____ Club Name: _____

Prov/State: _____ Telephone: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

☐ (Check if this is your 1st Multiple convention)

Indicate any special needs you have:

☐ Dietary (meals) ☐ Vision (Braille) ☐ Hearing (signing)

Hospitality Book includes Friday Social, Saturday Lunch and Banquet, and Sunday Brunch

Meal Plan Options

Item	Number	Cost	Total
Hospitality Book (Received BEFORE March 1, 2009)		**USD $120**	
Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2009 or later)		**USD $135**	
Friday Social (snacks and cash bar)		**USD $15**	
Saturday Luncheon (meal)		**USD $35**	
Saturday Banquet (meal, cash bar, entertainment)		**USD $55**	
Sunday Brunch (meal)		**USD $30**	

Total Submitted _____

Make checks payable to MD5M 2009 Convention Fund

Mail registrations to: Lion Dave Apold
6480 Pineview Lane North
Maple Grove, Minnesota 55369-6034

Telephone (763) 519-0571
Email: dapold@comcast.net

Credit cards will not be accepted – cash or checks only please – checks preferred

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 15, 2009 - $20.00 fee for cancellations

Registration forms may be obtained online at the MD5M website at www.lionsmd5m.org

2009-10 COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP

Saturday, April 26 • 1 pm registration
Wadena/Deer Creek School, Wadena

You don't want to miss this year's College of Leadership. All Lions, Lioness and Leos are invited.

1:00- **Registration and Fellowship**

1:30- **Welcome**- PDG Dick Labraaten, DG PeterVan Erp, DGE Jim Arvidson, VDGE Linda Norby

2:00- 4:00- **Presidents**- PCC Bert Nelson

2:00- 4:00- **Secretaries**- Margaret Van Erp, Ginny Paulson, Terri Smith

2:00- 3:00- **V.P.s and Directors**- PDG Adolph Kukowski

2:00- 3:00- **Twisters and Tamers**- Lion Bruce Beck

2:00- 3:00- **Leadership and being a Cabinet Member**- DG Peter Van Erp

We have a great selection of seminars to choose from, plus very knowledgeable presenters. Make plans today to attend.

3:00- 4:00- **Treasurers**- Lion Marge Mohs-Harrison

3:00- 4:00- **Public Relations**- 5M8 PDG Allen Bailey

3:00- 4:00- **Lions Awards** (District and L.C.I.)- PCC Eldon Bergman

2:00- ?- 2009 **Zone Chairman**- DGE Jim Arvidson and PDG Carroll Kukowski

4:00- Yea, we are done. Go forth safely and do great things!

Special thanks to all the presenters and especially to PDG Allen Bailey for being with us from District 5M8.
Special thanks to the Bluffton Lions Club for hosting and providing refreshments.

Flood Relief

If you or your club wish to donate to the flood relief. You can send your donation to 5M9 Treasurer Dale Johansen at 21008 Co. Hwy 35, Underwood, Mn 56586.
Make the check to 5M9 Lions
and put Flood Relief in the memo.

Thank You for your help.

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