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DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DICK STEBBINS

A PERSONAL REQUEST FOR HELP

Greetings my Lion friends,

Last year, Raylene, my wife of 45 years and fellow Park Rapids Lion, learned that she has developed chronic kidney disease which has currently diminished her kidney function to 22%. We learned from our nephrologist that when the kidney function drops to between 15%-10%, a transplant is critical to the patient's survival. This means that, at some point in the future, without dialysis or a kidney transplant she probably will not survive. How long she will survive is a complete unknown at this point but steps toward rectifying the problem are already being taken.

For her personally, she has changed her diet to help the kidneys take care of the body. She is religious about her diet and continues to exercise to keep her body strong. She drinks at least a gallon of water per day to help flush the impurities out of the kidneys.

Secondly, she is currently enrolled in the kidney transplant program at the University of Minnesota and has been accepted as a candidate for a transplant. In late February she went through a battery of tests and lab work to determine her viability as a candidate. In late April she goes back for a second battery of tests and then will go on the inactive list until we return from Europe on the second of June. At that point she will go on the active list again and the search for a compatible living or deceased donor will begin.

The wait list for a deceased donor is 4-5 years. We are praying that a compatible living donor can be found. That's where you can be that blessing. If you are blood type O and are willing to be tested for tissue compatibility, go onto the web site listed below and follow the prompts. Our Medicare coverage pays for everything so there is only the cost of travel to the University of Minnesota for the testing.

www.umnhealthlivingdonor.org or [612] 625-7010.

At this time, Raylene feels pretty good but gets tired and has moments of depression and trepidation about the future. Until June, we are not altering our travel plans but after that we will need to stay close to home and will carry our cell phones wherever we go. Even if you personally cannot help us, pass this on to friends, relatives and even the crazy bastard down the street. Anything you can do to help save my wife's life, you have our heartfelt appreciation for it. If you decide you wish to be tested, you will need to enter her name and her birthdate [1-6-49].

I know there are other Lions, Lions member families and friends of Lions who are dealing with similar medical issues. The wider we spread the word, the more likely we are to survive such issues. Raylene has educated herself to the point that she has more information than some of the professionals. A big part of being able to handle such serious issues is being able to help others. If you or someone you know needs to speak with Raylene, please contact her. She can be reached at her cell # [218-255-0245] or email [raylene.kimball@gmail.com].

Thank you my Lion friends.

Dick Kimball

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Richard the Lionhearted

DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DICK STEBBINS

It's Spring!! It will be great to enjoy some warmer weather and see the green grass along with leaves on the trees. I hope by the time of this newsletter, the warmer weather will really be here. Another thing that April brings is Lions Family and Friends Month! Plan an Open House. Invite family and friends to learn more about your Club and the difference you are making in the community.

5M9 is again a leader in the Multiple at getting new members. We do a great job inviting our friends, family and neighbors to join the World's Largest Service Organization. Thank you to all of you who have sponsored a new Lion and please continue looking for new members to increase our ability to help our communities.

By now, you should have your slate of officers for 2017-2018 in line with your elections over. Please remember that the PU101's have to be in to District Secretary/Administrator Margaret Van Erp by APRIL 15th.

Many Lions in our District are excited about our new program, KidSight. Many see this as a positive for recruiting new members. We need to promote KidSight and get out in our communities showing what we do. If that is not going to be your focus, pick another activity/service that will attract potential members. Get that membership committee working and have FUN.

Team Sheehan is off and running! They are raising money for Past International Director Brian Sheehan's campaign for 3rd International Vice President and one day International President of Lions Clubs International. PID Brian has helped our District for many years; at Club anniversaries and new Club celebrations. Hopefully, all Clubs can find a way to help his campaign.

My last Cabinet Meeting for this year was held on March 19 at Bluffton. Thanks to all the project chairs, zone chairs and my DG team for a wonderful year of serving our great District together. They all work very hard to let us all know what is being accomplished with our donations and efforts.

I have attended a few Zone meetings already and look forward to the remaining ones. If your Zone meeting is still coming up - please attend! This is a great way to see what is going on with the other Clubs in your Zone and perhaps come away with some new ideas and friends.

Lion Sue and I look forward to the remaining Club visits that are left for the year and have enjoyed them all. The weather has been good for us driving this last winter, so we have no complaints about that. We look forward to going to Chicago for the International Convention and have the flag with all of your signatures that we collected at visits to fly at the parade!

May your Easter basket be full of Joy, Happiness and Peace!

Happy Easter

FARE THEE WELL

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DICK STEBBINS

PLAN TO ENTER THE MD5M CENTENNIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST 2017

Send your entries (Yes, you can have multiple chances to win!) to …..

Tracey Buhl—5M9 Newsletter Editor/Diva - 5m9newsletter@gmail.com OR

28000 Redhead Drive

Underwood, MN 56586

See pages 18-19 for details and entry form.

District Governor Elect
Tom Plagman

I think it was a quote from PDG Judy Brasgalla, " I always learn something new" , when talking about the 5M9 Annual Club Secretary Training. This, after many years of service and an almost equal number of training cycles. I want to encourage all of you to consider going to a Leadership Training close to you in our District. These events have a lot to offer. Even if you are not a Club officer it will be worth your time if only to rub elbows with other Club leaders. We have a great District and we have a lot in common. I hope that your new slate of officers is complete. Please invite them to attend one of the training events.

I want to encourage those Clubs that have not come up with a Legacy Project to think long and hard about what they can do for your communities. The project can be anything as long as it somehow acknowledges the Lions 100th Anniversary this June .

Although the International Convention might seem to be an expensive adventure, I must encourage all of you to consider going. The International Convention will be a great party. We are celebrating our 100 years of service in a truly international city with representatives from all over the globe.

I cannot thank you, as a District, enough for the experiences becoming your District Governor is providing me and my wife. Recently we had the opportunity to visit four of our projects in the Twin Cities. Our Can Do Canines project chairs Bonnie Genin and Art Schmidt have been telling me how wonderful it is. The Can Do Canines tour was of the new facility in New Hope. This was the first stop on our tour. What we learned there will help make our year a richer experience. I now know that the Can Do Canines program trains dogs for five specific life challenges: Hearing Assistance, Diabetes Assistance, Mobility Assistance, Seizure Assistance and Autism Assistance.

Hearing assistance is maybe one of the easiest to understand. The hearing assistance dogs were the first type of service dogs in this program. The dogs are trained to alert to various types of audio stimulus. A doorbell, a telephone, a fire alarm possibly a kitchen timer probably even human voices. The animal lets the client know when a sound should be responded to and where the sound is coming from so that the client can respond appropriately. These are important signals and sometimes they are lifesaving.

Diabetes assist dogs trigger on the distinct "sweet, fruity" breath smell associated with diabetic conditions. The dog alerts the diabetic individual to a need that their body has before there are any physical manifestations. Sometimes, because of the dog's acute sense of smell, the dog alerts well ahead of the need for treatment and might even be ignored because the condition is minor and unnoticed. However, an insulin deficiency will eventually manifest itself in one way or another and the dog's message should not be ignored.

Mobility assist dogs do everything from "bracing" to provide support to help a person who has fallen to get up, to opening doors, to picking up fallen or dropped items. We saw a dog pick up a dime! The woman that was talking too us said she was not yet ready to let her puppy pick up her cell phone.

No one knows what signals a seizure assist dog might be picking up on but, in some cases, these incredible animals have alerted their masters to impending seizures. This does not happen with every dog every time but when it does it can save the person from both injury or embarrassment. These dogs provide comfort and stability when a person has had a seizure. Sometimes pushing a call button to summon help, but always being there to comfort the master after the incident and provide companionship as the individual comes out of the event.

Finally, Autism assist dogs might be the newest type of service dogs but their role is truly unique. The trained animal provides a three-way anchor for an autistic child. First, if the child is prone to wander it becomes harder if the child is tethered to a 60 pound anchor. Second, the dog is a constant companion to calm a child suffering from this disorder. Finally, more than just someone to pet and huddle with the dog is an emotional anchor that is a friend and companion. Through your support more service dogs are trained every year and more teams graduate to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

DGE Tom Plagman

AVAILABLE POSITIONS ON 5M9 CABINET 2017-2018

Leader Dog Co-Chair (west)

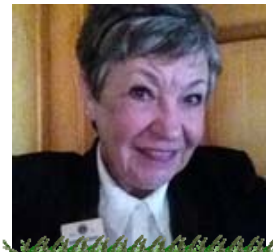
Youth Exchange Chair

Reading Action Co-Chair

Cabinet Secretary in training

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact DGE Tom Plagman ASAP.

tplagman@hotmail.com 218-927-3544 or text 218-839-1177



"SOW THE SEEDS OF SERVICE"

1st Vice District Governor Elect—Rose Puckett

In March I had the opportunity to observe District Governor Elect Tom compile his 2018 – 2019 District 5M9 Budget. Also, in March I met with the GLT and GMT Coordinators and discussed with DGE Tom his goals for the next year.

Our Spring Cabinet Meeting was held on March 19 and as always included some good yuks! This is the last Cabinet Meeting for our current Governor Dick Stebbins. I am looking forward to serving on District Governor Elect Tom Plagman's Team and know it will be another great year for 5M9!

March 31—April 2, is the Regional Lions Leadership Forum at Mahnomen . Good luck to all of you attending.

April 21—April 23 will be MD5M's Convention at Bemidji, MN. Seminars, food, speakers, and more training will be provided. I will be reacquainting myself with the MD5M 1st Vice Governor Elect Team and attending my first Council of Governors Meeting.

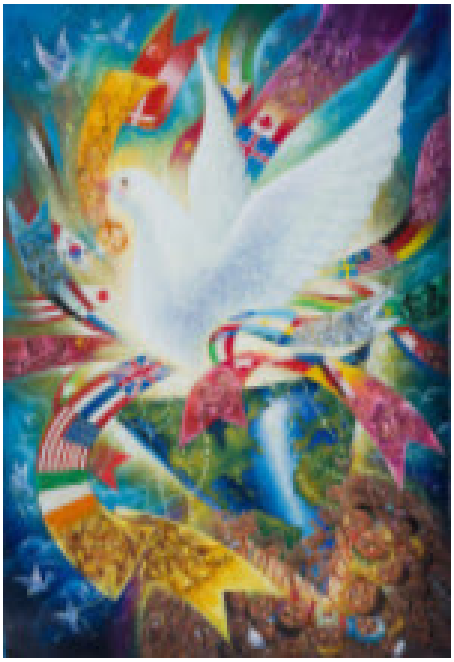
Included this month in our Lions Magazine was an article about surprising your neighboring Lions Clubs with a visit. We already encourage this within our 5M9 District. Whether it be a surprise or not, it is a wonderful way to have some fun and learn about other Clubs.

The Spring round of Zone Meetings are beginning and I hope to attend many of them. If we continue to keep these meetings informative, interesting, and FUN, members will want to take part.

The subject of service has been a big part of my newsletter articles and I would like to share this with all of you. Lion Al and I have a special needs daughter. She lives in a wonderful group home sponsored by a local organization who encourages the clients to volunteer. Sunday I attended the Annual Awards Banquet for the residents of their many homes. Our daughter received the top award for 239 hours of service within the Brainerd Community – you go girl!

1st Vice District Governor Elect

Rose Puckett



Congratulations to the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest Winner

Lakkana Meepara from Thailand is the 2016-17 International Peace Poster Contest winner! The theme was "A Celebration of Peace." Thirteen year-old Lakkana, who is in her school's art club and passionate about volunteering for environmental issues, says she "wants everyone to build peace together, because peace is something that makes everyone happy."
Lakkana will receive a cash award of US $5,000, and will be honored at Lions' upcoming international Convention in Chicago.

2017-18 Peace Poster kits are on sale now. Don't miss your opportunity to engage youth in your community.
Visit lionsclubs.org/peaceposter today to learn more!

Club Activities

February 16th the **Underwood Lions** welcomed DG Dick and Lion Sue Stebbins. Food and fellowship were shared and awards were presented. Above L-R: Lion Denise Mathistad was selected as Lion of the Year. Lion Julie Kugler received the MN Lions Vision Foundation Helen Keller Award. Lion Merle Johanes received the MN Lions Daibetes Foundation Dream Catcher Award. Left: Club President Greg Kugler and Right Orville Furness received the Hearing Foundation Fellow.

Below: February 11th the **Underwood Lions** sponsored the Underwood High School Speech Meet. The Lions purchased all of the trophies and ribbons presenting them at the event. This year's meet had record participation with 475 students from 29 schools competing. Snacks were available for purchase thanks to UHS Speech Team parents. Team trophies were awarded to: DGF HS –1st place, Minnewaska HS –2nd place, and Pequot Lakes HS –3rd place. Pictured is the UHS Team.

Above: **Underwood Lions** sponsored Underwood School's Junior High Speech Meet on March 13th. The Lions provided and presented the awards to deserving students. Participation included 14 schools and 241 students. Trophies were presented to the following teams. Perham School –1st place; Melrose School –2nd place; Battle Lake School – 3rd place. Pictured is the Underwood Team

Club Activities

Above **Longville Lions Club** is proud to welcome 4 new Lions Members. Pictured L-R: DG Dick Stebbins, Tim McCuskey, Paul and Deb Dewidowicz and Randy Honerbrink

Above: **Park Rapids Lions** President Richard is pictured serving up a helping of "Willy Dilly Chili" at the Chili Cook Off benefiting the Food Shelf. Park Rapids did not win but... congratulations to the Nevis Lions who did.

Above: **Nevis Lions Club** participated in the 8th Annual Chili Challenge benefiting the Hubbard County Food Shelf on March 8th. Congratulations to Chefs Chris Bolton and Michele Friday, 1st Place Winners of the "People's Choice Award" for raising $1,990.00 for the Hubbard County Food Shelf and Winners of the "People's Favorite Award" for their awesome "Whole Lot of Attitude" chili.

Right: The **Park Rapids Lions** welcome new Centennial Member Leisha Schweitzer pictured with Lion Zelda Novak and President Richard LaFountain and Sponsor Larry Novak.

It was a great DG Visit with the **Brainerd Lions and Leo's Clubs!** Left: **Brainerd Leos** Brenna Schloemer, Karlie Ray & Emily Johnson received Top Dog Awards! Below: Many awards were presented to Brainerd Lions Club members.

Above: February 8, MD5M District Governor Elects attended Can Do Canine's New Hope, MN facility. Lions Clubs of 5M provided $152,000 in support during 2016. Enough to sponsor six new assistance dog teams! **Lions ROAR!**

Club Activities

The **Garrison Lions** are celebrating their 6th year of "Shamrock Sales" for the Garrison Food Shelf. March is Minnesota Food Share Month. All donations to the food shelf will be matched by the Minnesota Food Share's March Campaign. The Shamrocks were sold at the local Super America Station, the Garrison Family Foods and by Lion Teams attending meat raffles at the VFW, local establishments and large gatherings around the community. This years Shamrock Sales hit a record donation of $1517.00. The much sought after "Grand Prize" for the top individual sales of a chicken dinner for 2 at and donated by the Garrison VFW went to Joel Haggenmiller. Joel says he is taking his mom out to dinner. Due to the extra effort of two Super America employees it was decided to present a second place prize of 1VFW chicken dinner to Sandy Weston.

A special, heartfelt and humble Thank You goes out to all Salespersons, Community Businesses and all Lions that worked so diligently on this project. It would not be possible without you.

Below L-R: 2nd place winner Sandy Weston, Project Chairperson Sharon Hannon, 1st place winner Joel Haggenmiller.

Below L-R: **Garrison Lions** presented a check for $1517.00. Project Chairperson Sharon Hannon, Bev Monchop from the Garrison Food Shelf, Garrison Food Shelf President Gayle Walther, Club President Dick Gatz and Mary Erickson from the Garrison Food Shelf.

Left: The **Garrison Lions** were proud to present the City of Garrison a donation of $2000.00 to help the city install speed signs. The signs are intended to slow down traffic and prevent accidents saving lives. They will be a great asset to the community. The Garrison Lions would like to thank Karen Miller (pictured left with Garrison Lions President Dick Gatz) and the Garrison Commercial Club for the hard work that has gone into this project which is expected to be completed by spring of 2017.

Garrison Lions celebrated their 3rd year at the Aitkin Commerce and Outdoor Show. Brats, hotdogs and cups of chili warmed many. Proceeds go to a general project fund to help serve those in need in the community. Left: Mike Hodge, Sharon Hannon, Pres. Dick Gatz, Tim Drahosh and Elain Drahosh. Right: Sharon Hannon, Tim Drahosh, Pres. Dick Gatz, Karen Hodge and Elaine Drahosh.

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Donor and Family Recognition Service

On Saturday, April 23rd, the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Donor and Family Recognition Service will be held at the University of St. Thomas. This event celebrates those who have made the ultimate gift of sight by donating their eyes for transplantation or research. You will hear stories about the donors from their families and friends, as well as talks from the staff and technicians at the MLEB. If you're interested in attending, please contact Lion Cesca or Lion Mike for details.

Spring University Tour

You only have a few more weeks before the clinic tours at the University of Minnesota. Saturday, May 6th will be the day for you to check out the vision & hearing clinics and facilities at the U of M. If you're a new Lion or someone who hasn't been on the tour for quite some time, it is recommended to come down for a visit. You get to hear some great speakers, see some interesting presentations and check out the latest additions to the vision and hearing departments. You will also get a box lunch for free and have an opportunity to go tour the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank (MLEB) in the afternoon. If you're interested, please let Lion Cesca or Lion Mike know. We can help you get registered for the tour and will be happy to see you on May 6th!

As always, please contact us with any questions or to have us speak at your club meeting!

Lion Cesca Vogel, MLVF West
lioncesca@gmail.com
218-826-6404

Lion Mike Berneck - MLFV East
anitaberneck1@gmail.com
218-808-3701

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO YOUR CLUBS REGARDING A BUS TO ATTEND THE MAY 6TH MN LIONS EYE BANK TOURS

Zone 8 Spring Meeting

Wednesday, April 26th at the Elizabeth Community Center
Social starting at 5:30, Meeting/Dinner will start at 6:15pm
menu will be meatballs, gravy, potatoes, vegetable, & dessert
Cost is $12.
Clubs Please RSVP to Burke Almquist by April 19th.

Vergas Maple Syrup Festival

Saturday, April 8th

Vergas Lions and Vergas Community Club Fundraiser

Pancake Feed

8am-noon VEC

Adults $8 * Children Under 12 $4

SERVING PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, JUICE, COFFEE & REAL MAPLE SYRUP, OF COURSE!

**Raffle opportunities for Syrup and Gift Certificates will be available at the VEC*

**Try a Maple Milk Shake $2– Visit the Maple Syrup Booth*

** Maplewood State Park Maple Syrup demonstrations*

Maple Medallion Hunt

Event details at the pancake feed

Gospel Train plays BLUEGRASS

9:30am-11:30am

New this year…

Maple Sap & Carbonated Sap Tasting

The Saps Running

5K RUN/WALK

$ Pre-Register / $ Day of Event

8AM Registration / 9AM Race

Pre-Register at www.cityofvergas.com

Maple Leaf Hunt

10am

6 years of age and under

Shop local businesses for great sales

PARKERS PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB

4 -WHEELER

& ATV RIDE

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2017

REGISTRATION AT 9:00 AM

RIDE BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

Ride begins at Olson Sports
Highway 38- Parkers Prairie

Lunch served 12-1pm at the base of Inspiration Peak

Pledge by the mile or for entire trip

Lunch tokens given for pledge totals over $25

Drivers must be at least 16 years old

Top 10 Money Raisers earn a Prize!!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PARKERS PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB'S YOUTH PROJECTS

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT BRUCE STONE 218.579.0004

ALTERNATE DATE WOULD BE APRIL 15TH

54th Annual

PARKERS PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB

Smelt and Fish Fry

Saturday, April 22 • 2-8 p.m.

Sunday, April 23 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Prairie Event Center

Co. Hwy. 38 • Parkers Prairie

Serving: Smelt, Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw & French Dressing, Bread, Beverage

Adults: $12 • Ages 6-11: $6 • Ages 5 & Under: Free

SAVE THE DATE

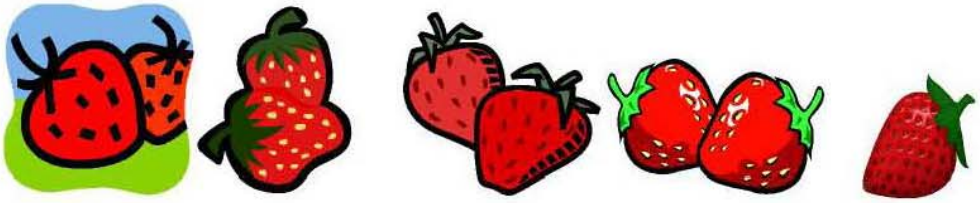
June 21, 2017 (Summer Solstice)

Malmo Area Lions, with the assistance of their community will be hosting a community picnic with entertainment, demonstrations, food and much more.

More information will follow in future issues!

OTTERTAIL LIONS CLUB

We are ready to take your orders



- **Price: $20 per flat(approx. 8 pints)**
- **All flats must be preordered**
- **Orders must be placed by *April 26* with any Ottertail Lion member. For a list of members go to www.ottertaillions.com**
- **Pick up orders at the Otter Supper Club, Ottertail, MN on May 5, between 5-7pm**

All proceeds will go to Kamp K.A.C.E (Kids Against Cancer Everywhere) Campers have fun and adventure with recreational activities such as swimming, canoeing, crafts, games and much more.

Help the Ottertail Lions help Kamp K.A.C.E Kids

DEERWOOD LAKES LIONS

BIRTHDAY PARTY TEA

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Noon to 2:00pm

Cascade Methodist Church

between Deerwood and Crosby

Tickets are $15.00 each

Call Lion Kay at 218-678-3772

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Come for a lunch with traditional tea

goodies and entertainment.

Dress up and don't forget your hat, pearls and gloves.

Invite your grandma, daughter, granddaughter, and friends.

This is our Mother's Day Weekend Tea

Tradition.

We hope it is yours too.

Celebrating 100 years of Lions

Join us June 3, 2017 for the Sixth Annual D-Feet Hearing Loss Fundraiser Walk

Event Details:

June 3, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Landscape Arboretum

Chaska, MN

With your $25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- Entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- Event t-shirt
- Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- Featuring the Teddy Bear Band
- Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- Fun for families of all ages
- A chance to change a child's life through your $25.00 registration/donation

Kids 12 & Under get in free!

Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! June 3, 2017

FEATURING:

TEDDY BEAR BAND

Dance to the Teddy Bear Band while having fun with Goldy!!!

Visit us for more info at: **www.5mhf.org**

MULTI DISTRICT LIONS, LIONESS & LEOS GOLF TOURNAMENT

GOVERNOR'S CUP

4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament

TUESDAY JUNE 13, 10 A.M. SHOTGUN

18 Holes - 4 Person Scramble

Full Meal After Event • Contest & Prizes!

Winning Lions Club receives bragging rights for one year and a "1st Place Lions, Lioness & Leos Golf Tournament Champions" traveling trophy!

NOW SERVING
strong beer & mixed drinks

WHISPERING PINES GOLF COURSE
County Road 6, Annandale

2015 Champs! Cokato Lions Club

Proceeds donated to Hearing Foundation, Vision Foundation and Diabetes Foundation Inc.

DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP MAY 14

To support this great cause and have your name or logo listed HERE, please contact Mark at mark@whispering-pinesgolf.com or call 612-385-7181

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Supporters of the Multi District Lions Golf Tournament District Governor of 5m7DG Steve and Lion Kathy, 5m5 Rob Hed and Lion Rhonna, 5m6 Pat Findley, Board of Trustees of the Hearing Foundation, the Board of Directors of the Vision Foundation and Diabetes Foundation.

Support this great cause... HEAR US ROAR!

LIONS, LIONESS & LEOS TOURNAMENT TUES, JUNE 13

Registration Form (Registration deadline May 14)

WHISPERING PINES GOLF COURSE

Name_____

Email_____

Phone #_____

Total Amount Due $_____Make check out to: Whispering Pines LLC

Amount to Charge: Visa $_____ Mastercard $_____

Name on card_____

Card # / / /

Expiration: Month_____ Year_____ CSV #_____

Signature: _____

Entry Fee* $100 per person, $25 for meal only.

Golfer _____

Golfer _____

Golfer _____

Golfer _____

Please complete registration form, enclose check (no cash), if not using cc, and drop off at WHISPERING PINES GOLF COURSE.

*Entry fee includes Golf, Cart, Green Fees, Dinner & Prizes.

For More information, please e-mail or call
mark@whisperingpinesgolf.com
612-385-7181

Flyer Design by Sue A. Hughes • 320.963.6019

Lion Brian E Sheehan for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International

All Lions Golf Outing Fund Raiser for PID Brian's Campaign

All proceeds to PID Brian Sheehan's Campaign Fund

When: July 21, 2017 ●9 a.m. registration – 10 a.m. shotgun start

Where: Kimball Golf Course ●11823 Co Rd 150, Kimball MN 55353

Who: Participants are Lions & Spouses of Lions only

- 4 - person teams – limited to 36 teams
- Individuals golfers are welcome at $60.00 ea.

Cost: $ 240.00 per team

- Entry fee may be paid on day of event, but must preregister

Contact: PDG Duane Finger for preregistration at fingerelec@meltel.net

or cell phone: 320-980-6219

- Make checks payable to Watkins Lions Club
- Registration includes - Mulligans, Skins, Special events & Lunch

Sponsorship: Clubs or Individuals may sponsor a hole for $50.00 ea.

(Sponsorship for hole needs to be sent to PDG Duane by June 26, 2017 at 11764 120th St, Kimball, MN 55353)

Non-Golfers: Welcome to join in the fun for $10.00 ea. Includes Lunch & hayride

Registration Form for PID Brian's Campaign for 3rd Vice President of

Lion's Club International Golf Tournament

July 21, 2017 - Kimball Golf Course

Team Name: _____

Team Members	Paid	Lions Club
1) _____	☐	_____
2) _____	☐	_____
3) _____	☐	_____
4) _____	☐	_____

☐ Yes, I will be a hole sponsor for $50.00

Name / Club _____

Contact: PDG Duane Finger for preregistration at fingerelec@meltel.net

or cell phone: 320-980-6219 or send to:

PDG Duane Finger

11764 120th St.

Kimball, MN. 55353

- Make checks payable to Watkins Lions Club

MD5M CENTENNIAL

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST 2017

Contest Guidelines:

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the 100th Centennial Anniversary. Every club in the Multiple is invited to participate. Small clubs have the same chance as a large club to win.

If there are not enough lines on the application in any area, feel free to attach another page.

Each District will award 1 winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2017 & 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2017 & 2018 Multiple Convention. Top winning Club will receive $500.00.

Contest will run from July 2016- December 31, 2017 and January 2017 – December 31, 2017.

Please submit your application to your Newsletter Editor.

Mail to:

Lion Tracey Buhl
28000 Redhead Drive
Underwood, MN 56586

OR Email Tracey Buhl at 5m9newsletter@gmail.com

Centennial Public Relations Contest

Lions Clubs of MD5M January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____

Event _____

Place an check next to the area your event qualifies:

☐ Protecting our ENVIRONMENT Serving 25 Million People

☐ Relieving the HUNGER Serving 25 Million People

☐ Sharing the VISION Serving 25 Million People

☐ Engaging our YOUTH Serving 25 Million People

If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

_____

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: _____

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

**** Attach only 1 picture page**

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2018. Clubs may enter more than once.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO:

Lion Tracey Buhl 5m9newsletter@gmail.com

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COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP

5M9 Club Leader Training being held in TWO locations:

(There is no charge for the meals.)

Aitkin, MN.

1st Lutheran Church – 107 2nd St. S.E. – Aitkin, MN

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Meal served from 5:30 – 6:15 pm – training starting at 6:30 pm

OR

Perham, MN.

St. Henry's Catholic Church – 234 2nd S.W. – Perham, MN.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Meal served from 5:00 – 6:15 pm – training starting at 6:30 pm

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Sessions offered will include Membership (orientation, attracting & keeping members), Club President duties & responsibilities, leadership techniques, treasurer duties & responsibilities, techniques & ways to bring life to meetings (for tail twisters).

Note --- There will be a separate training for the Zone Chairs and Secretaries on June 25, 2017 at the Bluffton Community Center.

NEXT STOP.....CHICAGO!!

LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND 100TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 30TH TO JULY 4TH

AVOID THE STRESS OF DRIVING, PAYING PARKING FEES IN CHICAGO AS HIGH AS $68 PER DAY, AND MASSIVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION. TAKE THE BUS!! WE ARE LOOKING AT RENTING A COACH BUS OR BUSES AND RIDING IN STYLE TO CHICAGO!!

CHICAGO STYLE HOTDOGS, CHICAGO DEEP DISH PIZZA, INTERESTING SEMINARS, PARTICIPATE IN A PARADE WITH 30,000 OTHER LIONS, ENJOY AN ASSORTMENT OF TOURS, SHOPPING, FIREWORKS OVER LAKE MICHIGAN, AND CONCERTS FEATURING:

THE BEACH BOYS, CHICAGO'S OWN " CHICAGO," THE BLUES BROTHERS, PATTI LAPAIGE, A BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND, THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND, AND MORE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONVENTION GO TO PAGES 18 – 24 IN THE FEBRUARY, 2017 LIONS MAGAZINE. FOR UPDATES GO TO

LIONSCLUBS.ORG AND CLICK ON THE BANNER HEADING; LCICON.

LEAVE MINNESOTA: THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

RETURN TO MINNESOTA: WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH

PICKUP POINTS: TO BE DETERMINED ONCE WE SEE WHERE THE RIDERS ARE LOCATED.

COST: $155 US, PER PASSENGER, TO BE PAID AT THE TIME OF YOUR RESERVATION.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: **Denny Ganz**; 218.244.4232, dsganz@tds.net or **Les Swift**; 218.839.2184, ltranch@brainerd.net

BUS REGISTRATION TO CHICAGO

June 29 to July 5, 2017

NAME_____(please print)

ADDRESS_____

PHONE NUMBERS (home)_____(cell)_____

MEMBER OF _____LIONS CLUB

TRAVEL COMPANION_____(please print)

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM
YOURS_____

PHONE NUMBERS (home)_____(cell)_____

NUMBER PASSENGERS_____ X $155US =_____ AMOUNT PAID

Make checks/money orders to 5M9 BUS

And remit payment to:

Denny Ganz

5079 County 40 NW

Hackensack, MN 56452

MD5M 2017 Parade Shirt

This is the Official parade shirt for the 2017 International Parade in Chicago!

Orders need to be received by: May 6th, 2017

Quantity	Ladies	Men	Shirt Size	Unit Price	Total
		XXXXXX	XS	$ 22.00	
			Small	$ 22.00	
			Medium	$ 22.00	
			Large	$ 22.00	
			XL	$ 22.00	
			2XL	$ 22.00	
			3XL	$ 24.00	
	XXXXXXX		4XL	$ 24.00	
	XXXXXXX		5XL	$ 24.00	
				Balance Due	

Name _____

Addr: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
MD5M LIONS
REMIT TO: RUTH NEUMANN
6770 150TH AVE NW
NEW LONDON, MN 56273

Join us at the

"LIONS OF THE NORTH"

98TH MD5M Convention
April 21,22,23, 2017
Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
Hosted by District 5M-10

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

NAME:_____
ADDRESS:_____
CITY:_____ STATE/PROV/ZIP:_____
EMAIL:_____
TITLE:_____ DISTRICT:_____
CLUB:_____

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Please specify any dietary needs:_____

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

NAME:_____
ADDRESS:_____
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MEAL	AT 2016 MD5M CONVENTION	BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017	ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2017	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: $100	USD: $110	USD: $125		
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: $20	USD: $20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: $20	USD: $25		
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: $25	USD: $30		
SATURDAY BANQUET	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: $45	USD: $45		
SUNDAY BRUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: $25	USD: $30		
☐ YES, I AM COMING TO THE CONVENTION BUT NOT STAYING FOR ANY OF THE MEALS. USD: $0.00			TOTALS:	_____	_____

"Zero-K Walk for Diabetes" USD: $20.00 per Person. Includes a free T-shirt.

T-Shirt Size/Quantity: (S)_____ (M)_____ (L)_____ (XL)_____ (XXL)_____ (XXXL)_____

Make checks payable to: **MD5M 2017 CONVENTION**
Mail payment & registrations to:

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB
P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619

Convention Information Email:
Lion Wayne Tieman: tieman13@yahoo.com
Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com

GRAND TOTAL SUBMITTED: ☐

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2017. $20.00 fee for cancellations.

SEE SEPARATE FORM FOR AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND RATES

Bemidji 2017

SANFORD CENTER

To See and Do!

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Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zb8

Many other attractions: www.visitbemidji.com

Hotel Accommodations

Country Inn and Suites
(Convention Headquarters)
218-441-4800
110 rooms on hold
Attached to Sanford Center

Additional Accommodations:

AmericInn 218-751-3000
Best Western 218-751-0390
Double Tree by Hilton
218-441-4400
Shuttle to Sanford Center
Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton
218-751-3600
Shuttle to Sanford Center
Holiday Inn Express
218-751-2487
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Super 8 218-751-8481

WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION

2017 MD5M Convention Schedule
Lions of the North

Friday, April 21, 2017 Celebration

7:30 am	Council of Governor's Meeting
10:00 am	Registration and Credentials desks open Raffle Room opens
12:30—2:00 pm	1st Vice District Governor Elect Meeting and Training
1:00 pm	KidSight Project, Committee Meetings and Tours
2:30—3:30 pm	2nd Vice District Governor Elect Meet and Greet
3:30 pm	Service of Remembrance Rehearsal
4:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies BHS ROTC Color Guard
4:30 pm	Service of Remembrance
6:00 pm	PDG Dinner and Social
6:00—8:00 pm	Pin Trading
6:30—7:00 pm	First Timers Meeting
7:30 pm	Celebration 100 Years, Social and Entertainment "Hard Days Night"

Saturday, April 22, 2017 Service

6:30—8:30	Breakfast available
7:00 am	Registration and Credential desks open
7:30—8:30 am	Foundation Meetings
7:30—11:30 am	Pin Trading
7:30 am-7:00 pm	Raffle Items on Display
8:30—11:00 am	General Business Meeting
9:30—10:30 am	Leo Meeting
11:30 am-1:30 pm	Lunch, Awards and Speaker / David A Pearce, PhD
1:30 pm	Zero K Walk/Run for Diabetes
1:45—2:45 pm	Pin Traders Meeting
1:45—2:45 pm	Public Relations/Newsletter Chairs Meeting
1:45—2:45 pm	Centennial Committee Meeting
2:00—2:30 pm	Campus Lions Clubs
2:00—3:00 pm	Seminar I—LCIF PIP Wayne Madden
3:15—4:15 pm	Seminar II—Leader Dog, Can Do Canines, Guide Dogs
3:15—4:14 pm	Seminar III—Lions Eye Institute / Dr. Erik Van Kuijk
5:00—6:00 pm	DGE Reception with PIP Wayne Madden
6:30—9:00 pm	Governor's Banquet / Speaker PIP Wayne Madden
9:00 pm	BSU Jazz Band

Sunday, April 23, 2017 Generosity

7:00—7:30 am	PDG Meeting
7:30—8:00 am	International Convention Meeting
7:30—8:15 am	Ecumenical Church Service
8:30—11:00 am	Sunday Brunch and Speaker: Dr. Erik Van Kuijk
	Tail Twisting
	Closing Ceremonies
11:00 am	CCE and PCC Meeting

5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

January 5, 6 & 7, 2018

Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center, Mahnomen, MN

Official Hospitality Book Order Form for 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention 2018 at Mahnomen. Each Lion, Lioness, Leo and Guest must fill out this form completely and return with a check made out to the "2018 - 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention" for registration or individual meal ticket(s) requests.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

(Please Circle One) Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name:_____ Club Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ Prov/State_____

Telephone:_____ E-Mail:_____

2018 Lions Title:_____

☐ Check if this is your first 5M9 Convention ☐ Check if you require Handicap Seating

☐ Check if you have Dietary Needs _____

Full Hospitality Book:		**Individual Meal Tickets:**	
Includes All Meals, Entertainment,		Registration Fee:	$10.00 _____
Mid-Winter book & Pin.		Saturday Breakfast:	$15.00 _____
First-Timer Cost until Dec. 1, 2017	$65.00 _____	Saturday Lunch:	$20.00 _____
Cost Until Dec. 1, 2017	$69.00 _____	Saturday Banquet:	$30.00 _____
Cost After Dec. 1, 2017	$75.00 _____	Sunday Brunch:	$20.00 _____
Total Amount: _____		**Total Amount: _____**	

Room Rates for the Convention will be $84.50 (including tax). _____Friday Night _____ Saturday Night

Number of Nights stay _____ X $84.50 = _____

Please mail this form & your Check to:

2018 Mid-Winter Convention
C/O PDG Rodger Palmer
1025 E. Scharf Ave.
Vergas, MN 56587
repotter@eot.com

2018 Mid-Winter Convention

Hosted by the Perham Lions & Vergas Lions
January 5, 6 & 7, 2018
Shooting Star Convention Center
Mahnomen, MN

Lions of 5M9,

Thank you to all of you who sent in your registration form to attend the 5M9 Mid-Winter on Jan. 5, 6 & 7, 2018 in Mahnomen at the Shooting Star Convention Center. The winner of the grill set is Lion Patty Johnson of the Dunvilla Lions. Because of the great response we received we are again offering you a chance to win a grill set.

If you send in your registration in the month of March we are again offering an incentive for all of you that did not register or could not attend this year's convention. With your paid registration for the convention we will put your name in a hat for a drawing of a stainless steel 6 pc grill

Each month as we get programs set we will let you know what is going to be happening at your Mid-Winter.

The theme for Friday night is going to be "Lions Hoe-Down". We are asking you to dress in your best pair of bib-overalls, farm clothes or cowboy clothes. We will be having games and prizes on Friday night with pin the tail on the Lion, bean bag toss, milking contest, just to name a few, and tables set up for visiting and getting to know your fellow Lions.

Along with the hospitality tables we are looking to add to the amount of goodies that will be available on Friday night. We are going to have some gift baskets available to bid on and awarded on Friday night.

In the upcoming months we are going to be asking you for ideas and suggestions for the seminars that we will be providing at the convention. When we send out the form please take the time to fill it out and let us know your thoughts and ideas. We want to make this your convention with your ideas.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DICK'S TRAVELS

April

3—Good Sam Bowl Alley Rally
10—Baxter DG Visit
11—Palisade DG Visit
12—Hill City DG Visit
16—Happy Easter
19—Deer Creek DG Visit
21-23—5M convention Bemidji
24—Cass Lake Country DG Visit

May

8—Merrifield DG visit
9—College of Leadership @ Aitkin
10—College of Leadership @ Perham
11—Aitkin Salad lunch
13—Happy Fishing!
22—McGregor DG visit

June

3—D-Feet Hearing Loss Annual Walk, MOA Centennial Celebration
8—Pillager DG visit
29-4—International Conv @ Chicago

July

New Lions year and IPDG!

Please submit stories and photos by the 15th of each month for the following months newsletter.
When possible, send photos in jpeg format and articles as a word document.
Use of pdf is also acceptable. Contact me for assistance or with questions.
Thank You Tracey Buhl

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