

Jim Arvidson
5M9 District Governor

CRUISING! TO SERVE

District 5M9



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Ronald McDonald attends 5M9 Mid Winter 'Cruzin' down the River 2010'

Ronald McDonald came to 5M9's mid winter Friday and Saturday. Ronald came to the area to visit the Aitkin Elementary school for their contest of collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in the cities. There is an article else where in this newsletter with greater detail. Ronald presented part of his "Bully" Big Red Shoe Show during a seminar Saturday morning. Lions members got to see a glimpse of what the show teaches young students methods of working with bullying such as C.A.L.M. (C cool down, A assert yourself, L look them in the eye, and M mean what you say)

Lion Keith Wright, Co-Founder of the Ronald McDonald House in the twin cities, was the guest speaker for Saturday luncheon. He stated that the average stay for a family at the house now-a-days is 140 days, with some families staying up to 2 years. Imagine the cost of a hotel room for that length of stay! This is the main reason the need for the house is so great, and is so appreciated by the families. Collecting pop-tabs is just a small way of contributing to the cost of the house. It takes 1247 tabs to make 1 pound. But with groups collecting tabs, such as the Aitkin schools, every little bit helps.



Ronald McDonald took time to pose with future Lion Chloe Desrocher. She is the granddaughter of Verndale Lions John and Pat Desrocher.

Keith also told us the Ronald McDonald House in the twin cities added this year a "Caremobile". This is a dental mobile unit to help people in the cities area who otherwise can not afford or are unable to get dental care.

Other convention seminars had PDG Carroll Kukowski, Robert Anderson and ID Anne Smarsh speak about the Alert Program. Lions Walt Sowers and Linda

Arvidson presented Lions Go Green. PCC Brain Sheehan did "Hakuna Matata." Elizabeth Anderson with the help of Henry and his mother Jacki Johnson did the Story of "Henry?"

PCC Bert Nelson and Lion Karlene Negen spoke about LCIF and Lions Awards.

PCC Brian Sheehan who is running for International Director attended our convention looking for support from our district. He commended 5M9 and DG Jim Arvidson for the vision of the program 100 members in 100 days. Arvidson was able to reach this goal with 3 new members initiated during the convention.

Bruce Billington and PDG Dale Johansen spoke about Project New Hope and the continuing progress of the program. They presented an Above and Beyond award to Evie Ladd who is the activities director of the camp. She has contributed so much to the families at the camp. As Bruce said, "He didn't know there was that many different crafts you could make with pine cones!"

There is a car raffle currently going on to raise money for Project New Hope. \$20 will buy you a chance to win a Ford Mustang convertible to be given away August 26, 2010. More information else in the newsletter.

Scholarship winners from Youth Outreach were announced at the Saturday Luncheon. Brittany Gigstead, NDSU; Kara Trosen, Central Christian College; Katie Olson, Bemidji College and Katrina Raph,



International Director Anne Smarsh thanking all the Lions, Lioness and Leos for being HEROES.

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Classic Lion Tails

Jim Arvidson, Lions District 5M-9 Governor



Lion Linda and I can not say enough about the 2010 Mid-Winter Convention!! It was just absolutely amazing! So many Good Lions coming together to learn, share and enjoy a moment in our busy lives.

The Aitkin Lions and Aitkin Riverboat Lions worked together with Cragun's Resort to put on a "Perfect Ten" Convention. How about them "Rockin' Hollywoods"? Were they Good, or what!..... And of course, the 5M9 Entertainment wasn't too bad either!

We were very blessed to have International Director Anne Smarsh and her husband Tom with us. Even though it was -25, they absolutely loved our warm and lively Minnesota hospitality. Thanks to all of you for making them feel so welcome here. I think Tom's new nickname should be "OLE."

I don't know if we set a record, but we inducted Four New Members during the Convention. To make it even more special, ID Anne did the ceremony.

The Lions attending the Convention were also Generous. With Tail Twisting and other donations, we will send over \$1000 to LCIF for our friends in El Salvador suffering from their terrible flooding.

BUT, Our work and Challenges continue. Now, We have a Catastrophe that has just happened in Haiti. I have sent out a plea to all the Clubs in our District and you are responding. \$400 in one club, \$1000 in another, and \$5000 in another!! Thank You !! Please consider helping.

Together, we really can "Make a Difference"!

Our "Lions in Sight" event was successful in letting the Public know what LIONS are capable of. The International Peace Poster Exhibit was very impressive. The opportunity for me to show it to students was a thrill. You could also tell it was a thrill for them, as well!

Please consider going to the MD5M Convention coming up April 23 - 25. It is a chance to learn even more about what we can do as LIONS.

Thank You Again !

District Governor Jim

OLE: When it comes to going after what you Love in Life..... Don't take No for an Answer!



District Governor Jim and members of Parkers Prairie Lions Club and Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions Club with their families took this "Classic" photo in front of their car.

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“On the road again”

February

4 Perham Lions visit
5-7 5M8 & 5M10 MWC
8 Nisswa Lions visit
10 Pine River Lions visit
12-14 5M2 MWC
17 Aldrich Lions, Verndale Lions /Lioness
19-21 5M3 & 5M13 MWC
20 Underwood Lions Underwood Lioness
22 Campbell Lions visit

March

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

April

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

May

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

June

28 International Convention
Sydney, Australia

CLASSIC ROAD SHOW

Check out the Website!! There is a New Classic Show

Every week.

Pictured is the Tail Fin of the Car



Featured this past week. Find the “Classic” and the Caption for it, and you can enter to Win Top Honors!

Check it out at

www.lionsof5m9.org

Lions

Heartbeat of 5M9

Linda Albrecht-Norby
Vice District Governor 5M9



I would like to thank everyone for your support in electing me your next District Governor for District 5M9. My congratulations also go out to 1st VDGE Bruce Beck and 2nd VDGE Margaret Van Erp. My express congratulations to Lion Robert Anderson for stepping forward and placing his name as a candidate for 2nd VDGE. Your courage and true beliefs as a Lion will take your far in the Lions organization, don't give up on your dreams!

The Mid-Winter Convention is behind us and I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work. Thank you to the Aitken and Aitken Riverboat Lions for a wonderful Convention!!!!!!!!!!!!!! To all the Lions who attended I trust you enjoyed yourselves and attended the seminars and other activities. To those who were unable to make it this year, please consider attending the 2010/2011 Mid-Winter Convention at Breezy Point it will be filled with learning opportunities and fun as usual. Work has already begun for the 2011 Mid-Winter Convention at Breezy Point. See you there!!! Our guests International Director Anne Smarsh and husband VDGE Tom were truly a great asset to the Mid-Winter Convention this year. Thank you DG Jim for extending an invitation to them! They were both great people to meet and talk with and I know we made them feel right at home with our Minnesota hospitality. All ID Anne had to do was click her heels three times and her ruby slippers brought us all to Kansas. Ah, there's no place like HOME!!!!!!

Time continues to move forward and so does the New Year. Now that we are into February, that means there will be a lot of love and romance in the air. The wearing of RED for the month represents more than Valentines Day. It reminds us of our hearts to be open and continue to serve, but to monitor our health. Let's keep not only our hearts, but also the rest of our physical being in top-notch shape. Remember to keep on top of your health needs. Get your yearly physicals, check your cholesterol, monitor your blood sugars and eat healthy foods. Yearly health screenings are very important and lets take advantage of the projects we support by attending or hosting a health fair. Many of our projects help keep on top of these health issues. Let's all try and schedule some of these activities for our communities we serve. Schedule a blood drive and check your cholesterol, diabetes screening, blood pressure clinics, eye screening and let's keep communities and ourselves in the PINK OF HEALTH.

With the New Year comes new leadership to the district, but also all our clubs. Please hold your elections for officers early and get your PU 101's sent to Zone Chair Advisor/ 2nd VDGE Margaret Van Erp and myself. The sooner this information comes to us, it can be forwarded to Lions Clubs International and will help speed up completing the directories for 2010/2011. Along with elections, comes the training of the offices you hold. Please mark your calendars for the College of Leadership, May 2, at Wadena High School. More information will follow in the newsletters. This is a great opportunity to find out what your role is for the position you have elected to serve. Thank you to all for your hard work in 2009/2010. Together we will all work hard to continue the club activities and great projects in 5M9. After all we are the best District in MD5M!

I have been busy visiting many clubs and zone meetings, along with many of the other District Mid-Winter Conventions of my fellow VDGE/DGE. I am educating myself for the year to come with these visits and many more hours of training preparing for the upcoming year. Thank you to all for your hard work, but we still have a lot of work to complete before this year is over. I would like to thank DG Jim and Lion Linda for all they're hard work serving 5M9 this year!!!! Great Job!!! A big 5M9 hats off to the both of you!!!!

Finally, remember the youth of our District are very important. Please remember to include the Leos in any projects you may be planning. These students are willing and eager to help and learn about the Lions organization. What better way, then to work side by side with them and mentor these young Leos for future roles as Lions. The youth of today are future leaders for tomorrow! Please invite these young leaders to the College of Leadership in May. The Lioness clubs are also a plus for 5M9, there are only three, but they roar like the rest of us. After all, we are a Lion family that grows together with

Pride! Roar Lions Roar!!!!
VDGE/DGE Linda Albrecht-Norby

100 Members in 100 Days!

The goal for the convention was to have a 100 new members before the Mid-Winter Convention. We hit that number and started on the next 100. We inducted four new members during the convention.



99th member

Addison Buhl (center) with Vergas Lions Jay Norby and Tracy Buhl (mom) after he was inducted as the 99th Lion.



100th member

Cathe Picek (dark coat) was sworn in during the business meeting as the 100th new member. ID Anne Smarsh, Lion Bruce Beck and PDG Carroll Kukowski look on as DG Jim smiles.



101th member

Tammy Anderson (right) was surprised by DG Jim when he said he was going to induct her as a new member at the banquet.



102th member

Mark (right) was inducted as the 102th new member during the Sunday Brunch by ID Anne Smarsh.

5M9 Lions All:

While the temp outside was -25°, the “weather” inside at your conference was warm and welcoming.

Remember—you are HEROES!! The 5M9 Lions demonstrate every day the power of volunteer service. We saw first-hand how you change people’s lives; and we learned so much from you.

Tom and I look forward to seeing many of you again on the Lions trail.

Lions Tom and Anne Smarsh

p.s. The ruby red slippers really worked! I’m home in Kansas.



WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Robert Banks	Battle Lake	Ron Parson
Cathe Picek	Deerwood Lakes	Carroll Kukowski
Lois Rust	Deerwood Lakes	Regine Hungerford
Peggy Havnes	Menahga Gateway	Betty Hotakainen
Alden Yliniemi	Menahga Gateway	Brian Carlson
Sharon Hansen	Nimrod	
Jeffrey Grabow	Ottertail	Jerry Smith
Brad Smith	Parkers Prairie	Curtis Tabbert
Vince Hinojos	Wadena	Joel Beiswenger

Awards and Recognition



Lion Robert Anderson of the Pine River Lions Club was presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Governor Jim Arvidson and ID Anne Smarsh.



PDG Jim Neuerburg of the Perham Lakes and Verndale Lions Club and was presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Governor Jim Arvidson and ID Anne Smarsh.



VDG Linda Norby of the Vergas Lions Club was presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Governor Jim Arvidson and ID Anne Smarsh.



Lion Margaret VanErp of the Bluffton Lions Club was presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Governor Jim Arvidson and ID Anne Smarsh.

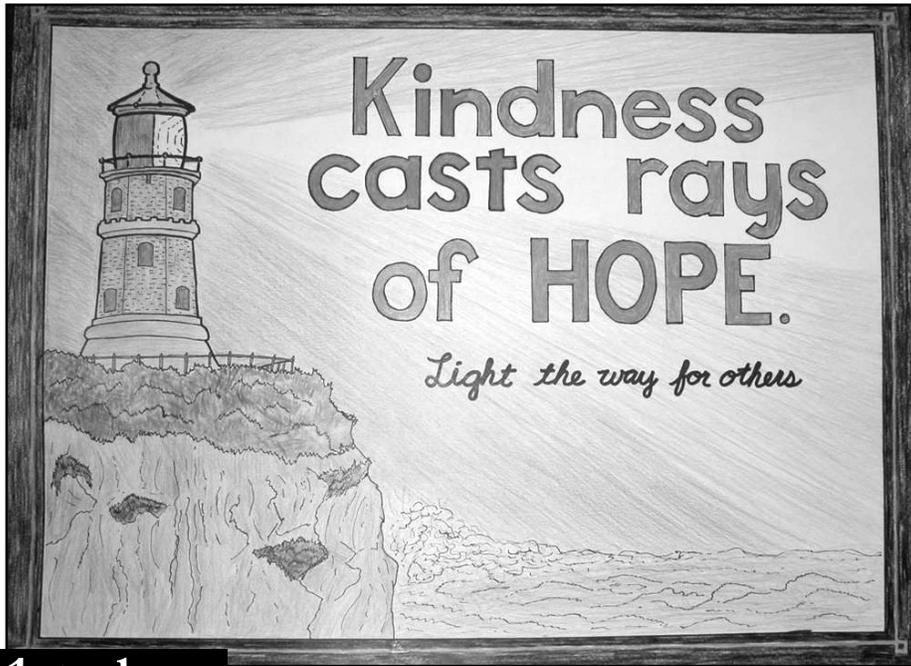


Lion Maria Patton of the Pine River Lions Club was presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Governor Jim Arvidson and ID Anne Smarsh.



The Palisade Lion Evie Ladd received the Above and Beyond Medal from Project New Hope Chairs PDG Dale Johansen and Bruce Billington.

Youth Outreach poster winners



1st place Mark George sponsored by the Battle Lake Lions

The Mid-Winter Convention is over and there were many wonderful "Youth Outreach" posters.

This years winner was Mark George sponsored by the Battle Lake Lions Club. He won last year also.

1st - Mark George, sponsored by Battle Lake Lions - won a Wii play station

2nd - Jennifer Hawitter, sponsored by Fergus Falls Riverside Lions- won an I-pod Nano

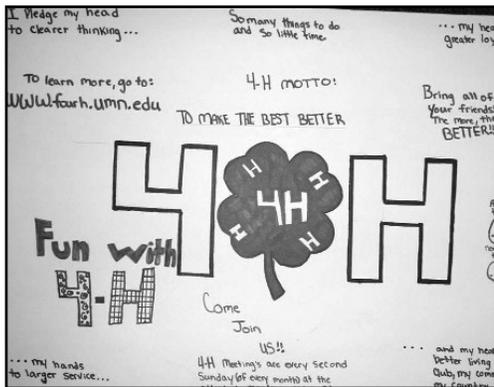
3rd - Sarah Moenkidick, sponsored by Verndale Lioness - won a Nintendo DS

4th - Jordyn Glenz, sponsored by Aldrich Lions - won a Nintendo DS

4th - Shelby Sowers, sponsored by Parkers Prairie Pride Lions - won an I-pod Shuffle

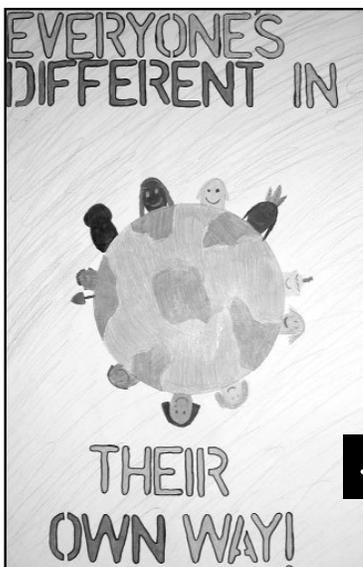
Jeanne Roggenkamp and Robert Harris want to remind all Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs to bring a poster next year. Remember that Youth Outreach poster contest has evolved into all aspects of the process of growing up, with drugs just being a part of the whole picture. There is peer pressure, depression, bullying and many more difficult things growing up as a youth.

Contact Jeanne Roggenkamp at 218-385-2619, jroggenkamp@arvig.net or Robert Harris at 218-338-5011, farmallpp@yahoo.com for more information about the contest or if you want them to talk to your club about Youth Outreach.



2nd place
Jennifer Hawitter sponsored by Fergus Falls Riverside Lions

4th place
Jordyn Glenz sponsored by Aldrich Lions



3rd place
Sarah Moenkidick sponsored by Verndale Lioness



5th place
Shelby Sowers sponsored by Parkers Prairie Pride Lions

Awards and Recognition



Brag Book Contest

Pictured left:
 First place was
 Underwood Lioness
 2nd - Aitkin Riverboat
 3rd - Palisade Lions
 Honorable Mention -
 Underwood Lions



Appreciation Award

IPDG Peter VanErp was presented an Appreciation Plaque for his work as District Governor.



Best Club Newsletter

Pictured left:
 First place was
 Garrison Lions Club
 2nd - Palisade Lions
 3rd - Deerwood Lakes Lions
 Honorable Mention
 McGregor Lions

Best Club Website

Pictured right:
 Website Traveling Trophy went to
 McGregor Lions Club. They have won
 it the past three years.
 There are 13-15 clubs in the district
 with a website.



First Timer Contest

VDG Linda Norby presented the winners their prizes.
 First place was Nellie Wegscheid of the Bluffton Lions Club.
 2nd place was Evie Ladd of the Palisade Lions Club.
 3rd place was Doug Anderson of the Underwood Lioness Club.
 Perham Lions Club received the Traveling Award for most First Timers.



The Palisade Lions Club received the Traveling Trophy for highest percentage of members attending the Mid-Winter Convention. They had 41% members of their members attending.

5M9 Mid-Winter 2010 Resolutions

1 - Whereas, Governor Jim Arvidson and First Lady Linda have exhibited exemplary leadership to District 5M9 and this Mid Winter Convention.

- **Be it resolved that we give a Big 5M9 Thank you to them!**

2 - Whereas, Vice District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby and Lion Jay have shown excellent support to 5M9 and the Lions of 5M9 in their leadership role this year.

- **Be it resolved that we give a Big 5M9 Thank you to them!**

3 - Whereas, Convention Chairs Elaine Bruss and Tom Plagman and the memberships of the Aitkin and Aitkin Riverboat Lions Clubs have done an excellent job in organizing and hosting the 2010 Mid Winter Convention and supporting Gov. Jim.

- **Be it resolved that we give a Big 5M9 Thank you to all of them!**

4 - Whereas, International Director Anne Smarsh and her husband Tom, have graciously traveled all the way from Kansas to be with us and exemplify our motto of "We Serve" through word, deed and assistance at the ALERT Seminar.

- **Be it resolved that we give a Big 5M9 Thank you to them and wishes for safe travel to them!**

5 - Whereas, Craguns and their capable staff have afforded the Lions of 5M9 another great convention.

- **Be it resolved that we give them another Big 5M9 Thank you to all of them!**

6 - Whereas, Governor Elect Linda Albrecht-Norby and First Gentleman Jay have consented to provide the leadership of 5M9 next year.

- **Be it resolved that all Lions of 5M9 pledge to give them all the support and help that they may need and to give them we give a Big 5M9 Thank you for their willingness to live up to our motto of "We Serve"!**

7 - Whereas, Lion Jim Johansen and the Past Governors Association of 5M9 have provided another outstanding Service of Remembrance honoring our departed Lion friends.

- **Be it resolved that we give a Big 5M9 Thank you to the Lion Jim and the PDGs!**

8 - Whereas, the Saturday Seminars were again well organized and presented

- **Be it resolved that all the people involved in them be given a Big 5M9 Thank you!**

9 - Whereas, the future of Lionism and our world rely on our youth.

- **Be it resolved that we give a Big 5M9 Thank you to all the Leos who attended and participated in our convention to carry on the "We Serve" tradition in Lionism.**

10 - Whereas, Lion Bruce Beck has consented to assume the leadership role of First Vice District Governor for 2010-11.

- **Be it resolved that Lion Bruce and Lion Erin receive a Big 5M9 Thank you for their willingness to serve.**

11 - Whereas, Lion Margaret Van Erp has consented to assume the leadership role of Second Vice District Governor for 2010-2011

- **Be it resolved that Lion Margaret and Lion Peter receive a Big 5M9 Thank you for their willingness to serve!**

12 - Whereas, all of the Lions, Lioness, Leos, Speakers and Spouses have come to our Mid-Winter and will be going back to our communities better people for the experience.

- **Be it resolved that we give a Big Thank You to OURSELVES!**

2010 Lions Hall of Fame inductee

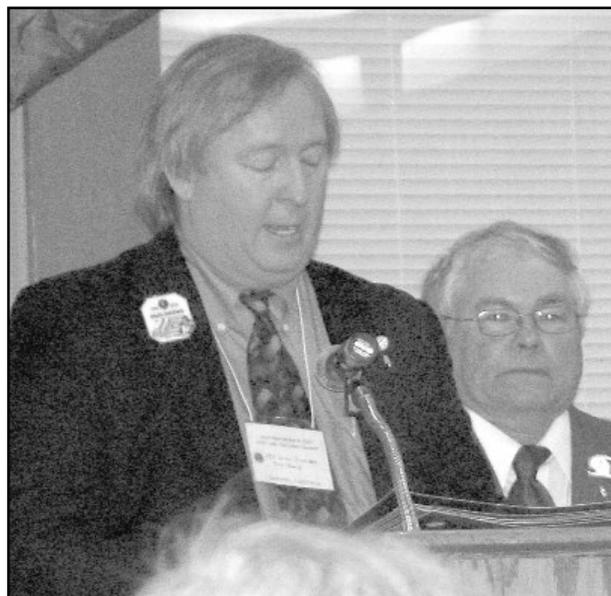
Eldon Bergman



A surprised and overjoyed PCC Eldon Bergman expressed his gratitude to the crowd of Lions, Lioness and Leos during the Saturday business meeting after his election into the Lions Hall of Fame.

MD5M International Director Candidate

Brian Sheehan

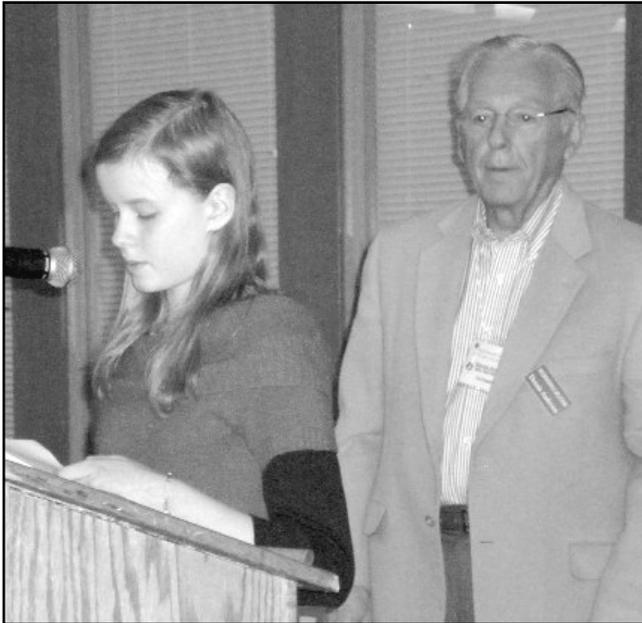


PCC Brian Sheehan addressed the 5M9 Lions, Lioness and Leos during the Saturday luncheon and congratulated them bringing in new members. He helped DG Jim present some membership awards. He also did a seminar called "Hakuna Matata." It was on getting members and keeping them.

5M9 Peace Poster winner

Shelby Sowers of Parker Prairie was
5M9's 2009 winner.

She received a \$200 savings bond.
You can read her thoughts about the "Power of
Peace" on the front page.



Shelby Sowers read her thoughts about what the
"Power of Peace" meant to her. International
Relations chair Dennis Anderson presented Shelby
with a \$200 saving bond.



Students from the Parkers Prairie school visited the
Peace Poster display at the Community Center in
Parkers Prairie.

Scholarship winners



Youth Outreach chairs Robert Harris (right) and Jeanne Roggenkamp
(left) congratulated and presented the scholarship winners a \$1,000
each.

Starting on the left is Brittany Gigstead from Perham and is attending
NDSU. Kara Trosen, Verndale and is attending Central Christian
College. Katie Olson, Aitkin and is attending Bemidji State College and
Katrina Raph from Remer and is attending Crown College.

• Prime Rib Dinner & **Comedy Show** •

LIVE! at the Verndale
Community Center



Rox Tawant
Twin Cities DIVA
of Comedy



Todd Andrews
Boston International
Comedy competition
finalist



Jodie Mauska
"One of Minnesota's
funniest women"
- City Pages



David Harris
Magician &
Comedian

Verndale Community Center
109 1st Avenue SE • Verndale, MN

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Social Hour 6PM / Dinner 7PM / Comedy Show 8PM

Tickets: \$20 - includes dinner and comedy show
Proceeds will benefit programs by the Verndale Lions club

Call John at (218) 640-5103 for tickets/information
A Comedy on the Rox Production

“Soaring with Lionism in 2010”

2010 MD5M Convention

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

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

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

six years. Great entertainment you won't want to miss!

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

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

“Come Soar With Us”

Mid Winter Convention snap shots



Ronald McDonald's “Big Red Shoe Show.” Here he is talking to Miss Bea Havior and her problems.



The WDC-Bluffton Leos had front row seats for Ronald McDonald's “Big Red Shoe Show.” They had a great time.



PCC Bert Nelson sharing a story about DG Jim at the Governor's Banquet Saturday night. More like one of his Bertism's.



2010-11 5M9 leadership team of DG elect Linda Norby, VDG elect Bruce Beck and 2nd VDG elect Margaret VanErp are all smiles and excited about the coming year.



"Soaring with Lionism in 2010"

91st Multiple District 5M Convention
 April 23, 24 and 25, 2010
 Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center
 Mahnomon, Minnesota
 Hosted by the Elizabeth Lions Club



**HANDS ACROSS
THE BORDER**

Registration Form Please print

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

Lion Lioness Leo Guest Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Address: _____ District: _____
 City: _____ Club Name: _____
 Prov/State: _____ Telephone: _____
 Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Indicate any special needs you have: _____

Hotel Room rate \$74.95 plus tax (check in 3 p.m. ~ check out 11 a.m.)

Room Code will be provided with confirmation of full Hospitality Book. Registrant must arrange for their room using room code. Seasonal camp grounds closed.

Hospitality Book includes Friday Social, Saturday breakfast, lunch banquet and Sunday brunch.

Meal Plan Options			
Item	Number	Cost	Total
Hospitality Book (Received BEFORE March 1, 2010)		USD \$98.00	
Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2010 or later)		USD \$110.00	
Hospitality Book, Leo's		USD \$75.00	
Friday Social (snack, cash bar, music)		USD \$10.00	
Saturday Breakfast		USD \$8.00	
Saturday Luncheon (meal)		USD \$22.00	
Saturday Banquet (meal, cash bar, entertainment)		USD \$60.00	
Sunday Brunch (meal)		USD \$24.00	

Total Submitted _____

Make checks payable to: Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention

Mail registrations to: Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention
 P.O. Box 1037
 Fergus Falls, MN 56538-1037

Telephone Information:
 218-739-9244 or 218-739-9582
 E-mail: dlholt@prtcl.com

**Credit cards will not be accepted - cash or checks only please - checks preferred.
 Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2010 - \$20.00 fee for cancellations.**



Brunch speaker Lisa Johnson. Lisa was born blind because of the eye condition, Congenital Glaucoma.

Crown College each received a total of \$1000 from Youth Outreach or local clubs for their continuing education in child development.

Lion Dennis Anderson, New York Mills, was instrumental in getting the Lions International 2008-09 Peace Poster display from headquarters in Oakbrook to the convention. Attendees were able to see creativity of kids worldwide and their ideas of "Let Peace Begin with Me".

Shelby Sowers, from Parkers Prairie was the winner of 5M9's peace poster contest. Her message about her poster: *Since the theme for the year 2009-2010 was "Power of Peace" I thought that it takes a lot of power to lift barbells. So I drew kids that are lifting barbells with doves as weights. this represents that we have the power to life up peace in the world. Also, all of the kids on my poster are working together to make a pyramid to have the power to life the world. This shows that by working together we can build peace. I put the flags on the ribbon to show all of the countries coming together in peace. I think that no matter how young or small we are, with peace we have the power to life up the world. Working together we can build peace through our communities,*

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country, and world.

The Governor's Banquet featured International Director Anne Smarsh. She shared her story on how all of us are HEROES!! We can make a difference in someones life and we have done that. Please continue the great work 5M9 does.

She help Governor Jim presented International President's Certificate of Appreciation awards to Robert Anderson, Margaret VanErp, Maria Patton, PDG Jim Neuerburg and VDG Linda Norby.

The convention closed with a Sunday brunch and speaker Lisa Johnson. Lisa was born blind because of the eye condition, Congenital Glaucoma. While working on her degree at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Lisa learned she was a candidate for a cornea transplant in her right eye. In May, 2002, at the age of 22, she had a successful trans-

plant and for the first time was able to see her family and friends. Lisa explained to us how wonderful it was to see new and everyday things. She was excited to see her first squirrel after hearing was it looked like all those years.



DG Jim presented Henry and his mother Jacki Johnson a towel with Henry's name on it for doing a wonderful presentation about his hearing problem and how the Lions have helped him.

In November 2008, Lisa's vision suddenly failed when her 3rd child was born. After two failed transplants, in March 2009, she again regained her sight with a successful transplant.

Lisa thanked the Lions members present on Sunday for their dedication to helping to improve sight to the needy.

Awards were handed out to the winners at the convention which is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. The Nisswa Lions announced that their proceeds from Friday night's Pork-on-a-stick of \$500.00 will go towards the Lions Eye Bank. Election results were announced on Sunday. The 125 register voters elected Linda Norby as District Governor-elect, Bruce Beck as 1st Vice District Governor-elect, and for the first time in our district we have a 2nd Vice District Governor-elect who is Margaret Van Erp.

Left: The 5M9 Lawn Chair Brigade preformed at the Saturday Luncheon to everyone's surprise. You can catch the show on Youtube, look for lions.mp4. It will be 5M9 Lions Lawn Chair Drill Team.



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