

5M9 Service Journal

Inside This Issue

DG Tom	2
VDG Rose	3
2nd VDG Sandy	4
Club Activities	3-9
Confidence Learning Cen-	10-11
Upcoming Events	12,14
Convention Information	14-15
DG Tom Visit Form	16
2nd VDG Candidate	17
DG Travels	17
Contact Info	17



DISTRICT GOVERNOR—TOM PLAGMAN

We Serve



President's Message

Dear Club Leader,

Excellence isn't a destination. It's a journey. We are committed to excellence at all levels of Lions. As a club leader, you have an incredible opportunity to help transform your club into a stronger, more efficient team that can serve your community in more ways than ever before.

To realize your club's full potential, you will need to focus on creating a quality club experience for all members. The [Club Quality Initiative](#) makes it easy by taking you step-by-step through the process.

The Club Quality Initiative can help make your service more effective and your operations more efficient. It can help keep your members engaged in service and club life. That means you can better serve your community *and* your members. Plus, a quality club experience is closely linked to membership retention. It hurts much more to lose an existing member than it does to miss out on a new one.

And don't be afraid to try new things. Success can come from unexpected places and even the smallest changes can have a profound effect on your club. There's no time to waste! Together we can transform our clubs, our association and the world.

Sincerely,

Dr. Naresh Aggarawal

Your International President

To follow my travels around the world and see our global service in action, follow me on Facebook.





District Governor Tom Plagman

We attended the Nevis / Akeley combined Club Meeting / Christmas Party this week. I was pleased to see two men walk in with dogs on leashes, apparently in service capacities. It turned out that one was a PTSD dog and the other was a “foster dog” from the same program. The man with the PTSD dog was a Vietnam Veteran and he stated that without his dog he would be less likely to go out in public. He would probably not have been able to attend such an event with so many people if not for his dog. I am very much aware that our Can-Do-Canines Program does not provide assistance to those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress but I am thankful that these men could get connected with the program in Detroit Lakes that does. Just to tie this together, Can-Do-Canines provides service dogs for five conditions: autism, hearing loss, diabetes, mobility issues and seizure support.

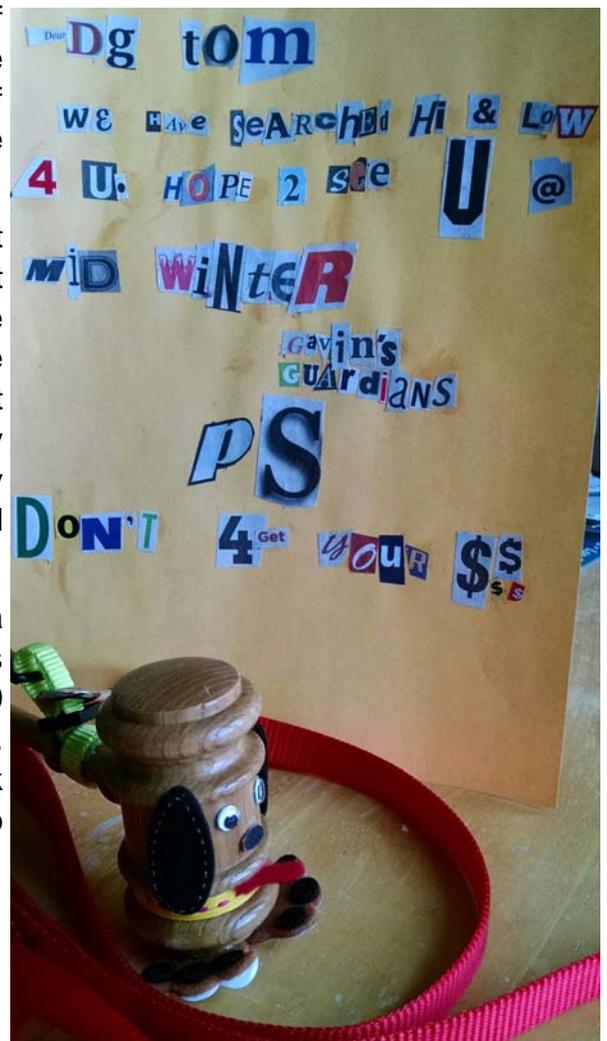
Speaking of our veterans, I was able to attend the Project New Hope Camp at Inspiration Point Bible Camp near Clitherall. I was very impressed with the counselors that were there and took part in the work of interacting with the veterans present. The work of the Camp is to help bring a new normalcy to the lives of the men and women who have served faithfully and the lives of their families. The Camp provided a beautiful place for the retreat not to mention the great food.

I attended the Zone 1 food packing event at the Kids Against Hunger facility in Nisswa. I was reminded by this event that we in this country enjoy a life style that allows an abundance of everything, food especially. In the one hour that we were packing food, we packed over 4,000 meals. That quantity fit nicely on one pallet. Portion sizes, food quality and variety not withstanding, such an exercise helps emphasize exactly how fortunate we all are and provides much needed sustenance to places not as fortunate.

I was able to help the Central Lakes College Club with a vision screening at a child care facility on the Central Lakes Community College Campus. We screened over 30 preschool children and had the normal 10-15% referral rate. I am glad to report that there were 4 CLC Lions who took part in the screening. I am glad to be part of the effort to help this new club find itself and grow.

Lions of 5M9, keep up the excellent work!

District Governor Tom



SOW THE SEEDS OF SERVICE

PRAISE—ENCOURAGE—EDUCATE—HAVE FUN



1st Vice District Governor

Rose Puckett



The end of 2017 is here and the end of my year as 1st Vice District Governor is drawing closer with much to do before July, 2018. I am busy thinking of Cabinet Positions that may need filling and very soon I will be asking some of our Lions members to step up and serve on our 5M9 Cabinet. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Lions and to meet many new friends. Be prepared to also have some fun and laughs.

This past year we have had great success with the Kids Sight Program. Many of our clubs have been busy conducting eye screenings for children, infants through 6 years, in their communities, along with their other club service projects.

Lions do not stand still and now we have been given a challenge to fight Pediatric Cancer and to enhance our efforts against Diabetes. As Lions we can make a difference so I say BRING IT ON! Let's ROAR against these bullies. Together we can do it!

Also new is the formation of the Global Action Team which includes Leadership, Membership, Service, and LCIF. You will be hearing more on this in the coming year.

I would like to close with the following quote from Margaret B. Moss:

MY WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR -

That you have someone to love, have meaningful work to do, and have things greater than yourself to believe in; that you have a reason to smile every day and a shoulder to cry on when you need it; that you keep your integrity even when the choices are hard; THAT YOU LOVE DEEPLY, give freely, forgive willingly, laugh easily and live well enough to be grateful for every day.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR LIONS"

1st Vice District Governor,
Lion Rose

Right: On November 21, 2017 the
Deerwood Lakes Lions helped
with a blood drive put on by
Bay Lake Area Lions.

Pictured left to right: PDG Adolph
Kukowski, Lion Dave Elgethum,
Lion Cathy McDougal and Lion
Nancy Campion.





STRAIGHT SHOOTING FOR LIONS

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
SANDY REMINGTON



With the holidays just about over, it's time to get back on track and set new goals for the year. Our Mid Winter Convention is coming up very shortly and I am looking forward to it. Hope to see all of you there.

I hope, with your support, that I will become your next 1st VDGE at Mid Winter, and as such, I can continue on my learning journey, assisting many of you as well, as we continue to Serve as Lions. I am sure DGE Rose will have some concrete goals for us when she assumes her role as District Governor.

I had the opportunity this past month to visit Inspiration Point in Clitherall. It is one of the camps used by Project New Hope. I only wish there had been more veterans at camp. The sessions were inspiring and eye opening for many of the participants, myself included. Project New Hope is most definitely a worthwhile program.

On January 1st of 2018, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank will be taking on a new name. It will now be known as Lions Gift of Sight. Watch for more information in the near future.

Yours in Lionism,

2ND VDG Cassandra Remington

Below: On 12/18 Deerwood Lakes Lions played Bingo with some of the residents at Hallett Cottages. Gift bags were handed out to the residents that played. Lions Donna Sapa, Linda Dooyema, Shirley Sanborn and Nancy Campion helped.



Right: Park Rapids Lion Larry Novak, along with Mrs. Santa, handed out candy to about 300 excited kids and adults following a free movie matinee. The Lions donated the candy for this event.



Left: The Deerwood Lakes Lions stepped up on 12/19 to cover a problem at the Soup Kitchen. Another group want to work DLL's regular 3rd Tuesday and they agreed. 2 days before the Kitchen leader contacted Lion Nancy C. to say the other group had changed their mind. The food was already cooked so Lions Linda Dooyema, Diann Bates, Donna Sapa and Nancy Campion along with Linda's husband Loren helped out. This is what Lionism is about!



TEAM TAYLOR



NGUYEN FAMILY

The Aitkin Lions have been working on a 5M9 Global Service Project especially for Children's Pediatric Cancer.

We have the Nguyen Family who lost their 3 year old daughter, Taylor Grace, to cancer 2 years ago. Her parents, Shana & Craig Nguyen, have a 2 year old daughter Karlie. The Aitkin Lions supported Team Taylor for the CureSearch Cancer Walk last September and recently collected many items which will be delivered to the 7th floor at Children's Hospital in the Twin Cities. Shana says these items help make life a little easier for the children and their families.



If any other clubs would like to help, please contact the Aitkin Lions Club President, Susan Ruschmeier. sue.ruschmeier@yahoo.com

5M9 Global Service

Aitkin Lions Club

Nguyen Family Project

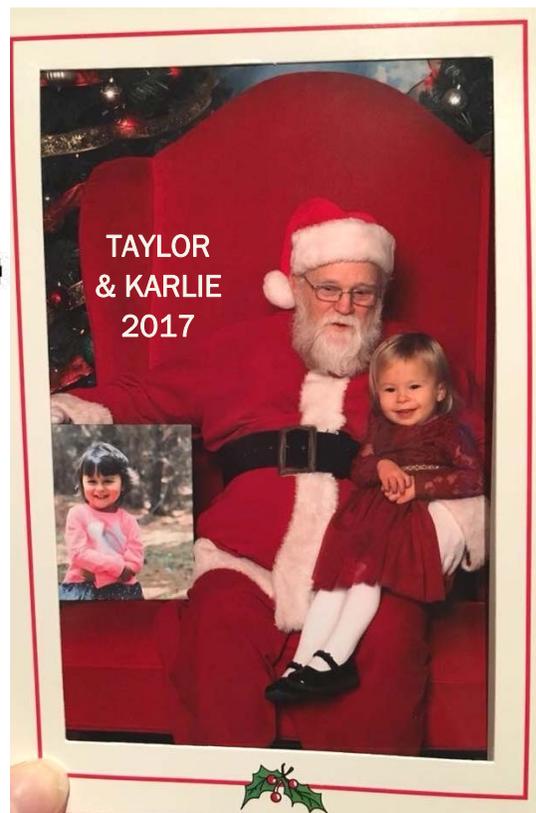
(Children's Pediatric Cancer)

Items Collected to distribute to Children with Cancer:

1. 50 Fleece Blankets
2. 73 Pillowcases
3. 29 Books
4. 42 Miscellaneous Books (Color or Activity Books)
5. 2 Puzzles
6. 4 Packs of Crayons
7. 1 Pack of 12 Pencils

Donation to CureSearch Walk for Team Taylor: \$500.00

Super Job Aitkin Lions!



Club Activities



Left: DG Tom & Lion Michele Plagman pictured with Pres. Mark Larson attended the **Osage Lions Christmas Party**. Below Left: Lions Keith & Diane Ketcher led the clubs Christmas Caroling. Below Right: Lions Dick Cox, Paul Joyce and Pet Shofner were recognized for recruiting new members to the **Osage Lions**.



Above: The **Perham Lakes Lions** presented Lion Sharon Neuerburg the “Lion of the Year” at their Club Christmas Party. Lion Pat Hendrickx, last year’s recipient, presented the award. Lions Don & Pat Hendrickx hosted the Christmas Party. There was a potluck supper followed by a “sip & paint” class.

Right: **Underwood Lions** Cesca Vogel & Tracey Buhlang rang bell and sang carols for the Salvation Army Red Kettle fund raiser. The **Underwood Lions** with help from community members man the Mills Fleet Farm entry every year between Thanksgiving & Christmas. The club & community members enjoy this activity & the sister’s “singing” draws many compliments.



C
l
u
b

A
c
t
i
v
i
t
i
e
s



Cuyuna Range Lions Club members recently volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle event.

Club members rang bells from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on December 12 and 13, at the East Brained Cub Foods Store.

Below left Lions Gary and Becky Guida ring the bells, and below right Lions Jim and Birdie Walth are ringing bells.



Above: The **McGregor Lions Club** knows how to have a good time as the "Shaggy Bottom Boys" performed to the music of Lions Mike and Jan Cherry at their club Christmas Party!

Right: Lion Jerry Feucht added to the fun with his "Ugly Sweatshirt".

A great time was had by all!



C
l
u
b

A
c
t
i
v
i
t
i
e
s



Above Karen Nelson, Barb Schauff, Joan Brusven, Dini Schauff, and Jean Wedll

On December 1st, a seven-member committee from the **Elizabeth Lions Club**, hosted their 12th Annual Christmas Party for the clients of our local Productive Alternatives. This is the second year the party was held in Brenny Hall, in Elizabeth, due to the ever-growing interest in attending. This year there were 85 clients and staff to enjoy the music, games, and food.

The PA buses start arriving at 10 am, and the arrivals are greeted by friendly faces, music, and the aroma of good food. As they come, the guests greet each other, greet the hosts, and further brighten the day with Christmas garb of all kinds. You might see Santa in full Santa attire sitting next to a Grinch. Sweaters with Bells, Lounge pants with snowmen, Santa hats and this year there was even a llama with antlers (and a surprised look) ... you just know Christmas is fun.

The first activity is dancing. The dance floor is soon filled completely with people responding joyously to upbeat music. The tables are set with flatware, holiday napkins, and winter centerpieces, and soon the guests find a place to sit to enjoy a full dinner of turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread, butter, and ice cream with a sugar wafer. The party outgrew the Community Center, but the menu hasn't changed. When the dinner is done and the tables cleared, there is bingo, and there are surprise bags for each client.

The reward for the workers are hugs and smiles, thank-yous, and appreciative looks, as well as thanks from the staff who accompany these clients to, from, and during the party. Enough cannot be said about the attentive care they give to the clients while never over-managing. They are wonderful.

Kudos and Congratulations go to the dedicated hosts, who do not do this work for acknowledgement, but deserve recognition anyway. They are Richard and Barb Schauff, Jerry and Dini Schauff, Ole and Karen Nelson, Joan Brusven, and Jean Wedll. Since the beginning of this event, Accordion Harmonies, from Fergus Falls, have provided holiday



Above: Richard Schauff and Jerry Schauff

songs for the listening, singing along, and dancing. Members of Accordion Harmonies are Marge Hanson, Judy Nims, and Yvonne Marts.

Guests, staff, hosts and musicians blend for a few hours to demonstrate what Christmas really is - A time to be happy, to be friendly, and to give of yourself to others.



Above: Ole Nelson

East Central Willow River Band



MD5M Lions presented a Trophy Award to the 100 student musicians of the East Central Willow River Band from Sandstone, MN at their Holiday concert on December 7, 2017. They won 2nd place in the Division 1 High School Band Competition at the 100th Annual International Lions Parade of Nations in Chicago in July of 2017. They tallied a score of 85 out of a possible 95 points. The marching band did an outstanding job representing our MD5M delegation and received \$600.00 in prize money. The band also received \$2500 to march for the 600 member delegation of Japan. MD5M awarded the band \$7000.00 to help with expenses. 5M8 Lions clubs raised \$21,000.00 for the trip and the total expense for the trip was \$59,000.00. People on photo from right to left are MD5M 5M8 District Governor Jack Breikreutz, Superintendent of East Central Willow River Schools Andy Almos, Band Director Dan Kolker, PCC Judy Loken, MD5M Council Chair Dennis Heinen and MD5M Parade Consultant Keith Johnson. Student kneeling with trophy is Drum Major Dayne Nelson. All 4 Lions from MD5M made a verbal presentation to a packed crowd in the beautiful East Central Willow River Theater Auditorium.



Confidence Learning Center

Fall / Winter 2017 Lions Edition
www.campconfidence.com



Dear Presidents and all Lions, Lioness and Leo's

WOW what a year this has been for the support shown to Camp Confidence from the Clubs of MD5M.

- Record setting donations to Camp
- Money donated by D5M for the Zip line to be installed in 2018.
- Record number of volunteers.
- Record number of Fund Raisers for Camp

THANK YOU!

Camp Confidence will be listed on many of your Parade of Green lists. What a great way to start the New Year, with your club making a donation to Camp Confidence. Even if we are not on your Parade of Green List, It would be wonderful to support our campers who come from every County in Minnesota and have the misfortune of having a disability.

Camp Confidence will be attending many of the Midwinter Convention and I am looking forward to meeting all of you again.

Please stop by our display and say hello and sign up for a club visit.

I want to wish every Lion, Lioness and Leo a very Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.

Sincerely:
Camp Confidence Representative
Lion Jerry Wohlers
612-965-6342
huckey42@juno.com



Confidence Learning Center:
1620 Mary Fawcett Memorial Dr, E. Gull Lake, MN 56401
(P) 218-828-2344 / (F) 218-828-2618



Camp fact: *The average age of our Campers each year is 42!*



BE SOCIAL! Be sure to follow us to keep up to date and watch for **CONTESTS!!!**



Make sure to tag Camp with **#CampConfidence**



Confidence Learning Center

Fall / Winter 2017 Eagles Edition

www.campconfidence.com

Dear Lions, Lioness & Leo's!

We want to introduce you to the Borgerding Family:

Brian & Kathy, along with their 10 children (ranging from ages 9-23), have fast become a part of our Camp Family. A few of their beautiful children have special needs – and more importantly a special place in the hearts of anyone who has the chance to meet them. This is just a small part of their story (in their words) of how Camp has become a much needed respite from every day life.



Seven years ago, we adopted from Haiti our beautiful little girl, Daphnee. She is our delight, yet in saying that we learned a great deal about disabilities. Daphnee is Hearing impaired, Autistic and non-verbal. Two years later we adopted from Florida our AriYanna. She is our Princess. She has Cerebral Palsy, and is very limited with movement. AriYanna is in a wheelchair and also needs 24/7 care. She is very smart and always wants to do activities that her older brothers do. Camp makes that possible for our little girl. Special Needs was new to our family and we no longer traveled or went camping.

One day while attending an appointment at Gillette's Childrens at Brainerd, someone told us about the camp. We decided to swing in and see; We were so Blessed by the greeting of the Camp Leaders. They shared how our daughter could go on a pontoon and glass bottom boat. They had Hospital beds so she could sleep and have handicap showers. WOW. They had an AMAZING STAFF, that looked her in the eye's and shared what it would be like to visit camp.



We have now attend Camp a handful of times and all season. Camp has given our family a BREATH that we so badly need. Our sons that are now 11 and 14 have enjoyed fishing, the Nature Center and so much more. Being able to be together as a family is wonderful. When we get scheduled to stay everyone gets to enjoy their favorite thing. Our Daphnee who always runs away from family during any activity is so in love with the animal sanctuary, she will sit and feed animals and watch them. During some of her time at camp the staff is aware of her needs and help the family keep her safe.



Confidence Learning Center is so much more than its name. To see children and adults from group home settings without family is heart breaking. Yet to see Confidence Staff love them is truly Amazing.

We Thank Confidence Learning Center for their knowledge and Care and YOU; a continued member and supporter!



We have been Blessed,

Brian and Kathy Borgerding Family

For More Information About Confidence Learning Center

Visit: www.campconfidence.com

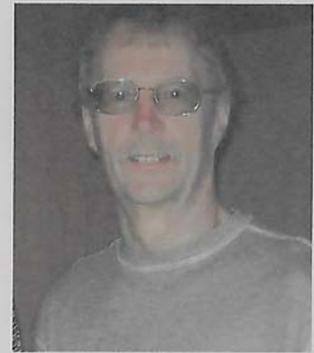
OR

Schedule a visit by calling 218-828-2344 or
emailing Sarah@CampConfidence.com

Disabilities Golden Rule:

Treat others the way you'd like to be treated. If you run into an awkward situation with a person with a disability and don't know what to do – JUST ASK!

For more golden rules – check out our posts on Facebook!



The Cass Lake Lions are having a benefit for Lynn Wimme, a member of our club, who is dealing with Cancer. We are holding an **All-You-Can-Eat chili luncheon** from 11:00 AM to 1 PM at the Cass Lake Senior Center 219 Cedar Avenue NW in Cass Lake, Minnesota on January 14th 2018.

It is going to be a **Free-Will-Donation** with all proceeds going to Lynn and family for their needs. Please come and support a great Lion in his time of need.

VERGAS LIONS

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

1968-2018

We have proudly served the Vergas area for these fifty years.

50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday
February 11, 2018 3:00 pm Vergas Event Center
I.D. Bruce Beck featured speaker



**VERNDALE LIONS
PRIME-RIB COMEDY NIGHT
WELCOMES....C WILLI MYLES
AMERICA'S EVERYDAY COMEDIAN**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2018
SOCIAL—6:00 PM
PRIME-RIB DINNER—7:00 PM
TICKETS—\$30
VERNDALE LIONS
COMMUNITY CENTER**



**MAZATLAN
MISSION TRIP
MARCH 10-17, 2018**

SUN COUNTRY HAS A SALE ON
OUR ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE
INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE
CONTACT ARMAND RADKE
TO GET THE HUGE DISCOUNT
ON A HOTEL ROOM!

**DR. ARMAND RADKE
218-234-6556**

**JOIN THE
UNDERWOOD LIONS
FOR LOTS OF FUN &**



**2PM SUNDAYS @
STALKER LAKE GOLF
COURSE BAR & GRILL
near Dalton, MN**

**Weekly \$999 Blackout Jackpot
in designated numbers called
or consolation prize.**

Join MD5M in celebrating 100 years of service

Sunday, June 10, 2018
8:00am - 10:00pm

Anoka County Fair Grounds
3300 St. Francis Blvd
ANOKA, MN 55303

MD5M100years@gmail.com

100



- World's Largest Pancake Breakfast
- Live Bands
- Service projects (more information to come!)

Diabetes

Environment

Hunger

Vision

Pediatric Cancer



Come and meet our MD5M candidate for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International

Lions Clubs International

Multiple District 5M—Minnesota—Manitoba—N.W. Ontario



**Campaign for
3rd VP of Lions Clubs
International
PID Brian E. Sheehan
PO Box 177
Bird Island, MN 55310**

Business: 320-365-4027

Cell: 320-212-7330

E-mail: bsheehan@rcdbi.com

T.E.A.M. Sheehan
General Managers (Advisors)
PID Mike Molenda
PID Debra Wasserman
PID Maynard Rucks
PID Ben Ward
PID Bud Danylchuck

Team Manager
PCC Bert Nelson

Team Scouts
Council Chair Dennis Heinen

District Governors 2016-2017
5M1-DG Mike Schultz
5M2-DG Nancy Mathwig
5M3-DG Daniel Jones
5M4-DG Robert Knutson
5M5-DG Marty La Belle
5M6-DG Curt Stockford
5M7-DG Dan Kaiser
5M8-DG Jack Breikreutz
5M9-DG Tom Plagman
5M10-DG Mark Eyre
5M11-DG John Wollenzien
5M13-DG Helmut Neufeld

IEDG's 2016-2017
Vice-District Governors 2018-2020

Team Captains
5M1 -PCC Earl & Jane Orvik
5M2 -EDG Joan & Kevin Blank
5M3 -EDG Wayne & EDG Vickie Radloff
5M4 -EDG Kent & Judy Biessel
5M4 -PCC Todd & Ruth Neuman
5M5 -DG Rob & Rhonna Hed
5M6 -PCC Dave Dominick
5M7 -EDG Pat Kennedy
5M8 -EDG Bill & EDG Donna Mae Landwehr
5M9 -EDG Jay & EDG Linda Norby
5M10-EDG Larry & Sue Winner
5M11-EDG Wayne & EDG Joanne Swanson
5M13-EDG Bill & EDG Cheryl McPatrick
Bird Island Club-Marty Athmann
Bird Island Club-Merlin Athmann

Stats
MDSM Exec Sec Vickie Violet

Happy New Year!!

Here is information on booking flights with Delta Airlines for Lions who are going to the convention in Las Vegas.

A discounted rate of 2-10% can be had by any Lion using the Lion booking code, NMRHD. They can fly on Delta any time between June 24-July 7, 2018, from any airport to Las Vegas. Reservations and ticketing are available via www.delta.com/meeting. Select "Book Your Flight" at the top menu bar and this will bring you to the Book A Flight page. Enter the meeting code NMRHD in the box provided, about half way down the page on the right.

Reservations may also be made by calling Tammy at Tam's Travel at 651-414-9485 or the Delta Meeting reservations at 800-328-1111 Mon-Fri 7am-7pm CDT.

Ticket prices will vary at any given time, so not all Lions will get the same price. Baggage fees are extra, as is the transportation to the hotel. Encourage Lions to use the booking code. For every 40 flight flown the Lions will get a voucher for a future flight.

ALSO CHECK OUT Sun County Airlines at suncountry.com. The cost of tickets may vary significantly.

The following dates are the registration deadlines for the LCI Convention. You can register now and book your flight later. You can change your hotel dates to match your flight dates if need be by May 1st.

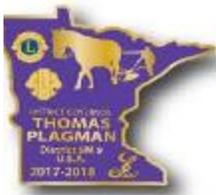
- Registration Fee through January 12, 2018 is US \$150
- From January 13 through March 31, 2018 the regular registration fee is US \$200
- April 1, 2018 through onsite registration, the fee is US \$225.

Remember to get your voting certificate.

Sheehan Team Captains will be speaking at all the mid-winter conventions coming up in January and February. They will be able to help you with any questions that you have regarding the LCI convention.

**Brian and Lori visited a
Lions Diagnostic
Center in Chennai,
India; offering very low
cost testing to those in
need.**





District Governor Tom's Visit Request
2017 - 2018
tplagman@hotmail.com



Club Name: _____

Club Location: _____

Address: _____

Dates for Club Visit: 1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

Time Club Meeting Begins: _____

When does your Social Hour start: _____

Do you have a Board of Directors Meeting: Yes _____ No _____

Would you like the DG to attend your Board of Directors Meeting: Yes _____ No _____

Will you have a meal? Yes _____ No _____

Are there other Lions, Lioness or Leo Clubs involved for the DG visit? Yes _____ No _____

Please list the other Clubs: _____

Lion, Lioness, or Leo requesting the Governor's visit: _____

Club contact telephone # _____ Email address _____

Will the Governor be expected to install officers: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please send the names of the new officers. If inducting new members, please have the LCI New Member Kit with Pin and signed Certificate.

Will the Governor be expected to give out awards to club members? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please send an additional letter stating the awards and the names of those receiving the awards. (Please have awards, certificates, pins, or changes in installation or inductee ceremony available when we arrive for the Governor's visit.)

I look forward to coming and visiting with your club!!

Please mail this form to:
38292 Deer St.
Aitkin, Mn 56431

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE!

December 7, 2017

District Governor Tom Plagman,

District Secretary Margaret Van Erp,

I am pleased to announce with this letter of intent my formal announcement of my desire to run as Second Vice District Governor Elect of 5M9. The nominating speeches will take place at the Mid Winter Convention in Mahanomen on January 5, 6, and 7, 2018.

In July of 1992, the now deceased PDG John Knight was my sponsor as I was inducted into the Perham Lions Club. I received many perfect attendance award pins throughout my years of service as a Lion. The required qualifications for running for District Governor were met when I became President of the Perham Lakes Lions. This was a two year Presidential term. For three years, I was Zone Chair for Zone 7. Presently, I represent Can Do Canines as a Project Chair.

Besides President, I am a past secretary and did receive the 100% Secretary Award, a past membership chair and board member.

Lions has given me the opportunity for further education. I am a graduate of the MD5M Regional Leadership Institute, and from the Lions University I have received both my bachelors and masters degrees. I have attended many training sessions including the College of Leadership.

My love for Lions and what Lions represent motivates me to seek a higher office and to continue to spread the word on what Lions do best - We Serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Bonnie L. Genin



DISTRICT GOVERNOR TOM'S CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 5-7—5M9 Mid Winter Convention
5M5 & 5M6 Conventions @
Bloomington
- 8—Nisswa Lions Visit
- 11—Pillager Lions Visit
- 15—Northland-Remer Lions Visit
- 16—Callaway Lions Visit
- 18—Verndale @ Aldrich/Ted & Jen's
- 19-21—5M1 Convention @ Rochester
5M7 Convention @ Bloomington
5M10 Convention @ Dryden, ON
- 22—Cass Lake Lions Visit

- 23—Malmo Area Lions Visit
- 26-28—5M4 Convention @ Morton

FEBRUARY

- 1—Perham Lakes Lions Visit
- 2-4—5M8 Convention @ St. Cloud
- 4—Brainerd Leos
- 9-11—5M2 Convention @ Mankato
- 12—Parkers Prairie Pride Club Visit
- 14—Pine River Club Visit
- 15—Underwood Club Visit
- 16-18—5M3 Convention @ Morton
- 20—Dunvilla Club Visit

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

5M9 Service Journal



This publication is of, by, and for the Lions, Lioness, & Leos of District 5M-9

District Governor

Tom Plagman (Michele)
38292 Deer St
Aitkin, MN 56431
H: 218-927-3544
C: 218-839-1177
tplagman@hotmail.com

1st Vice District Governor

Rose Puckett
14850 Pinewood Trail
Deerwood, MN 56444
H: 218-764-3108
C: 218-851-8380
apuckett@brainerd.net

2nd Vice District Governor

Sandy Remington
2778 18th St SE
Backus, MN 56435
H: 218-587-2327
C: 320-333-6798
purplesandy07@gmail.com

Cabinet Secretary

Margaret Van Erp (Peter)
38214 610th Ave
Bluffton, MN 56518
H: 218-385-3446
C: 218-639-5040
petemarg@arvig.net

District Treasurer

Dennis Ganz (Shelly)
5079 County 40 NW
Hackensack, MN 56452
H: 218-675-5404
C: 218-244-4232
dsganz@tds.net

Newsletter Editor/Diva

Tracey Buhl (Randy)
28000 Redhead Drive
Underwood, MN 56586
C: 218-841-1877
5m9newsletter@gmail.com