



# Cultivating the News from 9



Peter VanErp  
5M9 District Governor



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# Don't miss the fun!

## 2009 MD5M Convention May 1 - 3 Bloomington

### Lions, Lioness, Leos & Guests:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

St. Louis Park Lions, 2009 MD5M Convention Committee

For accommodations information go to page 10 in this newsletter.

### Saturday Night Entertainment

#### David Malmberg

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



## Silent Auction items needed at the convention

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

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

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

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

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

Lion Mike's e-mail address is [mrardin@stlouispark.org](mailto:mrardin@stlouispark.org) and his phone number is 952.930.0136



# 5M9 District Governor Peter VanErp

keep the wheels, soil and minds turning



## Cultivating our Minds... Let our Service Grow

They say time goes fast when you are having fun. We must be having a blast because it seems like just last week I wrote the February newsletter and here I'm doing the March one tonight.

As many of you know that Lion Margaret has been making and baking homemade Carmel rolls for each club visit that we do. We do want to thank everyone that has contributed and some have been the lucky buyers to this fund raiser for all of the Lions projects. In our last news article we will let everyone know how much Margaret's "buns" have brought in and to which projects the money has gone to.

I trust that all of you will have your elections in March or very early April. International by-laws state that you must have an election no later than April 15th. Be sure to file your PU 101's with International and either send an e-mail or paper copy to me. If you e-mail me that you have done your PU 101 I can go to the website and get my own copy then you can save the hassle of mailing me a copy. Be sure to update your officers first so that you have their current phone numbers, addresses and e-mail address on the PU 101. Then please try to have all of your officers, veteran and new officers to the College of Leadership in Wadena on April 26th. We will gather at 1 p.m. and the meetings will start at 1:30 p.m. Any Lions member can attend but the officers should make an extra effort to attend. You can always learn something or help someone else with a question or problem.

### Other dates to mark on your calendars are:

1. April 25th to attend the Fund Raiser for the Lakeland Hospice House to be held at the Life Church in Fergus Falls, MN
2. May 1, 2 & 3 to attend the 90th Multiple Dist. 5M Convention held at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Bloomington, MN.
3. July 6-10th to attend the International Convention in Minneapolis, MN

March is traditionally been membership month. Why not invite a friend, relative, a neighbor and or your wife to your March meeting. As of January 31, 2009 we had 2577 Lions members in District 5M9. 805 of them are women. I know there are more women out there that would like to join because I have visited with them at the Mid-Winter Convention and also at your club visits, so let's ask a potential new member to join. We need to ask so they can say YES.

March 29th will be our last cabinet meeting for this Lions year. It will be held at the Warehouse in Pine River, MN. The meeting is hosted by the Pine River Lions members starting with social gather at 1 p.m. and the meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. Won't that be great if we would have a 100 % attendance at this last meeting!

I know the ground is still

frozen but that doesn't mean that our Lions spirit cultivators can't dig deep and bring some new members into our clubs. We still have time to start new with our March membership drive. Our District is still in the minus column of members. Let's see what we can do about it. Wow, just think if each club brought in one new Lion what our numbers would be then. Where is your club in numbers from last July? Plus or Minus? Are you PROUD to be a LION. Wear your Lions pin.

Have a GREAT day. Always look at the glass as half full and not half empty.

Keep those cultivators in the Lions ground and bring up those new members. More hands make each job easier.

DG Peter



The Perham Lakes Lions donated \$300 for candy bags that were given to children attending the free Christmas movies at the Comet Theater in Perham. Handing out bags to children, Hannah Kinn, Madyson Melgard and Laura and Austin Altstadt were Lions Marky VandeStreek and Jan Nolan.

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# Pete's Places to be

## March

- 9 Pequot Lakes Breezy Point Lions visit
- 10 Akeley and Nevis Lions visit
- 19 Cuyuna Range Lions visit
- 21 Council of Governors mtg
- 25 Brainerd Lions visit
- 26 Zone 6 mtg. in Osage (Walt Sowers ZC)
- 29 5M9 Cabinet mtg Pine River
- 31 Zone 7 mtg at Mulligans in Perham  
(Jim Johansen ZC)

## April

- 7 Menahga Lions visit
- 8 Hill City Lions visit
- 13 Guthrie-Nary Lions visit
- 14 Palisade Area Lions visit
- 23 Zone 4 mtg Park Rapids
- 25 Hospice 25th Anniversary celebration  
in Fergus Falls
- 26 College of Leadership in Wadena 1p.m.
- 27 Baxter Lions visit
- 28 Zone 3 mtg. (Robert Anderson ZC)
- 30 Leave for the Multiple Convention

## May

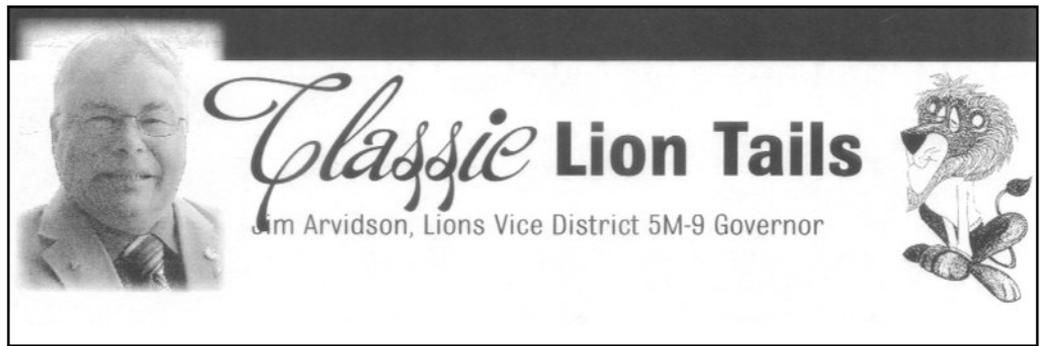
- 1-3 MD5M Convention
- 11 Parkers Prairie Pride Lions visit
- 14 Hackensack Lions visit
- 18 Emily Outing 50 Lakes Lions visit

## June

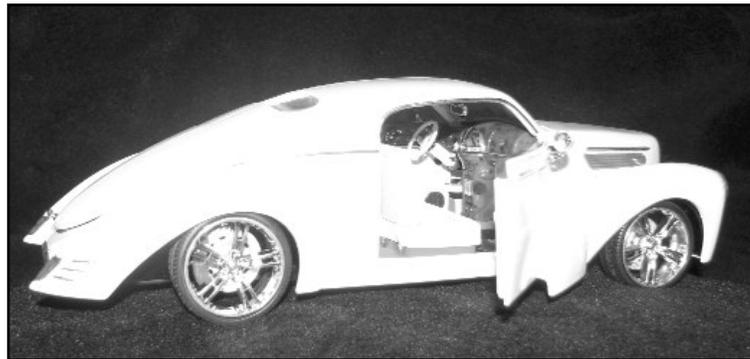
- 12-14 Nana and Papa Camp at the farm
- 22 Bluffton Lions Family picnic

## July

- 6-10 International Convention in MPLS



Last month I mentioned that February is a great month for "Love." Love for Lions, Family, and Community. I need to tell you that February is also our Anniversary. No.....We didn't go to Cancun, or out to a special dinner or movie. It snowed and turned cold again that day, so I brought home a steak (yes, I can actually do a little cooking). I did this while Linda worked on her Lions programs for her club, and I worked on some District projects. We had a very nice evening at home



1939 Zephyr

while doing something we both have learned to Love - "LIONS"

As we look to the coming year, I encourage you to get enthused as well about what LIONS can do for you, your community, and people the world over. We are very fortunate to have so many capable leaders in District 5M9 for our Zones and All the Many Programs and Projects. All we need is many enthusiastic members and clubs with their great support!

There will be some Spring Zone meetings coming up. What a great way to get rid of some of that Cabin Fever. Make it a fun trip for your club while learning and sharing what's New in the Lions World.

Conventions - MD5M in Bloomington, May 1-3. This a great chance to see and hear what is happening throughout Minnesota and Canada.

Conventions - Lions International Convention in Minneapolis, July 6 - 10. Linda and I would LOVE to have you join us as we begin our year of Service to District 5M9 as your District Governor. Come all week, or come for a day. Special opportunities would be the International Parade on Tuesday (We promise to wave to you) or come on Friday when I officially become your District Governor. There has been talk of some Bus Trips. This is a great opportunity to go to a International Convention, We would LOVE to see you there!

USA/Canada Forum - September 24 - 26 in Memphis, Tennessee. Another great chance to learn more while having some fun in the 'Rock and Roll' capital.

I am excited about what lays ahead for us in the year ahead and promise to do what I can to further your dreams and aspirations for your clubs and communities. But, please write me or call me if you have ideas, suggestions, or thoughts on how to improve our Lions Programs.

District Governor Elect Jim Arvidson

OLE SAYS, "LIFE ISN'T SO MUCH ABOUT WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, BUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING!"

Visit the website at [www.2009LionsConvention.org](http://www.2009LionsConvention.org)  
for more information about times and volunteers needed

# Brag Book Winner



Correction: I apologize for the error in last month's newsletter.

Brag Book Contest First Place Winner was not Garrison Lions Club, but Alice Graff of the McGregor Lions Club.

Alice is a loyal, hard working member of the McGregor Lions Club, past secretary as well as present fill in the absence of our current secretary. And very involved in making our Brag Book a success.

# Perham Lakes Lions present awards



The Perham presented Lion Gene Holzer (right) the "Lion of the Year" award by his fellow Lion members. Gene is always ready to lend a helping hand in the club, especially grilling brats. Lion Gary Simpson (left) was awarded the Diabetes Award - the "Dream Catcher." Gary also is willing to do what ever he can to help the club out. President Don Hendrickx (middle) presented the awards.

# MJF presented to Berg



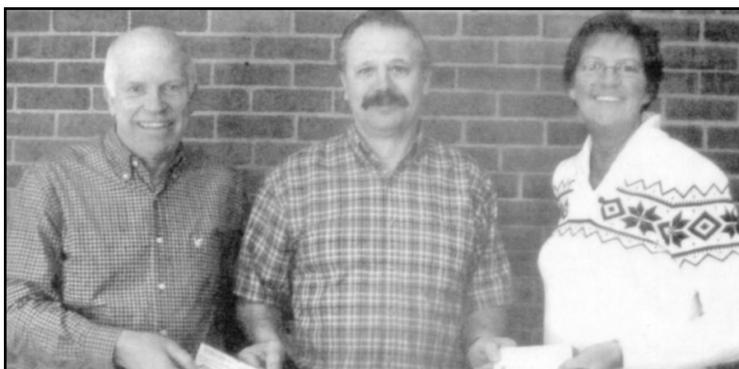
Carol Berg from Guthrie-Nary receiving a Melvin Jones Fellow from the District Governor Peter at a Zone 4 meeting.

# Wolf Lake Lions 'Top Dog'



Lion Dave Mickelson, President of the Wolf Lake Lions receiving the Dream Catcher award for his club. The club also received the Top Dog Award from the Hearing and Service Dog.

# Dalton Lions donate to causes



Dalton Lion Jerome Holicky (center) presented \$500 donations to Jim Iverson for Phelps Mill Country and to Denise Wiese for the Fergus Falls Marching Band.

# Trip to Leader Dog for the Blind

By Baxter Lion Sharon Orser

It was last April 2007 when three of us waited with great anticipation in the Wal-Mart parking lot for the coach to arrive. Members of the Baxter Lions, we were traveling to the Lions International Headquarters and Leader Dogs for the Blind, picking up other Lions club members along the way.

After an overnight stop in Rockford, Ill., we traveled to the Lions International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill., where we toured the facility, which serves more than 47,000 Lions clubs. Since the association's founding in 1917, Lions have worked tirelessly, serving the needs of communities, their nations and the world.

The following day found us in Rochester, Mich., home of Leader Dogs for the Blind. First established in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind has helped more than 13,000 people achieve the freedom of safe and independent travel. Leader Dogs accepts and trains students from the United States and many other countries throughout the world. Room and board, the costs of instruction, and all Leader Dogs services are free of charge.

The facilities are located on 14 acres, including a beautiful residence center, kennel and grounds. The residence and training center is home for the students for a 26-day stay while training with their dog. Each room has a private bath, multiple lighting devices, television, phone, small refrigerator and additional seating. The residence itself features low vision aids, such as contrasting color markings on window and door frames, floor markings, raised print lettering, Braille, etc. Meals are provided.

Once students arrive at Leader Dogs, they receive individualized instruction. They are evaluated and then matched to a dog. Once matched, the dog will stay with the student throughout their training at Leader Dogs. The training is rigorous, with long walks, much of which is out doors. Unfortunately our tour of the facility was on Saturday and we did not get to view any actual training.

The kennel area holds an average of 240 dogs (capacity is 310) in individual kennels, equipped with a self-watering system. The kennels are arranged in a fashion where, while the dog is in his/her kennel, he cannot view another dog. As the dogs progress with their training they are moved from one section to another in the kennel area.

There is a full-service veterinary clinic located with the kennel. The veterinary staff attends to all dogs on campus; dogs being raised by puppy raiser, breeding stock dogs, graduate dogs and staff pets. There is also a full-service grooming area and an area where they make up all the harnesses specially fitted for each dog.

A picture gallery entitled "Breeding Wall of Fame" includes photos of all dogs used as studs and bitches for breeding. They raise primarily Labrador retrievers, then golden retrievers and German shepherds.

Individuals may volunteer to raise puppies. The puppy raiser's job

begins when the puppy is approximately 7-8 weeks of age. This is a year-long commitment and a significant contribution of time and energy on the part of the raiser. Not just the housebreaking, but the largest responsibility is the socialization of the puppy. This can be a very rewarding

## MJF presented to Orser



Sharon Orser from the Baxter Lions received a Melvin Jones Fellow from the District at the Zone 1 meeting held at Pillager.

activity but it is important that the whole family agree on the process of raising a puppy. Anyone interested in this program can contact Leader Dogs at (888) 777-5332. The web site for additional information is [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org).

### Sharon Orser

Sharon Orser was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago and moved to the Brainerd area in 1977. She is now retired from KLB & Co., CPAs. Taking on new challenges, she is secretary for the Baxter Lions Club and a member of the Brainerd Garden. Some of her interests include training her German shepherd for obedience and agility events, clogging with a local dance group and art class at the Lakes Area Senior Activity Center.

This appeared in the February issue of a publication put out by the Brainerd Daily Dispatch called "Her Voice."

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# Underwood Lions present check to Minnesota Veteran's Home in Fergus Falls

Walking into the Veteran's Home in Fergus Falls, we were greeted by a huge inflated snowman standing cheerfully beside the door. When we entered, we saw a group of people bowling in a large room to our right. No, they don't have a bowling alley there, but some of the residents like to bowl and are not able to get out, so they staff brought bowling to them. This is quite typical of the caring



Underwood Lions present a check for \$1,800 from gaming revenue to the Minnesota Veterans Hospital. Shown left to right are: Mary Hanson, Gambling Manager; Elias Larson, volunteer; Deanna Mounts, Vet's Hospital Development and Volunteer Coordinator; Jon Skillingstad, Vet's Hospital Administrator, Vernon Quaal, treasurer, Gordon Hanson, vice president, and Dave Wass, president.

staff and volunteers at this Vet's Home.

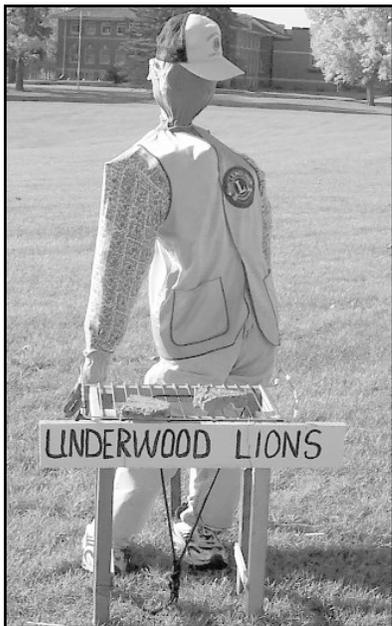
We were there to deliver a check for \$1,800 from the Underwood Lions for the Recreation Fund, to help with the costs of providing the extras that make a huge difference in quality of life for the residents. Our veterans gave a part of their lives and sometimes their health in service to assure this Nation's continued existence and safety. The State of Minnesota provides for the basics of room, board and care in the State Veteran's Homes but doesn't allow anything extra for the residents'

recreation. We're helping to fill the gap.

With the help of many volunteers and funds from the Underwood Lions and other organizations, the staff is able to provide some very special extras. Residents are taken out for breakfast from time to time; they can go fishing in the summer; they go out for other activities, such as bowling, if they're able. There is a barber shop on the premises, a pet dog, even a "Main Street" where residents can shop for personal items they need. All these things and many more are provided at no cost to residents, thanks to the Recreation Fund.

The Underwood Lions grill pork chops for dinner there each Fall, grilling just outside the dining room window so residents can watch the fun. We also participated in their Halloween celebration by erecting a straw man, a figure of an Underwood Lion standing over a grill (what else?). Also, one of our members, Elias Larson, is a volunteer there; spending many hours each week, often accompanied by his wife.

As Lions, We Serve, and the Underwood Lions are happy to be able to serve the people who have served us so well.



Straw man representing an Underwood Lion cooking pork chops. This was our contribution to the Minnesota Veteran's Home Halloween celebration.



## Peace poster winner

**Kate Montgomery**, left, age 14, is in the 7th grade at Forestview Middle School. Her poster was picked from 50 entries.

Her quote on Peace -- "People to get along and to appreciate people on who they are."

Kate's poster was sponsored by the Garrison Lions Club. This is the first time a winner for the peace poster contest came from Garrison Lions. A digital camera was presented to her at the Garrison Lion meeting. Her family was also present.

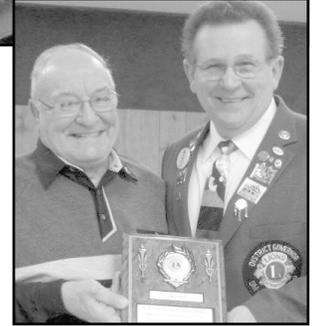
# Deer Creek Lions Club give service awards



Deer Creek Lion Norman Jahnke received a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. His wife, Bernice, pinned the lapel pin on him.



All the Deer Creek Lion award winners: Lion Norman Jahnke-Melvin Jones Fellow award, Lion Jim Maloney 20 years of service award, Lion Dave Kahl 30 years of service award, Lion Chuck Perkins 30 years of service award Lion Melvin Helmricks 30 years of service award and Lion Jim Traux (pictured left with Governor Peter) - charter member- 35 years service award.



## American Diabetes Alert® Day on March 24th

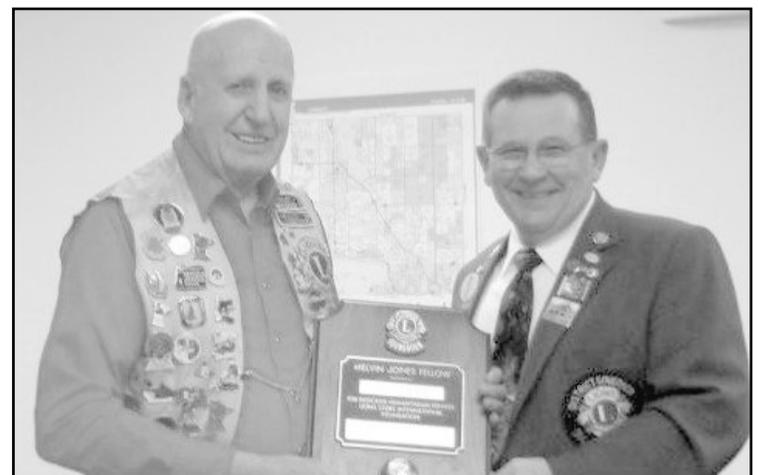
Diabetes has become the greatest public health crisis of the next quarter century. To address the burden of this disease, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) is issuing an urgent call-to-action for Americans to find out their risk for type 2 diabetes during the 21st annual American Diabetes Alert® Day. Nearly 6 million Americans have diabetes, but don't even know it. Another 57 million Americans have pre-diabetes, placing them at increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

On American Diabetes Alert Day, held annually on the fourth Tuesday in March, the American Diabetes Association encourages people who are overweight, physically inactive, and over the age of 45 years to take the Diabetes Risk Test. The Diabetes Risk Test requires users to answer simple questions about weight, age, family history and other potential risk factors for type 2 diabetes. The Diabetes Risk Test will show users whether they are at low, moderate, or high risk for pre-diabetes or diabetes. The Diabetes Risk Test is available in English and Spanish by calling the Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or by visiting [www.diabetes.org/alert](http://www.diabetes.org/alert).

Among the primary risk factors for type 2 diabetes are being overweight, sedentary, over the age of 45 and having a family history of diabetes. African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are at an increased risk, as are women who have had babies weighing more than nine pounds at birth.

Unfortunately, people with type 2 diabetes can live for years without realizing that they have the disease. While people with diabetes can exhibit noticeable symptoms, such as frequent urination, blurred vision and excessive thirst, most people diagnosed with type 2 diabetes do not show these overt warning signs at the time that they develop the disease. Often, type 2 diabetes only becomes evident when people develop one or more of its serious complications, such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, eye damage, or nerve damage that can lead to amputations.

## MJF presented to Renskers



Lion Walter Renskers of the LaPorte Benedict Lions Club received a Melvin Jones Fellow from his club. DG Peter presented it during the Governor's visit.

## Project New Hope Children's Activities

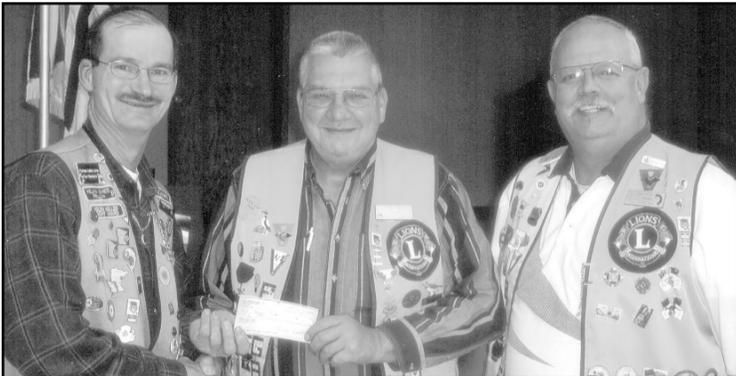
In association with Project New Hope (PNH) retreats, children's activities are made available for families. Under direction of Palisade Lion Evie Ladd, PNH Children's Activities Coordinator, kids' projects and events are planned for each of the retreats. If your club would like to make a cash donation to help with the costs of purchasing supplies, etc., for the children's activities, please send checks payable to Project New Hope with a notation for children's activities, to Evie Ladd, 48372 Great River Road, Palisade MN 56469.

# Finn receives MJF



The Bertha, Hewitt Lions Clubs and Hewitt Lioness Club had Governor's Christmas Party at Ted and Gen's in Aldrich. It was a great night, with a surprise for Hewitt Charter member Alvin Finn. Alvin received an early Christmas present, a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to him by Governor Peter VanErp.

## Kamp KACE donation



Lion Don Hendrickx, Camp West Director, accepts a donation of \$2,000 from Vergas Lions Ross Smith and Jay Norby. If you wish to donate to Kamp KACE contact Don at 218-346-5166.

# WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Roger Specht	Battle Lake	Ron Parson
Julie Argall	Elizabeth	Diane Schauff
David Holt	Elizabeth	Lorri Holt
Gary Dole	Detroit Lakes	Richard Kalinoski
John Everson	Park Rapids	Levoine Nelson
Glenn Sande	Park Rapids	Lloyd Stigman
Earl Rydell	Perham	Rosemary Bauer-Neseth
Penny Rydell	Perham	Rosemary Bauer-Neseth
Joe Stroinski	Pine River	Robert Anderson

## Cass Lake Lions help purchase emergency equipment



Zeb Hemsworth, Pike Bay police chief, accepted a check for \$200 from Cass Lake Lions Club Treasurer Connie Fickler.

The Cass Lake Lions clubs have donated \$200 towards the purchase of emergency equipment for the Pike Bay Police Department.

The money will purchase first responder jump bags for each police vehicle. A jump bag includes oxygen, trauma dressings, airway management equipment, baseline vital obtaining equipment and other items.

According to Pike Bay police chief Zeb Hemsworth, Pike Bay currently has three full-time officers consisting of one nationally registered EMT (emergency medical technician) and two certified First Responders. The equipment will give those officers the confidence to do what they were trained to do when responding to an emergency.

Giving first aid and early EMS care in trauma situations is one very critical link of the "Chain of Survival", according to Hemsworth.

"These first minutes of needed care are critical," he said, "where a First Responder can give life-saving first aid until the ambulance arrives."

## Lions we will miss

Vera Wegscheid	Bluffton Lions Club
Bruce Reuther	Breckenridge Lions Club
Harold Vandestreek	Perham Lakes Lions Club
Eugen Streeter	McGregor Lions Club

Club secretaries, please review and send or email your deceased member's photo to: Lion Jim Johansen  
8103 210th Street North, Hawley, MN 56549  
jkjohansen@juno.com 218-483-1121

This will help make the Service of Remembrance even more meaningful with a picture of your past member.

# Park Rapids awards Lions for work



Paul Grimes of Park Rapids received the Dream Catcher Award from District Governor Peter at the club's annual Governor's visit.



Park Rapids Lion Larry Fick received a Melvin Jones from his club. It was presented by District Governor Peter.

## Lions mission carried locally and worldwide

**This article ran in the Park Rapids Enterprise.**

Have you ever wondered who those people in the yellow vests were and what they did? Chances are they are members of the local Lions Club and they are working on projects important to the local, national and global communities. They are members of the world's largest service organization with 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 205 countries and geographical areas. Lions are men and women who, in 2008, volunteered an estimated 33 million hours to local, national and global projects. These same people donated an estimated \$601 million to local, national and global projects in that same time frame.

Beginning in 1917, the association of Lions clubs has provided millions of people with the opportunity to give something to their communities. Known for working to end preventable blindness, Lions continue to participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities. The Lions motto of 'WE SERVE' has never been more important than it has become during the tough economic times the country currently faces. The major projects with which Minnesota Lions are associated provide services and assistance that are becoming more expensive and less frequently available as budgets shrink.

The **Minnesota Lions Eye Bank** serves the community by providing donor eye tissue for transplant, research, and teaching and by promoting donation through education. As one of the largest and most innovative eye banks in the world, the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank has helped restore sight to more than 18,000 people. This facility, located at the University of Minnesota, also includes the **Lions Children's Eye Clinic**, the **Ophthalmology Research at the Lions Research Building** and the **Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (The MAC)**.

The **Lions Children's Hearing Center**, also located at the University of Minnesota, provides a comprehensive, state-of-the-art facility that brings together in one location resources for children with hearing disorders—from detection to assessment of associated health and genetic conditions to education of families on treatment options and long-range plans.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind**, an organization founded by Lions in 1939, provides dog guides and related services to people who are blind and visually impaired to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life.

**Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota**, based in Minneapolis, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are deaf, hard

of hearing or disabled by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs.

The **Lions Diabetes Education & Awareness Program** is paired with the American Diabetes Association, Minnesota with the mission of preventing and curing diabetes, and to improving the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

The **Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP)** has a mission of empowering communities to save sight through the early detection and timely treatment of diabetic eye disease and glaucoma and to encourage the appropriate treatment for low vision. This program also sponsors trips to countries with high incidences of poor vision, such as Mexico, to provide visual screenings and glasses to those in need.

The **Lions Services for Children Program** aims to improve the lives of children and young adolescents in adverse circumstances through health and education services, locally and internationally. Two programs included under this umbrella are the **Youth Outreach Program** and the **Youth Exchange Program**.

**Project New Hope** has a mission to provide Veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service. This new program was selected as one of the top three new Lions' programs in the world at the 2008 International Lions Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

While these major projects are of extreme importance, they are no more important than the projects Lions undertake locally. The Lions clubs of Park Rapids, Osage and Nevis have significant projects locally that would not otherwise be available if these groups were not involved. An example of this involvement is the collection used eyeglasses. There are several collection boxes located throughout these communities where individuals can drop used, unwanted eyeglasses. These collections are sent to a prison in Wisconsin where they are cleaned and refurbished, assessed for prescription, sorted and packaged for use throughout the world.

Members of Lions clubs, as do members of all service organizations, selflessly provide many hours of volunteer service and services to their communities, both local and global. However, so much more needs to be done and without additional members it is becoming more difficult. If you would like additional information about Lions or any of the programs discussed, please feel free to contact Dick Kimball [218.732.8125] or Sue Monsrud [218.237.2067].

# Lions Clubs International Convention

## July 6 - 10, 2009, Minneapolis, Minnesota

### Volunteer Update

The Host Committee Chairpersons are pleased with the MD5M Lions volunteering response. In the first month we have received hundreds of volunteer forms. We thank the many Lion volunteers for their quick response and support. We have received other informational inquiries as well about the various volunteer opportunities, job descriptions, access to the volunteer side of the website, etc.

We invite you to visit the Host Committee Website at: [www.2009LionsConvention.org](http://www.2009LionsConvention.org) The volunteer portion of the website is password protected. Contact your club president, secretary, District Governor, or a Host Committee member for the user ID and password.

Please note some additional volunteering dates have been added for Airport Drivers, Hotel Greeters, and District Governor Elect School.

Many have asked if convention registration is necessary in order to volunteer. No. The only jobs that convention registration is necessary are those that are within the convention hall such as sargeant-at-arms, the host committee booth, and the souvenir booth.

Visit our website at

[www.2009LionsConvention.org](http://www.2009LionsConvention.org)

for more information about times and  
volunteers needed.

Most jobs such as Airport and Hotel Greeters, Parade Marshals, Airport Drivers, DGE School (occurs before the convention) do not require convention registration.

However, we strongly encourage you to participate in this unique experience.

### Top Ten Reasons To Attend The LCI Convention!

10. Make 20,000 new best friends!
9. Eat Street and 100 other fabulous restaurants, theaters, entertainment, and shopping venues.
8. Whether you are a golfer or like sight seeing cruises, something is available for all tastes.
7. Come early and celebrate our Nation's Independence Day by watching fireworks over St. Anthony Falls!
6. Have you ever had the opportunity to tour the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank facility at the University of Minnesota? Two tours are planned for Monday and Wednesday.
5. Whether you march in the LCI Convention Parade, or you are a parade marshal, a great time will be had by all.
4. The Twins & Yankees On Wednesday Night! Will this be your last trip to the Metrodome?
3. Keynote Speaker Colin Powell is highly selective of the groups he speaks to and he chooses the Lions!
2. The Beach Boys Will Rock The Joint On Tuesday Night!
1. Celebrate Lionism with 20,000 Like-Minded Individuals From Over 200 Countries.

### Accommodations

Each registrant is responsible for arranging their lodging

A block of rooms at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis South (convention location) has been set aside at "convention" rates until 5:00 pm April 7, 2009. Reservations after that date and time will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis only. Convention and room parking is free and plentiful! Rooms can be reserved by contacting the hotel at:

**Sheraton Bloomington Hotel**  
**7800 Normandale Blvd.**  
**Bloomington, Minnesota 55439**  
**Phone 952-835-7800**  
**USD \$109 plus tax**

In addition, a personalized website for hotel reservations for the 2009 Convention has been created. Access the site to learn more about the event or to book, modify, or cancel a room reservation from April 08, 2008 to April 07, 2009. To access the hotel website, copy and paste the following link into a web browser:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/5M>

Other hotels and motels are also available in the immediate area. Information on area hotels and area events can be obtained by contacting:

**Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
**7900 International Drive, Suite 990**  
**Bloomington, Minnesota 55425**  
**1-866-435-7425 | Fax 952-858-8854**  
**<http://www.bloomingtonmn.org/accommodations2.asp>**

RV Parking and campground information in the Minneapolis / St Paul metro area can be obtained from the Explore Minnesota website at:

<http://www.exploreminnesota.com/lodging/campsites/index.aspx>  
Just select Metro in the "choose a region" box and click on search for a listing of metro area RV sites.

### 2009 Convention Contacts

**Lion Mike Rardin @ 952-930-0136**  
**PCC Vern Harjes @ 952-929-7047**



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



## Registration Form

**Please print**

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

Lion  Lioness  Leo  Guest

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check if this is your 1<sup>st</sup> Multiple convention)

Indicate any special needs you have:

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

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

### Meal Plan Options

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

**Total Submitted** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to MD5M 2009 Convention Fund**

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

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

**Credit cards will not be accepted – cash or checks only please – checks preferred**  
**Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 15, 2009 - \$20.00 fee for cancellations**  
**Registration forms may be obtained online at the MD5M website at [www.lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org)**

# Lakeland Hospice & Home Care Celebrates 25th Anniversary with Saturday, April 25th Extravaganza

**“Let’s help to build the promise of the Lakeland Hospice House”**

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

This sure-to-be-a-hit show will be



held at the Life Church in Fergus Falls on Hwy 210 and County Hwy 116 just West of town.

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

Doors open for the silent auction at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. with



**Heaven Bound Trio**

complementary dessert following. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by calling Lakeland Hospice & Home Care at (218) 998-1400 or by stopping by our new address at 1505 Pebble Lake Road, Suite 400 or at Victor Lundeen’s in downtown Fergus Falls.

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



**Connie Lee Stich**



**Lena**

**Peter VanErp**  
District Governor 5M9  
38214 610th Avenue  
Bluffton, MN 56518

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