



# Cultivating the News from 9



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5M9 District Governor



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## A Mission for Sight

### Recycled eyeglasses delivered, fitted by area Lions volunteers

Have you ever wondered where all those old eyeglasses end up; the eyeglasses placed in those drop boxes that are located around town and the surrounding area?

If you're ever in Mazatlan, and you see an unusual array of eyeglasses among the native population, that's where some of the glasses went. You might even spot your own pair of big-framed, big lens glasses you wore back in the 1980's.

Those who receive glasses through the Lions International recycling program may not be the most stylish folks on the planet. But the aim of the eyeglass program is function--not fashion.

On March 14, area Lions members embarked on a 7-day mis-



**Marge Johnson at the eye-testing chart, during the eyeglass distribution in Mazatlan in mid-March.**



**Sharon Neuerburg, Perham Lakes Lion, helping patient Maria read the eye charts. After the exams, the optometrist writes a prescription, and a pair that closely matches the prescription is selected from the hundreds of recycled eyeglasses.**

sion to Mazatlan, Mexico, where they participated in examining and distributing 900 pairs of glasses to the underprivileged in Mexico. These glasses were donated to Lions International, and were screened, labeled, and sorted according to prescription. A large number of these were donated and collected locally.

"We collected a small pick-up load from the Perham area alone," noted Perham Lion Len Johnson.

Perham Lions, Len and Marge Johnson, and Perham Lakes Lions, Jim and Sharon Neuerburg, Marky VanDeStreek, and Sue Dykstra, joined 24 other District 5M9 Lions and Dr. Armand Radke, a member of the Detroit Lakes Lions and also an optometrist, has organized this mission for several years.

Ottertail Lions joining the group **Story continued on back.....**



# 5M9 District Governor Peter VanErp

keep the wheels, soil and minds turning



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

### Hello Lions, Lioness and Leo's of 5M9.

Wow, where has the time gone. It has been a joy for us to Serve as your D.G and 1st Lady this past year. All of the wonderful hospitality and fellowship we have received at each club visit. We have the most wonderful Lions family anyone could ever ask or hope for here in 5M9. We had our last cabinet meeting, we only have a few clubs left to visit, our family get-togethers for Easter is over, and the third Leadership Institute is behind us again. We had 18 Lions from 5M9 registered to go to the Institute. I have not heard if everyone was able to make it but just think of the great Leadership we have and will continue to have in our Dist. With so many participating in this great Leadership Institute. Our own PCC Bert Nelson was one of the instructors again. I want to again thank all of my cabinet members for serving this past year on my cabinet. I'm hoping that many clubs called our project chairs and invited them to come to their club meetings and present their project and a program. There is still time to invite them and get a program in yet this Lions year or start the next year with a program or two. The PU 101's are coming in nicely and by the time you get this newsletter we should have all of them. It is very important to fill in all of the names, addresses, e-mails, phone numbers and spouse's names for each new club officer. This is the way the Dist. Gov. other club presidents, secretaries, Dist. Co-chairs and zone chairs can communicate with each other

and the clubs in our Dist.

The last report I got from International shows our District was down 37 members from last July first. This month we have already gained 6 new members so keep up the great work and let's see if we can't be in the plus column by June 30th.

Remember club secretaries and presidents PLEASE get your applications for the 100% Secretary and President awards in to me by June 15th so that I can order these awards before I go to the International Convention because when I come back from the convention it will be after July 1, 2009 when my term is over. I will not be able to order them then because I will be a PDG (power done gone) It makes life for me and the incoming DG a lot simpler if I can get them ordered and not have to have the new DG Jim do it for me.

Springs is here and let's keep cultivating the minds of our neighbors, friends and family and



**Lion Delores Lamb, President of the Akeley Lions and Lion Marvin Vredenburg, Membership chair of Nevis Lions have a race on who will bring in the most members this year. Lion Delores has brought in 7 new members and Lion Marvin has brought in 8 new members. Way to go.**

plant the seed into their hearts and minds and ask them to join us in this wonderful organization of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

WE SERVE .  
Until next month.  
DG Peter

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# Pete's Places to be

## May

- 1-3 MD5M Convention
- 8 Zone 8 meeting (Ginny Paulson)
- 9 Meeting for Zone Chairs held in Bluffton
- 11 Parkers Prairie Pride Lions visit
- 12 Bay Lake Area Lions visit
- 14 Hackensack Lions visit
- 18 Emily Outing 50 Lakes Lions visit

## June

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

## July

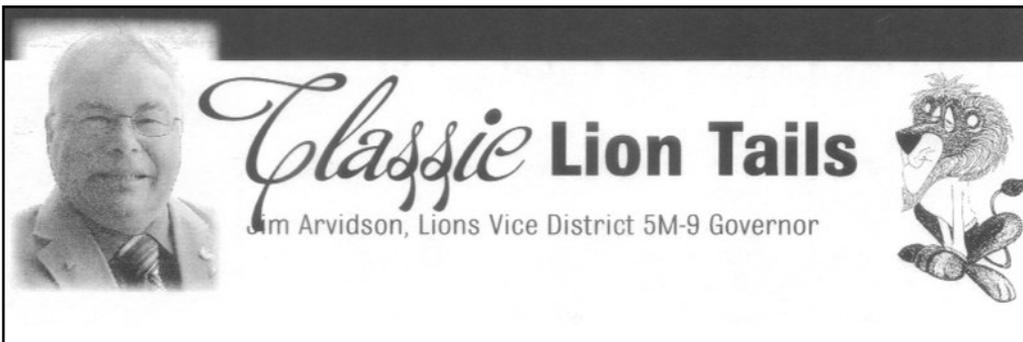
- 6-10 International Convention in MPLS

# Visit the website

at

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

for more information about times and volunteers needed



### HAPPY MAY DAY!

May Really is the beginning of many Festivals. We have May Day celebrations, Cinco De Mayo, Syttende Mai, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, 'Da Fishin Opener, and that really 'Special' day for our Mothers.

We will also be celebrating many "Classic" Lions, Community and Special Events. I look forward to hearing about all of them!



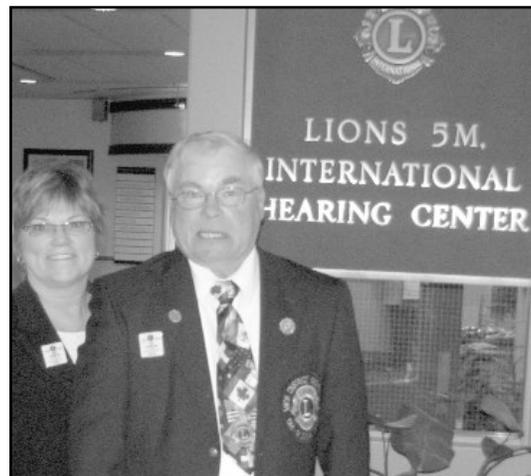
### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

District Governor Peter and I have been promoting this Great Opportunity to meet Lions from all over the World.

..... And you have responded overwhelmingly! There are several Bus Trips organized throughout the District. You also have the opportunity to volunteer yet, if you can do that. I would also encourage you to be on hand the last day of the convention when I can Greet you as the next 5M9 District Governor. I am proud of all of District 5M9 Lions and look forward to seeing you there.

### LEADERSHIP

District 5M9 will be well-prepared in the years ahead with leadership. Several Lions graduated from the Institute of Leadership held recently. Congratulations! The College of Leadership was also successful in preparing Club Officers for the coming year. Thank you for attending.



DGE Jim and Linda visited the Lions 5M Hearing Center in March during thier training session to serve as Governor.

"WE SERVE" The need to serve our communities and all of mankind continues. There is so much to do, but we can be very Proud of what we do! I Thank you for that.

The Hospice House "Gala Event" was well-attended and got us closer to our goal for the LCIF \$75,000 Grant, but we will need to continue looking for ways to support this and be successful in reaching our goal. Together "We Can Make A Difference."

I continue to be impressed by the Youth of our communities. I had the opportunity to attend an appreciation dinner for a Leo's club, what a great group of kids doing projects for their community as well. But we also have great programs for Outreach, Youth Exchange, Quest, Peace poster and others. The future of our communities and country is in good hands!

This really is a "CLASSIC" Time.  
DGE Jim

OLE says, "WHEN YOU GET TO THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE - BE SURE TO LOOK BOTH WAYS!!"

# Lions Hearing Foundation at the University of Minnesota

In 1973, Lions of 5M made a commitment to help build a hearing center at the University of Minnesota. Since its inception in 1977, the Hearing Foundation has made an impact and has given over six million dollars to the University.

One out of every ten people is affected by hearing loss. 5M Lions included voice and communication disorder at the Hearing Center. Speech is affected by hearing loss.

Pioneering effort in early 2000 with newborn screening and infant hearing loss allowed the Foundation to apply for a LCIF grant of \$75,000 to start the Lions Children's Hearing Center at the University. Along with donations from Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs and Leo Clubs, this center was completed in 2007. The Children's Hearing Center is family-friendly. The doctors come to you - the family and child - in a room much like your family room at home. All diagnosis and information is done here.

In 2008, Governor Tim Pawlenty signed a bill making it mandatory

that all babies be screened at birth for hearing defects. A lot of hearing problems have been found - most are minor and are easily corrected but some are worse and need cochlear implants. Loaner hearing aids are available for infants up to age one at no cost to give parents a chance to decide on treatment for their child.

Please keep all your donations coming in so we can help our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren hear for life without a lot of medical bills. So far, 52 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs have sent donations. Thank you.

For other clubs, there's still time to donate this year. We still have a lot of research to be done.

Thanks again to the Lions, Lioness and Leos for your donations so we can keep improving people's hearing and better life style. All donations go for research and equipment.

PDG Ken Anderson

Co-Chair, 5M9 Hearing Foundation



## Lion 'catches a dream'

Perham Lion Marge Johnson was presented with the Dreamcatcher Award for her work on Lions diabetes-related program. Johnson has worked the diabetes-screening booth at the Perham Trade show for more than 10 years--ever since the screenings began to be offered.

Only about 50 "Dreamcatcher" awards have been presented in Minnesota, according to Len Johnson, who is co-chair of diabetes for 5M-9, the Lions region that covers much of Minnesota. Appropriately, Len, who has spoke throughout the region as diabetes co-chair, presented the honor to his wife, Marge. Len, a diabetic himself and one of 330,000 in the state who are afflicted, and Marge helped design the new "Dreamcatcher" award.

Conducting health screenings such as diabetes is familiar ground for Marge, who is a retired nurse--who worked more than 34 years in the profession.

Pictured left is Marge, with Len at left, and Perham Lions President Gary Senske, right.

## 5M9 Marching bands need your help!

District 5M9 has three bands participating in the Lions Club International parade this year in Minneapolis.

The marching bands from New York Mills, Bertha-Hewitt and Fergus Falls have been accepted.

Please send your donations to 5M9 Treasurer Dale Johansen at 21008 Co. Hwy 35, Underwood, Mn 56586.

Make the checks out to 5M9 Lions and put Marching Bands in the memo. The donations will be divided up three ways.

## Hackensack helps with taxes

The Hackensack Lions Club has again made a donation to the TCE Tax Program to help with E-Filing Tax Returns.

Patty Herheim, left, accepts a \$200 check from Lions Gambling Manager Pat

Fisher. This is the seventh year that the Lions have helped fund this service. Trained volunteers man the numerous sites in the county. With the Hackensack Lions' help, Cass County preparers help service around 1,000 elderly and low-income people.



# The 'Melissa Project'

## Area donations provide laptop computer as birthday gift to a special Perham student--with a special smile

By Louis Hogle, Perham Enterprise Bulletin

Melissa Barvels was all smiles on her 12th birthday, when she received a laptop computer as a gift.

But then, smiling is nothing unusual for Melissa, a Perham Prairie Wind Middle School student who is afflicted with spina bifida.

"What is special about Melissa is her beautiful smile," said her grandfather, LeRoy Johnson. "She is not a complainer and a very special 12-year-old."

An informal coalition of folks donated about \$800 in order to provide her with a laptop.

Jerry Pyles was the technical guy behind what came to be known as the "Melissa Project." After money was collected from two dozen private donors and the Perham Lions Club, Pyles and Myron Lueders "prepped" the laptop, and Lueders delivered it March 20--on Melissa's birthday. To top it off, a software vendor, Royal Discount, donated a free copy of Microsoft Office Pro.

"You can't miss the beautiful smile," commented Pyles.

Melissa is the daughter of Linda and Adrian Barvels.

Spina bifida is a birth defect that involves the incomplete development of the spinal cord or its coverings.

# Community Service Project

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) is asking the Lions Clubs in Minnesota to consider sponsoring a bus from your community to the Diabetes EXPO in November. (ADA does not pay for the transportation/buses.) Several clubs and one District are already sponsoring buses, but I would encourage your District/club to consider this project. The annual Diabetes EXPO will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center (1301 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis). Providing buses to the EXPO offers people in your community opportunities to get free diabetes screenings (foot, eye, A1c, blood pressure, BMI, bone density, cholesterol, sleep apnea); information, resources and services from over 90 vendors; cooking and fitness demonstrations; an Ask the Expert area for their questions; and speakers providing information on various diabetes topics. People who ride the buses do not have to pay for parking or entrance to the EXPO and buses park free (sorry, carpool vans cannot park free).

If you should decide to sponsor a bus from your District/local area (or if several clubs work together to coordinate transportation providing stops in several towns) please work with the local clinics and hospitals to promote the transportation to their patients and families with diabetes. Ask people to register ahead of time. Use a convenient place with free parking (clinic, hospital, large store, etc.) for pick up and drop off. Consider charging a small fee (\$3-\$5) to ride the bus; more people will commit to getting on the bus. The fee could be refunded if a patient cannot go or you could waive the fee for people who cannot pay. Have someone check as to who is on the bus when it leaves your community and when it leaves the EXPO to make sure no one is left behind. Set up a time and place for everyone to meet at the EXPO prior to getting on the bus. Drop off and pick up at the Minneapolis Convention

Center is right at the front door.

Local retailers may be able to provide free parking, snacks, and/or water for passengers on the bus. Check with them ahead of time.

Ideas for things that can be conducted during the bus ride: diabetes education (have one of your local diabetes educators come along), diabetes bingo, games, issues for discussion (pull from a hat or a bowl), Q & A with a diabetes educator (the educator who rides with you), crossword puzzles, word search, pre- and post-tests on diabetes. Coming home people can share things they saw or heard at EXPO that were new, different, exciting to them, something they learned, etc. Don't forget to give people time to get to know one another and to just relax too (both before and after they attend the EXPO).

Once you know that you will be offering a bus from your community, please contact Chris Schaefer at 1-888-342-2383, ext. 6592 or at [cschaefer@diabetes.org](mailto:cschaefer@diabetes.org). We will put the cities for pick up and the contact name and info on our EXPO website. Brochures go out July 1st so as soon as we know you have a bus we can help promote it. If you need more information about the EXPO, transportation, promotional pieces, etc. contact Chris.

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# Nimrod Lions host Easter party

On Saturday, April 4, the Nimrod Lions welcomed the children of the Nimrod area to their annual Easter party. Because of the snow and wet and cold weather, they decided to have the party in the Nimrod Hall.

There the children signed up for door prizes, played games, and met the Easter Bunny. The Lions had many prizes to hand out as they made sure that no child went home empty-handed.



Fifty-seven children signed up for prizes and six were very lucky to receive new bikes.

Many different kinds and sizes of stuffed animals, backpacks, kites, alarm clocks, Easter baskets, and many other miscellaneous prizes were also handed out to the children.

Cookies and Kool-aid were passed out while games were played.

Pictures could be taken with the Easter Bunny, but some of the younger children were not so happy to sit on the Easter Bunny's lap. As children were leaving, they all received a bag full of goodies from the Easter Bunny.

The Nimrod Lions would like to thank all the children and their parents for coming to their annual Easter party.

## WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Daniel Malmstrom	Battle Lake	Chuck Reeve
Trisha Abrahamson	Cass Lake Lake Country	Renee Wittner
Luey Kane	Cass Lake Lake Country	Chari Buhman
Michael Hathaway	Cass Lake	William Lester
Gary Nelson	Cormorant	Marshall Moore
Chris Brand	Deer Creek	Buck Weaver
Lynette Andor	Deerwood Lakes	Jerry Kester
Jerry Kester	Deerwood Lakes	Catherine McDougal
Paula Robinson	Deerwood Lakes	Diann Bates
Alice Skattum	Deerwood Lakes	Kathy Novak
Judith Bounds	Nimrod	Donald Fredericksen
Rodney Bounds	Nimrod	Donald Fredericksen
Mary Hansen	Nimrod	Kay Oehlenschlager
Terry Kennedy	Nimrod	Barbara Matson
Timothy Munn	Nimrod	Robert Stahl
Dennis Thomes	Nimrod	Donald Fredericksen
Patricia Katzner	Park Rapids	Albin Katzner
Chris Klukken	Parkers Prairie	Robert Harris
Bob Salfishberg	Pequot Lakes Breezy Point	Molly Ring
Molly Carter	Underwood	Elias Larson
Judy Vogel	Underwood	Frank Vogel
Orville Furreness	Underwood	Philip Aune
Douglas Green	Underwood	John Quaal
David Holmgren	Underwood	James Hecker II
Duane Pocta	Underwood	John Quaal
Kimberly Quaal	Underwood	Vernon Quaal
Jim Dowson	Walker	Jeanne Nelson

## New members inducted



Cass Lake Lions Club president and Past District Governor Dick Labratten held an induction of new members. Those inducted included Al Ruzek (sponsored by Leonard Tompkins), Gene Hasert (sponsored by Ardean Brasgalla), Nathalie Hasert, Charlie Smith and Mary Smith (sponsored by Judy Brasgalla). Back row: Labratten, C. Smith, Ruzek, Tompkins and A. Brasgalla. Front row: J. Brasgalla, M. Smith, N. Hasert and G. Hasert.

## Lions we will miss

Marilyn Peysar  
Andy Schmith  
Donald Sather  
Nancy Gilster  
Roberta Cox

Aitkin Riverboat Lions Club  
Aldrich Lions Club  
McGregor Lions Club  
Nimrod Lions Club  
Osage 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.

# Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota

## 1989 to 2009--Celebrating 20 Years of Independence, Freedom, and Peace of Mind

Throughout 2009 Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota will be celebrating our 20th anniversary of partnering assistance dogs with people who need them. That's "140 dog years" of creating lasting, life-giving relationships with our clients, sponsors, donors, veterinarians, breeders, animal shelters, puppy raisers, foster homes, volunteers and you.

### Can you imagine what has happened in 20 years?

While that might be hard to imagine, envision 20 times these accomplishments of 2008:

- 121 dogs entered the program with 74 puppy and foster care homes
- 394 volunteers provided 119,315 hours of valuable assistance
- 27 teams graduated

In each and every way you helped, you assisted us in placing four hearing dogs, eighteen service dogs, one special skills dog, and four autism assist dogs, giving their partners more independence, freedom and peace of mind. Thank you!

### Can you imagine what will happen in the next 20 years?

### Looking back with you

As we are looking over our past 20 years, we thankfully remember the gifts each person has brought to us. The energy, ideas, time, laughter, dedication and generosity have been beyond anything we could have imagined in 1989 when our first Hearing Dog, "Annie," completed training.

To help us celebrate, we are compiling a history of our organization and we want to hear from you.

- What brought you to Hearing and Service Dogs?
- What do you like best about our work?
- What is your favorite story?
- How has it touched your life or the life of someone you know?

Send your story and pictures to Shelly Hiemer at [shiemer@hdsdm.org](mailto:shiemer@hdsdm.org) or call her at 612-729-5986 ext. 115. These special tales will be compiled into a book that will grow throughout 2009 and be on display at our offices and at anniversary events throughout the year!



Lion Al Peters took this picture of the visiting District Governor Elects at the Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota. The DGE's brought food and treats for the dogs in appreciation of the tour, valuable information and heart warming presentations.

## 4th Annual Mid-MN Women's Center Charity Golf Scramble Sunday, June 14 • 1 pm start

The Whitefish Area Lions Club is sponsoring the 4th Annual Mid-MN Women's Center Charity Golf Scramble on Sunday June 14th with a 1 pm shotgun start. It is a four person, 18 holes tournament. The registration fee is \$50 per player, which includes green fees, golf cart, small feast and special events. Registration is at noon. You can bring a team or we can team you up. Take a chance on winning \$1,000 on the Hole-

In-One contest. Plus prizes for Men's, Women's, and Mixed teams, along with longest putt, longest drive and closest to the pin contests. Make checks payable to Whitefish Area Lions, PO Box 276, Crosslake, MN 56442 Call 218-546-5181 or visit us on the web at [www.whitefish-lions.org](http://www.whitefish-lions.org)

# WDC/Bluffton Leos Appreciation night

The Bluffton Lions, Deer Creek Lions, and Wadena Lions hosted the "Leo Appreciation Night" on Monday, April 6. The event was held at the Bluffton Community Center in Bluffton.

After a meal of sloppy joes, chips, veggies, and ice cream sundaes, prepared and served by the Bluffton Lions, a short program was enjoyed by the Leos, parents, and other guests.

The Leos were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their community service hours. District Governor Peter Van Erp presented each Leo present at this event with his personal pin.

The Wadena-Deer Creek/Bluffton Leos Club was formed in 1998 with the help of then Leo Chairman Dan Lorentz and PDG Ken Anderson. They met with the Wadena-Deer Creek school administration to get permission to form a Leos club. With a resounding yes, they advertised for members and received answers from over 20 seventh grade students.

PDG Ken Anderson has been the liason between the Leos and the three clubs.

Deer Creek Lion Dave Kahl has served as the Wadena-Deer Creek/Bluffton Leo advisor for many of those years.

**Pictured on the right: Front row: Leos Ricky Price, Matt Green, Lucena Brown and Joey Price. 2nd row: Lion Dan Lorentz, Sam Killian, Andrew Fultz, Marrisa Mann and Ashley Tuttle 3rd. row: Scott Brown and Kelsey Schwartz and PDG Ken Anderson**



**Lion Dan and Pat Lorentz, 1st Lady Margaret and DG Peter VanErp, Gloria Anderson and PDG Ken Anderson**



## Project New Hope updates

Over the last 18 months it has been the goal of everyone involved with Project New Hope to serve the Veterans and family members of Minnesota. During this 18 month period we have served Veterans and family members from Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Canada. We will be holding our first retreat in Canada this coming June and we are currently in the planning phase of holding Project New Hope retreats in Wisconsin this year.

In order to help bring Project New Hope to the next level I am pleased to welcome Jerry Braam to the Project New Hope Board of Director's. Jerry is the co-owner of AJB Outdoors, a beef jerky and meat product company that produces product for Mossy Oak and will soon be producing the official beef jerky of Nascar. The Nascar Jerky will be a licensed Dale Earnhardt Sr jerky brand. <http://www.ajboutdoors.com/>

Jerry will be responsible for creating and maintaining Corporate partnerships. Corporate sponsorships will power the growth of Project New Hope as we work to serve Veterans and their families. 95% of all Veterans participate in outdoor activities whether it be hunting, fishing, camping or back packing. Jerry's first action will be to secure the support of the WPM Group <http://www.thewpmpgroup.com> The WPM

Group has a very strong presence with outdoor companies and the WPM Group will undoubtedly be able to connect us with those companies.

I am pleased to announce the addition of Todd Coppernoll to the Project New Hope Board of Directors. Todd is the CEO of the Wisconsin based WPM Group. The WPM Group develops and implements marketing campaigns, including graphic design, web design, logo and tag line creation, trade show bookings, media buying, copy writing and press releases.

Todd will be responsible for the marketing of Project New Hope. Todd has previously worked with Motorola, eBay, Tech Data, Remington Arms, True Value Hardware, the US Postal Service, Sturm Ruger, Mossy Oak Properties, DoItbest Hardware, JC Penney and Frontier Airlines, among others.

Please welcome Jerry and Todd to the Project New Hope team.

Bruce Billington

## Whitefish Lions assists Crosslake food shelf



The Whitefish Area Lions Club took donations during the Crosslake St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14. They collected food and monetary donations from the crowds on the street. Then on March 28th, they hosted another food drive at Reed's Market. They collected 533 pounds of food and \$2,016 in cash combined with Lion Connie Jo Bolei collecting almost \$700 by herself alone.

Our club is pretty proud of this as last year we only collected \$700 and the economy was in better shape!

## Lest We Forget

Every now and then we need a reminder...

The Lions Affordable Hear Aid Project is very much alive and well, and about one-third of our 5M9 clubs are taking advantage of it to make a huge difference in the lives of their neighbors in need. These are outstanding products using current technology; we have witnessed them in action serving very happy users!

While typical hearing aids these days frequently cost \$4000 - \$6000 a pair, Lions aids can be provided for about \$800 including the cost of the services of the hearing professional. Most clubs feel that the user should pay a portion of the cost-perhaps 10%. Candidate users must meet limited income guidelines of approximately 180% of Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify which translates into about \$19,000 for a household of one or \$26,000 if two people. These are only general guidelines.

When such a modest cost of about \$700 can add so much to the quality of life for someone in need it would be a fine thing if more of our clubs were taking advantage of this wonderful LCIF Lions project!

Remind Lions at your next membership meeting to be alert for likely candidates.

For more information, contact [Deborah.stamm@lionsclubs.org](mailto:Deborah.stamm@lionsclubs.org) or 5M9 Project Coordinator Jack Heule (218 678-2150, [jackheule@mlecbw.net](mailto:jackheule@mlecbw.net)).

## 90 years young



Vi Hancock of the Baxter Lions recently celebrated her 90th birthday with 18 years of service with the Baxter Lions Club.

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

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

Brought to you by 5M9 Youth Exchange Co-Chairs,  
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## Host Committee Volunteer Registration Update

The **Host Committee Booth** and the **Merchandise Booths** are fully staffed. Thank you!

We need the most help attracting volunteers for:

- **District Governor Elect School** – the school starts the week before the convention at the Minneapolis Convention Center. You do not need to be registered for the convention to volunteer before the convention starts from June 29. You only need to be registered for the convention during the convention times on July 6 – 10. Contact PID Maynard Rucks if you have any questions.
- **Sergeant-At-Arms** – Convention registration is required
- **Parade Marshals** – No convention registration is required.
- **Airport Drivers** – No convention registration is required.
- **Hotel and Airport Greeters** – No convention registration is required.

If you can help, please use the Volunteer Registration Form on the following page.



## “Snowman Volunteer Shirt” Update

The official uniform shirt orders have been brisk! We have another shipment due in today. Get your orders in now for delivery at the Multiple Convention on May 1 – 3. Or have the shirt conveniently mailed to your home. For a shirt order form, go to:

<http://www.2009lionsconvention.org/volunteer/documents/volunteer-ShirtOrderForm1-22-09.pdf>

## Beach Boys Concert Additional Tickets Available

Your registration for the LCI Convention gets you into the Beach Boys concert on Tuesday July 7. Many of our Lions are helping volunteer for the Parade that day but are not registered for the convention. Consider staying for the Beach Boys concert that evening or bring a non-registered family member or friend!

A limited number of international show tickets featuring the Beach Boys are available for US\$20.00 for guests and family members of convention registrants. All tickets are general admission. The proceeds will go to LCIF. Tickets are only available on-line and confirmed at the time of purchase. All tickets are non-refundable.

<https://www5.lionsclubs.org/eventmanager/OnlineRegistration.asp?eventcode=RC7>

## Host Hotel Update

The Host Hotel is filling up. Spring Hill Suites near I-394 and Highway 100 in St. Louis Park is offering a \$99 rate as an overflow hotel that includes breakfast!

## RV Park News

The RV Park at the State Fair Grounds has plenty of room. Shuttle buses are available to registered convention attendees between the Fair Grounds and the Minneapolis Convention Center. For additional information go to:

<http://www.2009lionsconvention.org/camperinfo.htm>

## PDG's Needed!

Past District Governors are asked to get in touch with PDG Clay Storley or PDG Joe Fox ASAP regarding driving in the parade and helping at the Hilton Hotel Information Booth.

## Twins Game, Cruises, and Golf Tournament News

Lion Mike Molenda and his staff have put together several wonderful events to enjoy during your stay in Minneapolis. On Monday, July 6, take an afternoon sight-seeing Mississippi River cruise through downtown Minneapolis. That evening, enjoy a leisurely dinner cruise on the Mississippi River.

Need a more active pursuit? Try the Lions Golf Tournament at the beautiful Hastings Country Club.

Pre-sales for the Twins / Yankees baseball game on Wednesday July 8 have been brisk. The Twins organization will make a donation to LCIF for each ticket sold.

For additional information and to sign up for the Cruises, Golf Tournament, or the Twins game, go to:

<http://www.2009lionsconvention.org/events.htm>



# Lions Clubs International

92<sup>nd</sup> Convention

July 6-10, 2009 – Minneapolis, Minnesota

## 2009 Volunteer Form

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the 2009 Convention!  
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our  
Volunteer Recruiting Chairman, Lion Lynn Farley, PDG.

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Name & E-mail of a person in your club that information could be  
sent to for you: Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. City: \_\_\_\_\_

5. State / Province: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Country: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

8. E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Best time to reach you: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_

13. Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

14. District: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Club Type: Lion: \_\_\_\_ Lioness: \_\_\_\_ Leo: \_\_\_\_

16. Current Office held (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

17. Any physical limitations? (e.g., can't stand for long periods, can't carry things over 20 lbs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

18. Times Available:

Morning

Afternoon

All Day

19. Area or areas you wish to volunteer for:

Sergeant at Arms

7/6  7/7  7/8  7/9  7/10  Unsure

Airport Greeter

6/27  6/28  6/29  6/30  7/1  7/2

7/3  7/4  7/5  7/6

Unsure

Hotel Host

7/4  7/5  7/6  7/7  7/8  7/9  Unsure

Host Office & Information Booth

Full  7/6  7/7  7/8  7/9  7/10  Unsure

Merchandise Booth

Full  7/6  7/7  7/8  7/9  7/10  Unsure

Parade Marshall

7/7 Only

Transportation

6/27  6/28  6/29  7/11  7/12  Unsure

DGE School

6/29  6/30  7/1  7/2  7/3  7/46  7/5

7/6  7/7  7/8  7/9  Unsure

Interpreter / Dates are unavailable at this time / as needed

20. Any additional comments? \_\_\_\_\_

**Required dress for all volunteers is to be the Blue MD5M Snowman Shirt, Khaki pants, slacks or skirt.**

Thanks for your interest in volunteering for the 2009 Lions International Convention. We will be in contact shortly.

# A Mission for Sight



PDG Jim Neuerburg is checking over all the eyeglasses available for the people who need them in Mazatlan.



Pictured (left) during a break from the eye-glass distribution in Mazatlan are, Marge Johnson, Sharon Neuerburg, the waiter, Len Johnson, Jim Neuerburg, Sue Dykstra, and Marky VanDeStreek.

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were Jerry and Shirley Smith, Becky and Laurie Woessner and Bob and Darlene Baily. Others were from Underwood, Fergus Falls, Parkers Prairie, Park Rapids, Detroit Lakes, Lake Park, and Fargo.

“Most of the group members are repeat volunteers, just because it is such a gratifying mission. The Lions Club in Mexico hosted the event, and those who could speak English were very helpful,” noted Marge Johnson.

Some of the people stood in line for two days in a row to receive eyeglasses. The people of Mazatlan are extremely grateful for the chance to see - some for the first time. Marge Johnson tried to cope without her glasses for just a short time and realized how we take our sight for granted only because we can afford eyeglasses.

There was one 10-year-old boy who touched all their hearts, added Marge Johnson. His mother said he couldn’t read, and had problems learning. The mother was tearful and so appreciative that he got his first pair of glasses, and had high hopes for better learning.

“The boy’s reaction to his new sight was amazing, touching, and heartwarming,” said Marge.

The six Perham-area Lions are already planning on participating again next year.

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