

5M9 Service Journal

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR—TOM PLAGMAN

We Serve



President's Message

Dear Lion,

Every one of our 1.4 million members is passionate about service. And we know we can achieve great things by working together. This is the Power of We—and why we created the Global Action Team. It brings together our leadership, membership and service, and puts the entire Lions network to work for your club.

The **Global Action Team** consists of

- **Global Leadership Team (GLT)** to identify leaders and development opportunities for every Lion.
- **Global Membership Team (GMT)** to help clubs find new members and keep current Lions coming back.
- **NEW! Global Service Team (GST)** to provide service resources and project support.

Service has always been the heart and soul of Lions. That's why we developed this service-aligned structure to help clubs around the world take action to serve more people. If every one of our Lions served just 8 people per month, we would impact 134 million people per year—a big step toward our goal of helping 200 million people per year by 2021. This is the Power of Action.

Learn more about what this global network can do for your club by visiting the [Global Action Team](#) webpage.



Sincerely,
Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
 Your International President





District Governor Tom Plagman

5M9 COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECTS.

This summer I have been to see several Centennial projects in our District.

Aitkin Lions water fountain

The Aitkin Lions installed a Lion water fountain in a vacant lot in downtown Aitkin. This project had involvement from a local business, a plumber, the City of Aitkin and others. The property is owned by a local bank. With their permission, a local plumber was contracted to extend existing water service, build a concrete pad and install the fountain. Members of the Aitkin Club laid sod to finish the project. The fountain is highly visible and well placed beside a downtown sidewalk and only 100 feet from the main intersection in Aitkin. The fountain fittingly has a plaque memorializing two long time Lions members who passed away in the last year.

Pillager Veterans park

As you drive through Pillager on Highway 210 it is hard to miss the Lions All Veterans Park. The park has a playground, a Lion fountain, a Lion bench and a very touching memorial to the veterans of all wars. Well done Pillager.

Parkers Prairie swimming pool

When First Lady Michele and I attended the Fall Festival parade we were made aware of the municipal pool in the city park. Not every small town in Minnesota has a municipal pool. Here in the land of 10,000 lakes, some would say why have a pool when have all of the pristine lakes, and the question is well made. On that hot summer day it was apparent many folks young and old found the local pool quite refreshing. The Parkers Prairie and Parkers Prairie Lions both had a part in making the pool a reality. And it is a reality that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Sign/map in Hackensack

In the 1970's a sign was placed beside a local bakery in Hackensack. This sign was more than just advertisement ,it was a map of the lakes in the area around the town of Hackensack. As one can imagine after 20-30 years the sign was showing its age. It became the project of the local Lions club to give it new life. A sign painter was contracted, the sign taken down and the new sign was installed in its new location. It is now one block off the main road for safety reasons. This sign is now beside the city park.

Vergas Zoo shelter house

One of the best surprises of the summer was dedicating a new shelter house for the Vergas Lions. One does not expect to find a zoo in the country west of Vergas but that is where it is. As you leave town on the country road and drive through wooded rural Minnesota surroundings the last thing you expect to find amid all the farms and lakes is a zoo, but there it is. Situated on 10 acres with 30 more for expansion is the Trollbridge Zoo. A small family operation that grew from the original deer to what the operation it now is. The Vergas Lions provided the funds to build a shelter house atop a hill at the zoo and it is there where we had a meeting and dedicated the shelter house on a beautiful summer afternoon/evening.

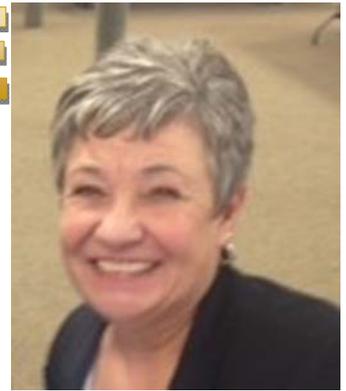
If you have and questions about Lions centennial projects you and go to:

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-legacy-projects.php>

Yours in Service,
DG Tom Plagman

SOW THE SEEDS OF SERVICE

PRAISE—ENCOURAGE—EDUCATE—HAVE FUN



1st Vice District Governor

Rose Puckett



Last month was a great month for me.

I attended a planning meeting with our Global Leadership, Global Membership, and Global Service Team Leaders. Upcoming is a New Member Contest and a plan for a Combined Zone Summer Family Picnic for the summer of 2018.

A trip to the Leader Dog Facilities in Rolling Hills, Michigan was absolutely inspiring along with an eye opening educational experience. “Thank You” to the wonderful volunteers who make Leader Dog possible. Here is one fact I would like to share: In 1938 three Lions established Leader Dogs for the Blind to train guide dogs and in 2014 Leader Dog celebrated 75 years of service having paired 14,500 guide dogs with people who are blind, visually impaired, or Deaf-Blind.

Did you know that Paul Bunyan’s wife was married to Lorretta? I met her at Hackensack while attending the Hackensack Lions 100 Year Project Dedication, Picnic, and Awards Ceremony. A fun night with great food and great Lions although Lorretta didn’t have much to say. It is obvious that the Hackensack Lions have made a big impact in their community.

Central Lakes College of Brainerd held their Orientation Day on August 18th. Our 5M9 District has a College Lions Club at CLC and we were hard at work encouraging new students to consider joining Lions. Lion Bunny and Leader Dog Trixie along with Amy Roth and Assist Dog Dinger were in attendance also.

Our 5M9 District also held three Combined Zone Meetings in August.

So, as busy as the month was, I still had the energy to drop in on the Garrison Lions Ice Cream Social and check out their 100 Year Big Chair Project. Always room for a little ice cream!

1st Vice District Governor

Lion Rose Puckett



Above: **Cass Lake Country Lions** served a brat and sweet corn lunch at the Cass Lake Lyle’s Logging Camp Museum to raise money to help support the museum.



STRAIGHT SHOOTING FOR LIONS

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

SANDY REMINGTON



August has been a busy month! Dedications, Multi Zone Fairs, Membership Drives, Parades, OH MY! And it has all been such fun! Looking forward to fall Zone Meetings, Club Visits, and chances to meet more great Lions!

Now for some serious discussion. Diabetes. Did you know that diabetes is one of the few disorder's that can affect almost every system in the human body? A disorder of the endocrine system, it can lead to diabetic neuropathy which is painful nerve ending damage, especially in the feet and legs. It can damage blood vessels causing decreased circulation and slower healing of fingers and toes. This can lead to gangrene and amputations of toes and feet. It can cause kidney failure leading to the need for dialysis and possibly kidney transplants. It can affect cardiac tissue leading to heart disease. Diabetic Retinopathy can lead to blindness. Control of blood sugar is paramount. This requires medication, blood testing and insulin injections several times a day, every day. Now think of Type I Diabetics who are usually children and have to deal with this. Sounds rather dismal doesn't it? Here's the GOOD news. Lions have diabetes in their sight. Research, like that supported by the Lions Diabetes Foundation, has led to the development of pumps and glucose monitoring devices to more closely monitor and regulate blood sugar thus decreasing the amount of damage to the rest of the body from diabetes. Continued support of research could lead us, one day, to developing an artificial pancreas that would produce insulin, pancreas transplants, or other means to cure diabetes. No more blood testing or insulin injections. Every diabetics' dream. Let's help make this dream a reality. Keep diabetes in your sights! Support the Lions Diabetes Foundation.

2nd Vice District Governor

Sandy Remington

Right: The Hewitt Lions encourage children to read by helping them enjoy owning their very own books. The kindergarten students were all asked which book would be on their "wish list" to own. The teacher gave the list to Hewitt Lions Club who then purchased these books and presented them to the students. This was the third year of this project.



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Left: **Riverside Fergus Falls Lions** Keith Lillis, Angie Houge, Bonnie Stevens and Bev Norton prepare to do Kids Sight Eye Screening in Fergus Falls on August 2.

Below: **Riverside Fergus Falls Lions** helped to serve snacks to riders doing the MS Tram Ride on July 22.

Lion Bonnie Stevens cuts fruit while Lions Burke Almquist and Keith Lillis hand out fruit and sandwiches to the riders



Below: By the end of day 2 of Deerwood Summerfest the **Deerwood Lakes Lions** were feeling a bit tired when a young family came by. When little Erick Stark saw the BIG Lion he wanted it so they showed him the little Cecil Lion. Erick gave Cecil some hugs but when Erick's parents tried to take Cecil from Erick, well you could say he started to roar. Rest assured the DLL Lions did what Lions do best. They gave back and little Cecil has a new home. As you can see, Erick Stark is a future Lion!



Left: The **Deerwood Lakes Lions** needed help during the set up and break down at their Rummage Sale August 11-12. The Crosby Youth Group sent Alyssa Paxton, McKensie Engebretson, Zachary Zaleski & Mrs. Lusk.

Below: Lion Diann Bates' grandson Reece Fish also helped out.



Right: The **Deerwood Lakes Lions** welcomed DG Tom Plagman on Aug 14 at their Membership Meeting. He spoke on the future of Lions. They sang DG Tom Happy Birthday backwards since his birthday was the next day.



The **Brainerd Leos** showed how **Kindness Matters** by participating in the **#TheKindnessRocksProject**. This project promotes kindness through painting words of encouragement and pictures on rocks. These rocks are then placed throughout the community to inspire and brighten people's days. **Brainerd Leos** were able to share this project with the **MD5M Youth Exchange students**. They painted rocks together with pictures from their countries and words of encouragement in their countries language. Over 100 rocks were painted. The **Brainerd Leos Club** then placed the rocks throughout the Crow Wing County Fair Grounds in Brainerd, MN to be enjoyed by fair goers the week of August 1st to August 5th. We hope to inspire others to share their kindness through painting rocks or in other ways which they are inspired.



The **Hackensack Lions Club** recently dedicated their Legacy Project for their community. An updated map of the area for visitors and locals alike.

C l u b A c t i v i t i e s



The **Baxter Lions** had a great time hosting the 5M Youth Exchange Students. 31 students from 23 countries! They were hungry after spending the afternoon at Camp Confidence. We were happy to have ID Bruce Beck attend. After eating, the youth painted "friendship rocks" that were distributed around the Brainerd area. Keep a look out for them!



KAMP KACE 2017 FISHING DAY



KAMP KACE, (Kids Against Cancer Everywhere) officially kicked off the year on Sunday June 23 at the YMCA Camp on Big Cormorant Lake. 122 Campers participated this year. The camp is sponsored by Lions Clubs International and other donors.

Members from the Cormorant Lions Club were responsible for organizing the fishing outing on June 25th. A very sunny sky and a very, very, strong south wind (3 foot waves at times!) greeted the flotilla of 19 pontoons and 18 boats who came to the lake to take the kids fishing. Many pontoons were captained by local Cormorant Lions members and members of the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club. Every pontoon also had a "first mate" to help with the fishing. Many of the boats were supplied by members of the FM Walleye Club. They would take out two kids and a chaperone each. Three "pick up" boats braved the rough waters all afternoon to return fish to the Kamp for cleaning by the Vergas Lions, Cormorant Lions and friends in preparation for the big fish fry on Wednesday.

The high waves and strong south wind did not deter the kids from having a great day. The adults may have grumbled about getting a little soaked trying to reach waters calm enough to fish, but the kids thought it was great and wanted to "go faster" so more waves would break over the side of the pontoons and boats and cool them off. Once calmer waters were located the fishing was fast and furious. Many rock bass and blue gill were caught by the eager anglers.

Our pontoon hosted four young men and two chaperones, as one fisherman was visually impaired. One of our anglers landed, by his count, 57 fish in our two and a half hours of fishing. We exhausted our crawler supply and were down to our last couple leeches (we started with a 100!) by the end of the day.

Our visually impaired lad did not let this slow him down for a second. With his fingers on the line he would feel for the bite and when it came, he would start reeling and land his fish. He kept his chaperone very busy all afternoon. The boys were so busy fishing no one wanted to take time for candy bars or water until they were "forced" (by us not baiting their jigs) to take 5 and drink. By the end of the afternoon we contributed over 70 fish to the next day's fish fry. They did not want to leave when the time came.

The Cormorant Lions want to send out many thanks to all the volunteers who gave a day to take a lot of great kids fishing.



BREAKING NEWS

The Diabetes Foundation is excited to announce a new partnership with Walmart, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the Minnesota Lions Clubs called **WALMART WELLNESS DAYS**. This effort will bring an innovative approach to wellness that brings critical health screenings and care to people in our communities by offering : free blood glucose testing, blood pressure and vision testing and immunizations.

Our Lions will help lead this life-changing initiative by greeting shoppers during specific Walmart Wellness Days and encourage them to participate in getting their blood glucose tested to see if they are “at risk” for type 2 diabetes along with other health screenings and immunizations. Those shoppers participating in this health fair will receive a free water bottle—a great incentive to participate!

Exciting news! This effort falls right in line with the newest Global Service Framework from Lions International which now includes Diabetes! It is one of the five service areas Lions are working on with our goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021. As part of the Global Service Framework Challenge, Lions International has set a goal of increasing diabetes service projects by 5% this Lion’s year.

How your club can get involved and get credit for a diabetes service project? We are asking Lions Clubs to partner with MLDF by recruiting 4 Lions to be greeters at their local Walmart stores on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 10a.m.–2p.m. during Walmart Wellness Days. If you have not heard from your MLDF Trustee(s) yet regarding a Walmart in YOUR area, please contact for further instructions. The “behind the scenes” work is done! All you need to do is put on your Lions vest, show up at your local Walmart at your scheduled time, and start connecting with people!

In District 5M9 contact: Jim Johansen jkjohansen55@gmail.com

Chari Buhman buhmanchari@gmail.com



WALK YOUR DOG. CHANGE A LIFE.

Bring your dogs and your friends and celebrate the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them.

This outdoor family-fun event includes a fundraising walk, dog-centric vendors, a food truck, dog costume contest, music and more. All ages are welcome!

Register as a team or an individual or make a donation to support your friends and family!

Everyone is welcome. Handicapped accessible parking is available.



LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

The one mile walk begins and ends at the Can Do Canines facility. Handicap accessible parking is available. [Google map](#) for directions.
Can Do Canines 9440 Science Center Drive New Hope, MN 55428

EVENT DETAILS

Bring your well behaved dog and your friends and join us for the Woofaroo—a one-mile walk and festival benefiting Can Do Canines!

Saturday, September 16, 2017 - 10 am—2 pm Walk begins at 11 am *Event to be held rain or shine!

Pre-registration is available before Saturday, September 16.

Day of Event check-in: at registration tables, 10am—11am

MORE ENTERTAINMENT

After the one-mile fundraising walk, join us for all the festivities including:

- **Assistance Dog Demonstrations**—Watch Can Do Canines dogs and other exceptional pooches work their magic.
- **Dog-centric Exhibitor Booths**—Browse, shop or play games with your dog.
- **Tours of the Can Do Canines Facility**—Check out the home base of where our assistance dogs learn how to do skills like open up drawers and turn on a light switch.
- **Marketplace** to purchase Can Do Canines merchandise.
- **Free Food** for those who raise \$25 or more!

DOGGIE COSTUME CONTEST

For extra fun, enter your dog in the Doggie Costume Contest, held on stage in the afternoon. Costumes can be creative, humorous or just plain cute. Winning dogs will receive some great prizes. Your dog can wear the costume during the walk or just get dressed for the contest ... you choose! Please make sure costumes are safe, comfortable and cool enough for a September day.

PRIZES, PRIZES ... OH, AND PRIZES

Grand prize: All participants who raise \$125 or more are eligible for the grand prize drawing—a 7-night stay in an Orlando, Florida villa! Date restrictions apply.

Fundraising prizes: The more you fundraise, the more fun prizes you're eligible for!

- \$50—Can Do Canines carabiner and Earth Rated poop bags and carrier
- \$125—Can Do Woofaroo t-shirt
- \$500—"Sweatshirt" blanket
- Top 10 Individual Fundraisers—Prizes will be awarded on stage day of event. Winners pick their prize.
- Top Fundraising Team—\$300 sponsored Team Happy Hour at The Green Mill in Shoreview.

Can Do Canines is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs. These individually trained dogs, often adopted from animal shelters, and are provided to their partners **free of charge**, thanks to donations from friends like you. Since 1989, Can Do Canines has graduated more than 585 assistance dog teams and currently provides five types of assistance dogs including Hearing Assist, Mobility Assist, Seizure Assist, Diabetes Assist, and Autism Assist Dogs.

To learn more visit www.can-do-canines.org.

8th Annual
Polka Daze
 sponsored by the
 Ottertail Lions



September 7, 8, & 9

Thursday, September 7	Friday, September 8	Saturday, September 9
<i>Eric's Dance Band</i> 6-10 pm	<i>Top Notchmen</i> 12-1 pm 2-3 pm 4-5 pm 6-7 pm	<i>Leon Olsen</i> 12-1 pm 2-3 pm 4-6 pm
\$7 Admission	<i>Jerry B. & Joyce</i> 1-2 pm 3-4 pm 5-6 pm 7-8 pm	<i>Top Notchmen</i> 1-2 pm 3-4 pm 6-8 pm
<i>All Bands Play</i> Waltz Two Step Polka Country & Variety		

\$15 Admission | \$16 Admission
Free Camper Space • No Hookups
 Food, Beer & Set-ups served by the Ottertail Lions
 12 Noon - 8 pm • BYOB



Young, old or in between...come and join us!

Area Restaurants/Lodges

Betty's Pantry	218-367-3088
Otter Supper Club & Lodge	218-367-2525
Hoot-N-Holler Bar & Restaurant	218-367-2810
Thumper Pond Lodge & Willy T's Restaurant	218-367-2000
Super 8	218-346-7888
Battle Lake Inn & Suites	218-864-5208
GrandStay Hotel & Suites, Perham	218-346-2033

Large Wood Dance Floor!

Directions: Ottertail, MN is located 12 miles south of Perham, MN on Hwy 78, then 1 mile east on Hwy 108. Look for BIG tent across from the water tower. For more information call 218-639-2760 or e-mail mamonson@arvig.net



MY DG IS LOST. PLEASE,
 HELP ME FIND DG TOM.

Albertville Lions Club Presents the 1st Annual



Saturday, September 9th, 3pm til 11pm
 Albertville MN - Main Street - Lions Park

Cars, trucks, motorcycles, Old and New are welcome
 Cruise in, Show off your ride, have a cold one
 and enjoy some food and music!



3:30pm - Chopper
 "The Worlds Nuttiest DJ"



8pm - Live....
 The Rockn' Hollywoods!



This is a free event for Spectators & Cruisers



Food & Drink - 3pm

Pig Roast (shredded pork sandwich) / Grilled items / Beer & Beverage Tent



T.E.A.M. Sheehan FUNDRAISER
GOLF TOURNAMENT
 4-person Scramble
 9-hole course

BALHEPBURN GOLF COURSE
 Just north of NEW YORK MILLS, MN
Saturday, September 16, 2017



\$120 per team

Registration 10:00 am

Tee Off time 11:00 am

Prizes, Games, and Surprises

Registration deadline is September 9, 2017

Contact for more information

Bert Nelson
 cell: 218-298-0599
 Email: bertpamnelson@gmail.com

Jay Norby
 Cell: 218-298-1031
 Email: jinorbs@eot.com



GOLF



Balhepburn course is on Howard Legried's farm.
 This course is in his sheep pasture which is a walking only
 (no carts) course as there are fences across the fairway.
 It is a fun course that has been around for 30+ years.
 Come and enjoy yourselves and help us raise money for
 PIP Brian Sheehan and Lori for their campaign of
 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs Int'l.

For info, Email: albertvillelions@gmail.com - follow us on Albertville Lions facebook



BLUE MOUND TURKEY DINNER

HOSTED BY THE
HACKENSACK LIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

4:00 - 7:00 PM

At the Hackensack Community Building

Adults - \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

Children 3-12 - \$5.00

Under 3 - No Charge



You're invited to the

5M9 Mini-Forum

Where: The Centre (Brainerd Senior Center,
803 Kingwood St, Brainerd, MN 56401)

When: October 8, 2017

Time: Gathering - 2:30 pm

Program - 3:00 pm

Welcome by District Governor Tom Plagman

Introduction of Program Speaker -

IPDG Dick Stebbins

Program: PCC Todd Neumann-

5M Global Membership Team Liaison

District Awards

Lunch served



Sebeka Lions October Fest

Polka band in the afternoon

DJ in the evening

Where: Sebeka Event Center

When: October 14, 2017

Time: 2 pm - 12 am

Meal Time: 4 pm - 8 pm

Vergas Lions 50th Anniversary Raffle

Drawing to be held Jan 19, 2018 at Vergas Event Center

1st Prize - 2017 Ice Castle Fish House
model 6.5 X 14 Special



2nd Prize - ION Electric Ice Auger

3rd Prize - Vexlar FL8 Flasher

Winner is responsible for any application fees or taxes
Need not be Present to win

Must be 18 years of age to purchase ticket or win prize
All proceeds for Lion's Community Projects

Tickets \$10.00 each
Only 2,500 sold
Available from Vergas Lion's Members
And various Vergas Businesses

Sponsored by
Vergas Lions Club

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Centennial Public Relations Contest

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

District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____
Event _____

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



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

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

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

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

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

**** Attach only 1 picture page**

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? ___Yes ___ No

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



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

Tracey Buhl—5M9 Newsletter Editor / PR
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Underwood, MN 56586

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MD5M Centennial Public Relations Contest

Contest Guidelines:

This PR Contest is to promote Lions and the 100th Centennial Anniversary. Every Club is invited to participate. Small & large Clubs have equal chance to win.

If more space is needed on the application please attach another page.

Districts will each award a winner who will receive a plaque at MD5M Convention 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be announced at the MD5M Convention. The top winner will also receive \$500.

Contest Dates: Jan 2017-Dec 2017

Application is on the previous page.

LION BRIAN SHEEHAN
3rd International Vice President



Campaign Buttons
\$ 2.00

Contact:
PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby
pdglinda@gmail.com
218-346-3200

NEW 5M-9 Club President of the Year Award

in honor of LION BRUCE BECK, the 1st International Director to come from District 5M-9.

The Past District Governor's (PDG's) and their Association, best known for the Midwinter "Service of Remembrance.", as Lions with a great deal of experience, are often called upon to advise and sometimes lead programs and projects upon the wishes of the District Governor. The Past District Governor's Association, at their 2017 Midwinter meeting, voted to establish a new award of recognition in District 5M-9. The award first recognizes one outstanding Club President from the previous year, and secondly recognizes ID Bruce Beck as "one-of-our-own",

The said award shall be presented for the first time at the 2018 Midwinter Convention of 5M-9 based upon the President's term of service for the prior year, and at succeeding Midwinter Conventions of 5M-9.

AWARD PROCESS:

1. Nominations for the President of the Year Award shall come from local Lions Clubs who have nominated their President for the award. It will be due in the hands of the current PDG Assn. President by October 1st preceding the Midwinter Convention of 5M-9.
2. Nominations shall be for the first year (or term) of a local Club President.
3. Criteria for the award shall include:
 - a. Membership growth for the President's year of service
 - b. Increase in club awards for the President's year of service
 - c. Management of club fiscal and human resources
 - d. President's representation at key Lions leadership events
4. The selection committee shall be comprised of from 3-5 members of the PDG's Assn.

Applications for this award will be sent to Club Presidents and Secretaries.



T. E. A. M.



Together Everyone Achieves More

PID Brian Sheehan MD5M Candidate for 3rd Vice President LCI

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian and Lori!!! Brian has received the endorsement from the Executive Officers of LCI to run for 3rd International Vice President at the convention in Las Vegas in 2018. So we need to make plans to attend the convention and vote to get Brian elected.

The International Convention is a great experience. There are plenty of activities to do along with enough free time to visit the host city. A Lion can participate in seminars, enjoy entertainment shows by fellow Lions professionals, sign up to help with a community project, walk in or watch the International Parade and more.

T.E.A.M. Sheehan will be working to help you with any questions that you might have about attending the convention. Ask your club president or secretary who your T.E.A.M. Sheehan captain is for your District.

The International Convention will be held at the MGM Grand Hotel. The delegation hotel for MD5M is the Luxor Hotel which is only 15 minutes away and is reasonably priced. You can find the room rates at lionsclubs.org/LCICON. After January 12, the delegation hotels tend to fill up quickly, so early registration is good.

To register: Go to Lions Clubs International website lionsclubs.org and click on **LCICON** on the right side of the Lions Emblem at the top. There you will find the information about the convention. Please visit this website often as LCI updates the information, especially closer to the date of the convention which is June 29—July 3. To find registration information such as fees and forms, click on **FOR ATTENDEES** in the yellow strip at the top. The early bird registration fee is \$150 through January 12, 2018. The deposit for rooms is \$200. You can type in your information on the registration form and print it. You will need your club number and membership number which you should be able to get from your club secretary. You can use one form for both you and your companion that will be sharing a room.

There is a place to enter your arrival date and departure date for the hotel on the registration form. T.E.A.M. Sheehan is working on getting a group flight to Las Vegas at a discounted rate. Go ahead and mark down dates on the form. You can notify LCI if your arrival and departure dates change afterwards just as long as you give them plenty of notice.

This is an exciting time for all of us in MD5M! Let's start to make plans to attend the International Convention in Las Vegas and help elect our own PID Brian Sheehan to the office of 3rd VP! More information such as getting credentials for voting, activities to do, travel plans, etc. will be forthcoming in future newsletters.





T. E. A. M.



Together Everyone Achieves More

PID Brian Sheehan MD5M Candidate for 3rd Vice President LCI

Our District has been asked to raise \$10,000 towards the campaign of PID Brian Sheehan for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. He will run for this office at the International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018. Brian has been endorsed by both MD5M and LCI.

Each club would be able to donate \$200.00, we would exceed this goal. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

Club Name _____

City _____

President's Name _____

President's Email _____

President's Phone _____

OR

Individual Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I would like to volunteer to help T.E.A.M Sheehan _____ Yes _____ No

Date _____ Check Amount _____

Please make check payable to: LION BRIAN CAMPAIGN FUND

Please send this form and payment to your District T.E.A.M. Captain

Lions Jay & Linda Norby

1021 5th Ave. NW

Perham, MN 56573

MD5M Council of Governors Meeting



The MD5M Council of Governors met at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud MN on Saturday, July 22, 2017. At the Political Liaison Meeting PID Brian Sheehan discussed his run for International President next year in Las Vegas. Lion Brian will not run without the approval of Lions Clubs International. Their decision will be made by the end of August, 2107. If the campaign happens, we are hoping for 100 members from every District in MD5M in Las Vegas to show support for Lion Brian. Early Registration cut off is January 12, 2018. Watch your District Newsletters for registrations. The Campaign Committee is working with Sun Country on chartered flights from Minnesota to Las Vegas so watch for details. Lion Brian will be quite busy with his campaign in the upcoming months so if you need to contact him for any reason, please contact Lion Bert Nelson. The Sheehan Golf Tourney in Kimball, MN on July 21 had 16 sponsors and 160 golfers. Thanks to all who contributed.

The Gavel was passed from Immediate Past Council Chair Todd Neumann to Council Chair Dennis Heinen. Six Districts in MD5M had total Lions Clubs donations to LCIF. Those Districts with 100% were 5M1, 5M2, 5M3, 5M4, 5M6 and 5M8. 86.5% of MD5M Lions Clubs participated in contributing to LCIF with a total donation of \$316,546.00. MD5M placed 2nd in contributions to LCIF just behind California.

The Council of Governors gave their okay to allow the Faribault Lions to contact all Lions Clubs in MD5M for donations to support their purchase of Braille & Talking Book fund, and the Vision Honduras to ask for funding in their mission trips to the mountains in Honduras. Lions Club Presidents be on the lookout for these requests in your inbox. All Lions Clubs need to contact their **State Representative (in MN) on the Charitable Gambling taxes before their vote in September/October which gives 50% of gambling money to the state of MN.**

There were over 30,000 Lions at the Chicago International Convention with 23,000 participating in the International Parade. There is a new Zone Chair Training online through LCI along with a new Officer Ebook. Diabetes Service patch for club activities that are reported on the Club Activity Reports through MyLCI so be sure your Club Secretary is turning in their reports.

A gathering will be at the MN State Capitol on Tuesday, October 10th for the White Cane Safety Awareness Day. There will be NO event at the MOA in October as planned for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Another event is being planned and details will come at a later date.

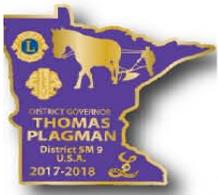
Can Do Canines have had a large number of puppies born recently and are looking for puppy raisers. If you hear the calling to raise a puppy please contact Can Do Canines.

The Diabetes Foundation will be running their calendar fundraising campaign this year. Please watch for details on purchasing your calendar days and buying the calendars. Their informational Diabetes Day which is held at various Wal-Marts throughout the Multiple is being planned.

PDG Bill & PDG Donna Landwehr are now New Club Chairs for MD5M. They are requesting every District start working on achieving 2 new clubs this year 2017-2018. Contact them for help in your district to reach this goal.

The MD5M Convention will be in Winnipeg on April 13-15th. Registrations will be in your District Newsletters and on all websites: District and Multiple. Remember that you will need a passport to cross the border or an enhanced driver's license or a picture ID with a birth certificate. We are hoping the have 1st International Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir as our visiting International Guest. She will be the first woman to serve as a Lions International President 2018-2019.

-Lion Cheri Appel, MD5M Public Relations



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



5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

January 5, 6 & 7, 2018

Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center, Mahnomen, MN

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

(Please Circle One) Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

2018 Lions Title: _____

- Check if this is your first 5M9 Convention
- Check if you require Handicap Seating
- Check & List if you have Dietary Needs _____

Full Hospitality Book:

Includes All Meals, Entertainment,
Mid-Winter book & Pin.

First-Timer Cost until Dec. 1, 2017 \$65.00 _____

Cost Until Dec. 1, 2017 \$69.00 _____

Cost After Dec. 1, 2017 \$75.00 _____

Individual Meal Tickets:

Registration Fee: \$10.00 _____

Saturday Breakfast: \$15.00 _____

Saturday Lunch: \$20.00 _____

Saturday Banquet: \$30.00 _____

Sunday Brunch: \$20.00 _____

Total Amount: _____

Total Amount: _____

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

Number of Nights stay _____ X \$84.50 = _____

Please mail this form & your Check to:

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

We have the capability of accepting Credit Cards for payment of rooms and Convention Books

CONVENTION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

LIONS CLUBS 101ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Las Vegas, Nevada USA • Friday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 3, 2018



DEADLINES MAY 1, 2018:

• Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. (*Registrations after this date will be processed in Las Vegas*). • Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION: Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name/ Family (Last) Name Badge/Call Name

Address

City State Postal Code Country

Daytime Phone E-mail

Lion Lioness Alpha Leo Omega Leo Adult Guest Club No. Membership No. District Title

COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name Badge/Call Name

Lion Lioness Alpha Leo Omega Leo Adult Guest Club No. Membership No. District Title

CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name Age Alpha Leo

PACKAGE A:

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

Before January 12, 2018 Reservation in delegation hotel
 After January 12, 2018 I prefer my delegation hotel Prefer another hotel

Hotel Name

Arrival Day/Date Departure Day/Date

Number of Guests in Room _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements: Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other

The Hotel deposit is US\$200 per room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B:

NO ROOM REQUIRED (*Registration only for each person listed above.*)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT: MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
	July 2/ 13:30-15:00	US \$75	_____	\$ _____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
	July 2/ 20:00-22:00	US \$135	_____	\$ _____

SERVICE PROJECTS IN LAS VEGAS

I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Las Vegas International Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES:	Adult	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo	Omega Leo	PACKAGE A:	PACKAGE B:
EARLY (Before January 12, 2018)	US\$150	US\$20	US\$100	Registrations: US\$ _____	Registrations: US\$ _____
REGULAR (January 13 through March 31, 2018)	US\$200	US\$20	US\$100	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
LATE (April 1, 2018 – onsite)	US\$225	US\$20	US\$100	Hotel Deposit: US\$ <u>200.00</u>	
				Total Due: US\$ _____	Total Due: US\$ _____

Check # _____ Wire transfer (*payment slip must be attached to this form*) Visa MasterCard Discover

Name as it appears on card *Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.*

Card Number Expires Month/Year Security code (3 digits)

X
Cardholder Signature

Mail: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA • **Fax:** +1 630.571.1689 • **E-mail:** registration@lionsclubs.org

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs 2018 International Convention

JUNE 29TH - JULY 3RD, 2018 - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA USA



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR TOM'S CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 2—McGregor Lions Corn Feed / Parade
- 7—Backus Lions Visit
- 11—Wadena Lions visit
- 13—New York Mills Lions Visit
- 21-24—USA/Canada Forum / Portland, OR

- 10—Perham Leos Visit (AM)
- 10—Bay Lake Lions Visit (PM)
- 12—Perham Lakes Lions Visit
- 13-14—DGE Training / COG Mahnomen
- 15—5M9 Fall Conference @ Wadena
- 16—Garrison Lions Visit
- 17—Aitkin Lions Visit
- 23—Bluffton Lions Visit
- 24—Park Rapids Lions Visit
- 25—Zone 2 Mtg @ Garrison
- 28—Thanksgiving for Vision
- 29—Cabinet Mtg @ Bluffton

OCTOBER

- 3—Gateway Lions Visit Menahga
- 5—Riverside Lions & Elizabeth Lions Visit
- 8—5M9 Mini-Forum @ Brainerd Sr Center
- 9—Pequot Lakes Lions 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