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5M9 District Governor



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Explore the Lore When Lions Roar

5M9 Mid-Winter Convention January 14, 15, & 16

Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point, MN

If you haven't registered for the 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention it's not too late!

The Crosslake-Ideal and Whitefish Area Lions Clubs are excited and ready to welcome you to the annual Mid-Winter gathering of clubs from district 5M9.

If you are a Lion, Lioness or Leo who has attended past Mid-Winter conventions this year's location will be new to you. If you are a First Timer to the Mid-Winter everything will be NEW to you!

Whether you are a First Timer or a Seasoned Convention Attendee the 2011 Mid-Winter will be the place to be, to learn, to grow, to network and serve each other in our common goal to serve others.

There are so many things to do, see and learn at the Mid-Winter please plan to attend and relax in your flannel shirts and jeans just like Paul Bunyan.



The TEAM is ready, are you? Come to the 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention and meet International Director Dr. Gary Anderson and Lion Cheryl. The 5M9 Lions are ready to "Explore the Lore When Lions Roar."

FRIDAY, Jan. 14th

Registration will begin at noon and be staffed until 10:00 pm in the Breezy Point Convention Center Lobby – When you check in you will receive a name badge and information packet with everything you will need to ROAR!

The Service of Remembrance is a beautiful farewell to fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos who have passed since our last Mid-Winter from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, followed by the First Timers Kick off Meeting at 9:00 pm

From 9:00 pm its R&R time with Meet the Candidates, Hospitality Ally, and entertainment at the Dockside lounge.

The Marina II will be open for Lunch and Dinner on Friday.

SATURDAY, Jan. 15th

Continental Breakfast starts at 7:30 am

Registration continues in the Lobby from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Club Credentials will be available from 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Health Fair hours will be 8:00 am to 10: am and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
District Business Meeting 8:30 am to 10:30 am
Voting 10:30 am to 10:45 am
Seminars Begin at 11:00 am to 11:45 am
Lunch from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Seminars resume 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm
Catholic Mass 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm

SATURDAY EVENING

Starts with the I.D. Reception this is a very nice time to meet and greet. All Past District Governors (PDG's) wear white jackets and many Lions dress for the banquet that will follow the I.D. reception.

Hospitality Ally will be open from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am; there will also be entertainment at Dockside.

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Lions



Heartbeat of 5M9

Linda Albrecht-Norby 5M9 District Governor



The Pride of Lions is a natural way of life for the Lions Organization. In 5M9, we are a Pride, proud of what we do. At this special season of giving, please give the gift of caring, to those who touch your life this Christmas season. Remember to give to our eleven projects at this time of year: Alert, Can Do Canines, Diabetes, Kamp KACE, Leader Dogs for the Blind, LCIF, LEHP, MD5M Hearing Foundation, Mn. Lions Eye Bank, Project New Hope, Youth Exchange and Youth Outreach. These donations not only show how proud we are of the work we do as Lions in District 5M9, but that we support the projects we believe in. Rather than giving a gift to someone who may exchange it, why not give that gift to a cause who can use these funds to continue the wonderful work they do each year.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good Lion this year! We have helped our communities with many fund raising projects and want to help more!

Please help us get the word out about the projects we do in District 5M9. We have eleven special projects that could use some help this year:

Alert- Is there to deliver needed services to people in Emergency situations, like the tornadoes this summer.

Can Do Canines- Raise and train service dogs to help those with special needs such as, diabetes, autistic kids, physically handicapped, hearing loss and more.

Diabetes- Helps alert, train and educate individuals who don't know they have Diabetes and help them care for this illness with proper training for the rest of their lives.

Kamp KACE- Is a one week camp for kids age 5-18 who have cancer. This camp allows them to interact with other kids with cancer and have a brief week of being able to be kids again.

Leader Dogs for the Blind- Raise puppies to be trained to be a leader dog for individuals who are blind. These individuals, can gain their independence to live normal lives in their communities, with the help of these guide dogs.

LCIF- Lions Clubs International Foundation is the #1 Non Governmental Organization in the world. Every dollar you donate to LCIF goes to help someone, somewhere. Wadena and the surrounding area received a \$10,000 emergency grant, Fergus Falls Hospice house a matching grant and so on.

LEHP- Helps screen individuals for peripheral vision and glaucoma with instruments designed for this. It has also arranged trips to Mexico to help individuals to be fitted for eyeglasses to help see things in their lives for the very first time and carry on their daily lives.

MD5M Hearing Foundation-Helps individuals with hearing loss from newborn infants to adults with getting needed hearing aids or possible surgical procedures. Research is a very big factor in this program also.

Mn. Lions Eye Bank- Helps to exam premature newborn infants for retinal cancer, cornea replacement, eye donations and much in regards to research and new technology for eyes.

Project New Hope- Helps are returning Veterans and their families make that daily tasks of life more real. It has helped many vets prevent suicide, after returning home from war. Volunteers and professional counselors help make these weekend retreats possible and do so much for these families.

Youth Exchange- This program invites both outgoing and incoming students from other countries to explore other cultures. For 5-6 weeks the students live with host families and attend a week long camp with other students from other nations.

Youth Outreach- Is a scholarships program for students attending college in the education field of children. It also involves a poster contest and the quest program to help kids say no to drugs and communicate better with others in school.

My list maybe long, but it is one that could use your help, to promote these projects. So please Santa, let the Lions of 5M9 know how much we need their help this year!

Lion Linda

PS: Disregard the naughty and nice list and help us all to do the work we need to get done for our Lions Organization and the communities we live in!

This Christmas season is a time to share our faith, love and the need to give to individuals less fortunate than ourselves. Please give from your heart, to help those who don't ask for help, but truly need the support of giving individuals like yourselves!

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“Walking the path”

December

- 1 Frazee & Wolf Lake Lions visit
- 2 Urbank Lions visit
- 3 Cormorant Lions visit
- 5 Hewitt & Bertha Lions visit
- 8 Walker Lions visit
- 13 Osage Lions visit
- 15 Battle Lake Lions visit
- 16 Callaway Lions visit
- 19 Deer Creek Lions visit

January 2011

- 7-9 5M5 MWC Brooklyn Park
- 7-9 5M6 MWC Bloomington
- 12 New York Mills Lions visit
- 14-16 5M9 Mid-Winter Conv - Breezy Point Resort
- 14-16 5M7 MWC Bloomington
- 19 Deer Creek Lions visit
- 21-23 5M1 MWC Austin
- 24 McGregor Lions visit
- 28-30 5M4 MWC Willmar

February

- 3 Perham Lions visit
- 4-6 5M5 MWC St. Cloud
- 4-6 5M10 MWC
- 9 Pine River Lions visit
- 11-13 5M2 MWC Mankato
- 18-20 5M13 MWC Swan River
- 18-20 5M3 MWC Redwood Falls
- 21 Verdale Lions/Lioness & Aldrich Lions
- 28 Lake Park Lions visit

March

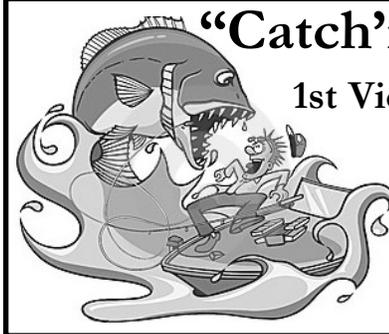
- 5 Underwood Lions/ Lioness visit
- 19 Council of Governor's

April

- 7 Backus Lions visit
- 7-10 MD5M Regional Leadership Institute, Mahnomon
- 11 Guthrie-Nary Lions visit
- 12 Palisade Lions visit
- 16, 17 & 18 DGE training
- 19 Aitkin/Aitkin Riverboat Lions visit
- 21 Zone 5 mtg
- 25 Baxter Lions visit
- 29 Council of Governor's Mankato
- April 29 - May 1 MD5M Convention - Mankato

July

- 4-8 Lions International Convention - Seattle, WA



“Catch’n the Lunker”

1st Vice District Governor

Bruce Beck



STRUGGLE-STRUGGLE-STRUGGLE. This is my third attempt on an article for the December newsletter...’Uff-Da’! I’m already four days late getting it in and finding no small amount of frustration in trying to adequately convey in the written word my thoughts and feelings about the Holidays. I’m thinking of Family, Festive, Compassion, Fun, Children, Church, Blessings, Gratitude, Decorations, Music, Baking, Aromas, Hot Cocoa, Friends, Laughter, Surprises, Caroling, Bells, The Christmas Story, Santa, Great Memories of past years, and the list goes on and on. So, for each of you, please, take the best of the best that you have of each of the above, find a quiet moment alone, relax, and enjoy ‘your trip’ down memory lane. I am Thankful for all the Blessings we have in our home, and never take for granted all that we have received. As you go about your life in this wondrous and exciting holiday season, hug and love your family, go out of your way to brighten the day of another, and pray for “Peace on earth, good will toward men”. What a great goal set by man over 2000 years ago and we still haven’t gotten it right. The Lions are on the right track as we are global, crossing race, religion, and politics to work towards a common goal. Service to humanity - let us continue in our attempt to make our world a safer and better place for all God’s children.

Alrighty then...moving forward...International President Sid Scruggs has made December and January’s Service Campaign “Relieve the Hunger”. I know in 5M9 we are on top of our game in this challenge. We donate to the food shelves, volunteer our time and work at the food shelves and provide many, many Christmas dinner grocery bags to families. We ring bells in front of stores, donate to Toys for Tots or similar programs, sponsor “Santa Visits” and give more to all our charities. This is your time to shine in 5M9. A huge Thank You goes out to each and every club and individual member for ALL you do to help those needing and deserving in our communities! Job well done!

So as NOT to disappoint anyone...Fishing, although not listed above, is still very active over this same time period. It is a time of transition. In mid-November, I finally winterized the boat, tucked it in for the winter and called it a year. Now the change over to ice fishing, shelter house, heat, auger, jiggle sticks, lanterns, tackle, and bait. Just because many of our clubs are now at reduced members with the snowbirds gone, as in the real world of fishing, now is the time ‘the bite’ is very active, on-ice and with our clubs.

Imagine your club as the shelter - solid, warm, and able to hold many anglers at one time. People as a whole are looking for something fun to do over the winter months to get out and avoid the dreaded ‘cabin fever’! Be that outlet. Get out your jigging stick and dangle some bait in front of them. There are so many to choose from. Invite potential members to your Christmas party to see how much fun and celebrating you do. Invite them to help deliver the Christmas dinner groceries with you and to see for themselves the difference that Lions can make in people’s lives. Invite them to go ring bells with you and see how Lions work with other organizations, like the Salvation Army, to help them meet their goals. Alone each one of these is good bait for getting new members. Combined, they are irresistible!

We just finished MERLOW Training for district clubs at Nisswa (east end) and Bluffton (west). The end result is that many clubs will be hosting a membership drive event. To all attendees I say, “WOOT-WOOT!” Thank you to those clubs for taking the time and energy to focus on bringing in new members and making a concerted effort to retain the members they have. If you club hasn’t planned a membership drive event, the MERLOW Team wants to help you hold a successful event. We will come to your meeting and help you by doing as much or as little as your club would like. Call us...we’re in the Blue Book.

To all of you, I wish the best for safe travel and happy times over this holiday season. Forget not that the 5M9 Lions fun continues into January with our Mid-Winter Convention at Breezy Point. Send in your registrations today! In closing this month, I would like to borrow a quote from a famous TV personality whose name is two colors...(Red Green)

“Keep your stick on the ice.”

1st VDG Bruce

Stitching together the news of 5M9

**2nd Vice District Governor
Margaret Van Erp**



Wow, where did the month of November go. Just had a call from Lion Bert saying that he is waiting to get my news article. I'm sure I just wrote the November one a week or so ago and now he wants the December one. I remember when I was younger my Mom used to say "the older one gets the faster the time goes" I often wondered what she meant as I knew she had as many hours in the day or days in a week or weeks in a month just like I did and I didn't think they went that fast. My gosh, they are flying by now on me. Maybe because I'm the one now getting older!!!! Oh well. Let's keep the stitching going as we sew together our hours, days, and months and keep on working to serve our fellow man. We just had Thanksgiving and hopefully everyone had a great day with family and or friends. We all have so much to be thankful for and so many blessings to count. In counting our blessings our International President Sid Scruggs III would like all of us to participate in relieving the hunger in the months of December and January. Yes, I'm sure that most of our clubs give to their local food shelves sometime in the past year but have you thought of instead of buying that sweater or shirt that one really don't need and taking that money and giving from your own pocket to help feed a hungry person or family. In past years our family, instead of buying that gift for a brother, sister or parent that one really doesn't need we have pooled our money and have given it to a family or person in need. Try doing a Service of this type... It gives one a warm and fuzzy feeling. I do want to Thank all of our Lions who so generously gave to the "Boots for Kids" program. I know many kids will be warmer and more comfortable because of our act of kindness.

By the time I write the next article it will be time to pack your bags and head out to our Mid-Winter Convention. As most of you know I will be in the running for the office of 1st Vice District Governor and I would appreciate your support and vote at the Mid-Winter Convention. Please stop by our hospitality room and enjoy some food and fellowship with us. It would be a shame to stay home and miss out on a wonderful opportunity to share a very informative and fun weekend with your fellow Lions, Lioness and Leo's from throughout our GREAT District and even some from some neighboring Districts.

PDG Peter and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year. May God bless all of you, your families and your Lions Club members.

Until the New Year.

2nd VDG/ZCA Lion Margaret

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May this Christmas Season bring all of you peace in your hearts and bless your families with good health. For we all have the gift of love and rejoicing of life!

May this tradition continue through our lives from now and forever!

The new Year will be here in no time and so will the 2011 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention. I hope you all are planning on attending this year's convention, 'Exploring The Lore, When Lions Roar'. After all, it is a time for Lions to come together and reflect on the success of 2010 and look to the New Year 2011. We can all be proud of the work we do each year. WE SERVE, is our never ending motto for the Lions Organization and I know we will continue to do so in 2011.

New members and even current members who have never attended a Mid-Winter Convention will be amazed. Come an experience a tradition of the 5M9 Lions and meet lions from all over the District. Find out what other clubs are doing in the District and what your dollars are going for, when you donate to projects.

Please attend the Service of Remembrance on Friday evening, to remember those Lions who have passed on this year of 2010. We will truly miss their helping hands and dedicated service to The Lions Club Organization. This service not only helps their families, but their fellow Lions, put closer on these losses.

Walking the Pathway of Service

District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby

WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

| New Member | Club | Sponsor |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Graig Molstad | Battle Lake | Ed Huppler |
| Wendy Molstad | Battle Lake | Dale Werner |
| John Rydland | Battle Lake | |
| Gary Walters | Baxter | Sandra Johnson |
| Gregory Boole | Campbell | Wayne Bezenek |
| Devin McBrien | Cass Lake | Arvin Gieseke |
| Karla Blevins | Emily, Outing 50 Lks | Charly Kay Richters |
| Richard Blevins | Emily, Outing 50 Lks | Roger Richters |
| Larry Pfaff | Emily, Outing 50 Lks | Roger Richters |
| Donna Larson | Merrifield | |
| James Larson | Merrifield | |
| Marie Okness | Nisswa | Karen Baloun |
| LaDes Sauter | Northland | Janet Brown |
| Denise Green | Northland | Sandra Brace |
| Helen Haase | Northland | Gail Martin |
| John Hopping | Northland | Nancy Green |
| Rita Hopping | Northland | Nancy Green |
| Connie James | Northland | Loretta Graf |
| Jerald James | Northland | Loretta Graf |
| Deb Rollinson | Northland | Janet Brown |
| Burke Almquist | Riverside Fergus Falls | Richard Norlin |

Aitkin and Aitkin Riverboat Lions visit Ronald McDonald House



by Sylvia Cairl

August 23 was a beautiful day to get together and travel to Minneapolis to prepare a meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. First, there was preparation work to do, such as loading the 10 large boxes of pop tabs our local McDonald's store had ready to transport to Minneapolis. The menu for the meal was set, but the food needed to be purchased locally so when we arrived to prepare it, there would be no lost time in completing our mission. Our two clubs shared the cost of the food and we both had fundraisers that were designated to help MRH, which allowed the Aitkin Lions to present a \$400 donation and Riverboat Lions present a \$200 donation to the facility.

Three vehicles transported 15 Lions: Aitkin Lions were Lee Futhey, Roger Pearson, Tom Plagman, Tom Lindelien, Dave Petry, John Pearson, Bob Janzen and Carroll Janzen. The Riverboat Lions included Kathy Futhey, Kathy Pearson, Cathy Wilke, Sylvia Cairl, Connie Pearson, Gayle Janzen, and Joy Janzen.

when we arrived, we found that the RMH kitchen was very large, roomy, and well stocked with counter space, appliances, cooking utensils, and a large dining area. We had planned a menu to serve 90-100 people. We donned our aprons, food service gloves and went straight to work to have the meal ready by 5:30pm.

The McDonald House is home to a maximum of 48 families, and children in need of treatment range from birth to 19, that have cancer or other life threatening diseases. This amazing facility is their home away from home for up to a year.

In order to qualify for staying there, they have to live more than 60 miles from the U of M facilities. Every member of the family is welcome while the sick child is getting treatment. There is a one room school with a full-time teacher, one part-time teacher and volunteer helpers. Families come from all over the world.

During the dinner hour, members visited with families from Milaca, Annandale, and there was a baby barely a month old from South Dakota who had a heart valve inserted. She will have to come back to have another valve inserted periodically as she grows to adulthood.

Lion members said "This was an eye opening experience." It is so easy to take our healthy life for granted. The Lion's Motto, "We Serve" brought us to a whole new level of service.

5M9 District Governor Candidate

Lion Bruce Beck



1st VDG Bruce has been married to Lion Erin for the past 28 years and they have two daughters. Lion Bruce retired from a career in law

enforcement and the Palisade fire department. Bruce and Erin "started" the Palisade Area Lions Club in 1988. Both are charter members and have been with Lions Clubs International ever since.

VDG Bruce has served his local club as president, vice president, membership chair, tail twister, and director. On the district level, Lion Bruce is currently serving as your First Vice District Governor and District Membership Chair. Lion Bruce has also served as the District Tail Twister, Zone 2 Chair, and a Sergeant at Arms. VDG Bruce has received the Lions International President's Award and is a recipient of an International President's Commendation. Other awards that Lion Bruce has received are: Zone Chair of Excellence, Lions Extension, Helen Keller, Melvin Jones, and the Palisade Lions "You Roar" award. Lion Bruce has completed the Lions' Leadership Institute, attended and taught numerous MERLO training events and has been an instructor for the District's College of Leadership.

For Lion Bruce, serving with the Lions is a rewarding experience. By working together as LIONS we make a difference in our local communities and around the world! The Lions motto is We Serve - live it and share it.

I look forward to continuing service with the Lions. Lioness and Leos of District 5M9, as well as Lions Clubs International, and ask for your vote for District Governor at the Mid- Winter Convention.

Lion Bruce Beck



DG Linda at the Wadena Deer Creek High School / Library Dept. The Disaster committee has given the Library enough funds to purchase a Die-Cut Machine with dies, laminator, and a Test Scanner. All of these items were needed immediately because of the Tornado.

In the picture with DG Linda is the Principal Tyler Church on the left, Loni Niles the Librarian, DG Linda and Wayne Wolden – current Wadena Lions President as well as Mayor for Wadena.

2009-2010

**Club President
Excellence Award**

- Lion **Georjann Deutsch** Garrison Lions
- Lion **Thomas Spencer** McGregor Lions
- Lion **Robert Seifert** Park Rapids Lions
- Lion **Chuck Hoover** Emily Outing 50Lks
- Lion **Doreen Gallaway** Whitefish Area
- Lion **Donald Hendrickx** Perham Lakes
- Lion **Clayton Skoglund** Parkers Prairie
- Lion **Deb Gappa** PP Pride Of Lions
- Lion **Gordon Hanson** Underwood Lions



Club President Excellence Awards: Gordon Hanson, Underwood; Deb Gappa, PP Pride of Lions; Clayton Skoglund, Parkers Prairie; Donald Hendrickx, Perham Lakes and IPDG Jim Arvidson.

2009-2010

**Zone Chairpersons
Award**

- Zone 2 Lion **Bruce Beck**
- Zone 3 Lion **Diana Gallaway**
- Zone 4 Lion **Maria Patton**
- Zone 6 Lion **Ron Genoch**
- Zone 8 Lion **Brent Frazier**
- Zone 9 Lion **Jerry Smith**



Zone Chair Excellence Awards: VDG Bruce Beck, Diana Gallaway, Ron Genoch, Brent Frazier and IPDG Jim Arvidson.

2009-2010

Governor's Contest

- Zone 1 **Baxter Lions**
- Zone 2 **Garrison Lions**
- Zone 3 **Emily Outing 50 Lakes Lions**
- Zone 4 **Laporte Benedict Lions**
- Zone 5 **Bluffton Lions**
- Zone 6 **Osage Lions**
- Zone 7 **Perham Lions**
- Zone 8 **Underwood Lions**
- Zone 9 **Parkers Prairie Lions**



**Cultural and Community
Activities Award
Right:
PP Pride of Lions**



**Outstanding Club
Left:
Underwood Lions Club**

2009-2010

100% Club Secretary

- Lion **Margaret VanErp** Bluffton Lions
- Lion **Judy Bragalla** Cass Lake Lions
- Lion **Rosie Altstadt** Perham Lakes Lions
- Lion **Ginny Paulson** FF Riverside Lions
- Lion **Eugene Payne** Parkers Prairie Lions
- Lioness **Julie Estes** Underwood
- Lion **Brent Frazier** Pelican Rapids Lions
- Lion **Dick Kimball** Park Rapids Lions
- Lion **Kathy Harvet** Emily Outing 50Lks
- Lion **Ricky King** Pine River Lions
- Lion **Sharon Orser** Baxter Lions



100% Secretary Awards: (L-R) Dick Kimball, Judy Bragalla, Brent Frazier, Ginny Paulson, Margaret VanErp, Eugene Payne, Julie Estes, Rosie Altstadt and IPDG Jim Arvidson



A spread of new beds

Cats love cushions and blankets, but District 5M9 Lions love mattresses – especially when they are donated to Wadena and Otter Tail County residents affected by the June 17 tornadoes. Twenty-five childrens’ beds and three adult beds were brought into The Furniture Gallery to be distributed to families on Friday, Oct. 1. Wendy Molstad, case manager for Wadena Otter Tail Long-Term Recovery Committee, said that some tornado survivors’ mattresses needed to be replaced after being embedded with glass. Jim Arvidson, last year’s Lions district governor, said the fundraising, transportation and distribution of the Comfort King mattresses was a collaborative effort of the District 5M9 Lions Club members, Tri-County Hospital, the Long-Term Recovery Committee and Polman Transfer. In addition, Molstad said that Trinity Lutheran Church of Wendell, Minn. donated quilts, and JCPenney of Baxter provided the bedding. “We are very pleased that we are able to help the Wadena community,” current district governor Linda Albrecht-Norby said. Arvidson and Molstad said that more beds were needed, especially for elderly residents of the area. According to the website www.lionsof5m9.org, the district includes clubs in Aitkin, Becker, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Otter Tail, northern Todd, Wadena and Wilkin Counties.

The story came from the Wadena Pioneer Journal.



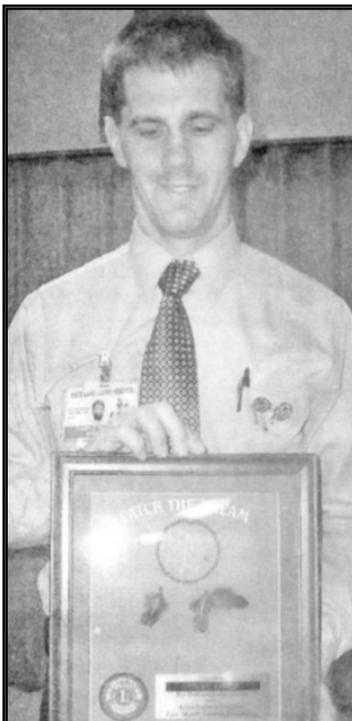
Governor Linda and Lion Linda Arvidson present a family of four kids their beds, plus quilts (donated by a church group from Wendell). Lots of smiles going around for everyone.



Beds were delivered to Wadena.

JC Penny of Baxter donated all the bedding for the beds. Polman Transfer of Wadena delivered the Semi load of 25 youth beds and three adult at No charge. The Beds were produced by Comfort King Mattress Factory for us at less than cost. It was definitely a group effort !

Left: Governor Linda brings in a new bed.



Dreamcatcher Presented

Recently, the Cass Lake Lake Country Lions Club presented Joe Rubash (left) their “Dreamcatcher Award” to honor him for his work in the Cass Lake community. Joe is pictured here with his award and giving an informative talk about the services available in Cass Lake for those with diabetes.

The Dreamcatcher Award is sponsored by the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. The foundation was founded by Lions Clubs of MD5M and their dedicated volunteer members who strongly committed to improving the lives of people with diabetes.

‘Boots for Kids’



Donations made to Wadena from the ‘Boots for Kids’ campaign. Four cars loads of items were donated from the Lions clubs of 5M9. Thank you everyone for your time and donations!

ATTENTION

CHANGES TO MID-WINTER HOSPITALITY CONTEST

With the Mid-winter fast approaching, questions about the costs of the Hospitality contest have been asked. We realize that since this is the first time concerns have been raised as to the cost involved with hosting a hospitality room. To help ease these concerns the convention committee has made a couple of changes.

The first change is that the clubs will be able to recover the cost of the rooms before they turn in any funds to the convention committee. For example, if a club raises \$500.00 during the convention, they would first deduct the cost of the room ($\$500.00 - \$162.00 = \$338.00$).

The second change is that the club will then keep 50% of the net ($\$338.00 \times 50\% = \168.00). The other half will be turned into the convention committee.

The third change is that cash awards will be given to the top three winners in the Hospitality Room Contest. The convention committee will determine the amount of the awards after all of the income has been turned in by the Hospitality Room contestants.

We realize that this is the first time that 5M9 has tried this activity and we would love to see it grow each year. We know that whenever a new idea is tried that it is met with a certain amount of skepticism. However, if we do not get enough clubs to sign up for this we may have to cancel it. The other districts that have done this say it is an excellent mixer and a lot of fun and a great way for convention goers to meet people from all over the district. Also, this is a way to keep the costs of the Hospitality books down so that it is more affordable for more Lions in the district.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Doreen Gallaway at dsgallaway@crosslake.net or call (home) 218-692-2374 or (cell) 218-838-8219.

Lakes Lions of Perham 10th Annual Mardi Gras

Friday, February 4, Mulligan's in Perham

Brodini Comedy Magic Show

\$25.00 TICKETS

Proceeds to Benefit Lions & Community Projects

Call 346-5899 for information

Longville Lions welcome new members



The Longville Lions recently welcomed new members into the club. New members include: Kevin Haugland, Sean McDonald, Amy McDonald and Tim Paulsen with President Bertha Hoyt.

Global Youth Music Competition

The Lions Clubs International Global Youth Music Competition is a unique cultural event that allows young musicians to showcase their talents. Additionally, the competition helps the youth of today grow to be the Lions of tomorrow.

The instrument for the 2010-2011 competition is the classical guitar. Who Is Eligible to Enter the Competition?

The competition is open to participants who were born after Dec. 31, 1986.

- All participants will play one required piece and two additional pieces they select from a list on the classical guitar.
- Participants should have lived in the constitutional area they represent for at least five years.

How Will Participants Be Identified and Selected?

Seven international finalists will be selected, one from each Constitutional Area. All Constitutional Areas – except for the USA, Its Affiliates, Bermuda, the Bahamas and Canada – will handle their own competition.

- Learn more about competition guidelines for the USA, Its Affiliates, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Canada.

- Please note that all other Constitutional Areas will select their finalist for the 2010-2011 competition in the same manner as the previous year.

How Will the Winners Be Selected?

Finalists will perform during the Lions Clubs International Convention 2011 in Seattle, Washington, USA. (Lions Clubs International will provide air fare and hotel accommodations for each finalist and one guest.) The performance will have two parts:

- Individual Performances: Finalists will perform the required piece and their first selected piece.

- Concert: Finalists will perform their second selected piece at a concert.

A panel of jurors, musicians of high reputation (active musicians, professors of music, etc.) will select the first, second and third place winners.

What Are the Prizes?

The first place prize is US\$ 10,000; second place is US\$ 7,000; and third place is US\$ 3,000.

For More Information contact Governor Linda.



2011 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention
Hosted by the Whitefish Area Lions
And the Crosslake – Ideal Lions
PO Box 276 | Crosslake, MN 56442

www.WhitefishAreaLions.org

2011 5M9 Mid-Winter Hospitality Room Contest Registration

“Explore the Lore When Lions Roar on the Third Floor”

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Club Name _____

President _____ **Secretary** _____

Contest Contact _____ **Phone** _____

Room Theme _____

Game of Chance – Explain _____

PLEASE USE REVERSE IF MORE ROOM IS NEEDED

There are only 12 Hospitality Rooms available and reservations will be accepted on a first come basis. So PLEASE complete this form and return to the address at the top of the page.

Hospitality Ally is one wing on the third floor of the Breezy Inn & Suites building. The beds will be removed so you will have an empty room to utilize for your club.

Rooms will be judged on (3) three key points: Theme – Costumes – Decorations
Judging and judges will be anonymous and may occur Friday and or Saturday evening.

Cost is \$81.00 + tax per night – once your form is received you will be contacted for payment by the convention committee. A complete explanation of how the contest works can be found on page 5 of the October 5M9 District Newsletter.



Lions District 5-M9 Mid Winter Convention

GROUP #4826

**Lodging Reservation Form
January 14 - 16, 2011**

Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. Please Mail or Fax the following: by December 14, 2010. Reservations made after that date are on availability basis for the conference rates. PHONE RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

NAME _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ FAX _____

BILLING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
(Check in time is 5:00 PM) (Check out time is 12:00 Noon)

Please list any special needs: _____
(Dietary, Handicap, etc.) _____

| LODGING: (Circle One) | Rates (Tax included) |
|---|----------------------|
| HOTEL ROOMS: | |
| Breezy Inn King Leisure (1 King & 1 hide-a-bed) | \$ 81.00 |
| Breezy Inn Double Queen (2 queen beds) | \$ 81.00 |
| Breezy Center (2 Doubles) | \$ 81.00 |
| Breezy Inn King Executive Suite (1 King & 1 hide-a-bed) | \$101.00 |
| Breezy Center Suite (2 Doubles & 1 hide-a-bed) | \$101.00 |
| Lodge Apartment (2 Doubles & 1 hide-a-bed) | \$101.00 |
| 2 Bedroom Condos & Cabins | \$202.00 |

Unique Retreat Cabins are First come - First Serve. Call or E-mail Group Reservations to check availability.
Please provide all names staying in cabin

| | |
|---|------------|
| 3 Bedroom Cabins - Chars Place, Park Place & Eagles Nest | \$ 333.00 |
| Spruce Place 4 Bedroom Cabin | \$ 444.00 |
| 4 Bedroom Cabins - Boat House, Governors House, Lakeside Loft, Breezy Bay | \$ 544.00 |
| 7 th Green 6 Bedroom Cabin | \$ 544.00 |
| Wolfs Den 6 Bedroom Cabin | \$ 666.00 |
| Fawcett House 11 Bedroom Cabin- Please assign rooms to person's staying in the house. | \$1,221.00 |

View room types & accommodations at: www.breezypointresort.com.

Reservations are First Come - First Serve.

The above rates are nightly & includes tax.

DEPOSIT: (One Night's Lodging Including Tax is required to make this reservation)

_____ CHECK
_____ CREDIT CARD # _____ CID# _____ EXP DATE _____

Credit cards are debited upon receipt for advance deposit Confirmation of accommodations will be sent prior to your arrival date, if double occupancy only one person will receive a confirmation.

PRE-PAYMENT: \$ _____

A \$25.00 service charge for cancellations is non-refundable. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after: December 14, 2010 or for No Shows. Prepayment is transferable but not refundable.

ACCEPTANCE SIGNATURE: I fully understand and accept Breezy Point Resort's cancellation, early departure and refund policies. * Incomplete forms will not be processed.

Signature: _____

UNEXPECTED LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES will be billed at the FULL RATE as if they were staying at Breezy Point Resort.

Mail or fax with deposit to: Breezy Point Resort Attn: Sylvia Swanson
9252 Breezy Point Drive
Breezy Point, MN 56472
Phone # (800) 432-3777 - press 5 - extension #7160
Fax # (218) 562-4510 E-mail: groups@breezypointresort.com



Explore the Lore When Lions Roar

5M9 MID-WINTER CONVENTION
January 14, 15, & 16 2011

Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point MN

Hosted by Crosslake Ideal & Whitefish Area Lions

Please fill out this registration form for EACH person attending and return it with a check made out to the **2011 - 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention**

PLEASE print clearly: ___ Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___ Guest

Name: _____

2011 Title: _____

Address: _____

District _____

City: _____

Club Name: _____

Prov./State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Hospitality Books

Includes all Meals and Entertainment
Cost PRIOR to Dec. 1, 2010 \$79
Cost ON or AFTER Dec. 1st \$84

Individual Meal Tickets

Saturday Breakfast \$10
Saturday Luncheon \$20
Saturday Banquet \$50
Sunday Brunch \$20

Is this your first 5M9 Convention? Cost for First Timers \$65.00

Please check Appropriate Box (s) above - Total Amount of Check: _____



Please mail registration (s) and check (s) to:

2011 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

C/O Whitefish Area Lions

P.O. Box 276

Crosslake, MN 56442

Emergency refund of registration must be requested by December 30, 2010
A \$25 handling fee will be charged. If you have any questions regarding the convention,
please contact Doreen Gallaway 218-838-8219 or Scott Gallaway 218-692-2374

Fax or Mail room reservation forms directly to Breezy Point Resort

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

GARY ANDERSON VISITING INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Gary Anderson, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Director Anderson is a doctor of optometry.

A member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and council chair. He also served as CSFII district coordinator, chairperson of USA/Canada Forum host committee, a member of the USA/Canada Forum planning committee and has participated in 18 Lions vision missions to Central and South America.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Henry Voet Grand Rapids Lifetime Achievement Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Humanitarian Award, the Grandville and Betty Cutler Leadership Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Ken Lautzenheiser Fellow Award, the S.A. Dodge MD-11 Distinguished Service Award, six International President's

Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and an International President's Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Anderson is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Optometric Association and the Michigan Optometric Association.

Director Anderson and his wife, Cheryl, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and two daughters, all of whom are Lions and whose spouses are Lions. Director Anderson's brother, parents and mother-in-law are also Lions.



Dr. Gary Anderson

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SUNDAY, Jan. 16th

Registration continues in the Lobby at 7:00 am

Credentials 7:30 to 8:30

Non-Denominational Church Service 8:00 am to 8:45 am

Brunch and Program 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

DON'T FORGET LIST

Used Eye Glasses

Pop Tab Tops

Club Brag Books

Club Newsletters

Change for the Tail Twister

Sense of Humor

Pins for Trading

Small bills for raffles

Tissue for the heart warming stories

Important Notice

The following amendment is submitted to Article 5. Finances Section 1. of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 5M-9 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Purpose- To increase the amount of dues paid annually to the 5M-9 Administration fund from \$4.00 to \$5.00 Effective for the 2011-2012.

Whereas the overall cost of our District 5M-9 for Operations has increased significantly over the past years with no additional funding the District Cabinet is hereby requesting the approval of this dues increase.



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