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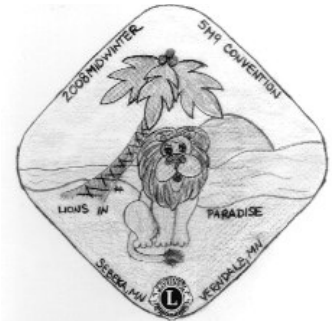
# SMILE

## 'Simply Make It Lions Everyday'




The 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention was a Lions' Paradise. The Sebeka Lions Clubs and the Verndale Lions and Lioness Clubs did a terrific job as convention hosts. The speakers, seminars, and entertainment were great.

The Past District Governors Association did a wonderful job with the Service of Remembrance program Friday night. It was an opportunity to honor those Lions and Lioness who have passed on in the previous year.

Saturday morning at the Honors Breakfast, International Director Leland Kolkmeyer spoke to honorees and thanked them for their service.

The Saturday seminars provided information of the Spring Point Project, Leader Dog and Project New Hope. There will be more information about the Spring Point Project and Project New Hope in next month's newsletter. You don't want to miss those stories.

**Governor Annette pinning on a Lions Presidential medal on PDG Dale Johansen.**

At the noon luncheon, speaker Harry Sieben address the Lions and guests. He spoke about our need to support our hard working men and women who are serving our country over seas. Sieben also touched on the politics that is going on and the importance of making the right choice for the people.

The district's business meeting opened with zone and committee reports. We had two 5M International Director candidates address the Lions of 5M9. No club came forward to host the 2010 Mid-Winter Convention. If you are interested, contact Governor Annette as soon as possible. The cabinet will decide which club will host at the next meeting in March. Vice District Governor Peter VanErp became District Governor-Elect. Jim Arvidson of the Parkers Prairie Lions Club became Vice District Governor-Elect. George Perszyk was elected to the MD5M Hall of Fame. He will receive his award at the Multiple Convention.

At the Governor's Banquet, International Director Leland Kolkmeyer touched us with his wonderful words and left a SMILE (Simply Make It Lions Everyday) on all of us. ID Leland and Governor Annette presented two International Certificates of Appreciation to Betty Johansen and Jim Bergstrom. The Lions Leadership medal to PDG Carroll Kukowski and an International Presidential Medal to PDG Dale Johansen.

**DG Annette pinning on a Lions Leadership medal on PDG Carroll Kukowski.**

Jason Mystic entertained us with the help of others. There are a few who don't remember what happened, but their spouses and friends were all too eager to explained how they made everyone laugh.

Sunday's Brunch was busy handing out awards for the many contests, check the inside for the results. The traditional serenading of the International Director was done by PDG Dick Labraaten. The song can be found on the back page.

# Notes to 5M9
# DG Annette Contos

**Hello Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 5M9,**

I originally started this article while riding in the backseat on a Project New Hope road trip. PDG Dale Johansen was driving, and Betty and Dale's exchange student Ale Hermoza from Lima, Peru. Ale was with us and "riding shotgun," in PDG Dale's words, to see more of Minnesota. She is a photography buff and boy did she get a good picture of a deer, it looked like it just posed for her. Between Lion Dale being quick to get the driver's window down and Ale being fast of eye and finger the pictures she took were great.

Wasn't the convention great! I was really impressed with all the 5M9 singers on Friday evening. I am not sure how many of the 5M9 Lions know that there is a talent show at the International Convention-but I am not asking you to perform in Bangkok, but Minneapolis is another story. Here is the information you will need to be able to perform in Minneapolis. I think some or all of you should get together and work something up-skit, musical, choir or soloist. Go for it!!!

**Lions Share their Cultures During Performance Festival 92nd Annual Lions International Convention in Minneapolis 2009**

This what I think will be coming out about the 2009 Convention, so start thinking about what 5M9 can do. Talented Lions, Lionesses, and Leos are invited to participate in the Ninth Annual Performance Festival to be held during the 92nd Annual Lions International Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Musicians, vocalists, dancers, and other performers are invited to present a 5-10 minute performance. Each year Lions enjoy attending the Performance Festival held during the Lions International Convention. The Lions Performance Festival represents entertainment from different cultures with two hours of vocal and dance performances. Thanks to the willingness of talented Lions sharing their culture, the Lions Performance Festival is a popular event at convention.

For full details, contact the Program Development Department at international headquarters at: 630-571-5466, extension 315 or programs@lionsclubs.org. The gal at this number will be in charge of setting up acts for Minneapolis. Will one of you talented Lions out there work on getting us an act, performance, etc. This can be a collaborative effort between Lions, Lioness, and Leos and spouses are welcome too.

**International Director Leland Kolkmeyer and Governor Annette at the Governor's Banquet getting ready to present International awards to hard working Lions.**

**WHITE CANE DAYS**

White Cane Days is a fund-raiser and public awareness project endorsed by Lions Clubs International. Your club may do the White Cane Days fund-raiser at any time during the year. A White Cane Day involves your club members making themselves visible in strategic places on that day and giving miniature white canes to the passersby and accepting donations. The proceeds of White Cane Days go the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and other sight projects selected by your club. My club used to split the proceeds 50% to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and 50% to local vision needs. Your club may be one of a

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# Annette's travels

## February
1 Perham Lakes Lions' Mardi Gras
2 5M1 & 5M8 conventions
5 Elizabeth & Daybreakers visit
7 Perham Lions visit
11 Nisswa Lions visit
12 Daybreakers new member induction
16 Battle Lake Lions visit
19 Aldrich, Verndale Lions & Verndale Lioness visit
21 Underwood Lioness& Underwood Lions visit
25 Ottertail Lions visit
28 Parkers Prairie Lions visit

## March
6 Wolf Lake and Frazee Lions visit
18 Zone 4 Cass Lake
24 Lake Park Lions visit

## April
23 Zone 6 Perham
24 Zone 2 McGregor
28 Baxter Lions visit
29 Sebeka Lions visit

## May
2-4 MD5M Convention, Mahnomen
8 Hackensack Lions visit
11 Governor's Fishing Opener Pequot Lakes
12 Cormorant Lions visit
15 Pillager visit

# HELP WANTED

**Looking for families willing to show Foreign Exchange students what the people of 5M9 and Minnesota are all about. Host a Foreign Exchange student this summer.**

**Brought to you by the 5M9 Youth Exchange Co-Chairs, Jay and Linda Norby 218-342-3243 or ljnorbs@eot.com**

# Cultivating our Minds... Let our Service Grow VDG Peter Van Erp

**District Governor Elect Peter VanErp and Margaret thank the Lions of 5M9 for their support at the Sunday Brunch.**

Now that the Mid-Winter Convention is history and we all had a wonderful time, it is time to look ahead.

But first I and my partner in service Lion Margaret want to Thank the Verndale Lions, Verndale Lioness and the Sebeka Lions for putting on a GREAT convention. Also a big THANK you to all of you who attended and voted me in to serve as your Governor for 2008-2009 at our Convention. Last but not least a HUGE THANK YOU to my fellow Bluffton Lions who have supported us since the first day when I announced that I was interested in running for the Vice District Governor position for 5M9. You're a super great bunch of Lions. It's a great feeling to look out over the assembly and see the sea of red vests in the convention crowd.

Now on to our next business at hand. We have a lot of things that need to happen in the next few months. All of the clubs need to get a slate of officers ready at your February meeting so you could have your elections in March instead of April. This way the new and veteran officers can attend the College of Leadership which will have to be held in April this year instead of May because of the scheduling conflict with the Multiple Convention (May 2-4,08 at Mahnomen), then comes Mother's Day and the fishing opener (which is a national holiday—Right). I trust all of you have made plans to go to the Multiple Convention in Mahnomen where you can learn more about Lionism, meet more Lions, Lioness and Leo's from Minnesota, Manitoba and Ontario, and have a fun weekend.

Thinking further ahead, you could make plans to join Lion Margaret and I as we journey to Bangkok, Thailand. Well O.K. if you're not traveling to Bangkok, PLEASE consider a vacation to beautiful Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada from September 18-20, 2008 for the USA/Canada Forum. You again will meet many wonderful Lions, Lioness and Leo's at this convention along with learning more about Lionism. Talking about cultivating your minds, boy this one will do just that for you. Governor Annette, PCC Lion Bert, PFM Lion Ardean Brasgalla and I all have applications for the USA/Canada Forum and would be happy to get one to you.

Until next time keep warm and have a good time.

DGE Peter

**DG Peter VanErp's Grandchildren marching for Grandpa at the Saturday business meeting.**

# Arvidson elected Vice District Governor

**Jim Arvidson thanks the Lions of 5M9 for their support at the Sunday Brunch.**

## Thank You

Thank you to all the great Lions and Lioness of District 5M9 for your vote of confidence and giving me the

**"Call to Serve."**

Vice District Governor-Elect

**Jim Arvidson**

## WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

| New Member | Club | Sponsor |
|---|---|---|
| Mark LaFon | Crosslake Ideal | Joseph Doerfler |
| Dave Schneider | Detroit Lakes | Armand Radke |
| Donald Kinslow | Detroit Lakes | Del Bergseth |
| Will Jones | Emily Outing 50 Lakes | Judi Dick |
| Donna Jones | Emily Outing 50 Lakes | Sandy Morgan |
| Janet Leach | Garrison | Kay Rocheford |
| Bruce Johnson | Nevis | Kenneth Thompson |
| Bev Johnson | Nevis | Judy Thompson |
| Marie Bakker | Walker | Jeanne Nelson |
| Jill Eckblad | Walker | Jeanne Nelson |
| Marti Andreasen | Walker | Ardyce Pederson |
| Mary Andreasen | Walker | Ardyce Pederson |

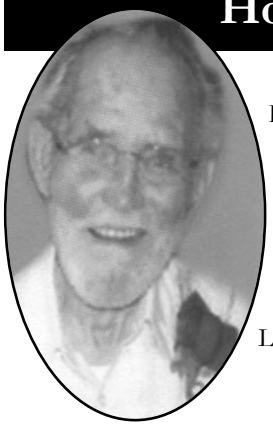
# International Relations

**PDG Jack Riordan received an International Relations certificate for his on going work in Honduras.**

# Leader Dog 30/30 Awards

**Representatives from the Baxter, Elizabeth and Cormorant Lions Clubs received their awards for raising funds for Leader Dog's 30th Anniversary in MD5M. Congratulations to these three clubs for their efforts.**

## Howard 'Hap' Knobloch



Howard "Hap" Knobloch, 87, of Hackensack, Minn., died on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids, Minn. A memorial service was held on Friday, Jan. 11 at the Union Congregational Church in Hackensack. The Rev. Michael Small performed the service.

Howard was a member of the Hackensack Lions Club.

# Awards and Recognition

**PDG Carroll Kukowski (center) received an International Leadership medal from District Governor Annette and International Director Leland Kolkmeyer at the Saturday night's banquet.**

**PDG Dale Johansen (right) received an International Presidental medal from District Governor Annette and International Director Leland Kolkmeyer at the Saturday night's banquet. This award is the second highest you can get from Lions Clubs International.**

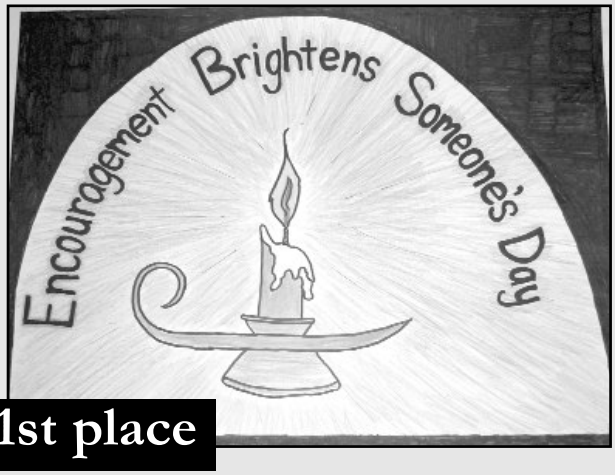
**Betty Johansen (center) received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation from District Governor Annette and International Director Leland Kolkmeyer at the Saturday night's banquet.**

**Jim Bergstrom (center) received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation from District Governor Annette and International Director Leland Kolkmeyer at the Saturday night's banquet.**

# Scholarship winners

**Left to right: Crystal Magnan of Brainerd, Sami Jo Seaton of Verndale, Katie Jo Anderson of Pine River, Courtney Johnson of Pequot Lakes received Lions Scholarships for their efforts to help children. If you have a college student pursuing a career helping children contact Marge Mohs 218-631-2042, Jeanne Roggenkamp 218-385-2619 or Jack Riordan 218-763-3339.**

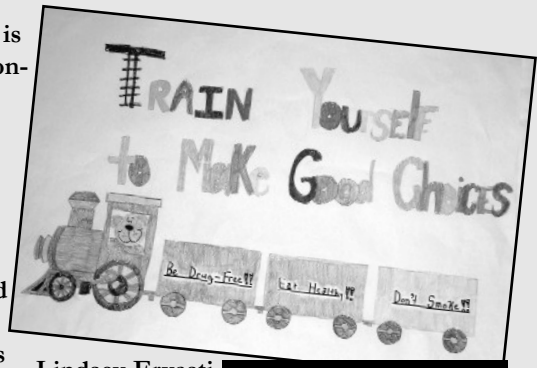
# Youth Outreach poster winners




**1st place**

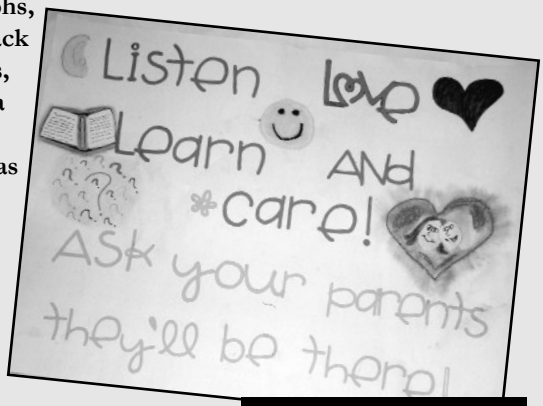
Sarah George sponsored by Battle Lake

The Mid-Winter Convention is over and there were many wonderful "Youth Outreach" posters.
This years winner was Sarah George sponsored by the Battle Lake Lions Club. She received a TV.
Everyone else who submitted a poster shared in over $3,000 in prizes. These prizes were given because of your generosity in donations to Youth Outreach. Marge Mohs, Jeanne Roggenkamp and Jack Riordan want to remind all Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs to bring a poster next year. Remember that Youth Outreach poster contest has evolved into all aspects of the process of growing up, with drugs just being a part of the whole picture. There is peer pressure, depression, bullying and many more difficult things growing up as a youth.
Contact Marge Mohs at 631-2042, romarmohs@lakesplus.com or Jack Riordan at 218-763-3339, riordan@emily.net or Jeanne Roggenkamp at 218-385-2619, jroggenkamp@arvig.net for more information about the contest or if you want to talk to your club about Youth Outreach.




**3rd place tie**

Lindsey Ervasti sponsored by Hewitt Lioness




**3rd place tie**

Hannah Janzen sponsored by Aitkin Riverboat

**2nd place**

Zac Paine sponsored by Parkers Prairie

**5th place**

Joy Haataja sponsored by Menahga

# Peace poster winner

Vice District Governor-Elect Jim Arvidson, Pride of Lions Secretary Nancy Bunde, Stephi Dickinson (1st Place - DVD player is prize), and Lions President Bob Harris.

Stephi Dickinson, of Parkers Prairie, won first place in the Peace Poster Contest and received a DVD player. Her poster will be entered in the Multiple District 5M contest which includes all of Minnesota and parts of Canada. One international grand prize winner will receive $2,500 and an engraved plaque. By entering the contest, 6th graders have joined hundreds of thousands of children from around the world in sharing their visions of peace.

# Awards and Recognition

## *Brag Book Contest*

**Pictured left:**
**First place was**
**Bluffton Lions Club**
**2nd place**
**Verndale Lions Club**
**3rd place**
**McGregor Lions Club**
**Honorable Mention**
**Palisade Lions Club**

## *First Timer Contest Club*

**Deerwood Lakes Lions Club won the Traveling Trophy for most First Timers books turned in.**

## *Best Club Newsletter*

**Pictured left:**
**First place was**
**Garrison Lions Club**
**2nd place**
**Deerwood Lions Club**

## *Best Club Website*

**Pictured right:**
**First place was**
**McGregor Lions Club**
**2nd place**
**Battle Lake Lions Club**
**3rd place**
**Whitefish Area Lions**

## *First Timer Contest*

**District Governor Elect presenting the winners their prizes.**
**First place was Wanda Lutzke of the Leader Lions Club.**
**2nd place was Cookie Knopik of the Garrison Lions Club.**
**3rd place was Dianna Bates of the Deerwood Lions Club.**

**The Wolf Lakes Lions Club received the Traveling Trophy for highest percentage of members attending the Mid-Winter Convention.**

# Eyeglass collection information needed

Your Eye Bank Co-Chairs, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and Lions Club International are in the process of updating their files on Lion Club eyeglass collection sights.

If your club has not already done so, please fill out the form printed below and return it to the address at the bottom.

If you have more than four sights, please list them on a seperate sheet of paper and attach it to the form.

Thank you Lions.

Eye Bank Co-Chair Ray Woods.

## Lions Recycle For Sight - Club Participation Form

**Please provide the following information;**

Name of Your Club _____

Club No. _____

Eyeglass Collection Coordinator _____

Email Address _____

**Collection Location #1**

Name of organization, community center or school: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____

**Collection Location #2**

Name of organization, community center or school: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____

**Collection Location #3**

Name of organization, community center or school: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____

**Collection Location #4**

Name of organization, community center or school: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____

**Please submit form to:**
**Lion Ray Woods, Co-Chair Minnesota Lions Eye Bank**
**23312 Agate Lake Road, Deerwood, MN 56444**

# Resolutions 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention 2008

Thereas Craguns has been a gracious host again and we have enjoyed another great 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention.

Be it resolved that the entire Craguns staff receive a big 5M9 thank you.

Where International Director Leland and his lovely wife, Marcia have shown us the excellence of our Lions International leadership team by their example.

Be it resolved that we of 5M9 give them a special thank you and wish them God speed and safe travel as they continue on their Lions travels.

Whereas District Governor Annette Contos has given so much to the governing of District 5M9 and running of another excellent convention.

Be it resolved that she receive a big 5M9 thank you for her service given and for her continued efforts for the rest of her year. 5M9 is in very good hands.

Whereas District Governor Elect Peter VanErp has accepted the challenge of the 5M9 leadership at the highest level.

Be it resolved that we of 5M9 pledge to him our total support as he prepares for his year as our leader.

Whereas chairs Bill Wilson and John Desrocher and the entire membership of the host clubs of Verndale Lioness, Verndale Lions and the Sebeka Lions Clubs have worked hard and long for this wonderful convention.

Be it resolved that they receive a big 5M9 thank you for a job well done.

Whereas PDG Dick Labraaten has worked so hard to write the original song to give thanks to our International Director Leland and for the enjoyment of all convention goers.

Be it resolved that he receive a 5M9 thanks for his efforts.

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growing number in 5M9 with a history of involvement in White Cane Days. If your club has not yet been involved, please consider this great project. Begin now to obtain information, name a project chair, identify locations and dates for the fundraiser, and order materials. If location identification is a problem, ask a neighboring Lions Club to join you or permit you to arrange a location in their service area. Involve Lions, Lionesses, and Leos, family members, neighbors and friends.

This can be very a successful project we had two clubs that I can think of off the top of my head that raised $1,200 plus with White Canes. I remember this because the most that was raised when I was White Cane chair for my club was $840 and I thought was good.

A reminder: There are still clubs that have not given me a date to visit. The time is fast approaching when I will contact you and tell you when I will be coming to visit you. I can accommodate most any date and I would prefer that you pick the date for my visit.

Now I can say, the Mid-Winter is history, and we have a new Vice District Governor elect Jim Arvidson and a First Lady in Waiting Linda, congratulations to both of you. We now have a District Governor Elect and First Lady Elect, Peter and Margaret VanErp, congratulations to the Lions VanErp, I know they will enjoy 2007-2008 and have memories for a lifetime. I suppose with all of this elect business I must be 5M9's IDPG Elect-I got a newsletter inviting me to become a member in the Past District Governor's Association. I hope you all enjoyed the seminars, I did and I thought ID Leland and Lion Marcia were great guests and the comments I have heard from you 5M9 Lions is that you enjoyed their company.

**SMILE (Simply Make It Lions Everyday)**
**DG Annette**

## Sieben addresses Lions at Saturday Brunch

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## Upcoming dates for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum

**Sept. 18-20, 2008 Saskatoon, Canada**
**Sept. 17-19, 2009 Memphis, TN**
**Sept. 2010 Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

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# Don't miss the DUH Convention

## MD5M Convention

### May 2-4 • Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen

Lions, Lioness & Leos:

The Dilworth, Ulen and Hitterdal Lions Clubs (DUH) of District 5M 11 invite you to the 89th Annual Multiple District 5M Convention to be held May 2- 4, 2008 at the Shooting Star Event Center in Mahnomen, MN.

We are planning a convention you won't want to miss! We will have stimulating speakers, informative seminars, exciting entertainment and more - all under one roof!

The Shooting Star Casino & Event Center has been billed as "Northern Minnesota's premier gaming & convention property." The Hotel and & event center boasts 390 hotel rooms, a 22,000 square foot convention center, restaurants, snack bar, lounge, swimming pool, shopping and gaming. A beautiful RV Park is located on site.

Rooms will be $75 (US) per night - tax included. RV spots at the Shooting Star Campground will be $25 (US) per night. The complete Hospitality Book Price will be $109.00 that includes all meals and entertainment. All reservations must be made through the Dilworth-Ulen-Hitterdal Lions Clubs using an official registration form. For your convenience, Visa & MasterCard will be accepted along with checks or cash.

You will be able to register on-line at www.Dilworthlionsclub.info

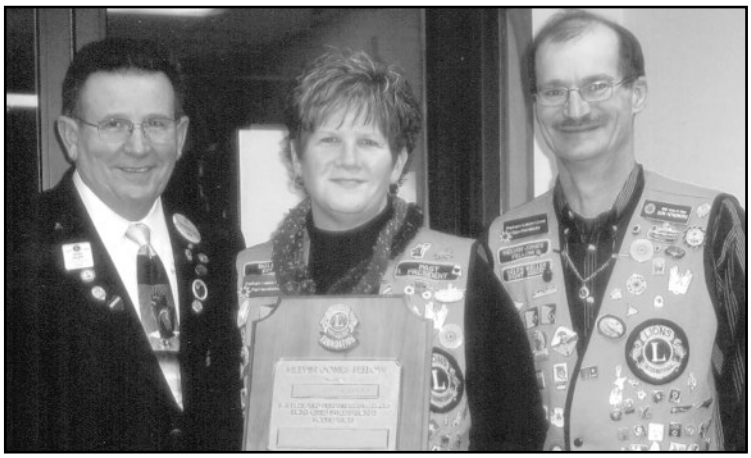
An updated list of registrants by Lions, District, will be available on the website as well.

Your club is a member of District 5M9 which is one of 12 sub-districts which makes-up Multiple District 5M. Come and take part, in what goes on at this next level of the Lion's organization. Come to the DUH convention, it will be fun and informative.

Registration forms will be in next months newsletter.

Sincerely,
Dilworth/Ulen/Hitterdal Lions
2008 MD5M Convention Committee

# Hendrickx receives MJF



**A Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to Pat Hendrickx, a complete surprise to her, by VDG Peter VanErp at the Lakes Lions/Perham annual Christmas party. Pictured above is VDG Peter VanErp, Pat Hendrickx and her husband and Zone 6 Chairman Don Hendrickx.**

# Cuyuna Lions award MJFs

**PDG Carroll Kukowski awarded two Melvin Jones Fellowships at the Cuyuna Range Christmas Party. Pictured above: Jan Anderson, Past President, has chaired a number of projects, writes our newsletter and helps when ever asked.**

**Pictured below: Dave Juracek, a Lion for 32 years, has been our tail twister and Club President three times. Also pictured is his wife Joyce.**

**89th Multiple District 5M Convention**
**May 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2008**
**The DUH Convention**
**Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center**
**Mahnomen, Minnesota**
**Hosted by Dilworth Lions, Ulen Lions & Hitterdal Lions**

# Registration Form

(One Form Per Hotel Room or RV Spot Please)

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

Lion ____ Lioness ____ Leo ____ Guest

Name: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____ District: _____
City: _____ Club Name: _____
Prov/State: _____ Telephone: _____
Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

(Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention)

List any special needs you have_____

## Accommodations

___ Hotel Room $75.00 per night (includes tax) or ___ RV Spot $25.00 per night (includes tax)

All Room and RV registrations must be made with this form. The hotel will not be accepting registrations.

Thursday___ Friday___ Saturday___ Sunday___ (Room or RV Spot) Total $_____

## Meals & Entertainment

| **Hospitality Books** (Includes all meals and Entertainment) | Each | Number | $Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Complete Hospitality Book Price** | $109.00 | _____ | _____ |
| **Individual Meal/Entertainment Tickets** | | | |
| Friday Mixer | $20.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Saturday Breakfast | $12.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Saturday Banquet & Entertainment | $60.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Sunday Brunch | $18.00 | _____ | _____ |
| **Total Accommodations/Meals & Entertainment** | | | **$**_____ |

Make Checks Payable to: MD5M 2008 Convention

Note: Full Payment insures a speedy check in. Cancellation deadline is April 15, 2008.

Send Registration form and payment to:

Multiple District 5M 2008 Convention
The DUH Convention
P.O. Box 116
Dilworth, MN 56529-0116

Inquiries can be E-mailed to - sagmkg@cableone.net

**You can Register on-line, an updated list of Registrants by District will be on the Website at www.dilworthlionsclub.info**

# A Tribute to Director Leland

**Lion Marcia and International Director Leland Kolkmeyer watch and enjoy PDG Dick Labraaten's song as he preforms it for them at the Sunday Brunch.**

A Tribute to Director Leland
(To The Tune of "Old McDonald")

**Missouri has a favorite Lion - E, I, E, I, O**
He became our favorite Director - E, I, E, I, O
With a Lions speech here, a Lions Speech there
Here a speech, there a speech, everywhere a Lions' speech
**Missouri has a favorite Lion - E, I, E, I, O**
Director Leland and Lion Marcia came to 5M9
They showed us love and fellowship - Yah, Yah, Yah
With a howdy here and a handshake there
Here a hi, there a shake, everywhere a hi and shake
**Missouri has a favorite Lion - E, I, E, I, O**
Director Leland has fought the fires - E, I, E, I, O
He's also served with the Boy Scouts - E, I, E, I, O
With a Fire here, a scout campout there
Here a fire, there a scout, he does it all.
He lives our motto of "We Serve" - E, I, E, I, O
Director Leland and Lion Marcia came to 5M9
They came as strangers, but leave as friends
Oh yes, they do
We're glad they came, we hate to see them go,
Here a bye, there a thanks and come again.
**5M9 has a favorite Lion and from Missouri he came.**

By PDG Dick Labraaten - 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

# A Sea of White

**The Past District Governors of 5M9 paused for a group shot after the Service Of Remembrance.**