DG Bruce's
Port of Calls & Club Visits

January 2012
6th-8th– 5M9 Midwinter Conv
9th– Pequot-Breezy Point visit
11th– New York Mills visit
14th– Hearing Foundation mtg
20th-22nd– 5M1 & 5M7 MidWinters
23rd– McGregor Lions Club visit
24th– Leo Club visit
25th– Brainerd Lions Club visit
27th-29th– 5M4 Mid-Winter
30th– Campbell & Breckenridge visit

February
2nd– Aldrich, Verndale Lions-Lioness Club visit
3rd-5th– 5M8,10,11 MidWinters
7th– Gateway-Menagha Club visit
8th– Pine River Lions Club visit
9th– Parkers Prairie Club visit
10th-12th– 5M2 MidWinter
13th– Nisswa Lions Club visit
14th– Akely Lions Club visit
16th– Underwood Lion/Lioness visit
17th-19th– 5M13 MidWinter
23rd– Dent Lions Club visit
24-28th– Family time

March
1st– Wolf Lake/Frazee Lions visit
16th-17th– Council of Governors
25th– Cabinet mtg @ Nisswa CC
26th– Lake Park Lions Club visit
31st– Hearing Foundation mtg

April
9th– Baxter Lions Club visit
10th– Palisade Lions Club visit
14th– GMT/GLT Mtg St Cloud
18th– Deer Creek Club visit
23rd– Henning Lions Club visit
27-29th– MD5M Conv @ Hinkley
30th- College of Leadership

May
1st– College of Leadership Wadena
2nd– College of Leadership DL
3rd– Backus Lions Club visit
10th– Hackensack Lions visit
14th– Pride of Parkers Prairie visit
15th– Longville Lions Club visit
28th– Sebeka Lions Club visit
30th– reserved

June
11th– Cormorant Lions Club visit

Catch Your Dream

Bruce Beck 5M9 District Governor

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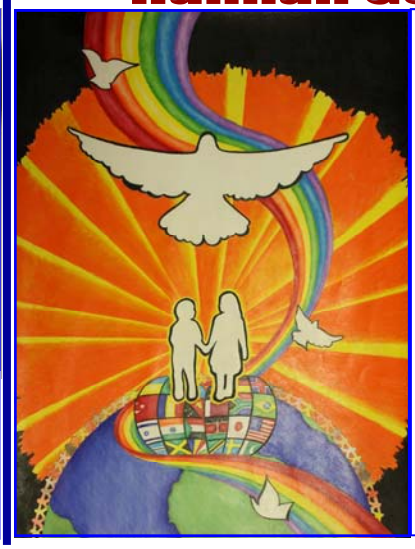
5M9 Peace Poster Winner Austin Koep

Austin Koep is a 6th Grader in Parkers Prairie Elementary School He is sponsored by Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions, President: Jackie Suchy

MD5M Peace Poster Winner Hannah Going



Hannah is an 8th Grader at St. Martins School in Winona, MN. Her sponsoring club is Winona Sunset Lions. Hannah's "poster represents children's peace and simplicity being an example to everyone around."

MD5M International Essay Winner

What Peace Means To Me

By Jacob Todd Kruger—Age 11 Minnesota

Peace is happiness to me. Peace is not locking your doors. Peace is for the wars to stop and the whole world to be just totally nice without you hearing this person was killed in war and that person was murdered by so and so. I say people who don't like wars might be able to boycott it for peace. People are nice guarding our country but no country should have to really guard their countries from other countries. Then families would be able to have moms, dads, brothers, uncles, aunts, grandmas, grandpas, sisters, and friends that all would be able to love each other and just be family and friends. They wouldn't die in wars. It is hard to leave a loved one when you might never see them on earth again. People have to do that all the time. I wish they wouldn't have to be that sad when a loved one goes away. They shouldn't have to worry about them going to war because there wouldn't be a war. People could just hold hands and be best friends. Families shouldn't have to be raised by just a mom or just a dad because the mom or dad was killed in war. People love family members and they shouldn't be parted before it is time for them to die. This is what I think of peace because I love my family a lot and I wouldn't want my dad leaving and never coming back again. The end.

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Catch'n the Lunker

The busy-ness of Christmas is behind us and we are looking forward to what lies ahead in 2012. For a New Year's resolution, think about setting some goals for your own year in Lions. Come up with a new service project for your club or chair a committee. Club elections are just around the corner. Volunteer for an officer's position in your club. Our Lions organization provides many different ways to serve - take an active leadership role and live our motto, "We Serve". Speaking of service, the International Presidents Service Campaign for December – January is Relieving the Hunger! Has your club done something yet? It is not too late. Be sure to include it in your LCI Monthly Activity report.

The Great 5M9 Family Get-Together, the Mid-Winter Convention, is upon us. I am looking forward to seeing you in Mahnomen. Erin and I are honored to serve the district and be able to visit clubs. We see all the great projects the Lions are involved with. Lions are amazing people doing amazing things! Come and learn what our District Lions programs are all about. You will laugh, hear stories that will touch your heart, and enjoy being with Lions you know and, find new friends, too.

Our Minnesota winters are a time when some of our Lions kick into gear, while others take the winter time to rest after warmer weather activities. For one group of clubs, their activities increase with ice fishing contests, snowmobile races, pancake breakfasts,
Valentine's Day dinners, mid-winter parades and festivals. For another group of clubs it is a quieter time with snowbirds gone, time to plan for the summers activities and club
elections. Whichever winter path you take, do it with FUN. Put the excitement back into being a Lion! Plan a new membership drive event, or how your club will plant some trees this spring. Lions shine their brightest in our communities when we are serving! Treat each other like family!

I want to thank Lion Tracey Buhl for doing a great job as our Newsletter Editor. She does need your help, too. Please send in your project & activities photos. Good action shots are nice. Show other Lions what your club is doing. Include with the photo first & last names and what the activity is. I still encourage every club to print off at least one copy and bring it to their meeting to share with Lions who do not have email. Each club decides on how best to get the newsletter to its membership. Every Lion can get the newsletter from the District's website, www.lionsof5M9.org. Don't forget to send in posters advertising your upcoming events so that other area Lions can come and attend it!

Remember… keep your auger sharp, minnows in the pail and your stick on the ice!

Catch Ya on the Water,
Lion Bruce

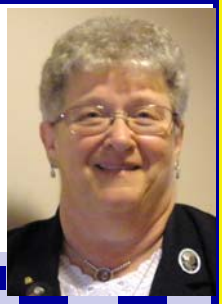
CELEBRATING 30 YRS OR MORE IN LIONS

DG Bruce is pictured with Bay Lake Area Lions that have been with Lions for 30 yrs or more!
L-R DG Bruce Beck,
Lions Don Carlson, Curt Hansen,
& PDG Adolph Kukowski

Stitching Together the News of 5M9

1st Vice District Governor

Margaret Van Erp



Wow, hasn't this weather been fantastic! Today is another beautiful day for December. Sure will make the winter go much faster even when we do get the white stuff which could happen any day now.

By the time everyone reads this newsletter Christmas and New Years will be over. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and visited with family and friends.

We are getting ready for the Mid-Winter Convention. I'm sure Lion Tracey will have this newsletter out to all of us before we leave for the convention on January 6, 2012. Stop by our hospitality room to visit all of the bases and get some goodies to eat. Meet all of the candidates in the one room as well as hear about the 2013 convention. Everyone is invited to wear baseball gear, hats, jersey's baseball pants or whatever reminds you of baseball on Friday evening of the convention. Let's play baseball!!!

According to our International reports, we have 28 clubs who are not reporting on the International activities report. I would gladly help anyone of you to do this report. If your club has planted any trees at all they have to be reported on the International activities report in order for our Governor to be able to get credit for them. As all of you remember, our DG Bruce signed that our District would plant 2,500 trees. We have a LONG way to go to get this accomplished for our DG Bruce. I hope everyone is thinking about planting a couple of trees in the spring. Make sure your secretary reports them on the International activities report.

Talking about reports, it's time to start thinking of getting a slate of officers ready to present to your membership in February so that your club can vote before April 15, 2012. Your secretary must fill out the PU 101 report. This can be done on line and only takes about 4 clicks and it's done. If anyone needs assistance with this report give me a call and I will help you do it.

Has your Lions club donated to the 11 projects that our Dist. supports? Any amount is welcome. Alone we can't do much but together we can do many wonderful things. Our DG, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG would love to see every club donate to every project so we could be 100% supportive of our Dist. projects. Please consider donating. Thanks so much to all of the clubs who have already donated.

We have a GREAT district with GREAT Lions in it. PDG Peter and I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope to see most of you at the Mid-Winter Convention in Mahnomen on January 6, 7 & 8, 2012. I would appreciate your vote and support as I seek the office of Dist Governor for 2012-2013.

In 2012, let's keep those stoves baking those buns, put the coffee on and invite your neighbors, friends or even relatives to come join Lions and help us to improve the lives of our fellowman.

1st VDG Margaret (the want-a-be DGE at the Mid-Winter Convention)

ABOVE
DG Bruce Beck presenting Bay Lake Area Lions Charter President Don Carlson International President Tam's personal pin

RIGHT

PDG Peter Van Erp Presenting Lakes Lions Member, Lion Bonnie Genin with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

"WATTS" NEW in 5M9

2nd Vice District Governor
Donald Hendrickx

I remember when the new decade of 2000 came around and we were all concerned about the world shutting down at the stroke of midnight. Well we are now approaching the year 2012 and now that night in the year 2000 is considered a distant memory. Honestly, how do the years fly by so fast?

As a new year is upon us, your clubs need to get your nomination committees assigned, so that your club slate of officers for the year 2012-2013 can be established. They need to be voted on by April 1, 2012. The list needs to be to 1st VDG Margaret by April 15, 2012. Make sure, even if your officers are taking their office for another year, they are asked to take that office. Don't assume they will want to continue in that office. Make sure to thank your officers for all the hard work that they do and for keeping your club running smoothly. If asked to fill an officer's position, don't be in a hurry to say "No, I could never do that". Give yourself a little credit and go outside your comfort zone. You may find that you are a stronger person than you thought and feel proud that you did something you never dreamed possible. Hey, look at me!!! I would never have dreamt when I joined Lions years ago that I would be a Vice District Governor. But with a lot of encouragement from great Lion friends – here I am --- and having a great time learning more about Lions and making friendships that will last a lifetime.

I want to thank all nine Zone Chairs for the wonderful job that they all did in their second round of Zone meetings. It is always amazing to listen to all the clubs as they list their activities and donations. Lions truly do SERVE.

Lion Pat and I hope that you will join us at the 2012 5M9 Midwinter Convention at the Shooting Star Casino and look forward to visiting with you in the hospitality room. Come prepared to enjoy a feeling of baseball in the air as we, along with 1st VDG Margaret, "wanna be" 2nd VDG Gloria Anderson and the 21013 convention co-host clubs, Perham Lakes Lions and Bluffton Lions serve up some baseball food.

May 2012 be filled with good health and happiness for you and yours....

Dutch Proverb of the Month –"He talks like a sausage without the fat

(English translation – Someone with not much to say)

Pas goed op jezelf – ---------**2nd VDG Don**

UNDERSTANDING LIONS

Whether you are a long time Lion's member or new to your Lion's club, everyone has had problems understanding Lion's history, function or information at the local club level or at the District, Multiple or International level. Hopefully this article will answer those unending questions.

What is a District Governor (DG)?

And how did he get that job?

First off, he/she is a Lion– just like everyone else. The District Governor is the person who oversees the District that your Lions Club is in for 1 year. *Our District is 5M9 (5th Multiple, 9th District) meaning that each Multiple in the world has a number and within some Multiples there are Districts and ours has 12, numbered 1-13 (number 12 was divided between 2 other districts and is no longer). The number 5 we are assigned has nothing to do with our size. If you placed MD5M at Minneapolis and laid it over the United States, we would reach geographically to Miami Florida. In Lions Members, we are the 3rd largest Multiple in North America, placing us just behind Texas &Pennsylvania.* To become a DG, you need to hold the Presidents position of your club and then a Zone Chairman's position or a District Secretary or Treasurer's position. You are then nominated at a District Convention (held in January every year within our District). Once voted in, it will take you 2 years to become District Governor. The first position you will hold is 2nd Vice District Governor (you are expected to attend all District Cabinet meetings & help with any areas the DG deems necessary). The following year you are a 1st Vice District Governor. You are expected to attend all District Cabinet meetings, help where needed and attend the 2 training sessions assigned by the Multiple to prepare you for District Governor. Your spouse is expected to attend the training sessions. At this point you will establish your District Cabinet to help you throughout your year, set your goals and budget. You attend the International Lions Convention– wherever it is held in the world– the end of June/beginning of July, finish your Governors training and are sworn in as District Governor. The International helps pay for most of your trip. Once home, you make plans to visit every club in your District– we have 73, attend 4 Multiple Cabinet meetings a year, this makes for a very busy calendar. You also make friendships that will last a lifetime!

LEGAL AND INSURANCE Q & A

Question:

We plan to hold a Lions event in our (City, County, School District, Township, Municipality, etc.) building. They require that we furnish them with a certificate of insurance to show that we have coverage. What do I do?

Answer:

It turns out that this is pretty easy to get. LCI has it set up on the website and you get an immediate printed certificate that you can use. The procedure is as follows:

- Get on the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org;
- Hit the "Resources" icon in the center of the home page;
- Under "view", hit the "insurance" icon;
- Hit the "Certificate of Insurance" icon;
- Hit the "2011-2012-Certificate of Insurance" icon;
- Fill out the form, then hit "print" and you have your certificate, which can be furnished to the city.

FOR THOSE IN MINNESOTA ONLY:

LEGAL AND INSURANCE Q & A (Minnesota Clubs only)

Question:

Our club is planning on holding an event in the local school building (or county, or city or township facility). They tell us that we need an additional $500,000.00 insurance coverage due to a Minnesota Statute regarding liability coverage. How do we get it?

Answer:

Multiple District 5M purchases a policy for all of the Minnesota clubs in the multiple district (your club gets billed for its share of the premium at the beginning of each year, it is on the club dues statement for $8.47). If you need a certificate to show that this is in place, go to www.lionsmd5m.org, then click the "legal" icon on the left side; you can then print out the two certificates, "MD5M Excess Liability Certificate" and "MD5M Excess Liability Binder", which should be what the school district needs. If they have questions, Executive Secretary Bob Harms has the certificate on pdf and can send one to your club, if needed. Try to use the one on the website, if possible; Lion Bob is already incredibly busy. For other insurance questions, you can contact MD5M insurance consultant Burdell Wessels at 952-934-1762, or by e-mail atwesscrm@aol.com.

Lakes Lions of Perham
11th Annual

MARDI GRAS!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

AT

MULLIGAN'S PUB & EATERY - PERHAM

Social Hour – 6:00 pm
Dinner – 7:00 pm

Entertainment by
Singer - Robert Sergovia

$25.00 TICKETS
Proceeds to Benefit Lions & Community Projects

RAFFLE PRIZES
2 - $250.00 CASH PRZES
2 – HALF HOGS

SILENT AUCTION
MEAT RAFFLE
DOOR PRIZES

Call 218-371-5008 for information

Zone 6 Report

The 2nd Zone 6 meeting was held in November. All seven clubs had members attending. The GLT and GMT teams put on a great program. The 3rd Zone meeting will be held in New York Mills in late March. More information to follow.

I have visited all of the clubs in my Zone. They are all having fun with their winter projects... from making and selling Christmas wreaths to wild game feeds and health fairs, etc. Everyone is getting ready for the Mid - Winter Convention. It should be a good time.

I was honored to enlist a new member in Nimrod.

Respectfully Submitted
Zone 6 Chair
Ron Genoch

5M9 2012 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Al Webster	Aitkin	Mark LeRoy Holm	Hill City
Sophie Wicks	Akeley	Martin Berg	McGregor
Andy Tweten	Battle Lake	Paul Johnson	McGregor
Eunice Watland	Baxter	Dallas Anderson	Nisswa
William Taylor	Bay Lake Area	Pauline Bottemiller	Nisswa
Issy Langer	Bluffton	Richard Knowles	Nisswa
James Boll	Campbell	Don Hinneberg	Park Rapids
PDG Don Dorn	Cass Lake	Richard Konrad	Parkers Prairie
Dr. John Kloster	Crosslake Ideal	Butch Briese	Parkers Prairie
Mike Hancock	Cuyuna Range	DeAnna Lehman	Perham
Nelvin Thormodson	Dalton	PDG Dick Norlin	Riverside
Audrey Nelson	Garrison	Leonard Hillstrom	Vergas
Phyllis Skatrud	Guthrie–Nary	Kay Shields	Vergas
Ray Payne	Hackensack	Ruth Beaver	Verndale
Melvin Rateike	Hackensack	Warren Hartman	Wadena
Fred Sellnow	Hewitt		

HURRY! It's not too late!

If you have not yet registered to attend the 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention in Mahnomen, Jan. 6-8, 2012! It's as easy as visiting our district website http://www.lionsof5m9.org/ to get your registration form and contact Lion Jim Granger at 218-847-4783 To make sure you get included. DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND!!!!!!

Mid-Winter Schedule

FRIDAY

Meet the Candidates
for DG, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG
Service of Remembrance
Honor fellow Lions that have passed on.
Socialize with friends you haven't seen in awhile and make some new friends
as you enjoy music by SLOG

SATURDAY

Breakfast
Business Meeting
Health Fair
Informational Seminars
Luncheon
Health Fair continues
More Informational Seminars
District Governors Banquet
Hypnotist: Dan Lee

SUNDAY

Club Presidents Meeting
Brunch &
Business Meeting
Wrap Up weekend activities

Farewells to friends both old and new
with well wishes for the new year!

Ottertail Lions Welcome 9 NEW MEMBERS

1st Row - Becky Woessner, sponsor, Linda Buchanan, sponsor, Nancy Beckman, new, Nancy Oseien, new, Gail Hustad, new, Arlyn Hustad, new.

2nd Row - Jordan Woessner, new, Bernie Beckman, new, Marge Ewy, new, Kathy Wagenman, sponsor, Marv Monson, new, Terry Oseien, new, Jerry Smith, sponsor, DG Bruce (but you knew that already)

Congratulations Ottertail Lions

McGregor Lions Welcome 10 NEW MEMBERS

Seated L-R: Judith Winges, Marlis Floe, Karen Oleson, Jan Cherry, Paula Graff, Lisa & William O'Brien, Sheila Merritt

Sanding L-R: Lions Jan Christensen, PDG Adolph Kukowski, Evie Turner, Shirley Scollard, Alice Graff, Tom Spencer, Darlene Erickson, and PDG Carroll Kukowski

Back Row L-R: New Memb. Mike Cherry, New memb. Curt Graff, Lion Bob Graff

Way to go McGregor Lions

ABOVE
Alana Herrmann and Ann Seifert of Lakes Lions in Perham in conjunction with Pamida wrap Christmas Presents for Pamida Shoppers!

ABOVE
Perham Lion Gary Sensky (left) and DG Bruce Beck. Lion Gary was the recipient of the District 5M9 Commendation Award!

LEFT
The Perham "Lakes" Lions donated and handed out 300 candy bags during the kids Christmas Matinee at the Comet Theater in Perham on December 10th.
Handing out the treats to the kids were Lion Jeff Fritz & 2nd VDG Don Hendrickx.

Lakes Lions of Perham Having fun at their Christmas Party December 9, 2011

BELOW
Tyler Krumwided was presented with the Lion of the Year Award by Donald Hendrickx Lakes Lions in Perham

LEFT
At the annual Christmas Party of the Osage Lions Club, A Melvin Jones, the highest award given by Lions International, was presented to business men Jeff & Bob Hensel of J&B Foods. The award was given in recognition for all the help and support they give to Park Rapids and surrounding area. 5M9 District Governor Bruce Beck presented the award.

OSAGE LIONS

RIGHT
Receiving the Governors personal Pin were, Sherrie Noble, Anna Johnson and Carol Luukkonen for their service as Co-treasurers and Secretary.

BELOW
A Governors Award was given to Archie & Helen Henderson.

COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP
APRIL 30, MAY 1 & MAY 2, 2012
CROSBY, WADENA & DETROIT LAKES
Details to Follow!

BE A LEADER!!!!!

LEFT
Pride of Parkers Prairie Craft Fair Workers
Lions Deborah Hegseth, DG Bruce Beck, Deb Gappa, Sheena Smith, And Tonya Woodworth

PIRATE ADVENTURE

COME VISIT THE " SS CANNONBALL " AT THE 5M9 MID-WINTER CONVENTION AS WE PREPARE TO SET SAIL FOR A WEEK-END OF GLOBAL HIGH SEAS ACTION FILLED WITH PLENTY OF LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.
THERE WILL BE A LOT OF ENERGY , EXCITEMENT , FUN AND LOADS OF LION INFORMATION.
COME TO SEE AND LEARN ABOUT THE " NEW " GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARD AND GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD THAT CAN BE EARNED BY ONE OF OUR DISTRICT 5M9 LIONS CLUBS FOR THE YEAR. WE WILL HAVE REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA AVAILABLE AT THE " SS CANNONBALL ".
THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME " FREE " PIRATE TREASURE TO BE GIVEN AWAY JUST FOR VISITING US !!
YOUR FAVORITE 5M9 PIRATE SHIP MATES WILL BE AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL !!

BELOW
INDUCTION OF NEW LIONS IN URBANK
L-R Nick Olson, Scott Koep, Shawn Becker, Brad Ost, Kyle Bettin, Claudette Bettin, Thomas Koep, Dan Moske Not pictured, Lion Transfer Pat Bettin and Sponsor Urbank President Carla Bettin

Please submit stories, photos with captions, ads and other material to the editor/diva before the 15th of the month for the following months newsletter.

Catch Your Dream 5M9 Newsletter

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