

5M9 Service Journal

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR—TOM PLAGMAN

We Serve

Dear Lions,

This is a reminder that, effective July 1, 2017, we are consolidating new club charter fees and new member fees into a single \$35 entrance fee. This fee consolidation and increase will allow us to increase member benefits, improve the member experience, and simplify the new member and club enrollment processes.

Thank you for everything you do to make your community stronger and Lions Clubs International a world-class service organization.

Very truly yours,

Octavia Treadway

Membership Team Leader



We're 1,445,591 Lions strong—and counting!

Dear Fellow Lions,

I am pleased to announce that we just surpassed our all-time membership record of **1,445,591 Lions!**

I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to changing lives and growing our association's humanitarian impact over the past year. Thanks to you, we are positioned to enter our second century of service stronger than ever before. Thanks to you, Lions clubs are serving in more communities around the world. And thanks to you, we are helping more people than ever before.

Thank you for helping Lions reach new heights!

Very truly yours,

Chancellor Bob Corlew



District Governor Tom Plagman

I was lucky enough to have a cup of coffee with ID Bruce Beck this past April. It was fascinating to hear a few stories about his travels. However, he caught me flat footed when he asked what I had done about LCI Forward and by inference, what did I know about it? I decided that I should educate myself. In that effort, I am passing this article from the LCI website on to all of you. See the last page of this newsletter to read it in full. Here are the main points and how I see them.

Delight the member. When was the last time you or members of your club were delighted as Lions? If it has been recently, good for you and keep up the good work! If it has been a while, work on it. Being part of Lions shouldn't be all work. We need to have fun and enjoy our members and membership.

Pursue frontiers of service. Be proactive in the ways you serve your community. Be looking for new and diverse ways to help your neighbor. I have little doubt that we all do not have to look far or work hard to find innovative ways to serve. It is after all, what we as Lions do best.

Be the best association. Ask your club leadership team what you can do to help make your club better. After they get over the initial shock, they might just put you to work. If you already have a vital and active club check out ways you can get involved in district activities. We have a great organization and there always opportunities in the larger roles of Lionism for ambitious members to get involved.

Shine the spotlight. Has anyone ever asked you what Lions do? If so you are not alone. We are terrible at beating our own drum. Often times, we are the best kept secret in town. Work on your elevator speech. How can you tell a person in 15-30 seconds why you are a Lion and what makes it such a great organization? Public relations is just that. How does the public relate to the Lions and how does your club relate to the public? **If we don't tell our own story no one else will!**

Let's make 2017-2018 a great Lions year!

District Governor Tom Plagman

Right: The Garrison Lions presented **Top Dog Awards** to several very deserving and dedicated Lions members.

Club President Lynn Bremer (back-center) is pictured with (L-R) Lion Don Steinle, Lion Darlene Steinle, & Lion Mary Connoy.

Congratulations Lions and Thank You for your continued service to your community and to Lions Clubs International!



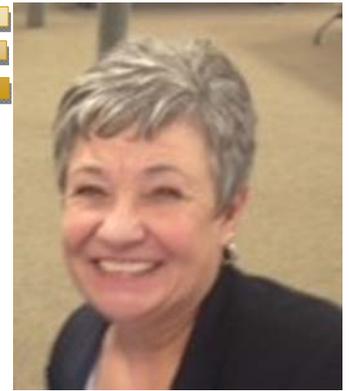
SOW THE SEEDS OF SERVICE

PRAISE—ENCOURAGE—EDUCATE—HAVE FUN



1st Vice District Governor

Rose Puckett



While preparing for our monthly District Newsletter I am thinking of the upcoming Lions International Convention in Chicago. I will not be attending but wish all of you a wonderful time. I know you will proudly represent our 5M9 District.

Congratulations Lions Clubs for your excellent support of the 100 Year Anniversary of Lions International. I have seen so many wonderful projects dedicated to this celebration. How many organizations can say we have served those in need for 100 years!

This past month, I had the privilege of installing the Garrison Lions Officers for the upcoming year. A huge thank you to every Lion in this great District 5M9 for your time and energy volunteering to help others. Together we make a difference in our communities and the world community.

Recently I suffered the loss of my husband and partner in service. The love and support of our Lions Family was truly heartwarming. Thank You.

I am looking forward to serving as your 1st Vice District Governor this year and working with Governor Tom and 2nd Vice District Governor Cassandra. Please feel free to contact us if you need help.

Together in Lions we can meet our challenges!

1st Vice District Governor.

Rose Puckett



On May 13th the **Deerwood Lakes Lions** hosted their Annual Mother's Day Tea. This year was a Birthday Theme to celebrate 100 Years of Lions! There were many activities including lots of food for the many hungry participants, door prizes, raffle items, count the jelly beans and more. There is always an abundance of laughter and entertainment. Plan to join the party next year!



STRAIGHT SHOOTING FOR LIONS

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
SANDY REMINGTON



Hello Lions of 5M9!

July is here and it is official. I've stepped into the DG team as its newest member. I thought I might take this time to introduce myself and let you know what I'm all about. I am a retired RN who recently dabbled in the education field with special needs children. I am passionate about health care. Lions fits that passion to a T. I am originally from Illinois and transplanted here as a gift to myself for my birthday a while back.

Family is important to me. I have three brothers, all younger than I am. Two of them are still in Illinois and one is here in Minnesota, in Pine River. My father passed away several years ago, but I was able to spend time with him and help take care of him in his final years and am very grateful for the time God gave us together. My mother lives close by and we talk daily and see each other a few times a week. Hopefully, she will be my traveling companion as I embark on my journeys with Lions. If she is not able to accompany me, I have some friends that have agreed to travel with me, depending on schedules.

My time as a Lion has been 9 years in length. I am with the Backus Club in Zone 3. I have served as a Director, Vice President, and President during my time with them. For the last two years, I have been the Zone Chair for Zone 3. I have attended Mid-Winter Convention several times and my first USA/Canada Forum in Bemidji this last April. It is a pleasure meeting new people and learning new things on these trips.

I'm looking forward to all the things I can learn in the next few years on my DG team journey. To meeting you my fellow Lions on the trips I will be making, and to working with DG Tom and 1st VDG Rose as we work to achieve our new International President's goals for the next year, as well as District Governor Tom's goals for our District. Change is a scary thing, but it is also exciting. I hope you are all as excited as I am to get started in the new year and new century in Lions.

Yours in Service,

2nd VDG Sandy Remington



The **Perham Lakes Lions** donated this beautiful bench to the City of Perham as a **Lions Centennial Legacy Project**. It is perfectly located in Turtle Park near the Lions water fountain.

Left you can see some of the Perham Lakes Lions trying out the bench to test its comfort level. It seems to have passed the test.



Emily, Outing, 50 Lakes Lions Club recently presented \$1000 Scholarships to deserving young students. Pictured Left: Scholarship Chair, Lion Patsy Bernhjelm presented CI Senior Cody Chapman his scholarship. Cody plans to attend the U of M this fall.



Right: Madelyn Atwater from Northland HS received her scholarship. She plans to attend NDSU in the fall.

Right: Members of the Nevis Lions Club gathered together to show their donation for Kamp KACE. The Nevis Lions donated life jackets, fishing poles, snacks and water for Kamp KACE to use. This years Kamp was June 25-30. Each year the Kamp serves about 100 kids and they enjoy an ice cream social, a day of fishing, a fish fry and much more.



Below: The Underwood Area Lions Club recently welcomed PDG Dale Johansen who installed the 17-18 officers. Front L-R: Connie Quaal/Asst Treas, Julie Kugler & Kathy Budke/Co-Tail Twisters, Mavis Austin & Karla Green/Co-Lion Tamers, Mary Hanson/Asst Sect, Corliss Enquist/Sect, Bert Kinzler/3rd VP, Cesca Vogel/2nd VP Back: Allen Equist/Director, Tracey Buhl/President, Pete Eikland/Director, John Quaal/ Membership, Lowell Hoekstra/Director, Greg Kugler/IPP, Vernon Quaal/Treasurer, PDG Dale Johansen. Not Pictured: Norma Worden/1st VP & Frank Vogel/Director.

Above: Park Rapids Lions Mike and Sue Monsrud, Mike and Anita Monsrud, and Larry and Zelda Novak attended the Walker Roar with the Lions Dinner Dance. A great time was had by all dancing to the music of the "White Sidewalls".



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



Deerwood Lakes Lions recently cleaned ditch along Hwy 6. The wood ticks were plentiful but items could be easily seen as the County had not yet mowed. They do this in the spring and fall finishing with a pot luck lunch.

Right: **Deerwood Lakes Lions** attended a Heartwood Appreciation Luncheon on June 15, 2017, on the patio. They were served a very good lunch. Members attending were (L-R) Lions Shirley Sanborn, Donna Sapa, Nancy Campion, Diann Bates, Harriet Stelflug, Linda Dooyema.

Below: **Deerwood Lakes Lions** packed lunches for kids in the Deerwood, Crosby & Ironton neighborhood on June 16, 2017. Lions Linda Dooyema, Kay Bendorf, Cathy McDougal, Harriet Stelflug and Nancy Campion packed 65 lunches. This projects runs Monday—Friday throughout the summer. The **Deerwood Lakes Lions** are scheduled every 3rd Friday.

Deerwood Lakes Lions sold Brats & Hotdogs on June 9 & 10 at the East Cub Store, Brainerd. Weather was windy but they persevered! Below: Harriet Stelflug, Nancy Campion, Nancy Hoyce Behnke, Cathy McDougal, Kay Bendorf, Donna Sapa



Above: **Deerwood Lakes Lions** Kay Bendorf, Diann Bates, Cathy McGougal, Donna Sapa, Harriet Stelflug, & Nancy Campion volunteered at Pizza Ranch to clear tables, assist employees and raise awareness of Lions visiting with customers.



Left: 6/12/17 the **Deerwood Lakes Lions** new board members were installed by PDG Adolph Kukowski. L-R: Donna Sapa, Cathy McDougal, Linda Dooyema, Shirley Sanborn, Nancy Campion, Kay Bendorf, Linda Altergott, Diann Bates and PDG Adolph Kukowski.



Left: On June 26, PDG Jay Norby (back left) inducted 7 new members into the Emily, Outing, and 50 Lakes Lions Club. L-R: Larry Schul, Brian Palkovich, and Lynn Schul sponsored by Kathy Harvet, Andrew Langins and Susan Langins sponsored by Sue Wilder, and Ed Brown and Sherry Brown sponsored by Kaye Cardinal.

On June 26, PDG Jay Norby installed new officers into the Emily, Outing, 50 Lakes Lions Club. L-R: Sue Wilder, Jan Mosman, Chuck Hoover, Judy Abts, Cheryl Fraser, Kathy Harvet, Pat Meyer, Loraine Dorn, Carol Baker, Jay Norby. Not Pictured—Patsy Berhjelm and Barry Pederson



22nd ANNUAL BACKUS LIONS FLY-IN BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 - 7:30 am to Noon

Backus Airport - West of Highway 371

\$6 at the door (\$5 in advance) - \$3 age 12 & under

Fly-in Pilots eat FREE



BENEFIT FOR BACKUS FIRE & FIRST RESPONDERS

SEE THE MEDIVAC HELICOPTER (11am) AND JAWS OF LIFE DEMONSTRATION

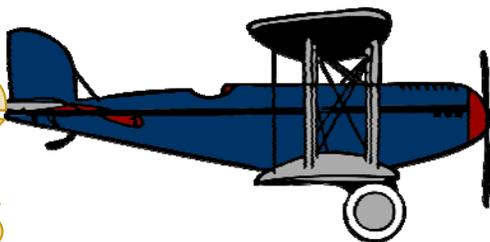
Watch Airplanes

Talk to Pilots, Firemen & 1st Responders

Raffle Items

Advance Tickets available from

Backus Lions at the Polish Stand at Godfrey's on Saturdays or Backus Fire Dept & 1st Responders



Salad Luncheon

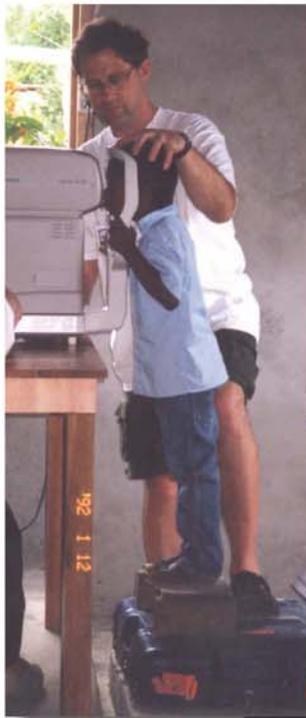
Sponsored by the
Bluffton Lions

Sunday, July 9, 2017
Bluffton Community Center
11:30 a.m. registration
All are invited to attend!

Bring your used glasses and hearing aids and enter your name in a drawing.

Proceeds benefit
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

501(c)(3) nonprofit, supporting the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Lions Children's Eye Clinic, Lions Macular Degeneration Center, Lions Eye Institute, and other vision-related projects.



Kailee, sight restored through a corneal transplant at age 6



RSVP and purchase tickets by July 5th!

Margaret Van Erp, Bluffton Lions Club
38214 610th Ave - Bluffton, MN 56518 or 218-385-3446



All Lions Golf Outing for PID Brian's Campaign



All proceeds to
PID Brian Sheehan's Campaign Fund

Friday, July 21, 2017
9 a.m. Registration
10 a.m. Shotgun Start

Kimball Golf Club
11823 Cty Rd 150, Kimball MN 55353

Lion Brian E Sheehan for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International

Lions & Spouses of Lions ONLY

- 4 - person teams – limited to 36 teams
- Individuals golfers are welcome at \$60.00 ea.
- Cost: \$ 240.00 per team
- Entry fee may be paid on day of event, but must preregister
- Contact: PDG Duane Finger for preregistration at fingerelec@meltel.net
or cell phone: 320-980-6219
- Make checks payable to Watkins Lions Club
- Registration includes - Mulligan's, Skins, Special events & Lunch

Sponsorship: Clubs or Individuals may sponsor a hole for \$50.00 ea.
(Sponsorship for hole needs to be sent to PDG Duane by June 26, 2017 at
11764 120th St, Kimball, MN 55353)

Non-Golfers: Welcome to join in the fun for \$10.00 ea. Includes Lunch & hayride

Registration Form for PID Brian's Campaign for 3rd Vice President of
Lion's Club International Golf Tournament
July 21, 2017 - Kimball Golf Course

Team Name: _____

Team Members	Paid	Lions Club
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Yes, I will be a hole sponsor for \$50.00

Name / Club _____

Contact: PDG Duane Finger for preregistration at fingerelec@meltel.net or cell: 320-980-6219 or
send to:

PDG Duane Finger
11764 120th St.
Kimball, MN. 55353

Make checks payable to Watkins Lions Club

Kamp KACE was held June 25-29 this year. 122 kids attended kamp. They participated in many activities and had a great time. Thank you to all who volunteered their time as well donated money or items for kamp use. This couldn't happen without your support. Feel free to visit the Kamp KACE Facebook site to view more photos of the kids enjoying kamp activities.

KAMP KACE





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: _____

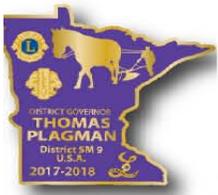
Room Rates for the Convention will be \$84.50 (including tax). _____ Friday Night _____ Saturday Night

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



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

LCI Forward: A Glimpse of the Future

Posted by lionsclubs.org on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 ·

For 100 years, Lions have left their mark on the world by giving help and hope to its most vulnerable populations. As we enter our second century of humanitarian service, the world needs us now more than ever.

In order to meet the emerging needs of our changing world, we've developed a five-year plan called LCI Forward.

What is LCI Forward?

LCI Forward is a road map for Lions to plan, implement and achieve our vision for a better future. It's designed to help Lions triple our humanitarian impact and **serve 200 million people a year by 2021.**

To accomplish this incredible feat, LCI Forward focuses on:

- Enhancing our service impact and focus
- Reshaping public opinion and improving visibility
- Pursuing club, district and organizational excellence

Improving membership value and reaching new markets



We need your help!

We're encouraging Lions and Leos to come together to increase our impact by serving in their communities and inviting their families, friends and neighbors to join them in service. Visit the [LCI Forward page](#) to learn more and get a special glimpse into the future of Lions Clubs International, and how together, we're changing the world for the better.

- See more at: <http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2016/12/14/lci-forward-a-glimpse-of-the-future/#sthash.qLYSBLVO.dpuf>

DISTRICT GOVERNOR TOM'S CALENDAR

JULY

- 4—International Conv @ Chicago
- 21—Guiding Lion Trng @ St Cloud
- 22—Council of Governors @ St Cloud
- 30—Cabinet Mtg @ 1st Lutheran / Aitkin

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

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