



5M7 Team News



Words of Wisdom from Governor Jim



It is not too late to volunteer to SERVE at the International Convention. What an opportunity! Sign up right away so you don't miss out.

A vast majority of Lions don't get the real Spirit of Lionism in their hearts until they start attending conventions. I know that is the case for myself. I attended my first convention the first time I was Club President. It was our MidWinter Convention in 1996. Only one other couple from our club attended that convention. I have only missed one of our Mid-Winter conventions since then. As I attend more and more conventions, I make more and more friends and learn more and more about the Lions organization. The side effect of all this is that the Spirit of Lionism has grown and grown in my heart. I am now hooked on Lionism. It is a

wonderful addiction to have.

There are several clubs in our District that never participate in Lionism outside their own town. They do a wonderful job in helping their community and that is great, but those members are missing out on a terrific benefit of being a Lion. They are missing out on meeting the members of our extended Lions family. The many wonderful Lions from the rest of Minnesota and/or Manitoba and/or NW Ontario. I am very proud to say that I have friends all over Minnesota and parts of Canada. I have friends from Pennsylvania, Kansas, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Missouri, and other states. I have international friends from Nigeria, India, Australia, New Zealand, and Ireland. I met all of these friends at conventions. When you are wearing your Lions lapel pin and you attend a convention, everybody you meet there will be an instant friend.

I strongly encourage all Lions to attend the International Convention. I also encourage you to volunteer, if possible, and you will make many new friends. If you do attend, take a pocketful of pins to trade with Lions from around the world. My personal favorite is one I was given from a Lion from Japan. I always wear this beautiful little pin on my DG Jacket. Do yourself a favor and register for and attend the International Convention soon. You can still register for \$100.00. It is a bargain. Do yourself another favor and volunteer and you will make even more new friends.

BEING DEFEATED IS A TEMPORARY CONDITION. GIVING UP IS WHAT MAKES IT PERMANENT.

Yours sincerely in Lionism, DG Jim Mulroy "Do for, not to".



Greetings to all Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7,

I have been visiting clubs and events and WOW the unbelievably delicious food we have had is causing my pants to shrink.

I look forward to serving you as DG next year (2009-2010).

Coming up in the next few months there are a lot of conventions going on. First we have the MD5M convention In Bloomington, May 1-3, 2009 If you can come on down and have a great time with us.

In July we have the International convention in Minneapolis July 6-10, 2009 I don't know if we will ever have another chance to attend a convention this close to home again.

In September 24-26, 2009 there is the USA/CANADA Forum in Memphis Tennessee.

We look forward to seeing you in Tennessee.

Spring School of Instruction for the West side – Tues., April 28

Buffalo Community Middle School 1300 Highway 25 North, Buffalo, MN 55313

Phone: 763-682-8200

Spring School of Instruction for the East side – Wed., April 29

Oak View Middle School 15400 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN, 55304

Phone 763-506-5600

Training will start at 6:30PM. It is for the Lions and Lioness incoming President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tailtwister, and Membership Chairs for your club.

DGE Clay O'Flanagan

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Around the District in Words and Pictures

Maple Lake Lions

St Patrick's Day Stew Feed March 14th was a great success and went without a hitch. This because we had many Lions involved and each sharing their load. We had to make two loads because of feeding in addition the Queens banquet. This means there was a total of 70 gallons of the world famous Mulligan stew. We had a great new float in the parade with a vibrant ME LION on the float. We also had big news when our sponsored queen candidate Megan Ramsdell was selected as one of the princesses.



Queen Candidate Megan Ramsdell Escorted by Lion Bob Cruishank



Lions hard at work for the St Patricks Day Mulligan Stew

Hanover Lions



On Saturday, March 7th, the Hanover Lions Club held the First Annual Wii Bowling Tournament. A total of 25 teams participated. A team consisted of one student and one parent. A great time was had by all!

Linda Eckard, of the Hanover Lions, read an article about a year ago in the monthly "Lions" magazine. A Lions group in Canada started this activity the previous year and it was a huge success. Linda carried the article with her for quite a few months waiting for the right time and the right person to help get the project off the ground. It was in November that Linda hit up her friend, Shirley, a fellow CPA, to help with the

organization of the event. March was chosen as the target time frame. There were a couple of brain storming sessions which included Linda's son, Jake, and her husband Dean.



There were four primary goals for the event. 1. Have Fun! 2. Provide an activity for a parent and a child to participate together. 3. Provide an opportunity for community service hours for the Buffalo National Honor Society Students. 4. To raise money to help offset the cost of the Wellness Van visits to the Buffalo High School Sophomore class.

M&A REPORTING FOR MARCH 2009

CLUB NAME	WHAT CLUB REPORTED
Albertville	Twenty-five members volunteered 100 hours at a pancake breakfast
Almelund	NO REPORT
Andover	New member joined their club
Annandale	Donated \$1,100 to the Annandale youth baseball/softball
Anoka	Donated \$800 to Anoka High School senior party
Becker	Donated \$100 to the Becker Cub Scouts
Big Lake	Thirty-one members volunteered 160 hours at annual fish fry
Blaine	Donated \$6,000 to TLC Toys
Buffalo	Turned in 172 pairs of glasses
Buffalo Noon	Four members volunteered 12 hours at the Buffalo Food Shelf
Cambridge	Donated \$100 to the Cambridge Fire Dept.
Cedar East Bethel	Completed M&A on-line
Centerville	Completed M&A on-line
Chisago Lakes	Three new members joined their club
Circle Pines Lex	President & Secretary attended Zone Meeting
Clear Lake	Donated \$500 to the Becker Food Shelf and the Clear Lake/Clearwater Food Shelf
Clearwater	Donated \$350 to a needy person
Cokato	Donated \$300 to a needy family
Columbia Heights	New member joined their club
Columbus	Had pancake breakfast for food shelf - got 530 pounds of food and \$1400 cash
Coon Rapids	Started twinning with the Quezon City Bahag-hari Executive Lions Club in Manila
Coon Rapids Cardinals	Donated \$400 to ACBC Food Shelf
Coon Rapids North Star	President & Membership Chair attended Zone Meeting
Delano	NO REPORT
Elk River	Hosted a Guardian Angels pancake dinner for CAER and fed 165 seniors
Forest Lake	Donated \$1,000 to Forest Lake High School for their all night grad party
Fridley	Twenty-four members volunteered 120 hours at club's pancake breakfast
Fridley Five Stars	District speaker Kevin Schuldt spoke to their club and 62% of the club was in attendance
Grandy	NO REPORT
Ham Lake	Donated \$500 to LCIF
Hanover	Donated \$8,625 to the City of Hanover
Hanover Crow River	NO REPORT
Howard Lake	Paid District and International dues
Hugo	Donated \$1,500 to the NE YMCA
Isanti	Nine members volunteered 96 hours at a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser
Lino Lakes	Two new members joined their club
Livonia Township	Paid District and International dues
Maple Lake	Donated \$4,000 to Maple Lake High School scholarships

Monticello	M&A was sent in
Montrose	Sixteen members volunteered 70.5 hours at a breakfast buffet
North Branch	NO REPORT
Nowthen	Two members attended Alert training
Oak Grove	M&A was sent in
Otsego	NO REPORT
Ramsey	Donated \$1,720 for Anoka High School health screenings
Rockford	Donated \$1,000 to the Hanover Food Shelf
Rush City	NO REPORT
Santiago	Donated \$7,000 to Tom Gruenke
Spring Lake Park	Seven members attended the Zone meeting
St. Francis	NO REPORT
St. Michael	NO REPORT
Stacy	Eleven members volunteered 53 1/2 hours at a horse banquet
Taylor Falls	M&A sent in
Waverly	Donated \$500 to local citizen with cancer
Wyoming	M&A sent in on time
Zimmerman	Donated \$500 to Zimmerman Civic Club

MARCH LIONESSE REPORT

Andover	Helped Lions host Lions Zone Meeting
Anoka	Served dinner to Country Music Entertainers
Big Lake	Appreciation dinner for the Big Lake Lions
Buffalo	Girl Scouts
Cedar East Bethel	Empty Bowls Fundraiser
Clear Lake	Donated to Tech HS and Becker HS graduation parties
Clearwater	Hosted Group I Meeting
Columbus	Donated daffodils to Birchwood Nursing Home
Coon Rapids	Bingo at Camilla Rose
Lino Lakes	Bundles of Love
Montrose	Donated to all-night graduation party
North Branch	No Report
St. Francis	Style Show Fundraiser
Spring Lake Park	Pancake Breakfast

First of all, a great big thank you to the Clearwater Lioness for hosting a wonderful Group Meeting on March 30 at the American Legion. All clubs were represented. We had a great discussion of the future of Lioness Clubs in District 5M7. DGE Clay and VDGE Brian answered many questions and had a meaningful dialog with the Lioness. DG Jim discussed the need for volunteers during the International Convention in Minneapolis. Lion Nancy Main presented awards to poster contest winners.

Lino Lakes Lioness will host the Group II meeting on Tuesday, May 5. It will be at St. Joseph's Church at 6:30. We look forward to seeing all the Group II Lioness at that meeting.

All secretaries and presidents should have received information about the special roundtable discussion at the Spring School of Instruction specifically designed to brainstorm ideas for recruiting new members. All clubs should send at least two members to the roundtable discussion – come prepared with examples of recruitment techniques, activities, brochures, ideas, etc. to share with the other clubs. Remember, the Spring School of Instruction is for ANY member that is interested in attending.

Keep up the fantastic work in your communities – you make a difference.

Governor's Travels

April

30 Region 1 Zone 1 Meeting

May

1-3 MD5M Convention and Council of Governors

June

18 Forest Lake Awards Night

**22 District 5M7 Awards Night @ Coon Rapids VFW 6:15 Social 7PM
Dinner**

Club Events

April

25 Hanover Lions Smelt Fry @ City Hall 12 to 7PM

29 Lioness Spring School of Instruction

May

- 2 Circle Lex Lions Vintage Fashion Show 12:00 Social 12:30 Luncheon 1:30 Fashion Show @ St Joseph Catholic Church**
- 2 Buffalo Lions Pancake Breakfast @ Applebees 8-Noon**
- 3 Fridley Pancake Breakfast 8-Noon**
- 5 Lioness Group II Meeting 6:30 St Joe's Church**
- 10 Almelund Pancake Breakfast @ Shafer Town Hall 8-Noon**
- 22-24 Zimmerman Wild West Days**
- 25 Elk River Lions Car Show @ Sherburne County Fair Grounds 9AM to 3Pm, Wellness Van from 10:30 to 2:30**
- 25 Rockford Lions Pork Chop Dinner @ Rockford Memorial Day Celebration**

June

- 4 Spring Lake Park Lions Tower Days Parade**
- 5 Clear Lake Lions Grand Champagne Dinner @ 400 Club, St Cloud**
- 6 Livonia Lions Ride for Better Vision 11AM Registration @ KJ's Refuge in Orrock**
- 7 Spring Lake Park Lions Festival Day in the Park @ Lakeside Lions Park 10AM to ??**
- Coon Rapids Lions Galaxie Dinner @ Seasons Restaurant**
- Cambridge Lions Pancake Breakfast @ Cambridge Community Center 8-12:30**
- 22 District Awards Night @ Coon Rapids VFW 6:15 Social, 7PM Dinner**
- 25-27 Fridley 49er Days**

This is important!!

Please Read!!

International Convention Registration

The LCI website has been re-designed. The Convention registration form may be found on the Lions Clubs International website at:

<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/international-convention/forattendees/index.php>

Do not use the on-line system. Download the form, fill it out and mail it using the instructions below. We have to be registered before May 1 to get the \$100 rate. It goes up to the late registration fee of \$150 on May 2.

Registration Update News (February 16, 2009) – LCI informs us that the On-line registration form is not programmed to give MD5M Volunteering Lions the special discounted \$100 rate. In order to get the special pricing, LCI recommends that we use the paper form and register by mail. We also suggest highlighting the “MD5M” and the rate of “\$100” so the person inputting the information will notice the special rates.

Host Committee Volunteer Registration Update

We need the most help attracting volunteers for:

- District Governor Elect School –the school starts the week before the convention at the Minneapolis Convention Center. You do not need to be registered for the convention to volunteer before the convention starts from June 29. You only need to be registered for the convention during the convention times on July 6 – 10. Contact PID Maynard Rucks if you have any questions.
- Sergeant-At-Arms – Convention registration is required
- Parade Marshals – No convention registration is required.
- Airport Drivers – No convention registration is required.
- Hotel and Airport Greeters – No convention registration is required.



If you can help, go to the 5M7 Website and click on the link in the main page to get the registration form.