



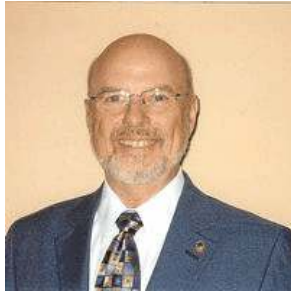
5M7 Team News



August 2008



News and Views from Governor Jim: "Movin' Forward"



This time of year is the time to concentrate on membership in your clubs. This is the time of year when families are winding down from their busy summers. This is the time of year when people are looking for a new activity. This is the time of year to recruit new, quality, members. When you get those new members, be sure to get them involved in the "Pride of the Pride" program for indoctrinating new members into Lions. If we get them off to a good start, there is a much better chance of keeping them. We want to get 'em, but we also want to keep 'em. For the month of July, District 5M7 was showing a plus 14 members. My goal for this fiscal year is 2000 plus total membership, which means a plus 1 for each and every club. Keep up the good work. We can do it!

The first three months of the year is the best time for serious recruitment. Have you every tried a "thank you dinner" for your community. Some clubs do this as a FREE meal just to thank their community for supporting the Lion projects. Show a DVD of International President Al Brandels Program, or just a "LQ", or Lions Quarterly news update. There are many DVDs that you can get to show to the public or just to your club. This is just one of many ideas available to you.

People join Lions for one reason only. To Serve. People see you doing projects that benefit their community and they will want to be a part of it. All of the clubs in 5M7 have some terrific service projects and fund raisers. We cannot rest on our laurels though. There is always room for improvement. That is another thing new members can bring to a club. New ideas with a fresh outlook. Lastly, if you have charitable gambling, don't let your club become just check writers. Work your projects and be hands on Lions.

This is the time of year for your club's "new projects committee" to be doing their job and finding new service projects or fund raising ideas. Typically the "new projects committee" is made up of the 4 or 5 newest members. It would be great if club representatives would share their "best practices" (service projects and fund raisers) at the Zone Meetings. We are all members of the same organization, Lions Clubs International, and the more we all work together, the better job we can do at Serving.

Try something new. There comes a time, a time for change, and that time is NOW! What have you got to lose? Always think positively. Develop that "can do" spirit in your club. Eliminate the word "can't" from your clubs vocabulary. Think of this; three years ago, Lions Clubs around the world were asked to raise \$200,000,000.00 that is 200 million dollars for Campaign Sight First Two. At the International Convention in Bangkok, it was announced that a total of \$200,329,000.00 had been raised. YES! WE DID IT! Be a positive thinker and don't listen to negative people.

Keep 5M7 Movin' forward.

This months quote: Going to a Lions Club meeting doesn't make you a Service Provider Anymore that standing in a garage makes you a car! Think about it.

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

Hi to all from your Vice District Governor Clay O'Flanagan!

Greetings 5M-7 Lions,

The cooler evenings, along with the ads for the Minnesota State Fair and school supplies, are proof to me that fall will be here before we know it. Does your Lion's Club have activities or events planned for this fall? If they do, putting your club's "ad" in the 5M7 Team News or your event on the Club Events calendar is one great way to let other clubs know what you're doing. Make sure you e-mail the newsletter editor with your club's information!



Tying in with that, each club should be submitting a M&A (**M**embership and **A**ctivity) report either via e-mail or mailed and postmarked by the 21st of the month. You can find this form at <http://www.5m7.org/>. When you have the website open, on the left side of the page scroll down until you see the box labeled Forms. Double-click on that box and a list of forms will come up. Scroll down until you see the one titled Activities Report Form. Copies of this form should be sent to the District Governor, myself as the Vice District Governor, your Region Chair, and your Zone Chair **by the 21st of every month**. I am really interested in knowing what your club is doing, so please make sure and get your copies in. You never know, my wife Deb and I may just show up at one of your events!!

If you have any questions about the M&A or anything else, please don't hesitate to send me an e-mail at LionClay@bwig.net or give me a call at 763-682-2389 (before 9 PM). I'm here to help!

VDG Clay

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing."

Around the District in pictures and words



Cedar East Bethel Lions

Pictured from left to right are Lioness Janice Smith, Lion Mary Cardey and Lion Leon Mager, members of the Cedar East Bethel Lions/Lioness. They are preparing sandwiches for the Summer Youth Connection held at St. Francis Community Park and Whispering Aspen Community Center. The program ran for four weeks and served 85 youth. The lunches were provided by area churches and organizations and the program also included field trips, classes and crafts.



Buffalo Lions

Lions Al Betcher and PDG Fuzzy Halseth seeing if Lions Jo Hatcher, Deb O'Flanagan and Rosie Myrлие have everything they need for serving hot dogs at our local Concerts in the Park event. The Buffalo Lions sponsored the free concert on August 14 where Arnie Wannabo and the Wagonwheelers played to a full crowd in Sturges Park. The Buffalo Lions served hot dogs, chips and pop or water for \$1.00 during the event.

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Club president Lion Tim Bohnen, Lion Deb O'Flanagan as the new member's sponsor, newest club member Lion Rosie Myrлие, and VDG Lion Clay O'Flanagan after he concluded the induction ceremony of the newest Lion member to join our club.



Lions Mike Pulvermacher and VDG Clay O'Flanagan presenting City Council Member Teri Lachermeier a check for \$4,000 for MEADA (Methamphetamine Education And Drug Awareness). The Buffalo Lions have donated over \$30,000 to MEADA from our golf tournaments the past four years.

Governor's Travels

August

28 Governor's Night Delano

September

4 Mid Winter Convention Meeting

18 USA/Canada Forum

19 USA/Canada Forum

20 USA/Canada Forum

21 USA/Canada Forum

October

1 Governor's Night Ramsey

4 Eye Bank Meeting St Cloud

6 Governor's Night Wyoming

8 Governor's Night Blaine

11 Fall Forum Lion's Park Elk River

17 Council of Governors Meeting

18 Council of Governors Meeting

20 Governor's Night Monticello

21 Governor's Night Clear Lake

22 Governor's Night Coon Rapids

28 Cabinet Meeting at Lion's Park
Elk River

November

December

3 Governor's Night Buffalo

4 Governor's Night Howard
Lake

Club Activities

August

21 Buffalo Lions Concert in the Park
7PM at Sturges Park

September

5 Circle Lex Lions Sandburr Golf
Tourn @ Chrominex Course

6 Rockford Lions Golf Tourn @
Pheasant Acres 11:30 AM

13 Blaine Lions 1st Annual Wellness
Day Free CPR Classes (Adv
Registration Required)
Bloodmobile, Wellness Van &
much more
Rush City Lions & Fire Dept Golf
Tournament
Ramsey Happy Days

14 All Clubs Heel & Wheel Walk at
Phalen Park Register @ 11AM
walk at 1:00PM

20 Columbus Lions Fall Fest Roast
Beef Sandwiches & Garage Sale
@ City Hall

20 Nowthen Celebration

27 Lino Lakes Lion's Pheasant
dinner and gun raffleh at St. Joe's
Church call 651-786-4125

Governor's Trip to Leader Dog and Lion's International Headquarters



MD5M Governor's with Leader Dog
President and CC Deb Harms



Governor Jim and Tina outside LCI
Headquarters



First Lady Tina Experiencing what it's
like to have a leader dog



DG Jim sitting in Intl. President Al
Brandels chair.

We caught the "MD5M Express", which was a bus from Little Falls, at 7:45 AM. We had all the DG's from MD5M and 8 of the spouses. That night we spent in Oakbrook, which is a suburb of Chicago and the location of Lions Clubs International. Friday we were given various presentations from some of the LCI department heads and had a tour of the building. It will be helpful to put a face with the voice when we call LCI about something. We had to wear our DG uniforms at LCI, so after a quick change of clothes, we were off for Rochester Michigan. I did not realize Michigan was so wide. On Saturday AM we had a tour of the Leader Dog facility, some presentations, met staff members and had a traditional lunch of donuts and chili. Sunday morning we all had the opportunity to be blindfolded and be lead around a short course by a Leader Dog. That was a really interesting experience. After a gourmet lunch of hot dogs, beans, potato salad and cake/ice cream we left for home at noon. Sixteen hours later Tina and I were home, at 4:00m AM. My class of DG's is the last one to be invited to tour Leader Dog and no more spouses. This fall, the District Leader Dog Chairs will be flown there for training and separately, the VDG's will be flown down for a visit. It just costs them too much to pay for the spouses anymore. They still have a tremendous mission and are a terrific organization with a very dedicated staff.

Lions Environmental Photo Contest

Lions, Lioness and Leos from District 5M-7 can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photos (without people) of the environment of their Lion, Lioness or Leo club.

The 2008-2009 photography categories are:

Photos should focus on the environment. Therefore photographs must *not* include people

1. Urban or natural landscape

2. Animal life

3. Plant life

4. Weather phenomena

The special annual theme category is:

5. Lions Environmental Miracle Workers – Photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environmental project

Photos (8x10) will be displayed at the 2009 Midwinter 5M-7 convention.

**Send photos before December 15th, 2008 to:
Lion Jan Dubats
12967 Crooked Lake Lane Coon Rapids MN 55448
Questions call: 763 757-4143 or email jdubats@tcinternet.net**

Crow River Lions

are holding a fishing trip to Mille Lacs on Saturday, Sept 6th. The bus is leaving Hanover City Hall at 10:00 A.M. We will be fishing from a McQuoids launch from noon to 4:00 P.M. We will then return to Hanover for a porkchop dinner.

The cost of the trip will be \$55, pop, water, sandwiches and snacks will be available on the boat. All fishing equipment, bait, life jackets will be provided. Bring your own lucky pole if you wish. Also bring your own favorite adult beverage if you desire.

Capacity is limited to 40 people, for tickets call Brent at

763-498-8054.

5M7 Fall Leadership Forum

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008

Place: Lions Park Center, Elk River

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Who? All Lions of 5M7 Welcome

Price: \$10.00 each

AGENDA: Tentative schedule

Welcome & Ice Breaker (DG Jim)

Long range planning. A 5year plan-Dick Tyler

How is your leadership-Keith Johnson

AM Break

Keep meetings fun and on track-Brian Sheehan

Public Relations in your town-Don Heinzman

Tail-Twisting demonstration.

Lunch break

Speaker to be announced

Keynote Motivational Speaker---Roger Revak

Drawing for full meal pass at Mid Winter

Speakers-Keith Johnson , Don Heinzman, Roger Revak, Brian Sheehan ,Dick Tyler and one more.

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Please submit your articles by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next issue. Email submissions are preferred to

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Club Presidents!

Watch for an abbreviated version of the newsletter in your (snail) mailbox soon.

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