



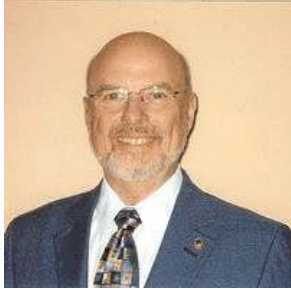
# 5M7 Team News



December 2008



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



The holiday season is upon us. It doesn't seem possible that it has been 5 months since Tina and I were in Bangkok and I became Governor. We have spent 22 nights on the road for Governor Club Visits, one night for a new club charter, and several zone meetins. Every visit has been fun and the welcome Tina and I have received has been truly heart warming. We thank you for your wonderful hospitality. One thing in common at all visits is, Lions really

know how to have fun.

We have a HERO Club this month. The Andover Lions do a couple of unique events. The first is a Signing Breakfast with Santa. It is for the hearing impaired and Santa speaks in Sign Language. The breakfast is served to those attending at no charge. Another thing they do is to sponsor a kids movie each Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission is free and they just have to pay for any treats they want. Great projects Andover. Keep up the good work.

We are rapidly approaching the MidWinter Convention. We have made a "few" changes this year in an effort to keep it fresh and interesting and fun. This will be a great convention and an opportunity for all Lions to make new friends, renew old friendships, and just relax and gather that "spirit of Lionism" into your hearts. The MidWinter is where it happens.

The year in 5M7 has been going very well except for a couple of speed bumps. You have been doing a much better job of "retention". In the first 5 months of this fiscal year, we show an increase in membership of 51 for our District 5M7. Outstanding!

Along that membership line, I am in the process of scheduling an Extension Workshop from the Global Membership Team. International sends in a team to train our members in becoming Guiding Lions, which are essential for the success of a new club. They also teach us their system for starting new clubs and then they will go about starting one or two new clubs in areas we have designated. The training doesn't cost our District anything, and is something all Lions would benefit from. I am trying for the last week in February. More information to follow when I hear back from them.

This year with the economy as it is, and people losing what they thought were secure jobs, some people losing their houses or cars, times are really tough. Our work is piling up. Remember the old saying, "Charity begins at home". Think about your local food shelf and people in your community first. If you have anything leftover, think of the Parade of Green, and donate to a program that will help somebody in a community that maybe doesn't have a Lions Club like yours.

Have the happiest of Holidays, food health, and be safe. I look forward to seeing you at the Midwinter Convention. As the Irish might say, "may you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and a smooth road all the way to your door".

.DG Jim Mulroy

## Message from VDG Clay



Greetings from VDG Clay:

This year is almost ½ over and boy what a trip it's been. Lion Deb and I have traveled to many Governor Nights with DG Jim and his wife Tina. Deb and I have enjoyed the FOOD and the hospitality from all of the clubs Thank you for such wonderful times.. I was told when we took on this VDG position that all of our clothes would shrink from all of the late night meals, But so far it's they still fit. One club in Particular I would like to thank is the Cambridge Lions for the "ANTI MONKEY BUTT POWDER" Ask a Cambridge Lion about this if you want to know more.

The midwinter Convention is right around the corner in January and I hope that you will all come down to Bloomington and have a GREAT time I promise you will have fun. First time members to the convention will have a 1st timers program that you can enjoy and win prizes, So come on down and see me after the memorial service Friday night.

I have been talking to all clubs at Governors nights about the Pride of the Pride program and I believe it does work. We really need to get our new members inducted and the active as soon as possible. If the sponsor is not able to do it, This is where the membership committee is to take the new member and get them involved.

I have also talked a lot about the three person membership team if you don't have three people on the committee ask the more Lions experienced members if they would like to be on the committee maybe they will step forward. All we have to do is ask them.

From Lion Deb and myself to all of 5M7 Lions, Lioness and Leos have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

VDG Clay O'Flanagan

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

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send me an e-mail at [LionClay@bwig.net](mailto:LionClay@bwig.net) or give me a call at 763-682-2389 (before 8 PM). I'm here to help!

## **Around the District in Words and Pictures**



**Thirteen North Branch Lions Club members worked the evening before and Thanksgiving day morning to prepare a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for 75 area residents who would otherwise not had one. The meal was then delivered shortly after noon on Thanksgiving Day.**

**Present for the picture were: back row (l to r)**

**Al Patton, Rusty Beam, and Jon Ekstrom; front row (l to r): Don Elmstrand, Dave Reider, Corey Beam (Rusty's son), Alex Bates and James Smith. Other Lions who helped included: Jerrold Moen, Jay Young, Mark Young, John Dolin, David Danielson and Chris Beam, a Lioness Club member. The Lions thank the personnel at the Senior Center, who graciously permitted the use of their kitchen facilities.**



**The Rush City Lions held their annual Fruit Basket Event on Saturday, December 13th. They delivered over 320 fruit baskets to members of the Rush City community and spread a little holiday cheer.**

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**Christmas Gift For Dad - Laura Jenson and family of Oak Grove were the lucky winners of the Adrian Peterson jersey at Breakfast With Santa sponsored by the Cedar East Bethel Lions and Lioness. The family said the jersey will be a surprise for dad.**

## M&A REPORTING FOR NOVEMBER 2008

| <b>CLUB NAME</b>      | <b>WHAT CLUB REPORTED</b>  |
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| Albertville           | 15 members volunteered 125 hours at the annual comedy night dinner   |
| Almelund              | NO REPORT  |
| Andover               | One new member joined their club   |
| Annandale             | NO REPORT  |
| Anoka                 | 39 members volunteered 358 hours at Anoka Halloween Block Party held 3 nights  |
| Becker                | 14 members volunteered 42 hours on highway cleanup   |
| Big Lake              | Donated \$25 to Now Then Lions for their charter night   |
| Blaine                | Donated \$3,500 for Christmas certificates for needy families  |
| Buffalo               | 16 members volunteered 128 1/2 hours at an appreciation dinner for the Buffalo Fire Dept., Police Dept. and City Council members |
| Buffalo Noon          | NO REPORT  |
| Cambridge             | Turned in 289 pairs of glasses   |
| Cedar East Bethel     | NO REPORT  |
| Centerville           | Donated \$1,500 for gift cards for the needy   |
| Chisago Lakes         | NO REPORT  |
| Circle Pines Lex      | Turned in 300 pairs of glasses   |
| Clear Lake            | Donated \$100 to Camp Needlepoint and a theme basket to Friendship Ventures  |
| Clearwater            | NO REPORT  |
| Cokato                | One new member joined their club   |
| Columbia Heights      | VDG Clay inducted two new members into the club  |
| Columbus              | Eleven members & six Lioness volunteered 90 hours at pancake breakfast   |
| Coon Rapids           | 26 members volunteered 145 hours at pancake breakfast  |
| Coon Rapids Cardinals | Eight members volunteered 11 hours ringing bells for the Salvation Army  |
| Coon Rapids North     |  |
| Star                  | Two new members joined their club  |
| Delano                | NO REPORT  |
| Elk River             | NO REPORT  |
| Forest Lake           | Club judged Peace Posters that were turned in  |
| Fridley               | Turned in 168 pairs of glasses   |
| Fridley Five Stars    | President, Secretary & Membership Chair attended Zone Meeting  |
| Grandy                | NO REPORT  |
| Ham Lake              | Donated 107 pairs of glasses, 14 printer cartridges and 12 cell phones   |
| Hanover               | NO REPORT  |
| Hanover Crow River    | M&A was sent in  |
| Howard Lake           | Five members volunteered 37 hours at a Halloween party   |
| Hugo                  | Fourteen members attended the joint Governor's night in Forest Lake  |
| Isanti                | NO REPORT  |
| Lino Lakes            | Donated \$2,500 for hearing aids for a needy person  |
| Livonia Towhship      | Six members along with nine friends volunteered 125 hours setting up, holding and cleaning up for a free Halloween party         |
| Maple Lake            | NO REPORT  |

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| Monticello       | NO REPORT  |
| Montrose         | 13 members volunteered 37 hours handing out Halloween bags   |
| North Branch     | NO REPORT  |
| Nowthen          | Four members volunteered eight hours with the Ramsey Lions filling Thanksgiving baskets                              |
| Oak Grove        | NO REPORT  |
| Orrock           | NO REPORT  |
| Otsego           | Donated \$1,000 to Elk River CAER Food Shelf   |
| Ramsey           | Donated \$750 to Toys for Joy  |
| Rockford         | NO REPORT  |
| Rush City        | Donated \$1,229 to the Rush City Fire Dept.  |
| Santiago         | NO REPORT  |
| Spring Lake Park | Donated 218 pairs of glasses<br>Eight members volunteered 32 hours calling bingo for the food shelf & raised \$1,470 |
| St. Francis      | NO REPORT  |
| St. Michael      | NO REPORT  |
| Stacy            | 33 members volunteered 192 hours at a Kid's Halloween Party  |
| Taylor's Falls   | 11 members volunteered 33 hours at turkey bingo  |
| Waverly          | 15 members volunteered 16 hours at the 6th annual turkey dinner  |
| Wyoming          | NO REPORT  |
| Zimmerman        | M&A was sent in  |

## **Lioness News!!**

Both Lioness Groups have now had their fall group meetings. Thank you to the Clear Lake Lioness who hosted the Group I meeting October 27. It was a wonderful fall evening – good food, fellowship and a great presentation by Lion Nancy Main about Youth Outreach, Thanks to DG Jim and VDG Clay and their wives for spending the evening with us. We enjoyed meeting the Lioness of Group I!

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| Andover<br>Assisted at Lions Chili Feed                        |
| Anoka<br>Thanksgiving Baskets – bought food and packed baskets |
| Big Lake<br>Thanksgiving gift certificates for seniors         |
| Buffalo<br>Girl Scouts   |

Cedar East Bethel  
Clothes Closet Project

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Clear Lake  
Red Cross Blood Drive

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Clearwater  
Several community donations

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Columbus  
Attended North Branch Christmas Auction

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Coon Rapids  
St. Tim's Craft Show and Bake Sale

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Lino Lakes  
Operation Christmas Child Boxes

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Montrose  
Donated clothing to elementary school

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North Branch

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St. Francis  
Celebrated 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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Spring Lake Park

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Congratulations to the St. Francis Lioness on their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Wonderful things have happened in the St. Francis community over the past 35 years because of your efforts.

We are truly excited about the incredible deeds performed on a daily basis by the Lioness Clubs of 5M7. Keep up the good work and keep Movin' Forward.

~~Lions Brian and Joanne Toews, Lioness Liaisons~~

## Governor's Travels

### January

9-11 Midwinter 5M5 5M6 5M9  
12 Governor's Night Fridley 5 Star &  
Coon Rapids Cardinals  
15-18 5M7 Mid Winter  
24 Midwinter 5M4  
28 Governor's Night Chisago Lakes  
30-31 Midwinter 5M1 5M11

### February

2 Governor's Night Livonia  
& Zimmerman  
4 Governor's Night Centerville @  
Columbus  
5 Governor's Night Lino Lakes & Circle  
Pines  
6-8 Midwinter 5M8 & 5M10  
11 Governor's Night Blaine  
13-14 Midwinter 5M2

## February

16 Governor's Night Montrose  
17 Governor's Night Elk River  
20-22 Midwinter 5M3  
24 Governor's Night Fridley

### March

10 Governor's Night North Branch  
12-15 Lion's Day @ U.N.  
20 Council of Governors  
23 Cabinet Meeting @ Lions Park  
24 Governor's Night Clearwater  
25 Governor's Night Annandale  
26 Governor's Night Rush City

## Club Events

### January



# FRIDLEY LIONS FUNDRAISER 2009 Winter Warm Up

*Food, Wine & Beer Tasting Extravaganza  
Silent Auction*

Friday, January 23, 2009  
5:00 - 8:00 pm

\$25 per Ticket

For more information or to purchase tickets contact:

Mary Olson 612-868-3507 or [olsm8@hotmail.com](mailto:olsm8@hotmail.com) or any Lion Member

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North Air Event Center ~ 6831 Highway 65 NE ~ Fridley, MN 55432

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## February

1 Coon Rapids Northstar Waffle Breakfast @ VFW

## March

28 Cambridge Lions 7th Annual Scandinavian Dinner @ Christ the King Parish Center 4:30 to 7:00 PM

## April

18 Rockford Lions Greenback Dinner @ Rockford Township Hall 6:00PM



International Director Bev Stebbins from Texas will be our guest and Speaker at the MidWinter Convention in January.

## **ota Lions Diabetes Foundation Inc.**

*5M7 Lions Clubs,*

*December 6, 2008*

*This letter is to inform you of the formation of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. Among other things, the foundation will support The University of Minnesota's Spring Point Project as one of the most promising in the search for a cure for type-1 diabetes. We are presently in the process of qualifying for 501 (C3) status. Remember, until we have the 501 (C3) status, contributions cannot come from gambling funds.*

*At the Mid-Winter convention, the newly formed foundation will replace The American Diabetes Association on The Parade of Green. Camp Needle Point and the Wellness Van will remain on The Parade of Green as part of the Lions diabetes support program. We hope that you will all continue to support these programs as well as the new Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation.*

*Also PDG Bill Dubats and or I are available to come to your club or Zone to give a presentation, and would be very glad to do so. Please contact Bill or me if you are interested in inviting us.*

*Yours in Lionism,  
PDG Bill Dubats, 5M7 Trustee  
Neil H. Anderson, 5M7 Trustee*

**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!**

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