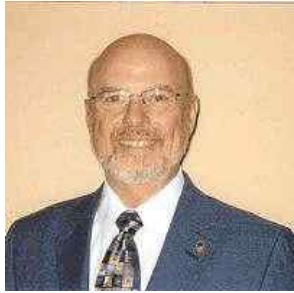




5M7 Team News



Fellow Lions of 5M7,



Tina and I just returned from our final convention of the season. We spend 2 days in Granite Falls, MN for the 5M3 convention with DG Dan and Lion Mary Snobl. That is the 9th district convention we attended this year. Some may ask why we bother, because it is time consuming and costly. Well, each class of District Governors goes through

a lot together and we form some very close friendships and we attend each others conventions as a show of respect and support. That is what really makes the commitment of time and expense worthwhile. The many new Lions we have met in our District, in our Multiple, in the U.S.A. and some from the other side of the world. The main regret is that all those special new friends are so far away that we may never see some of them again. That makes me very grateful for EMAIL.

Let me get back to the greatest District of all. District 5M7. We are still leading MD5M in membership growth. We did have a decline in December and January, but we have been in the black all year. Traditionally the last five months of the year is when Districts show their greatest growth in membership. So, let's put on some membership Drive / Nights. Ask those quality friends, relatives, neighbors, and people you may work with. Our job is not getting any smaller. Our hands on service is needed more that ever.

The opportunities for creating miracles through service are at an all time high. We need more every day heroes that every before. We need those extra hands and ideas and the breath of fresh that can only be gained by recruiting new members. 5M7 has always done it in that past, and I am confident you can do it this year too.

Next month the a member of the Global Membership Team is coming to train some of our Lions in Extension and to be Guiding Lions. I will report the results next month. But for now, I am as always,

Yours sincerely in Lionism,

DG Jim

“Do for, not to”.



Message from DGE Clay

Greetings to all Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M7,

This year is coming to a close and it is time to elect your club's incoming officers for 2009-2010 - President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairs, etc. The PU101's have been sent out to the club secretaries. Secretaries and Presidents: **Please make sure the information that you put on the PU101's is accurate and includes updated phone numbers and E-Mail addresses for your club's new officers.** The deadline for submission is May 15, 2009, but the sooner you can submit the information for your club, the better!

Incoming officers: Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the Spring School of Instruction training sessions listed below:

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 incoming President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tailtwister, and Membership Chairs for your club.

We will also have training for the Lioness. It will also be for the incoming President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tailtwister, and Membership chairs.

The VDG's of MD5M are doing a raffle to raise money for "LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND". We are raffling off a very special Malibu woody driver golf club (see copy of flyer below). The tickets are only \$5.00 each. The golf club will be awarded to the winner at the MD5M Multiple Convention in May. All proceeds go to Leader Dog. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket, or would like more information, call me at 763-682-2389 (before 9 PM) or send me an e-mail at LionClay@bwig.net.



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND

Raffle for "Special" Leader Dog
Malibu Woody Driver

Brought to you by the Vice District Governors of MD5M



Club to be awarded at the MD5M Convention in May 2009!

\$5.00/ticket
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO "LEADER DOG"



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller

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



Lion Bob Erickson and his wife, Ruby, were honored with the Rush City Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award on February 21, 2009. Among many things this couple does for the Rush City community, Lion Bob's 20+ years as a very active member of the Rush City Lions is one of the many reasons this couple is so deserving of this award.

Many of the Rush City Lions were on hand to honor Lion Bob and Ruby at this event.

Maple Lake Lions



Lion President Mel and Queen Megan Ramsdell 2/4/09 “GO QUEEN MEGAN”
Membership Growth – Sponsoring new members is a great thing to do. New blood, new ideas and excitement can give a club a shot in the arm. It was a great evening when we inducted LION Cindy Holm and LION Kevin Gist into membership with the Maple Lake Lions Club Thursday February 12, 2009.

Coon Rapids Northstar Club will Cater Your Event



If you have to bring is your appetite! Contact them at their website

<http://www.northstarlions.webs.com/>

Lion Jim Peterson

 ***BIG LAKE LIONS*** 

Annual
FISH FRY

(Menu: Fish, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, roll, milk/coffee)
Lioness Club will be selling slices of pie for dessert.

Big Lake Lions Township Park
Located 2 miles north on Co. Rd. 5 (Eagle Lake Road)
FRI., FEB 27, 5:00-8:00 P.M.

PRICES: Adults - \$8.00
Seniors (62 and over) - \$7.00
Children 6-12 years - \$5.00
Children 5 yrs. and under - \$1.00

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY!!!

M&A REPORTING FOR JANUARY 2009

CLUB NAME WHAT CLUB REPORTED

Albertville	Twenty-five members volunteered 95 hours at a pancake breakfast
Almelund	Donated a total of \$1,245 at the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention parade of green
Andover	Four members volunteered 30 hours at the EKG parent group
Annandale	Donated \$900 to the Wellness Van
Anoka	Fourteen members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Becker	M&A sent in on time
Big Lake	Four members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Blaine	M&A sent in on time
Buffalo	Donated a total of \$1,000 at the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention parade of green
Buffalo Noon	Donated \$250 to Rivers of Hope
Cambridge	Six members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Cedar	
East Bethel	Ten members volunteered 140 hours recycling cardboard
Centerville	Two members joined their club
Chisago Lakes	Eight members volunteered 23 hours and collected 668 pounds of food during a Food Shelf drive
Circle Pines Lex	Donated a total of \$850 at the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention parade of green
Clear Lake	Three members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Clearwater	Donated \$6,500 to Camp Friendship and will do so for the next two years also
Cokato	Donated a total of \$1,000 at the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention parade of green
Columbia Heights	Five members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Columbus	Donated a total of \$1,200 at the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention parade of green
Coon Rapids	Turned in 868 pairs of glasses
Coon Rapids	
Cardinals	NO REPORT
Coon Rapids	
North Star	M&A sent in on time
Delano	NO REPORT
Elk River	NO REPORT
Forest Lake	Donated \$500 to Lymphoma/Leukemia Society
Fridley	Seventeen members volunteered 68 hours at a Senior Christmas Dinner
Fridley Five Stars	Five members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Grandy	NO REPORT
Ham Lake	Five members volunteered 50 hours for snowmobile training
Hanover	Donated \$1,000 to LCIF
Hanover	
Crow River	NO REPORT
Howard Lake	Eight members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Hugo	Donated \$100 to each item on the parade of green at the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Isanti	NO REPORT
Lino Lakes	Donated \$2,000 for two scholarships at Centennial School
Livonia Towhship	Lion Steve Linder spoke at their meeting on Leader Dog



Maple Lake	Sixteen members volunteered 48 hours at Madigan's bingo night
Monticello	NO REPORT
Montrose	Seven members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
North Branch	Seven members volunteered a total of 13 hours for various things at the Villages of North Branch
Nowthen	Twenty-six members volunteered at the club's first pancake breakfast
Oak Grove	NO REPORT
Orrock	NO REPORT
Otsego	M&A sent in
Ramsey	Donated a total of \$8,000 at the Mid-Winter Convention parade of green
Rockford	NO REPORT
Rush City	Seven members attended the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
Santiago	Fifteen members volunteered four hours at a children's Christmas party
Spring Lake Park	NO REPORT
St. Francis	Donated \$1,100 to local food shelf
St. Michael	NO REPORT
Stacy	NO REPORT
Taylor Falls	Donated a total of \$100 to two Taylor Falls school projects
Waverly	Donated \$75 to a local church
Wyoming	M&A sent in
Zimmerman	M&A sent in

LEGAL OPINION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FUNDS RAISED FROM ACTIVITIES

QUESTION:

May funds raised from the public be used for administrative or other non-public purposes?

OPINION:

No. The Articles of Incorporation of The International Association of Lions Clubs state that the association is organized, among other things, "to govern all such chartered clubs so that they shall be nonpolitical, nonsectarian, not for profit of the individual club or its individual members."

Therefore, the Articles of Incorporation of The International Association of Lions Clubs expressly forbid that any part of the net earnings from activities shall inure to the benefit of any individual Lion or Lions club. Since districts are created by the association to facilitate its administration of individual Lions and Lions clubs, this proscription, by implication, runs to district administrative expenses as well. The wisdom of this proscription is clear. To finance and fulfill their basic function of service, Lions clubs ask the public

to patronize fairs, circuses, raffles, show and the like, and to purchase products infinite in variety.

This public support is sought, and given, on the mutual understanding that the net funds raised thereby will go to finance some community need. Consequently, any diversion of such funds to other purposes constitutes a breach of faith with the contributing public. The proscription in the article quoted exists to prevent any such breach and to protect and preserve the image of Lions Clubs International. Therefore, the use of any such funds to finance convention trips, politics or candidates, or administration dues, deficits or expenses at the club, district, or international level is a breach of faith and an express violation of the basic document of the association.

This opinion shall be interpreted to mean that there shall be no public solicitation of funds to defray administrative expenses of a Lions club.

Use of Funds Chart and Information Sheet

How Funds Are Raised	Use for Public Projects? (Activity Account)	Use for Administrative Expenses? (Administrative Account)
Administrative – dues, rental fees, fines, advertisement in newsletters to Lions	Yes	Yes
Public – any fundraising event open to the public, public contributions and bequests	Yes	No *
Interest – accumulated investments from money received from the public	Yes	No*
*Direct expenses may be deducted from a public fundraiser to replenish the Administrative Account.		

Activity Fund (Public)

All funds raised from the public must be returned to public use, including money accumulated from invested public funds. These funds may not be used for administration, to benefit a member, or for travel and meeting expenses for conventions.

Administrative Fund

Administrative funds are supported through contributions from Lions through dues, fines and other individual contributions. It is possible for Lions Clubs to fund their administrative account in the following manner:

- Private fundraising activity limited to Lions Clubs members and their spouses
- Advertisement proceeds for Club Newsletters
 - Donated member compensation for work as individual citizens at non-lion events, while not dressed or identified as Lions
- Deduct direct operating expenses of a fundraiser
- If the Lions building is used to meet the needs of the community at large, the club may deduct an amount of the proceeds of each activity held at the clubhouse to go towards the operating expenses of the building.