

5M7 GRAM



RAMBLINGS FROM District Governor Brian

Today is the 20th of January and the start of the second half of our Lions' year. I can hardly believe it was just a few months ago we were faced with the daunting task of setting district goals; trying to make speeches that were meaningful and informative. And now it's almost half over. And, yes, we still have a lot to do. First let's take a shot at getting over the 2K threshold in membership. I think we have a good shot at that. With Can Do Canines we have made an impact in many lives. We can be proud of that. Our eyeglass, hearing aid and ink cartridge collection efforts have been awesome. At the Parade of Green, your clubs donated \$58,000. It was down from last year, but we have to remember that we put a lot of effort into the Can Do Campaign – almost \$11,000. We have done well.



International President Sid Scruggs' agenda for this spring includes a focus on the environment and hunger. Many of our clubs have been supporting their local food shelves. Many will be working on road cleanups, lakeshore cleanups and some will be working on lakeshore restorations. Be sure to include them in your M&A's and send in your pictures to our Gram editor.

Our 33rd annual Mid-Winter Convention was a success. I heard many Lions comment that they learned lots and felt that coming to the convention was a valuable use of their time. The seminars were informative and the luncheon, banquet and brunch speakers had inspiring messages. Thank you all who attended - you are the "Beacons of Hope" for our world and communities.

Keep in mind that the Governor's Club of Excellence Award is still in progress. The application is due by May 1, 2011, to the DGE Dave Schroeder or VDGE Paul Hansen: To qualify for this award, your club needs to complete 4 of the following 5 criteria:

1. Show a "plus one" net membership growth
2. Host 3 cabinet members at your club meetings during the Lions year
3. Complete a club assessment:
 - a. LCI Assessment **or**
 - b. 5M-7 Club Revitalization Program (Contact: PDG Larry Kounkel)
4. Participate in the Pride of the Pride Program (Contact: PDG Jim Mulroy)
5. Have at least 2 club members attend the 2011 Mid-Winter Convention seminars.

If you need the forms, go to the 5M7.org web site or contact DGE Dave, VDGE Paul or me.

Finally I want to thank the Convention Committee for the extensive work they did in preparing this year's convention and running it.

To International Director Douglas Alexander: Thank you for a great message from International President Sid Scruggs II. 5M-7 enjoyed visiting with you and getting to know you. I personally learned a lot about Lionism, the great State of New York and New York City.

Lions of 5M7, keep up the good work and don't forget to every once in a while stand up and give yourself a round of applause. Always look for a new trail to blaze and explore.

In Lionism, DG Brian and Lion Joanne

Greetings to All!

We have our 33rd Mid-Winter Convention behind us! I feel it went pretty well. However, I think we can make a few changes for next year. The seating for all the meals went rather well, I feel. Only heard about a couple of complaints, but a lot more of what I heard were positive comments. Having the doors open early made for less congestion in the hallway, not only for us, but for the other Hotel guests going to their rooms or the restaurant.

Now I have to get used to using DGE when signing my name; that may take some time! When I sent out all the Project New Hope "Thank You" cards for the Parade of Green donations; I signed them all wrong. It's like putting in the right year after New Year's Day is past!

We didn't make DG Brian's goal of 2010 members in 2010, but I really feel that we can make the 2010 members before the end of his term; we only need about 30 more members. As ID Douglas Alexander said "Each one, bring one!" with that in mind, we can achieve the Governor's goal.

Lion Nancy and I would like to extend a HUGE "Thank you!" to the Rush City and Annandale Lions Clubs for all the workers who spent hours purchasing and preparing food, beverages and decorations before the convention, as well as those who worked so hard in the Hospitality Room. Job well done!!

Also, I would like to thank all the delegates for their votes to allow me to serve as your District Governor next year.

Hear the Roar!
DGE Dave



Hi

The mid-winter convention for District 5M7 was held in Bloomington, Minnesota on January 14-16, 2011. It was great to meet so many of you. The memorial moving and inspirational.



The training seminars and general meeting allowed us to learn new skills and hear updates on District projects. The meal programs were learning, socializing, and entertaining breaks during the day. It was a great time for all who attended to interact with other Lions in the many hospitality rooms. The highlight of the convention was listening to International Director Douglas Alexander discuss President Sid L. Scruggs' vision for Lions International. If you did not attend, now is a great time to put it on your calendar for 2012.

There are many ways you can interact with other Lions: your Club, the District 5M7 or the Multiple District 5M. Consider serving as a Club Officer, a Club Committee member, District Zone Chair, or a Cabinet Committee member. This is the time of year when we are looking for Lions to serve in these areas and if you are interested please let someone know. If you are asked, please consider saying yes to the offer. I know you will find it both rewarding and a great way to learn more about Lions.

I am amazed at all the club activities and projects.

Keep it up.

Keep it Simple
1st Vice
Governor Elect
Lion Paul



Club Events



February

- 5 - **Nowthen Lions Club**
2nd Annual Ice Fishing Contest
@ East Twin Lakes Park
Check-in 9am - 11am start
- 5 - **Hugo Lions Club**
Radar Run Noon -4 on Egg Lake
- 5 - **St. Michael Lions Club**
Ice Fishing Contest Noon-3 on Beebe Lake
- 19- **Coon Rapids Lions Club**
Wine... Extravaganza 6-9 pm
Anoka Ramsey Community College
- 20- **Columbus Lions Club**
Breakfast @ Columbus Senior Center 8-1

March

- 20- **Columbus Lions Club**
Breakfast @ Columbus Senior Center 8-1
- 13- Daylight Savings Begins
- 21- **SPRING BEGINS** Yipee!
- 26 -**Rush City Lions Club**
Bowling Tournament

Meetings

Zone Meetings

Jan. 25 R2 Z5 @ Anoka

Governor's Cabinet Meeting

March 22 @ North Branch

Governor's Travels



- January 24 Becker/Santiago Governor's Night
(Billy rays Santiago)
- January 25 Region 2 Zone 5 Meeting (Anoka)
- January 28-30 5M4 Mid Winter Convention-Wilmar
- January 28-30 5M11 Mid Winter Convention-
Moorhead
- February 1 Governor's Night Becker
- February 7 Livonia/Zimmerman Governor's Night
- February 8 Lino Lakes/CircleLex Governor's Night
- February 4-6 5M8 Mid Winter Convention
-St Cloud
- February 9 Annandale Governor's Night
- February 11-13 5M2 Mid Winter Convention
- February 15 Elk River Governor's Night
- February 18-20 5M3 Mid Winter Convention
-Redwood Falls
- February 18 to 20 5M13Mid Winter Convention
-Swan River Manitoba
- February 19 Coon Rapids Wine Tasting Night
- February 21 Grandy Governor's Night
- February 22 Fridley Governor's Night
- February 23 Chisago Lakes Governor's Night



Howard Lake Lions Club

Welcome our newest member, **Bonnie Weber**.
Bonnie is the wife of Lion member Steve Weber.
Lion Bonnie was inducted into our club on
Governor's night.



Mid-Winter Convention Memories



Coon Rapids North Star President Mike Pizak is surrounded by ID Douglas Alexander, our DG, VDG and PDGs - enough alphabet for you Lion Mike?

ID Douglas Alexander and DG Brian pose for one last picture at the Mid-Winter. Thank you ID Doug for your participation in 5M7's convention. We really enjoyed meeting you and getting to know you - not to mention getting to know more about Lions Clubs International!



International Director Douglas Alexander and DG Brian present Lion Zone Chair Tom Waldren with a Melvin Jones award for his hard work in 5M7. Nice outfit Lion Tom.



Members of DaBand serenade (harass?) Spring Lake Park Lion Deb Roberge during the Saturday entertainment following the Governor's Banquet



Newly elected Second Vice District Governor Elect Norm Kelzenberg--good luck Lion Norm!

Club Happenings



A new Montrose Lion Kyle Dinehart (sponsor Lion Art Pester) being inducted to the Montrose club during Governor's Night activities.



The Blaine Central Lions were proud to be in attendance at the Thirty-third annual Mid-Winter Conference held on January 14-16th. Pictured are Lions Gaylene Gunberg, Sandra Sommers, Shirley DiMassi, Jo Wiseth, Orville Lindquist and our Guiding Lion, Wayne Johnson.



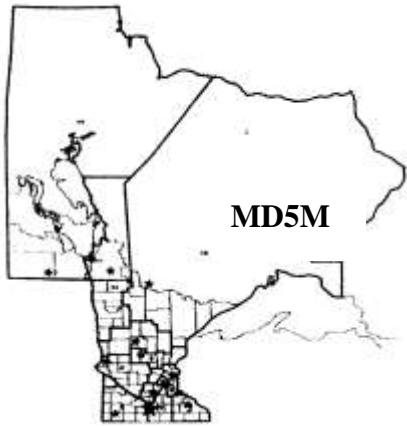
Lion and Lioness leaders pose for the picture during Montrose Governor's Night



Governor's Night at Columbia Heights on January 17 - Lion President Don Laufenberg, Lion Joanne and DG Brian



Two new Lioness members were inducted into the Montrose Lioness Club at Governor's Night. They are Lioness Diane Ruf (sponsored by Lioness Carol Hoppe) and Lioness Sandy Lundgren (sponsored by Lioness Kathy Duske).



**JOIN US AT THE BEND IN THE RIVER
MDM 5M 2011 Convention
Mankato, Minnesota
April 29 through May 1, 2011**

**Forums, Fun, Entertainment, & Meals
Information and Registration Forms
available**

**On the 5M website and 5M Directory
Registration Online at
www.lionsmd5m.org**

5M-7 Environmental Photo Contest



"We found the fawn and its size (curled up about 12". It was taken in our backyard on Monday, May 31, 2010. After we noticed the fawn, it laid there for about 10 minutes and then the mother bleated, the fawn stood up and met the doe and they ran into our woods. It was pretty amazing!"

Lions Joel & Becky Anderson Coon Rapids Lions Club



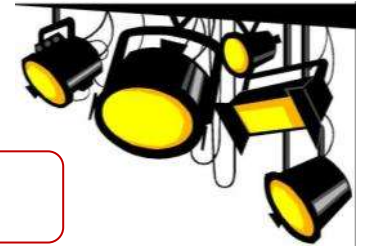
Our Mid-Winter Alternate Program speaker Vickie Marthaler presented an inspirational and humorous speech entitled "Celebrate You." Twenty-seven puzzle pieces were used in her presentation to depict personality traits we should celebrate in ourselves. Lioness and guests thoroughly enjoyed the hour of fun and laughter.



DG Brian hamming it up with 5M5 First Lady Lora Stamos and DG Bob Stamos at their Mid-Winter Convention 1/8/11.



LEOS



Featuring the Spring Lake Park Leos

Leo advisor Lion Pete Yelle and 2 Spring Lake Park Leos presented information about the Leos activities at the Cabinet Meeting at 5M7 Lions Mid-Winter convention.

Leo President Emily Booths
Leo Vice President Delany Murphy



Mid-Winter Display Contest



First Place Club display *Anoka Lioness



Club display *Lino Lake Lioness



Club display *Anoka Lions

The Lion's Code of Ethics: Friendship



To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given. This is the fifth of eight statements making up the Lion's Code of Ethics and the second of five relating to community. The Greek philosopher Aristotle wrote that there are three forms of friendship based upon common work, common recreation and common beliefs. The highest form of friendship is the last when it is based upon virtuous beliefs and behavior. Friendship based upon virtuous thoughts and actions transcends time and distance. Strive for this!



PEACE POSTER CONTEST



The kits are now available at Lions International, the new slogan is **"CHILDREN KNOW PEACE"** The new Governor elect wants this project to continue in his year. I will be that person, so the monkey is still on your back. Hints: Please read the rules from International carefully.

-NO numbers or Words on the poster.

-Paper size no smaller than 13"by 20"and no larger than 20"by 24" Clubs get the Poster paper.

-The Eligible birth dates.

If I were in charge at International, this project would be a "Given" Who in the right mind doesn't want "PEACE " in this world? And maybe at will take youth too make it happen.

Lion Ginny Hestekind {I'm In the Book]}

ORDER NOW!



Lioness
Seems like we were just looking forward to the Mid Winter Convention and now it is all over.

We had great attendance for the Alternative Program as well as the Lioness Meeting. Our guest speaker Vicki Marthaler spoke on "Building Self Esteem and Self Worth and the Value of Team Work". What a marvelous speaker. If you ever get the chance to hear her speak, please do so.

Most of the Lioness Clubs were represented at the meeting. All the clubs have a very busy spring and summer planned. Some clubs have increased their membership. Congratulations. We enjoyed having International Director Douglas Alexander come in and share with the Lioness. He was very interesting to listen to about how he became a Lion.

Illa Torgerson
Lioness Liaison



Blaine Central Lions Golf Tournament

The Blaine Central Lions Club is pleased to announce our 1st Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Wednesday, June 1st at the Victory Links Golf course in Blaine. This will be a best ball scramble with a 12:30 PM shotgun start followed by dinner. We are looking for anyone interested in a sponsorship for this event as well as interested golfers. Please contact Lion Rick Nelson at 763-442-4872 or by email:rnprimera1@hotmail.com for more information or to participate!



Lioness Clubs

Welcome 2011!

Hopefully during this New Year we'll continue to **serve** our communities as well as **blaze new trails**.



The Super Bowl is here and for many us its Super Bowl parties and snacks.

Here are some new twists on some old favorites.



For those who attended the Midwinter Convention I hope you had a good time. The snow late Friday afternoon and evening left a little to be desired for those traveling. Those coming in later on Friday related many stories of a very slow commute.

I think I can speak for everyone who attended the Associate/Lioness Program on what a great speaker we had. Her speech was entitled '*Celebrate You*'. She gave the audience 25 gifts and talents and asked us to learn to recognize and affirm those gifts/talents. Every gift and talent we have is important because when we use all club member's gifts and talents, we do a better job of serving and representing our communities.

After the presentation club presidents gave a brief overview of past club projects and upcoming projects. Most clubs stated their upcoming projects were bake and craft sales, Valentines and St. Patrick's Day parties as well as garage sales and salad luncheons. Most of the goals set by club presidents were to increase members, increase fundraising efforts for their clubs, add new projects and maintain regular meetings.



Our Lioness ladies in Montrose have been busy. Here they are [L-R] Lionesses Deb Hayes, Marlette Babatz, with Principal Gary Theisen and Lioness Jane Mortensen

donating sweat pants, socks and underwear to the Elementary School. These ladies may be small in numbers but they are big of heart and work hard in their community.

The Big Lake Lioness held their semi-annual blood drive January 17th. The ladies had a goal of 105 units and donors were able to deliver 102 units of blood for the Red Cross. Great going ladies!



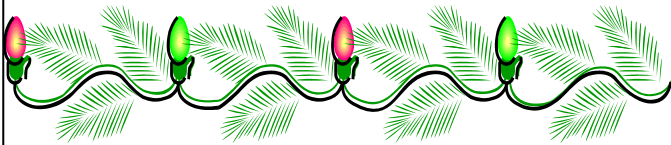
Five Easy Mexican Dip

8 oz Velveeta Cheese; cubed
4oz Cream cheese; cubed
1 can black beans; rinsed
½ tsp. ground Cumin
1 tomato; chopped
Combine all ingredients except tomatoes in microwaveable bowl. Microwave on high for 4 minutes or until Velveeta and cream cheese are melted and blended well, stirring every 2 minutes. Stir in tomatoes. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

Chipotle-Apricot Cream Cheese Spread

1 pkg Cream Cheese
½ c apricot preserves
1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, finely chopped
2 Tbsp water
1 green onion, finely copped
Spread cream cheese onto bottom of shallow dish. Cook preserves, peppers and water in saucepan on medium-low heat for 5 minutes or until preserves are melted; stirring occasionally. Stir in onions; spread over cream cheese. Serve with your favorite crackers.

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy. Norman Vincent Peale



Hanover Lions Club Serve

LIGHT RECYCLE PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

Strings of holiday lights were collected by the Hanover Lions Club this past holiday season. They were taken to Express Metals, a recycle center in Hopkins, and traded for cash. On Monday, Jan. 17th, a check was presented to Helen Skutley, Director of the Hanover Food Shelf, for \$526.44!

The Hanover Lions Club tried a new fund raising project this past holiday season with great success. A large box was placed in front of the local Tom Thumb beginning in late November and ending the first week of January. People began dropping off lights immediately. Lion members emptied the box several times. An amazing total of 1630 pounds of lights was collected.

The Hanover Lions Club would like to thank Jon and Matt Hanson, at the Tom Thumb, for generously allowing the Club to have the box in front of their business. The Lions would also like to thank everyone who dropped off lights to support the program. This is a project that will definitely be done again next year with the goal of doubling the amount of money raised.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENCE

LCIF Matching Fund Goal



\$75,000

We Made It!!

Thank you 5M7! Without the help of many Lions and Lioness clubs being able to give, Can Do Canines would not be able to issue only half as many dogs to people with needs. District 5M7 donated \$10,057.00. The total amount raised from Multiple District was \$75,134.77.

The top 4 Districts were:

District 5M8 \$11,055.00

District 5M7 \$10,057.00

District 5M9 \$9,685.00

District 5M5 \$8,180.00

Thank you again to all the Clubs in all the Districts for making this a huge success.

Lion Steve Linder

Co-chair Can Do Canines, District 5M7

Mid-Winter Fun





Greetings MD5M Lions,

I have been asked to share the following message from the LCI Leasership Division.

Are you interested in the coordination and management of effective and successful service projects? Register for the **Managing a Service Project** webinar! Be prepared to learn about defining a service project's purpose, setting goals, evaluating a project, forming a team and much more!!! Know a fellow Lion or Leo that would be interested? Feel free to pass this information along! Visit the Leadership Development Webinars page for dates/times and links to register, via the link provided below. We hope to have you, and a fellow Lion or Leo, participate in one of the three sessions being offered.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/leadership-development/webinars.php>

Kind Regards,
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As always, if you prefer not to receive these notices, reply to this email or email me at LionSteve@charter.net and I will remove your address from my list. If you know of someone who is not receiving the notices and would like to, let me know!

Lion Steve Wasserman
MD5M Technology Consultant

2011-2012 Governors Team

DGE Dave and Lion Nancy, 1st DGE Paul Hansen and Shirley, and 2nd DGE Norm Kelzenberg and Lion/Lioness Barb.



International Director Douglas Alexander with District Governor Elect Dave Schroeder



International Director Douglas Alexander with District Governor Elect Dave Schroeder and Lion Nancy Schroeder



MERLO - MEMBERSHIP

Membership Notes

Lions All,

Lions Dewey, Terry, Tom and myself had a wonderful time entertaining you at the Mid-Winter Convention this past weekend. We hope you had some fun and we also hope you learned something, too. Please take back any information provided to you during our skit and discussion to your Clubs and share it with your fellow Lions. Let's try to make this second half of the year a fruitful and successful one for recruiting new members to your Club and to District 5M7.

Here are a couple of things we've learned during the past several months that might assist you in your search for new Lions:

- Please make sure your Club members are provided the tools needed for their efforts in finding new Lions. Club brochures, membership applications and other promotional materials that could help with your recruitment should be in their possession and readily available to your members. Be prepared, just like the Scouts!
- If you have a website, please make sure it is up-to-date with Club information and have lots of pictures from your Club events or projects on it. Showing how much fun you all are having while providing service for your community might convince some people to join you. If you do not have a website, consider creating one and also think about your Club joining a social website such as Facebook and MySpace.
- Don't forget to invite your prospective new members to your social functions. Having these prospects see your Club in a casual setting will make it easier for them to interact with the Club members and demonstrate that Lionism is not just for fundraising or service projects.
- Simple items such as Club business cards or pens can be given out to help you with your recruitment efforts. Make sure to have your Club information on the items – mailing address, phone number, website address – in order for people to get in touch with you. Use them at informational booths set up at your Club events and projects, plus make sure your members have some to pass out during their travels.
- No one is going to promote your Club any better than yourselves! Please make regular submissions to your local media outlets – newspapers, radio stations, community television, bulletin boards – and foster a good relationship with these outlets. They may have some suggestions on what you might do to promote your Club better in your community

As usual, Lion Dewey, myself and the rest of the MERLO Team are willing and able to come out to your Club or Zone meetings to make presentations. We're also available for your social events, if you're so inclined to invite us. We team members hope we can provide you with the tools and ideas to help all of you in your efforts to bring more people into Lionism and to keep them. Your comments, suggestions and questions are always welcome and good luck with your recruitment efforts!

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Hugo Lions 2nd Annual

RADAR RUN



February 5th, 2011

REGISTRATION 11:00
Noon-4PM on Egg Lake

On Hwy 61 Behind Dominos



- Free Parking
- Warming Tent

- Food & Beverages
- Trophy /Cash Awards

Categories: **Stock + Modified + Pro Modified + 16 & Under**

Contact: **Rusty Pastorius- 651-353-5266**
Dan Balthazor- 612-910-0994



St. Michael Lions Club

13th Annual

Ice Fishing Contest

Saturday, February 5th, 2011

Beebe Lake

St. Michael, MN

Noon to 3:00 pm

up to \$300
in prize money

Hundreds of Door Prizes

Fish Prizes

Subject to weight of one one fish in category
4 Classes: Walleye, Saifish, Crappie, Northern

1st Prize - \$100.00*

2nd Prize - \$ 75.00*

3rd Prize - \$ 50.00*

Tickets

Age 17 & older \$10.00

Age 16 & below \$ 5.00

Raffle Prizes

Tickets: \$5.00

max 100 per ticket

Vexilar FL20 Ultra

Donated by Hardware Hank in St. Michael

Strike Master Gas Powered Ice Auger

Gift Certificates from

Caellas, Hardware Hank

Plus many more

Tickets on sale from:

St. Michael Lions Members and other local merchants
Hardware Hank is the Official Hardware Store for the 2011 2012 Ice Fishing Contest

Additional Info: <http://www.stm-lions.org>

St. Michael Lions reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Annual Fishing contest due to unsafe ice or weather conditions.
Patrol # 03422

Concessions available or Bring your own cooler

The Coon Rapids Lions Club presents the Mid-Winter Wine & Epicurean Delights Extravaganza

Saturday
February 19, 2011
6 to 9 p.m.
Anoka Ramsey
Community College
Riverview Cafe

11200 Mississippi Blvd
Coon Rapids, MN

\$25/person in advance
\$30/person at the door
Limited tickets available

Ticket price includes:

Gallons of wine to sample!
Delicious Appetizers!
Displays of wonderful Jewelry,
Art and Sporting Goods!

Featuring the
WALL OF WINE
brought to you by



Creators of stunningly beautiful
home wine storage

Indulge!

Appetizers brought to you by
your favorite local restaurants
including:

Potbelly's
Dairy Queen
Bakers Square
& more!

Costco
Pizza Hut
Bostons

Purchase tickets in advance

M.G.M. Liquor Warehouse
2929 Coon Rapids Blvd

or
Visit our website at
www.CoonRapidsLions.org

For more information e-mail us at
Lions@CoonRapidsLions.org



Thank you for supporting
our community!



First Annual 5M7 Lions

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

NO TAP - SINGLES ONLY EVENT

Fundraiser for 2011/2012 Governor, Dave Schroeder

March 26, 2011

Chuckers Bowl, 1270 W. 3rd Street

Lions, Lionesses & Children Are Eligible

Children K through 7th grade & Children 8th through 12th grade

COST: \$20 for Adults - \$15 for Kids



TIME SHIFTS ARE:

11:00 am - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

3 games

Prizes will be awarded

For more information contact **Bill Peters @ 320-358-3432**

E-mail mpeters@warpdriveonline.com

Chuckers Bowl @ 320-358-0879

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 1

Return this portion to Lions, P.O. Box 141, Rush City, MN 55069

Name & Lions Club	Phone Number	Shift