

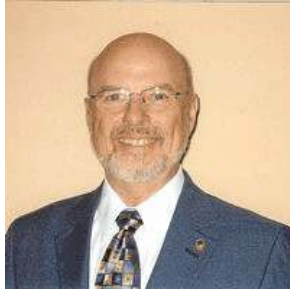


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News and Views from Governor Jim: "Movin' Forward"



The ride begins. This year, the International President has chosen the theme of "Miracles through Service" and the slogan: Lions are "Everyday Heroes."

There are some global initiatives this year. One of them is the new GMT which stands for "Global Membership Team". Another is a program to "Rebrand" Lions Clubs International. The effort is to bring the organization up to date with current times. Our work is constantly increasing but our numbers haven't. To keep doing the job, we need

more hands, and to get more hands, we need more members. Quality members, not just numbers. I encourage each and every one of you to read the Lion Magazine and go on-Line and watch LQ (Lions Quarterly) up to date news. There is a lot happening and it is going to be an exciting year. I look forward to seeing the changes develop.

Another change is the adoption of the offices "First Vice-District Governor and Second Vice-District Governor" in their definitions in our International Constitution. Districts now have the official option of having these two offices.

Now to local business. I would greatly appreciate you Presidents getting your requests for Governor Visits in as soon as possible. There is a form on the 5M7.org web site under "forms", then under "club" is the Governor's Visit Request Form. I'd prefer to not have any visits on Friday night, but I am flexible. I would like them all done by the end of March, 2009.

Remember to schedule your "District Nights" with your Zone Chair. They can be for a whole zone, or just between 3 or more clubs. Get 2 or 3 Cabinet Committee Chairs to speak for 15 or 20 minutes, have a meal, and socialize. Make 'em fun.

I am asking that each new member participate in the Pride of the Pride indoctrination program for new members. It will make them better Lions and sooner. We are working on a "Pride" pin for those Lions and sponsors/mentors that complete the program. Your "Membership Committee will be in charge of that.

A little advice, "Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches will pull you down".

Yours sincerely in Lionism,

DG Jim Mulroy

"Do for, not to".

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

Now that the year has started and we are going to meetings and events, I can tell that this is going to be a fun year and a great learning experience for me. I'd like to begin by giving you a little background on myself on why I became a Lion. In 1993 my kidneys failed. I had both kidneys removed, went on dialysis, and eventually had a kidney transplant. My donor was my youngest brother Tony. I had a job where I did not get paid during any of the time I was going through this and it was a financial burden for my family. All of a sudden, we received a check in the mail from the Buffalo Lions Club. Once I got back on my feet, I wanted to give back to my community and others in need. The Lions organization allowed me to do just that. I joined the Buffalo Lions in 1998 and dreamed of becoming the VDG. This dream became reality last January at the 5M-7 District Convention in Bloomington. I'd like to say THANK YOU to the Lion's of 5M-7 for allowing me to follow my dream.



As part of my new role as VDG, DG Jim has asked me to be on different committees. One of the committees I will be focusing on this year is the Lions International Program called the **ALERT** Program. The objective of the Lions **ALERT** Program is to develop a plan of action in case of a:

Level One emergency (affecting a few people)

Level Two emergency (affecting a community)

Level Three emergency (affecting hundreds or thousands of people in a region).

The emergency may be a natural disaster, a man-made disaster, or a public healthcare crisis such as a large-scale (pandemic) influenza (flu) outbreak. If you would like to know more, check out www.lionsclubs.org and type in the word Alert program. Lion President Tom Waldren from the Forest Lake Lions Club is going to be my co-chairman. Our goal is to talk to each club in our District. We will be asking for at least one member in each club to help us get this project up and running so it will be successful in our District.

My wife Lion Deb and I are looking forward to meeting all of you and forming new friendships during my year as VDG.

VDG Clay

“The best way to predict the future is to create the future.”

Governor's Travels

August

- 11 Cabinet meeting at Lion's Park
Center Elk River
- 13 Governors Night Almelund &
Taylors Falls
- 14 LCI & Leader Dog
Headquarters
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- 16 LCI & Leader Dog
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- 17 LCI & Leader Dog
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- 28 Governro's Night Delano

September

- 4 Mid Winter Convention
Meeting
- 18 USA/Canada Forum
- 19 USA/Canada Forum
- 20 USA/Canada Forum
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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
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- 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

Club Activities

August

- 8 Rockford Lions Walleye Fish
Fry at Lions Park Bldg 6:00pm
- 9 Rockford Lions Pork Chop
Dinner at Lions Park Bldg 4:00
PM
- 10 Clear Lake Lions Chicken &
Corn BBQ at Goenner
Pavillion 11AM to 4PM
- 10 Rockford Lions Wellness Van
11AM to 3PM also serving
Turkey Sandwiches and Legs
- 15 Montrose Lions Turkey Legs
@ Montrose Days
- 16 Montrose Lions Turkey Legs
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- 17 Montrose Lions Turkey Legs
@ Montrose Days
- 21 Buffalo Lions Concert in the
Park 7PM at Sturges Park

September

- 5 Circle Lex Lions Sandburr Golf
Tourn @ Chrominex Course
- 6 Rockford Likons Golf Tourn @
Pheasant Acres 11:30 AM