



# 5M7 Team News



## Words of Wisdom from Governor Jim



Well folks, it is crunch time. Crunch number one is the International Convention. This is one of the greatest opportunities our Multiple District will ever have. The reason we have it again so soon after 1993 is the great job of volunteerism that was done last time. It takes about 800 people to do a proper job on the convention. Our whole Multiple District has about 23,000 members and only about 200 have volunteered. Our District, 5M7, has about 2000 members and only 21 have signed up so far. This really serious. Without the needed volunteers, the convention will be chaos and will never be here again. The latest information is less stringent that what we heard in the beginning. Volunteers do not have to register if they will be working outside the convention center. We do have to wear the blue snowman shirts, khaki pants, and they will provide a hat for volunteers. Some of the jobs that can be done are greeters at the airport, drivers to and from the airport to hotels, parade marshals, and hotel hosts. Go to the lionsmd5m.org website to sign up. It is easy, and we no longer need a password. You will have fond memories of this convention if you do participate. If you decide to register, **DO NOT REGISTER ON LINE.** Print the form, fill it out, mark 5M7 Volunteer and highlight that. Write \$100.00 on it and snail-mail it to LCI. The \$100.00, for our Multiple only, is good until, I believe, the end of May then it goes up drastically. I know that Lions traditionally wait until the last minute to sign up for anything, but that time is now here. I also know that the Lions of 5M7 always come through when called upon. Well, I am calling on you now to step up and volunteer to help at the International convention. Let's show the other MD5M Districts how it's done.

Crunch number two is membership. We have been up all year, but recently three small clubs have decided to call it quits. They add up to about 45 members. This really hurts our District and I don't know will take over the service they have provided their communities. We chartered a new club in December and we are working feverishly to start two more clubs this year. I have said this many times, but 5M7 has always done a terrific job of recruiting, but we could do a lot better in retention. So, I am asking you Club Presidents, and Club Membership Committee Members to work extra hard at keeping your members. Make an extra effort at gaining that plus one member for the year. If we attain that plus one average in each club, we will all have a good year.

Words of wisdom from Henry Ford; "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Yours sincerely in Lionism,

DG Jim Mulroy      "Do for, not to".

Greetings to all Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7,

As I'm typing this, we are in a Winter Storm Warning and I'm wondering how quickly all the snow we have, and are getting, will melt. I know I'm ready for warmer temperatures, green grass, and the beauty of new growth



that happens every spring.

Lion Deb and I have thought about what my theme will be for this next year when I get sworn in at the International Convention in Minneapolis as the District Governor of 5M-7. We have decided that it's going to be "**Communication is Key**". We both feel that good communication is a key part, and very vital, to succeeding in anything in your life. We both hope that you will communicate with us as we all work together in the upcoming year.

As I mentioned in last month's news, your club should be voting on your new officers, filling out your club's PU101 with the new officer's information, and have those new officers attend one of the Spring School of Instruction trainings. I can't stress enough how critical it is for your club to complete a PU101 and with accurate information and to have the new officers attend training so they know what to expect and what they need to do in



their new role to do the best job possible for your club. As a reminder, I've listed the Spring School of Instruction information 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 Lions and Lioness incoming President, Secretary, Treasurer, Taitwister, and Membership Chairs for your club.

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



Pictured on the left is Cedar East Bethel Lions President Rugh Dutchak who presented the Key Award to Lion Eleanor Ricke (on the right). Lion Eleanor successfully opened the door of Lionism to at least two individuals in the past year. Lion Eleanor is congratulated for demonstrating an active commitment to the growth and strength of the Cedar East Bethel Lions.

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## Cokato Governor's Night



## M&A REPORTING FOR FEBRUARY 2009

<b>CLUB NAME</b>	<b>WHAT CLUB REPORTED</b>
Albertville	New member joined the club
Almelund	Ten members volunteered 80 hours at sweethearts pancake breakfast
Andover	Turned in 234 pairs of glasses
Annandale	NOT IN GOOD STANDING
Anoka	Eleven members called bingo at two different nursing homes
Becker	Twenty-two members volunteered 120 hours at pancake breakfast and silent auction
Big Lake	New member joined the club
Blaine	Donated \$2,000 to Wings of Mercy
Buffalo	International & District dues were paid
Buffalo Noon	Four members volunteered 15 hours at the Buffalo Food Shelf
Cambridge	International & District dues were paid
Cedar East Bethel	Sent in M&A report
Centerville	Approx. 50 volunteers worked approx. 1500 hours at ice fishing contest
Chisago Lakes	International & District dues were paid
Circle Pines Lex	International & District dues were paid
Clear Lake	Donated \$10,000 to Friendship Ventures
Clearwater	Donated \$3,000 to Camp Friendship
Cokato	Twenty-three members volunteered 92 hours at pancake feed
Columbia Heights	Twelve members volunteered 60 hours at Lions sweetheart dance
Columbus	Seventeen Lions & 4 Lioness volunteered 180 hours at pancake breakfast for fire victims
Coon Rapids	Nineteen Lions volunteered 69 hours at four different schools for Books for BANGO
Coon Rapids Cardinals	Donated \$200 to ACBC Food Shelf.
Coon Rapids North Star	International & District dues were paid
Delano	NOT IN GOOD STANDING
Elk River	NOT IN GOOD STANDING
Forest Lake	Donated \$1,000 in Lion's scholarships
Fridley	Ten members volunteered 100 hours at Winter Warm-Up Wine Tasting event
Fridley Five Stars	International & District dues were paid
Grandy	NOT IN GOOD STANDING
Ham Lake	Eight members attended the Mid-Winter convention
Hanover	Donated \$1,000 to High School scholarship
Hanover Crow River	Seven members volunteered 21 hours at Wise Penny in Buffalo
Howard Lake	Twenty-six members volunteered 180 hours at club's breakfast buffet Seven members volunteered 35 hours and helped at the Centerville Lions ice fishing tournament
Hugo	
Isanti	New member joined the club
Lino Lakes	Club donated \$2,240 for hearing aid for local resident
Livonia Towhship	Held joint Governor's Night with the Zimmerman Lions
Maple Lake	First female member joined the club
Monticello	Two members volunteered sixteen hours reading the local paper on tape
Montrose	International & District dues were paid

North Branch	Six members volunteered 18 hours at a Valentine's Day Dinner at the Villages
Nowthen	Three new members joined their club
Oak Grove	Turned in 19 pairs of glasses
Orrock	NOT IN GOOD STANDING
Otsego	M&A sent in
Ramsey	Donated \$2,000 in scholarships
Rockford	Donated \$500 to Youth Mission trip
Rush City	One member transported eyes to the Lions Eye Bank
Santiago	One member volunteered three hours at the Boy Scouts Blue & Gold
Spring Lake Park	Thirteen members volunteered 58 1/2 hours at a senior Valentine luncheon
St. Francis	Seven members volunteered 30 hours at a pancake breakfast
St. Michael	NOT IN GOOD STANDING
Stacy	Two new members joined their club
Taylor's Falls	Five members volunteered 20 hours at Almelund's pancake breakfast
Waverly	Twenty-two members volunteered 28 hours at the Lion's Fish Fry
Wyoming	M&A sent in on time
Zimmerman	Six members attended Governor's Night with the Livonia Lions

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**Lioness Report for February was left out by mistake, here it is!**

## **February Lioness Report**

<b>Andover</b>	<b>Participated in Mid Winter Convention</b>
<b>Anoka</b>	<b>10 members attended Mid Winter. Many community donations and Parade of Green.</b>
<b>Big Lake</b>	<b>5 members attended Mid Winter. Held bloodmobile.</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>No report.</b>
<b>Cedar East Bethel</b>	<b>5 members attended Mid Winter. Lioness Jill won the tail twisting at Mid Winter.</b>
<b>Clear Lake</b>	<b>No meeting this month, Many donations to Parade of Green.</b>
<b>Clearwater</b>	<b>Many donations at Mid Winter to Parade of Green</b>
<b>Columbus</b>	<b>Many donations at Mid Winter to Parade of Green</b>
<b>Coon Rapids</b>	<b>5 members attended Mid Winter.</b>

<b>Lino Lakes</b>	<b>2 members attended Mid Winter. Donations to Parade of Green.</b>
<b>Montrose</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>North Branch</b>	<b>No report</b>
<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>Donated 28 pairs of eyeglasses.</b>
<b>Spring Lake Park</b>	<b>No report</b>

**We hope that those of you who attended the Mid Winter Convention and the alternate program had a fun-filled time. Is there anything better than giggling and actually laughing out loud at the antics of a true comedienne? At the very least, we are prepared to “dress for success” as a result of the comedy routine by Myrtle Nerdstrom! Many thanks, also, to Elk River Lion Les Anderson for his inspirational and heart warming presentation about the reasons to author and journal our life stories.**

**Congratulations to the Lioness that received the 100% Secretary Awards for the 20072008 year at Mid Winter Convention:**

**Lioness Vicki Johnson, Coon Rapids Lioness Arlene Schroeder, Lino Lakes Lioness Illa Torgerson, St. Francis**

**Congratulations to the hard working presidents who earned the Club President Excellence Awards for 2007-2008:**

**Lioness Linda Talonen, Big Lake Lioness Marlene Marshall, Coon Rapids Lioness Donna Zastrow, Lino Lakes Lioness Mary Madden, St. Francis**

**As we’ve noted before, lives are affected by what you do on a daily basis in Lioness Clubs throughout 5M7.**

**~~ Lions Brian and Joanne Toews ~~**

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## **March Lioness Report**

**Thanks for another great month of service to your communities!**

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

<b>Andover</b>	
<b>Anoka</b>	<b>Two cabinet members spoke at their meeting.</b>
<b>Big Lake</b>	<b>Sold pies at annual Big Lake Lions Fish Fry</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Volunteered at Senior Center</b>

<b>Cedar East Bethel</b>	<b>Participated in Girl Scout Cookies to Iraq.</b>
<b>Clear Lake</b>	<b>No meeting in February.</b>
<b>Clearwater</b>	<b>Donated to Camp Friendship Dining Hall remodeling project and volunteered there also.</b>
<b>Columbus</b>	<b>Helped a family whose house burned down.</b>
<b>Coon Rapids</b>	<b>Donations to Parade of Green.</b>
<b>Lino Lakes</b>	<b>Joint Governor's Night with Circle-Lex Lions</b>
<b>Montrose</b>	<b>Donations to community.</b>
<b>North Branch</b>	<b>No report</b>
<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>Packed boxes for soldiers.</b>
<b>Spring Lake Park</b>	<b>No report</b>

# **Governor's Travels**

## **March**

- 23**            **Cabinet Meeting Lions Park Elk River**
- 24**            **Governor's Night Clearwater**
- 25**            **Governor's Night Annandale**
- 26**            **Governor's Night Rush City**
- 30**            **Group I Meeting Clearwater Legion**

## **April**

- 1**              **Region 1 Zone 1 Meeting**
- 6**              **Governor's Night Hanover / Crow River**
- 9**              **Governor's Night St Michael**
- 13**            **Governor's Night Isanti**
- 20**            **Governor's Night Grandy**
- 23**            **Governor's Night Big Lake Lions & Lioness**
- 30**            **Region 1 Zone 1 Meeting**

## **May**

- 1-3**            **MD5M Convention and Council of Governors**

## **June**

- 18**            **Forest Lake Awards Night**
- 22**            **District 5M7 Awards Night @ Coon Rapids VFW 6:15 Social 7PM Dinner**

## **Club Events**

### **March**

**28 North Branch Lions Prime Rib Dinner See 5M7 Website for Details  
Cambridge Lions Scandanavian Dinner @ Christ the King 4:30 to 7 PM**

**29 Coon Rapids Lions Pancake Breakfast @ VFW 8AM to Noon**

### **April**

**4 Nowthen Lions Spaghetti Dinner See 5M7 Website for Details!**

**5 Ham Lake Lions Pancake Breakfast @ McKinley Elem 8-12:30**

**Clear Lake Lions Champagne Dinner @ 400 Supper Club St Cloud**

**Big Lake Lions Pancake Breakfast & Lioness Bake Sale @ Lions Park**

**Howard Lake Lions Breakfast Buffet 8-12:30 PM @ Lions Hall**

**18 Albertville Lions Pork Chop Dinner to benefit Fire Dept**

**Rockford Lions Greenback Dinner @ Rockford Town Hall 6:00 PM**

**19 Spring Lake Park Lions Pancake Breakfast @ SLP High 7:30 to 12:30**

**25 Hanover Lions Smelt Fry @ City Hall 12 to 7PM**

### **May**

**2 Circle Lex Lions Vintage Fashion Show 12:00 Social 12:30 Luncheon 1:30 Fashion Show  
@ St Joseph Catholic Church**

**22-24 Zimmerman Wild West Days**

**25 Elk River Lions Car Show @ Sherburne County Fair Grounds 9AM to 3Pm, Wellness  
Van from 10:30 to 2:30**

**Rockford Lions Pork Chop Dinner @ Rockford Memorial Day Celebration**

### **June**

**4 Spring Lake Park Lions Tower Days Parade**

**6 Livonia Lions Ride for Better Vision 11AM Registration @ KJ's Refuge in Orrock**

**7 Spring Lake Park Lions Festival Day in the Park @ Lakeside Lions Park 10AM to ??**

**When submitting events for the newsletter or the 5M7 Website, please be sure to let us know the date, time and place of your event!**