



5M7 Team News



October 2008



News and Views from Governor Jim: “Movin’ Forward”



The 5M7 Fall Leadership Forum was a great success. When I left that day, I felt even more proud of being a Lion than ever before. The speakers were great. The interactions between speakers and Lions were great. The food was wonderful and I had a lot of fun. I hope it is the first of many Forums for 5M7. I also felt after listening to the speakers that 5M7 is on the right track with our membership programs. We do a terrific job of recruiting new members, but we must cease and desist the practice of “Catch and Release” for our new members. We must improve our Retention. If clubs will embrace and implement our District programs we will improve our retention and our new members will become better informed, educated, involved, exposed and will be real Lions sooner and will stay longer. We cannot survive if two out of three new members continue to leave within their first three years.

I have some questions for you. Who is the most important person in Lions Clubs International? Which is the most important officer in Lions Clubs International? Which is the most important officer in the District? Which is the most important officer in the club? And, again, who is the most important person in the District? I have my own thoughts on this, but you let me know your thoughts.

I attended the Council of Governors meeting on Oct. 18th in Mahnonen, MN. On Friday night we had a presentation by the Global Membership Team (GMT) with PID Gary Fry from Iowa and PID Mike Butler from Texas. They will send in a team to train our Lions to be “Guiding Lions”, which is extremely important for getting a new club off to a good start and to keep it going. They will train our Lions to become expert recruiters of new clubs. They have a system and it can be learned by anybody willing and interested. Then, they will go into a designated area and form a new club or maybe more than one club. That sounds exciting to me. There are areas in our District where we have no clubs, and other areas vastly underrepresented by Lions. We can do better. We are better. In fact, we are the best, in my opinion. Nobody does it better than 5M7. With the help of an Extension Workshop from LCI, we can have at least 3 new clubs this year. We can also have a whole class of “Certified Guiding Lions”. They will teach this course during the Extension Workshop, or it can be taken on-line at the “lionsclubs.org” website.

Keep up the good work and I hope to see you in the near future.

Yours sincerely in Lionism,

DG Jim

“Do for, not to”.

Message from VDG Clay

Greetings,

I'd like to thank the Anoka and Ramsey Lions Club for inviting Lion Deb and I to your Governor night. The food was wonderful and it was great to meet the members in your clubs.

I mentioned in the July 5M-7 Team News that I am working on getting together an ALERT team. I am hoping to have one Lion/Lioness from each club be involved on this team. If you are interested, please let me know.

Lion Deb and I had the opportunity to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. There were 2,015 members there. We had a fabulous time and it was a super event. I would encourage any Lion, Lioness or Leo in our district to attend next year's USA/Canada Forum which will be held in Memphis, Tennessee.

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

VDG Clay

"Don't be afraid that you life will end, be afraid that it will never begin."



Around the District in pictures and words

Lion George McMahon is presenting an award to Lion Bob Zacher as "Lion of the Year for 2007-2008." Lion Bob Zacher joined the Chisago Lakes Lions Club in May of 2004 and has been a very active member. He has been on the Board of Directors and is currently 1st Vice President. Lion George has been chairman of the Chisago Lakes Lions Club fishing contest for the last 3 years. Each year that he has been chairman of the fishing contest it has grown bigger and better every year. He also has been very active on other committees such as the Food Shelf Drive, Pancake Breakfast, Hwy. 8 Cleanup and wherever he is needed.



Cedar East Bethel Lions

Lion Deanna Kleven on the left is presented the Key Award from Lion President Ruth Dutchak on the right. Lion Deanna successfully opened the door of Lionism to at least two individuals in the past year. Lion Deanna is congratulated for demonstrating an active commitment to the growth and strength of the Cedar East Bethel Lions.



Governor's Night at Coon Rapids



Fall Forum Pictures



Bob Jechorex



Brian Sheehan



Dick Tyler



Governor Jim

Governor's Travels October

- 21 Governor's Night Clear Lake
- 22 Governor's Night Coon Rapids
- 25 Thanksgiving for Vision
- 27 Lioness Group I Clear Lake
- 28 Cabinet Meeting at Lion's Park
Elk River
- 29 Governor's Night St Francis
Lions, Lioness & Oak Park Lions

November

- 1 St Francis Lioness 35th Aniv
- 6 Governor's Night Forest Lake &
Hugo
- 10 Governor's Night Waverly
- 13 Region 1 Zone 1 GAC Meeting

- 17 Governor's Night Col Heights
- 18 Governor's Night Cedar East
Bethel
- 19 Region 1 Zone 1 Meeting
- 24 Region 1 Zone 2 Meeting
- 25 Governor's Night Ham Lake

December

- 3 Governor's Night Buffalo Lions,
Lioness, Noon Club & Rockford
Lions
- 4 Governor's Night Howard Lake
- 6 Governor's Night Maple Lake
- 9 Midwinter Convention Meeting
- 11 Region 2 Zone 5 Meeting
- 13 Governor's Night Andover
- 15 Governor's Night Stacy
- 16 Governor's Night Cambridge

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
- 5 Governor's Night Lino Lakes
& Circle Pines
- 6-8 Midwinter 5M8 & 5M10
13-14 Midwinter 5M2
- 16 Governor's Night Montrose
- 17 Governor's Night Elk River
20-22 Midwinter 5M3
- 24 Governor's Night Fridley

Club Activities

October

- 24 Centerville Lions Haunted House @
LaMotte park 7-10PM
- 25 Anoka Halloween Parade
CR Northstar Fall Fest @ Goose
Lake Winery
Centerville Lions Haunted House @
LaMotte park 7-10PM
Buffalo Lions Appreciation Dinner
for Police, Fire & City Council
- 26 CR Northstar Fall Fest @ Goose
Lake Winery

November

- 1 Albertville Lions Comedy Night &
Prime Rib Dinner
- 9 Buffalo & Hanover Lions "Chill the

**Coon Rapids Lion Club
Pancake Breakfast**
(Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, French Toast, Juice, Coffee and Milk)

Sunday, October 26, 2008
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Coon Rapids VFW
1919 Coon Rapids Blvd.

All You Can Eat!

Bring your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors!

Adults — \$5.50
Seniors (age 62 or better) — \$4.00
Children (under 12) — 4.00
Under Age 5 — FREE

Coon Rapids Lioness will have BAKE SALE items available!

Packers” Chili Feed

17 Andover Lions Chili Feed 5-8 PM @ Andover High School

December

4-6 Spring Lake Park Lions Bell Ringing @ Cub Northtown

7 Spring Lake Park Lions Mystery Bus Trip

18 Spring Lake Park Lions Christmas Party

Lioness News!!

The Lioness clubs in 5M7 have been extremely busy over the past months. It's been exciting to hear the news of the clubs' donations, events, projects, and acts of Lionism. Here are some highlights from September:

1. Group I

Big Lake - senior luncheon for local seniors

Buffalo – butterfly release

Clear Lake – worked chicken BBQ

Clearwater – 28th Anniversary and Awards (June)

Montrose - sponsored a booth at the Expo

Group II

Andover – worked Andover recycling

Anoka - donations to American Cancer Society, Alexandra House, Diabetes

Cedar-East Bethel - donations to Girl Scouts, Food Shelf, Birchwood Care Center

Columbus - Mystery Bag Auction

Coon Rapids – 3 members awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship Progressive Pins

Lion Lakes – clowned, did face painting and walked at Heel and Wheel event

North Branch - created cookbook; Wellness Van at the Park

St. Francis - 35th Anniversary Celebration - November 1

Spring Lake Park – food shelf donations

Coon Rapids Lioness hosted the Group II Meeting on October 14. All clubs were represented and a great time was had by all. We enjoyed meeting the wonderful Lioness of Group II. Thanks to the Coon Rapids Lioness for a wonderful evening.

The Clear Lake Lioness will host the Group I Meeting on October 27. We look forward to meeting the Lioness from Group I at that time.

Yours in Lionism, Lions Joanne and Brian Toews, District 5M7 Lioness Liaisons

Lions Environmental Photo Contest

Lions, Lioness and Leos from District 5M-7 can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photos (without people) of the environment of their Lion, Lioness or Leo club.

The 2008-2009 photography categories are:

Photos should focus on the environment. Therefore photographs must *not* include people

1. Urban or natural landscape

2. Animal life

3. Plant life

4. Weather phenomena

The special annual theme category is:

5. Lions Environmental Miracle Workers – Photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environmental project

Photos (8x10) will be displayed at the 2009 Midwinter 5M-7 convention.

M&A REPORTING FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

(Editor's Note: If you sent your report in and it is listed as no report, the problem was with VDG Clay's Email Server, this problem has been resolved)

CLUB NAME	WHAT CLUB REPORTED
Albertville	Twenty members volunteered 100 hours at their porkchop dinner
Almelund	Ten members volunteered 96 hours at the Co-ed Memorial Scholarship softball tournament
Andover	13 members volunteered 7 1/2 hours for a recycling and road clean up project
Annandale	Members spent 50 hours working on AHS Concession stand
Anoka	23 members volunteered 124 hours at the Game Fair Parking
Becker	Donated 14 pairs of glasses, 2 hearing aids and 8 printer cartridges
Big Lake	Turned in 235 pairs of glasses
Blaine	Held Wellness Day Event 15 Members Volunteered 90 Hours
Buffalo	Paid District & International dues prior to Sept. 1

Buffalo Noon Whole club participated in the Buffalo Street Fair

Cambridge Three members updated the community billboard

Cedar East Bethel New member joined the club

Centerville **NO REPORT**

Chisago Lakes 11 members volunteered 22 hours at the Ki-Chi-Saga Days parade

Circle Pines Lex Two new members joined their club

Clear Lake Eleven members put in 88 hours selling tickets at the State Fair

Clearwater **NO REPORT**

Cokato Two members volunteered seven hours at White Cane Days

Columbia Heights Paid District dues prior to Sept. 1

Columbus **NO REPORT**

Coon Rapids Sponsoring the North Metro Leos Club - brand new club

Coon Rapids Cardinals **NO REPORT**

Coon Rapids North Star Sent in M&A and a monthly newsletter prior to the 21st of the month

Delano **NO REPORT**

Elk River **NO REPORT**

Forest Lake 22 members volunteered 188 hours at Hay Days

Fridley Ten members volunteered 20 hours at the Fridley Football BBQ

Fridley Five Stars Paid District & International dues prior to Sept. 1

Grandy **NO REPORT**

Ham Lake Five members put in 35 hours at the State Fair

Hanover Donated \$600 to the Lion's Wellness Van

Hanover Crow River Twelve members volunteered 36 hours with the Crow River Cleanup project

Howard Lake Paid District & International dues prior to Sept. 1

Hugo Twelves members volunteered 15 hours at the Hugo Back to School Bash

Isanti **NO REPORT**

Lino Lakes **NO REPORT**

Livonia Towhship Six members volunteered 48 hours selling tickets at the State Fair

Maple Lake **NO REPORT**

Monticello **NO REPORT**

Montrose New member joined the club

North Branch **NO REPORT**

Oak Grove Six members volunteered 12 hours to do highway clean up

Orrock **NO REPORT**

Otsego **NO REPORT**

Ramsey **NO REPORT**

Rockford 17 members volunteered 119 hours at their annual golf tournament

Rush City Had Lions article in the newspaper about the Family Center Playground

Santiago **NO REPORT**

Spring Lake Park Donated \$2,600 to Camp New Hope

St. Francis Four new members joined the club

St. Michael **NO REPORT**

Stacy Nine members volunteered 45 hours at the Linwood Fire Dept. dance

Taylors Falls **NO REPORT**

Waverly Donated \$2,084 to school district #2687

Wyoming **NO REPORT**

Zimmerman **NO REPORT**

The reason this page is empty is because you didn't send your club news and events to the Newsletter editors.

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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don't have internet access**