

# 5M7 GRAM

October 2010



## RAMBLINGS FROM District Governor Brian

As we drive down the roads in our communities, we are beginning to see the colors of the fall season. The yellow and orange are like a sunset preparing us for a time of rest. However, as Lions, we don't rest, we simply adjust our lifestyles and shift gears to a different time of year.

VDGs Dave and Paul, Governor Brian, Lions Nancy, Joanne and Shirley attended the USA/Canada Forum in Milwaukee at the end of September. Congratulations to our Multiple District MD5M for winning the highest attendance award - 163 people represented us there! Fun was had by all, and much was learned about Lionism. Neither VDG Dave nor Governor Brian won the Harley Davidson raffle - but they spent an afternoon at the Harley Museum to make up for it.

The days are getting shorter and so is the countdown to the 2011 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention. I invite all of you to attend the 2011 Mid-Winter Convention! The theme this year is: **Blaze a New Trail**. Remember as Lions we need to be blazing new trails of service, which will lead us to a Mid-Winter Convention that will be filled with many new ideas, hospitality rooms galore, and interesting seminars. I encourage everyone to check the 5M7 website for convention forms and updates.

First Timers, this will be the perfect year to check out your first Mid-Winter Convention. Meet other Lions from all over District 5M7, the Multiple District and beyond. Join in the fun and get involved with the First Timer contest. What better way to meet new Lion members. You may even be one of the top collectors of signatures and win a free stay at next year's convention, plus other prizes. Attend the First Timers meeting after the Memorial Service on Friday night to find out all the details of the contest. After all, we are Lions and we like to have FUN!

As always there will be a Club Hospitality Room Contest at the convention - based on a theme, costumes and decorations in the room. Let's make this year's convention the biggest one ever! See you at the Bloomington Airport Marriott Hotel on January 14-16!

Health alert! Flu season is upon us, so don't forget to get your flu shots! I got mine at the state fair this year.

October has always been an active month for Lions Clubs International. It is traditionally the month in which we focus on membership growth, and it is appropriate that we do so this month as well. In fact, it goes hand-in-hand with our service initiative. A club program of service activities that are enjoyable, visible, and effective, is the most potent membership growth tool a Lions Club can have. The formula is pretty simple: more and better service activities equal more and more satisfied Lions who are proud to be Lions.

The next opportunity for our clubs to participate in a highly visible and highly effective worldwide service project will come in December. "Relieving the Hunger" is International President Scruggs' service challenge for Lions International in December. He encourages us to help meet that most fundamental human need and keep our Beacon of Hope burning bright for all to see!

In October, Lion Joanne and I have had the awesome opportunity to visit with Lioness clubs at their Group Meetings in Buffalo and St. Francis. Since the last 5M7 Gram, we have attended Governor's Night functions in Anoka, Ramsey, Clear Lake, and Clearwater. We look forward to visiting our fellow Lions in Spring Lake Park, St. Francis, Oak Grove and Coon Rapids at the end of October. Many thanks to the clubs that have hosted us - we appreciate the hard work that you are doing in your community.

Congratulations to Maple Lake Lions on their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We look forward to a Thank you for all you do.

DG Brian



Brian and Lion Joanne greet International Director Douglas Alexander, who is scheduled to be our guest at the Mid-Winter Convention in January. He is a dynamic speaker and will wow you with his presentation!



### Greetings to 5M7!

Well, another month has flown by...hard to believe it is almost November. Lion Nancy and I have been very busy with Governor nights, USA/Canada Forum, training in Mahnomen and other meetings.

I told you last month I would report on the Mustang: Well, a young man from Hewitt won the car and when PDG Peter Van Erp called him, he thought one of his friends was pulling a joke on him and he hung up on PDG Peter! Lion Peter called back and told him that it really was true; finally he was convinced that he was the winner. When he picked up the car we found out that the young couple has a child with Rheumatoid Arthritis . They sold the car for \$30,000.00 to help with medical expenses for their daughter. The car couldn't have gone to a better family. The raffle cleared a little over \$55,000.00 for Project New Hope!

The registration forms are out for the Mid-Winter Convention. It was reported that the room rates are the same as last year; so, get registered for a fun event. There is a good line-up of speakers.

The Forum in Milwaukee was a great success – 5M won a plaque for the most members from any multiple. We had 163 members attending.

Until next time – Hear the Roar!

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dave



VDG Dave and Lion Nancy, DG Brian and Lion Joanne enjoy a moment of fun on the return trip from the USA/Canada Forum in Milwaukee. Lionism offers the opportunity to make new and lasting relationships.

### Hi

Well the year seems to be off to a great start as Clubs are getting reports in and many are adding new members. Keep up the recruitment efforts so we can reach Governor Brian's first membership goal of 2010 members by 2010. Speaking of membership it is important to retain members as well as find new members.



Club assessments are a great way to see how the health of your club is doing to meet the expectations and needs of your members. The club assessment is a goal for the Governors award this year so please consider doing one. Ask the Merlo team for help setting one up for your club.

I have attended some of the first round of Zone meetings and I know of two that are doing a Zone Project. This is a great way to get interaction between the local clubs. It is fun to see 5M7 trying new and exciting things which provide help both on a District level and on a local club level.

The Mid winter Convention is January 14-16, 2011 so mark your calendars as it is shaping up to be both fun and educational. Remember the contest to earn the prize of free convention meal tickets.

Enough of the soapbox talk. Remember Keep it Simple. Keep it fun.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Paul



Who says meetings are boring? Zone Chair Liz challenges Governor Brian to Yoga! Ah, relaxation!

## Club Activities



October 23

### Maple Lake /Buffalo Lions Club

Joint 65th Anniversary Party

October 30

### Thanksgiving for Vision

@ Earl Brown Center

October 31

### Coon Rapids Lions Club

Fall Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW



November 10

Governor Brian's Birthday

October 26-27

### Coon Rapids Lions Club

Bell Ringing @Riverdale Wal-Mart

## Zone/Group Meetings



- Oct. 25 R2 Z5 Meeting
- Oct. 21 R1 Z5 Coon Rapids VFW 6:30pm
- Oct. 25 R2 Z 5
- Nov 3 R2 Z3 St. Francis Legion 6pm
- Nov 9 R 2 Z 4 Fridley
- Nov. 10 R 2 Z 2



## Welcome New Lions

### Coon Rapids Lions Club

Lion Laura Christensen

– sponsor Lion Lori Anderson

Lion Dale Koch

– sponsor Lion Lyle Goff

Lion Jennifer Koch

– sponsor Lion Lyle Goff

Lion Victor Krause

– sponsor Lion Brian Fitzgerald

Lion Chub Troester

– sponsor Lion Lori Anderson

## Governor's Travels



- October 21 -Spring Lake Park Governor's Night
- October 23 - Diabetes Foundation St. Cloud
- October 22-23 -Leos Forum
- October 23 Buffalo/Maple Lake 65th Anniversary
- October 25 Region 2 Zone 5 Meeting
- October 26 St. Francis/Oak Grove Governor's Night
- October 27 Coon Rapids Governor's Night /Lioness
- October 29 Centerville Haunted House
- October 30 Thanksgiving for Vision
- November 1 MERLO Team Meeting \*Billy's Anoka
- November 2 Election Day
- November 3 Region 2 Zone 3 Meeting
- November 8 Waverly Governor's Night
- November 9 Region 2 Zone 4 Meeting -Fridley Host
- November 10 Region 2 Zone 2 Meeting
- November 10 DG Brian's Birthday
- November 13 Clearwater Dog Sled Races
- November 15 Monticello Governor's Night
- November 16 Cedar East Bethel/Ham Lake  
Governor's Night
- November 18 Almelund Governor's Night
- November 23 Region 1 Zone 4 Meeting -Clearwater
- November 25/26 Thanksgiving

## Mid-Winter Memorial Ceremony



Help Needed: Clubs that have lost members during this past year need to provide a photo and a short bio to Lion Dan Kaiser.

A clean photo is needed, please do not send a scanned copy. Info needed: club name, if charter member, when joined club, offices held, projects worked on and any personal information about the member.

## Lions Environmental Photo Contest 2010 – 2011



Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions Club in the following 2010-2011 Lions Environmental photo contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Beacon of Hope for the Environment
- \*Photo of Lions in action implementing an environmental project.

Send photos (8" x 10") by December 31, 2010 to: Lion Jan Dubats  
12967 Crooked Lake Lane NW Coon rapids  
MN 55448 Or [jdubats@q.com](mailto:jdubats@q.com)

## Peace Poster Contest Vision of Peace

Estimated 350,00 youth ages 11-13 from 70 countries participated in the past year contest. The winner was from Taiwan.

Peace Poster Kits may be ordered from Lions International or by calling 1-800-710-7822

Youth Out Reach and  
Peace Poster Chair  
Lion Ginny Hestekind



## Lions all,



This year DG Brian has initiated the "Governor's Club of Excellence Award".

This new award includes the "Pride of the Pride" program. I have been getting calls about the Pride of the Pride program and I would like to tell you about it. It is very simply designed to introduce new members to Lions and Lionism. It is designed for the sponsor or club appointed mentor, and the new member to do together. There is nothing strict about it, but the spirit of each of the eight points should be accomplished. It is meant to help make new Lions from your new members. If it is implemented to the fullest, it gets the new member educated, involved, exposed, oriented, and inducted. This should be able to be done in the first six months of membership. It should make stronger members, help with retention, and strengthen your club. It includes a page for a skills and interests survey. A page of questions about their club, 5M7, and MD5M. Also included is a copy of PDG Steve Halseth's abbreviated Orientation program. I would be happy to come to a club meeting or zone meeting to explain the program in full.

Yours sincerely in Lionism,

PDG Jim Mulroy  
Retention Chair 5M7 and Trustee of the  
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

## Lions in Service

### Coon Rapids Lions Club

Lion Al Meyer helps a young guest with his casting attempts during Lions At The Park.



Coon Rapids Lions Joel and Becky Anderson manning the booth at Cub Foods – Riverdale during White Cane Days.



Some of the guests at the Lions At The Park event hosted by the Coon Rapids Lions Club got a 'greeting' from some Can-Do Canines dogs in training.



Coon Rapids Lion Ryan Madison instructs a young contestant on how to perform the "Minute to Win It" stunt during the Lions At The Park open house hosted by the Coon Rapids Lions.



**Maple Lake Lions Club**

Pancake breakfast was held Sunday October 10, 2010 and Lion Steve Mooney chaired. It was a great success and many compliments were received.

**Lino Lakes Lioness Clowns** with Lion Al Peters and Dogs. "Heel & Wheel Walk - 9/19/10 for Cando Canines



**Coon Rapids Lions** Open House in the Park provides an opportunity for the community to learn about Lions. Lion Lori Anderson and Governor Brian check out the game.



**Lino Lakes Lioness Clowns** @ Stacy Days- 8/7/10 Doing animal balloons in the park for the Stacy Lions



**Lioness Group I** President and Secretaries, Lioness Liaison Lion Illa Torgeson, Governor Brian and Lion Joanne at the Lioness Group I meeting in Buffalo on October 5 - a wonderful time with a great motivational speaker.





In 1975, Lions clubs International Board of Directors voted to recognize groups of women who had been serving in Lions clubs auxiliaries all over the world. Some of the auxiliaries had been in existence and service in Lionism for nearly 50 years. For the first time, these woman's groups were united under one name, one banner, one emblem and one constitution.

Lioness Clubs support their sponsoring Lions Club in a variety of service activities in addition to planning and implementing projects of their own in their community. Lioness members are women who take an active interest in the cultural and social welfare of the community in which they live. They believe citizens joined together can initiate and carry out programs which will make their community and the world a better place in which to live. The staying power of Lioness Clubs in District 5M7 indicates it meets the needs of women who wish to unite with other women in community and humanitarian service. District 5M7 has eleven Lioness Clubs divided into two groups guided by the Lioness Liaison and two group leaders.

### **Group 1**

Lioness Judie Zaske  
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Big Lake, MN. 55309  
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Lioness Clubs: Big Lake, Buffalo, Clear Lake,  
Montrose

### **Group 2**

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[jackie\\_brown@msn.com](mailto:jackie_brown@msn.com)

Lioness Clubs: Anoka, Cedar East Bethel, Coon  
Rapids, Lino Lakes, North Branch, Spring Lake  
Park, St. Francis.

## **MERLO TEAM VISITS**

As MERLO Team Membership Co-Chairs, Lion Dewey and I would like to request the opportunity to visit your Club at a business or dinner meeting. We would love to have a chance to meet with you to talk about what member-ship recruitment policies and opportunities you may have. Lion Dewey and I would love to assist you in your efforts to bring more individuals into Lionism and thus providing your community with more volunteers. Lion Dewey is concentrating on the western part of District 5M7 and I am working on the eastern portion of the District. It is our hope to provide your Club with the tools and knowledge to help your Club members with their recruitment of new Lions. With this communication between the Clubs and the District, it is the hope we as a whole can reach the membership goals set by DG Lion Brian for FY 2010 – 2011. Don't forget, the rest of the MERLO Team is also here to assist you with your Clubs' membership. I'm sure they would all welcome the opportunity to meet with you! We all look forward to hearing from you and visiting with you very soon!

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# LEOS

Featuring the Spring Lake Park Leos



On the 19th of October the LEO's club went on a pumpkin carving mission at Spring Brook Nature Center. It was my first time going pumpkin carving so I was very excited. I got a little lost at first and I couldn't find my way there, but some trusty squirrels pointed the way for me. I felt like a total ditz when I found out there were signs leading to the pumpkin carving activity. When I arrived there people were already starting so I tried blending in with my friends. We all picked out a pumpkin and started taking out the filling. It was sticky work and my friends asked me, "Why did I do this again?" I just laughed at their response. Why do LEO's do all of these community services? It's because we really enjoy what we do. Everyone enjoys helping others and if it makes others happy it makes us happy. In the end our pumpkins turned out as a total success, for newbie's of course. It was another mission accomplished. Hope that wherever these pumpkins are going that the people who receive them enjoy our goofy pumpkins.

By Leo Katrina Yang



SLP LEOS Club Great Pumpkin Carving Night.

The Leos club great pumpkin carving night was at Springbrook Nature Center in Coon Rapids. Twelve Leo members attended this activity. The members that were there first got their tools. Secondly we found a pumpkin that they wanted to carve. Then we figured out if we wanted to use a stencil or make up our own design on the pumpkin. We cut out the bottom rather than the top so the pumpkin can be easily lit by a candle. Then we removed the guts inside the pumpkin. After that, the final thing was to carve the design on it. Pete Yelle, Leos Club advisor took pictures of every Leos club member's pumpkin so we could remember what they look like. The last thing we did with pumpkin is put Vaseline on it so that it would keep its design until the big event "Pumpkin Night in the Park" at Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday evening, October 23. Over 500 lighted pumpkins, carved by many volunteers, will line the trails of the nature center for the big event.

By: Leo Cathy Senftner



# Introducing International Director Douglas X. Alexander

Douglas Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Director Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

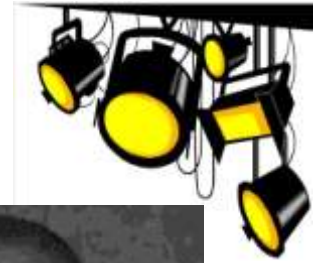
A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association and a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation.

In Recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Club Lions of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Multiple District Membership Growth Award, District Chairperson Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation and two International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He has also received the Congressional Record Award.

Director Alexander has two daughters.

Director Alexander will be joining us at our Mid-Winter Convention January 14-16, 2011.



## **The Lion's Code of Ethics: Compensation**

To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my parts. This is the second of eight statements making up the Lion's Code of Ethics and the second of four relating to business. Compensation is given for work performed. It is a contractual relationship trusting to the integrity of two parties – they who have requested work done and they who perform the work. Payment should be prompt and in full or as agreed upon when work is completed on time or sooner with expected or higher results. This helps good businesses prosper.

## 5M7 GRAM NEWS

We need your club activities and events. Send your information to

katlinder@usfamily.net



Deadline is 20th of each month.

GRAM is posted to the web by the 24 of each month and emailed to all clubs.

If you have an club event and want to get the word out, send your information to the GRAM for all to know the details.

**Coon Rapids Lions Club  
Community Breakfast**

ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!  
INCLUDES FAVORITES LIKE:  
PANCAKES, EGGS, SAUSAGE, FRENCH TOAST,  
JUICE, COFFEE, MILK

**SUNDAY, October 31st**  
**8am- Noon**

Adults—\$7  
Kids 5-12 and Seniors(62 or better)—\$3  
Kids Under 5—FREE

Join Us at the Coon Rapid VFW—  
1919 Coon Rapids Blvd.

The Lioness will also be having a  
Craft & BAKE SALE, So BRING  
YOUR APPETITE!

## CENTERVILLE LION'S 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE AT LAURIE LAMOTTE MEMORIAL PARK

6970 LAMOTTE DRIVE  
CENTERVILLE, MN 55038

OCTOBER 22ND, 23RD AND 29TH, 30TH

7PM TO 10PM

FOOD & BEVERAGES  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

PRICES: \$7.00 FOR 12 & OLDER  
\$5.00 FOR UNDER 12



## Coon Rapids Calendar Raffle

The Coon Rapids Lions Club is once again holding a Calendar Raffle with the proceeds going to help projects in the local community.

The raffle tickets are \$20 each and there are a total of 102 weekly prizes that can be won by those individuals interested in participating. The prizes include the following:

- 50 - \$20 cash prizes
- 40 - \$50 cash prizes
- 8 - \$250 cash prizes
- 2 - \$500 cash prizes
- 2 - \$1,000 cash prizes

The raffle will begin on Friday, January 7, 2011 and run for 52 consecutive weeks, with the drawing taking place at Chasers Lounge in Classic Bowl at 7:00 PM on each Friday.

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## Governor's Travels



Blazing New Trails at HD museum, Governor Brian is "blazing new trails" at the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee the day before the USA/Canada Forum



Clearwater Lion President Mark Jacobs (Melvin Jones recipient) and Helen Keller recipient Lion Dee Moffatt, with Lion Secretary Chris Ritzer



Anoka Governors Night VDG Dave, Lion Nancy, Lion Sec. Lynn Zimmerman, Lioness President Gian Dahlheimer, Lion President Tom Bloaska, Governor Brian and Lion Joanne at Anoka Governors Night on 9/28.



Group 2 Lioness presidents and secretaries who met in St Francis on October 13.

Gov. Brian, Lion President Keith Berger, Secretary Pat Arnold, Lion Joanne share some fun at the Clear Lake Governors Night on October 12





# Lioness Clubs

Group 1 Lioness Clubs [Big Lake, Buffalo, Clear Lake and Montrose] held their first meeting October 5<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Buffalo

Lioness. Twenty-three members [out of a total of 56] attended along with DG Brian and Lion Joanne, Lion/Lioness Liaison Illa Torgerson and one guest. Between these four clubs, they have brought in four new members, one of which was at our group meeting. We Lioness welcome those who have joined this great service organization. DG Brian shared with the group his 'Governor's Club of Excellence Award' criteria. He also shared information about the programs, *Can Do Canine* and *Be a Match Foundation*.

Even though summer is a time to relax and enjoy, the clubs have been busy with their projects. Since July the Big Lake Lioness Club has hosted their semi-annual Bloodmobile, provided flowers to nursing home residents on their birthdays, held a senior luncheon for local seniors and will be sponsoring a Halloween Dance for local mentally/physically handicapped residents of Sherburne County the end of October.

Clear Lake has also been busy with attending the Camp Friendship Dance and Lemonade Party, worked and assisted with the Clear Lake Chicken BBQ and Corn Feed, and sold giant coloring books at the Becker Farmer's Market. These ladies also put together a 'care package' for a female soldier serving in Afghanistan.

Montrose Lioness worked their school's All Night Grad Party, had a cook-out at Coborns and helped at the Omelet Breakfast at Montrose Days.

And of course we can't forget our host club, the Buffalo Lioness. They were also busy over the summer doing a variety of projects.

All the clubs are gearing up for their holiday projects for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For some, these projects are their 'money-maker's' that sustain them for the upcoming year. Supporting these projects is essential to maintaining and supporting the Lioness. Lioness Clubs are also working with their Lions Clubs to deliver Christmas Baskets to those in need or providing food for local food shelves. Together we are helping '**Lions Blazing a New Trail.**'



So with the holiday's fast approaching, here's a quick and easy recipe for.....

## Pumpkin Bars

2 c. sugar  
1/2 c. oil  
1 (16 oz.) can "solid pack" pumpkin  
3 lg. or 4 med. eggs  
2 c. Bisquick  
1/2 c. raisins  
2 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9"x13"x2" pan. Beat sugar, oil, pumpkin and eggs with an electric mixer at medium speed. Stir Bisquick, raisins and cinnamon in by hand. Pour into pan and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool, frost with icing below.

## FROSTING:

1 (3 oz.) bar cream cheese  
1/3 c. butter  
1 tbsp. milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 c. powdered sugar

Beat together the cream cheese, butter, milk and vanilla. Add powdered sugar. If too stiff, add more liquid. Spread on cooled bars and cut into bars. Yield: approximately 24 bars.



# WANTED!!

## Lions Clubs to work on extensions!



What does it mean to extend? The dictionary says to extend is to “stretch out in various or all directions.”

What does extend mean to Lions clubs? Extensions means new members, new ideas and new friendships. And extension generates enthusiasm on every level of our organization. For years to come, this newly extended clubs contribution in their community will be great. Their contribution to 5m7 and MD5M and to Lions International will be fabulous. And you can be a part of this!

An extension is when your established club makes a commitment to form a new club. This club can be in a different community, it can be at a college campus, it can be Diabetes Educators at a clinic, it can be a Leos club at a high school. There are many different forms of Lions clubs.

I am looking for opportunities, ideas, thoughts on extensions, from you, our members, for new lions clubs. You are probably wondering why you would do this. There are many benefits to doing an extension.

- You get the opportunity to share Lionism with others.
- You can help other communities benefit from Lions.
- Your own club will be stronger as your own members will learn more about Lions in the process of the extension.
- Lions will become a stronger organization because of it.
- You get to work with me!

How would I help you with this?

- I would be with you every step of the way in an extension.
- I would help you recruit new members for this extension.
- I can come and talk with your club about this.
- I can help you with publicity of the new lions club.
- I will help you do the paperwork.

I would love the opportunity to work with our clubs in our district on extensions. Please talk with your clubs about this possibility. Talk about how it will benefit your club to do this. If you would like me to come speak with your club about starting new lions clubs let me know. I will be glad to come to your club or your zone. It doesn't have to be a club. We can form an extensions team of members who would like to work on extensions.

District Governor Brian and I have a goal of two new extensions in our district this year.

Thank you to the Coon Rapids Lions Club for looking into doing an extension at Anoka-Ramsey College. We are in the process now of communicating with the leadership at the college to make this a reality.

Any others want to give it a try? I will be with you every step of the way in the process. Please let me know how you would like to help. I would love to hear from zones, clubs, members, anybody who has an interest.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Judy Herrala, 5m7 Extensions Chair  
763-753-6962; jlhbells@earthlink.net

Please Join Us For  
The Governor's Club Display Competition



at the

5M7 Mid-Winter Convention



January 14-16, 2011

Choose one of Governor Brian Toews' Themes

Lions Blazin a New Trail

or

Lions Care Therefore We Serve

Displays should be approximately 2' X 3'

A Banner Patch will be awarded to the club voted for the best club display

2 club members attending the convention will also help earn one of the five  
criterion listed to earn the Governor's Club Excellence Award

Questions: Call PDG Floyd Roden, 2011 Club Display Chair  
612-963-7247



## More Travels



Coon Rapids Lions welcome the community to their Open House in the Park 10/3/10



Governor Brian and Ham Lake Lions dish up some incredible Booya at the open house on October 3. Lions are ever-present in their communities, dishing up great food and providing great opportunities to be of service to our communities. Way to go Ham Lake!



VDG Paul, Shirley, VDG Dave. Lion Nancy, DG Brian, Lion Joanne, Zone Chair Liz, President Gordon Berger, Lion Secretary Patrick Crowe after the Ramsey Governor's Night on October 6, 2010.



D5M7 at USA Canada Banquet  
Shirley, VDG Paul, DG Brian, VDG Dave, Lion Joanne, and Lion Nancy enjoy a banquet at the USA Canada Forum in Milwaukee. Multiple District 5M won the award for highest attendance at the USA Canada Forum this year!



# Fergus Falls High School Marching Band

The MD5M District Governors and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors are requesting that each club support the Fergus Falls, MN Marching Band on their trip to the International Lions Convention in Seattle, Washington July 5, 2011. Our goal is \$15,000.00 to help the marching band with expenses. We are asking individual Lions or each Lions club to donate \$50.00 for the marching band. Checks should be made out to ["MD5M Marching Band Fund"](#) and mailed to ["Executive Secretary Bob Harms at 72530 CSAH 27, Dassel, MN, 55325-2804."](#)

The Fergus Falls Marching Band, 115 young marchers strong will lead our delegation for the International Lions Convention in Seattle. The marching band will appreciate your donation.

PCC Keith Johnson  
MD5M Parade Consultant

**Send your checks to YOUR District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Checks should be made out to MD5M Marching Band Fund.**

## Band Information:

The Fergus Falls High School band program has a long tradition of excellence on the local, state and national levels. Recently the Fergus Falls High School Marching Band was honored with an appearance in the historic 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade as the sole representatives of Minnesota. In the fall of 2009 the band became the first ever high school band to perform in the University of Minnesota Homecoming Parade. Other honors have included three appearances in the International Lions Parade, with a 1st place finish at Boston in 2006 and 2nd place in Minneapolis in 2009. The band also received 2nd place finish in the National Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington D.C. The band members, Fergus Falls High School, and the community of Fergus Falls all take pride in the Fergus Falls High School Marching Band. With each performance the band members hope that you too will "Share The Pride."



Fergus Falls Marching Band at the International Convention in MPLS on the Nicollet Mall in 2009

# **GOVERNOR'S CLUB OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**



*Lions Blazing a New Trail*

Be the first club to earn this prestigious award. To qualify your club must meet four of the five criterion listed below. This application is due by May 1, 2011 to the VDG Dave Schroeder or VDG Paul Hansen:

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:
  - LCI Assessment **or**
  - 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.

Your club will be awarded a Club of Excellence Certificate and a banner patch at next year's **All District Spring Party**.



**District Governors Approved  
Friendship Ventures Endorsement  
and we are  
Partners serving people with disabilities in our communities**



*Announcing our Partnership's First Annual Project*

The Month of **May beginning 2011** MD5M Lions Clubs will declare a Fund Raising Project "**Friendship Weekend**" to support Programs and Facilities managed by Friendship Ventures. Sites include Camp New Hope - McGregor, Camp Friendship - Annandale, and Eden Wood Center - Eden Prairie.

With help and direction of Friendship Ventures, ideas and plans for Funding Raising Projects will be put in place. Planning, promotion, and publicity ideas for your club will be provided. Clubs may select their own successful fundraiser or select from a list of projects provided. Set your date in May, call us with the date, we will record your date and begin plans for promotion. You are welcome to visit and tour any of our facilities to witness our programs and how Lions have served Friendship Ventures programs in the past.

**Participation and proceeds from your event to "Friendship Weekend" will add points to your Club becoming Friendship Ventures "Lions Club of the year" in your District.**

You will receive a letter this November to help you plan your Project Date with lists and details of project Ideas. You may contact us anytime for more information. Also, your Mid-Winter Convention will have complete information and materials at Friendship Venture's display booth with a representative there to help you. This project is designed to reflect a commendable partnership to serve many deserving people with disabilities in your community. Friendship Ventures will provide your Club with the number of individuals needing these complex and meaningful services in your area.

*Thank You*

**When you need something done ask a LION.**

Contact: Lions John L. Warner or Jen Engen at 952-852-0127 or 612-202-7197

Email: [jwarner@friendshipventures.org](mailto:jwarner@friendshipventures.org)

**5M7 Lions!**

**MATCHING GRANT for FRIENDSHIP VENTURES!**

Friendship Ventures (Camp Friendship - Camp New Hope - Camp Eden Wood) has received another offer of a matching grant of \$25,000 that is good until the end of the year. This is a perfect opportunity for your Club to help these worthwhile camps and also help them gain additional financial support in the process.

To qualify for the match donations, your Club's donation needs to meet one of the criteria items below:

• Donation is a first time gift (new donor!)

• Donation is from a lapsed donor. (Example: Club gave a gift in 08', missed giving one in 09' - the goal is to get the Club to award a gift in 10' to qualify for match)

For more details on the matching grant, on how to make your donation or about Friendship Ventures in general, please contact the 5M7 Camp Co-chairs:

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