

# 5M7 GRAM



## RAMBLINGS FROM District Governor Brian

*"When the raging storms of life rush in bringing darkness  
When the dream fades and despair takes its place  
Then like a faithful lighthouse on the distant shore  
A Lion stands as a ray of light to show the way."*

*From the song  
**"A Beacon of Hope"***



This past month Lion Joanne and I visited with the Cambridge Lions, the Coon Rapids North Star Lions, the Spring Lake Park Lions, the Lions of Region 1 Zone 2, the Lions of Region 2 Zone 4, and the Lions of Region 1 Zone 4. WOW!!! What a month of Lionism!!

International President Sid Scruggs wants the local Lions clubs to shine a light on *service, youth, membership, giving and leadership*. Zone Chair Dewey Gunnarson has proposed a zone-wide service project at Camp Friendship in Annandale. The Annandale Lions hosted the fall Zone meeting at the Annandale Park Pavilion that they had renovated over a period of 2 years. The Coon Rapids North Star Lions are celebrating one of their founding members Lion John Leggate who has survived cancer for the last seven years and truly is a miracle. At their Governor's Night, Miss Minnesota, Kathryn Knuttila, presented a citation honoring Lion John for his service to his community and continuing inspiration to all who come into contact with him. Way to go Lion John!

*Shine a light on giving.* Can Do Canines (Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota) has been awarded a matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation and needs to raise the matching funds to finalize the grant. District 5M7 along with the 11 other districts in our multiple have been challenged to each raise \$5,000 by the end of the year. 5M7 has 53 clubs, so this goal could be easily met by our district if each club is able to donate at least \$100. If we meet our goal of \$5,000, Can Do Canines will dedicate a kennel in our name. The secretaries of each club will receive a letter detailing this capital improvement campaign. The funds donated by a club or individual can be applied to Can Do's "Top Dog" awards process. Lion Steve Linder is our Can Do Canines contact person and program co-chair for our district.

Don't forget to order your Peace Poster kits from LCI. New this year, is the opportunity for a hearing or sight impaired child to submit an essay to LCI on the Peace Poster contest theme "Vision of Peace." Contact Lion Virginia Hestekind for more details.

Finally, Be the Match Foundation has asked to be recognized by the Lions in order to increase the number of potential bone marrow donors in its data base. The tests are as simple as a mouth swab and the donation process is as simple as a blood donation. Lion Dean Saba of the Fridley Lions lost his wife Lynne this past June while waiting for a match. We can't let this happen again. We as Lions can make a difference and be the "Beacon of Hope." Please read the article submitted by Lion Dean in this month's Gram for more details on this all important program.

Until next month in Lionism  
District Governor Brian Toews



## ***New Cabinet Position: Family and Women***

How many of your wives, girl friends, daughters or significant others are looking for a reason to get out of cooking dinner and getting out of the house? Want to spend quality time with her? It's a win-win situation when you include her in the Lions!

This year, District 5M7 has a new cabinet area, *Family and Women's Membership Development*. Lions Nancy Schroeder (Rush City) and Joanne Toews (Fridley) are the chairs. As such, we encourage your club to invite us to make a presentation about the excitement and reasons for including women and family members in your clubs. We'll provide you with irrefutable evidence that you can increase your membership and have fun doing it!

For a great time, call Nancy and Joanne to book a date for the presentation.

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## Greetings to All!

Well here it is Autumn already. I guess it is time to bring out the leather chaps when I ride the Harley now. I hope to get out for some more riding before I have to winterize it for this year. I have

found that with this three year commitment you don't have a lot of time to get out and let the air blow through my hair as I have in the past years. But that just means that my 96 Roadking will last a little longer!

Lion Nancy and I will be in Milwaukee for the USA/Canada Forum this week. We are looking forward to this trip with the Governor and First Lady. And 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Paul and Shirley will be joining us there. We have not been to the Forum before, so this will be a very memorable experience.

This past Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>), we took in the Can Do Canines Heel and Wheel event. There was well over 100 participants walking and rolling for the fundraising event, what a sight to see!

A few weeks ago, we attended the Project New Hope Banquet where the Mustang was given away. The winner was a person from Hewitt, Minnesota. There is a Project New Hope Meeting in St. Cloud October 2<sup>nd</sup> and I will have more information on that in the next Gram.

I really like seeing the numbers your clubs are adding to the membership tally. Keep up the good work! Don't forget the Environmental Photo Contest that is going on.....keep those cameras handy to catch a bit of these fall colors that will be peaking soon.

Until next time- keep the shiny side up!

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dave

## 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

## Club Activities



September 26

### Fridley Lions Club

Waffle Breakfast @ Fridley Community Center  
Fundraiser for the Lynne Saba Family

October 3

### Ham Lake Lions Club

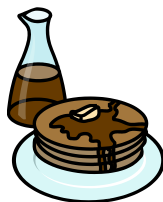
Booya Dinner 11 til gone!  
Ham Lake Fire Station #1



October 9

### St. Francis Lions Club

French Toast Breakfast



October 10

### Maple Lake Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast @ HS 8-Noon

October 17

### Spring Lake Park Lions Club

Pancake and French Toast Breakfast @  
Spring Lake Park High School



October 17

### Chisago Lakes Lions Club

Pancake/French Toast Breakfast 8-1

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

## Zone/Group Meetings

Sept. 27 R1Z1 Zimmerman Lions hosts 6:00pm

Sept. 27 R1 Z4 Becker Lions hosting 6:30pm

Oct. 5 Lioness Group 1 Meeting

Oct 13 Group II Lioness Meeting

Oct. 20 R1 Z3 Albertville hosts 6:00pm

Oct. 25 R2 Z5 Meeting

Oct. 21 R1 Z5 Coon Rapids VFW 6:30pm



## Governor's Travels



September 21-25 -USA/Canada Forum Milwaukee

September 28 -Anoka Governor's Night.

October 5 -Lioness Group 1 Meeting

October 6 - Ramsey Governor's Meeting

October 7 - Mid-Winter Convention Mtg

October 12 - Clear Lake Governor's Night

October 13 -Group II Lioness Meeting

October 15-16 -Council of Governors

October 17 Columbus Pancake Breakfast

October 17 Spring Lake Park Pancake Breakfast

October 18 -Clearwater Governor's Night

October 19 - Cabinet Meeting Fridley KC Hall

October 21 -Spring Lake Park Governor's Night

October 20 -R1 Z3 Albertville hosts 6:00pm

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

October 29 Centerville Haunted House

October 30 Thanksgiving for Vision

November 1 MERLO Team Meeting \*Billy's Anoka

**Governor's Cabinet Meeting @Fridley KC Hall  
October 19**

### The Lion's Code of Ethics: Work.

*To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocations by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.* This is the first of eight statements making up the Lion's Code of Ethics and the first of four relating to business. Summarized it means any job worth doing is worth doing well and a job well done demonstrates the good character of the individual performing that job. Do you always work hard to the best of your ability and give others the quality results they expect and deserve?

# 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



## Fridley Lions Waffle Breakfast Sunday Sept. 26, 2010 8 AM until 12 Noon



Silent Auction

Fridley Community Center  
61<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street Fridley

Cost is \$6.00, All You Can Eat!  
Waffles, Sausage, Juice, Milk, Coffee  
(Many toppings including whip cream)  
Children under 5 years old eat free

**Fund Raiser for the Lynne Saba Family**  
**All proceeds go to the family**

# Be the Match



<http://www.marow.org>

I am Lion Dean Saba, a member of the Fridley Lions Club for 14 years. On July 1 of this year I lost my wonderful wife of 41 years to bone marrow cancer. She became symptomatic in November of 2009 thinking she had the flu but was subsequently diagnosed in the first week of January 2010 with Myelofibrosis (Cancer of the bone marrow). Her only hope of surviving was through a bone marrow transplant. We quickly consulted with the University of Minnesota transplant doctors and started a search for a donor. After finding that none of her 3 siblings were a match we went out for an international search through the "Be The Match" organization. This organization was established to perform international searches for DNA matched donors. Although potential donors were identified only 3 were found with an acceptable DNA. One of those 3 identified in early February was no longer available, another identified in early April was missing a key blood antigen and the medical staff placed the risk of failure as extremely high. In May an acceptable donor was found and the transplant was scheduled. This was identified as a male in Europe and he would be ready to donate at the end of June. My wife was hospitalized with complications on May 27 and never recovered sufficiently to receive the transplant and died on July 1. If an acceptable donor was identified and available in February or in April she would most likely still be with me and in a process of being cured.

I spent every day of 5 weeks with her in the hospital (2 weeks at Unity Hospital and 3 at The U of M Hospital). Watching her suffer with high fevers yet having hope for the transplant was a life changing event for me. I vowed to do everything I can to make sure no one ever suffers waiting for a donor the way she did. One way to do this is to help sign up as many potential donors as possible. I will support and volunteer for as many donor drives as possible. We also need to let people know that in 90% of the cases the donation process is basically a blood stem cell donation and not actually the marrow itself. This provides a whole new immune system for the stem cell recipient. Taking DNA swabs takes only seconds yet processing swabs of potential donors takes approximately 1 week and costs approximately \$100.00 for each donor. The results are placed in a computer for instant availability to hospital medical staff.

We as Lions have an opportunity to promote this miracle cure and help save lives. The bone marrow transplant can treat or cure up to 70 diseases and most of them being cancers. I have personally talked to several 10 year survivors and personally know one who was cured from Leukemia.

I have made it a goal to spread this wonderful opportunity throughout the Lions clubs and hopefully to the Lions International organization. We have the power to lead in this miraculous effort. By every club signing up to hear the good news from the "Be The Match" organization itself and making a commitment to support this effort we can make a major difference.

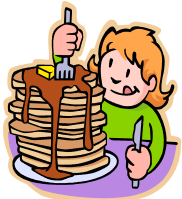
I am therefore making a plea for all Lion clubs to help save a life and make "Be The Match" one of your club projects. There is so much more I can say about this wonderful organization and the work they do but let's save it for a presentation to your club. Thanks and remember "You have the power to save a life".

Lion Dean Saba

## Chisago Lakes Lions

Pancake/French Toast Breakfast on October 17th, 2010 at the Chisago Lakes High School in Lindstrom.

Serving from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m  
Advance sale tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children (under age 12) and preschool are free. At the door, tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children (under age 12) and preschool are free. Menu is pancakes, french toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Funds raised will go towards local community projects.





**YOUR COON RAPIDS  
LIONS CLUB PRESENT...**

# Lions At The Park

**Open House**

Sunday October 3rd, 2010  
Noon to 4pm  
At Lions Coon Creek Park in Coon Rapids  
(Hanson Blvd. North of the BP Station)



Play Games!  
Donate Winter Clothes, Hearing Aids, Eye Glasses  
To Earn **PRIDE BUCKS!**

Learn about  
Lion Activities in  
**OUR COMMUNITY**  
and how **YOU** and **YOUR FAMILY**  
can **JOIN THE FUN!**

Pride Bucks can be exchanged for a BBQ Lunch!  
(available for the first 250 individuals)

## Come Play and Spend the Day at Lions Park With **YOUR** Community!

Can't wait until October? Join the Fun at  
[www.coonrapidslions.org/membership/](http://www.coonrapidslions.org/membership/)

Find us on  
Facebook

# Booya and Open House

Co-Sponsored by the Ham Lake Fire Department and Ham Lake Lions



Where..... Fire Station #1  
15544 Central Ave. NE  
(just South of City Hall)

When..... October 3rd

Time..... 11:00 a.m. till it is gone.

Cost ..... \$4.00 bowl for adults  
\$2.00 bowl for children  
\$2.00 slice of pie  
Quart - take home.....\$6.00

Lions Wellness Van      Fire trucks  
Kiddie carnival      Fire prevention handouts  
Fire prevention slides and films

Old eyeglasses, ink cartridges, hearing aids, and  
cell phone drop off for the Lions

### Demonstrations starting at 11:00 a.m.

How to use a fire extinguisher - sponsored by Minnesota  
Conway Fire & Safety - 11:00 a.m.

Surviving after a home fire - guest speaker Rob  
Ackerman Ham Lake Deputy Chief tells  
his story - 12:00 noon

Vehicle extrication - sponsored by John's Auto Parts  
of Blaine - 1:30 p.m.



## Lions in Service



PDG Jim Mulroy helping a young man with sunglasses at the Eye Bank booth at the State Fair



Free Glasses at the Fair

The **Coon Rapids Lions Club in Minnesota** visited 11 elementary schools and provided at least one new book to each student. This program supports literacy, which is the cornerstone to success in school.

A Recent Lions Magazine, page 50



"Fare for all" Emergency food shelf crew with Fridley Lions Dan Gourde, Ron Ackerman, DG Brian and Joanne Toews. The "Fare for All" distribution is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Fridley Lions volunteers and community volunteers help setup the store and carry food to customer's vehicles



### State Fair Booth

PDG HF Trustee Floyd Roden, his wife Bev From 5M7, PDG Ken Detviler from 5M6, and Lion Jennifer Gilbert of the University of Minn. and President of the Minneapolis Ambassadors Lion of 5M5

# Governor Brian's Travels



Gov Brian with winners of best golf attire contest @ CR North Star Governors Night - Lion Russ Isakson and Lion Terri



CR North Star Lions John Leggate, Lion Secretary Teresa Sandford, Miss MN Kathryn Knuttila, Lion Joanne Toews, Governor Brian Toews, President Mike Pizak at Governor's Night



Governor Brian attends Fridley Lions' membership recruitment pool and darts night. Four new members joined that night!



Region 1, Zone 2 Presidents and Secretaries with ZC Dewey Gunnarson and Governor Brian



CR North Star Lion John Leggate receives inspiration award from Miss MN Kathryn Knuttila



# LEOS

Featuring the Spring Lake Park Leos



Leo's club is an amazing after school activity to be involved in. At Leo's club we do a lot of volunteer work and have fun at the same time. If you are the kind of person who likes to volunteer and use your time wisely, then you should stop by one day during or after our meeting, which is every Wednesday in room 135c and check it out. We are sponsored by the Lions. Our program is year round.

Our activities include, cleaning eyes glasses that are collected, that people do not use anymore. They are sent overseas. I have one short story that I think is very interesting that I would like to share with you. One man who in his life never had an opportunity to see his family because of his bad vision, because of our glasses for the first time he got to clearly see his family. I guess what I am trying to tell you are that in 30 minutes of your time you contribute something in this world. You can make huge impact on someone out there who needs your help.

We also go to feed my starving children once every month. In addition, we go to Clover leaf Residence Hall once a month to play with the senior citizens, and we also do highway clean-ups. This is just some of what we do. If I were to write everything down it probably would not fit in one paper.

Like I said, Leo's Club is a year around activity. Over the summer we have garage sales at the Lion's Den. We also have meetings over at the Community Service Center, and plan ahead for the activities what we will be doing for the next year.

If you join the Leos club I guarantee you will not regret it. As far as my opinion it's a life changing experience.

From Leo Urji

[www.5M7.org](http://www.5M7.org)



Leos Many Belair, Katrina and Isabelle Yang help stuff backpacks for Spring Lake Park District 16 Community Education's 3rd Annual Project Backpack. Over 500 backpacks were filled with school supplies and given to students in need.

Group picture shows Lions Pete Yelle and Ryan Julien, Leos Kyleen Oliver, Katrina & Isabelle Yang, Urji Yusuf and Mandy Belair



"WE SERVE"

9/22/2010

# 5M7 GRAM NEWS

We need your club activities and events. Send your information to [katlinder@usfamily.net](mailto: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.



Maple Lake Lions Days of Old August 21



Coon Rapids Lions Lyle Goff and Dan Janish prepare hot dogs while being interviewed by CTN News during the Ted's Store Grand Opening at Night to Unite.  
L – R: Lion Lyle Goff, Lion Dan Janish



Members of the Coon Rapids Lions Club and the North Metro Leo Club pause for a photo during their tour of Camp Needlepoint in Hudson, Wisconsin.

L – R: Lion Norma Eimers, Lion Diana Wyvell, Lion Gabrielle Vaughn, Lion Brenda Vaughn, Leo Madelyn Esperum, Lion Lyle Goff, Lion Theresa Goff, Lion Lori Anderson, tour guide Chris



Coon Rapids Lions volunteered at the recent Free2B Car Show fundraiser.

L – R: Lion Lori Anderson, Lion Gabrielle Vaughn, Lion Clarence Norrbom





# Friendship



# Lions Club

*Partners serving people with disabilities in our communities*

## ***Pancake Breakfast***

**October 23, 2010 - 8:00 to 11:30**

**LOCATED AT**

## **Camp Friendship**

**10509 108<sup>th</sup> St. NW ~ Annandale, MN**

**Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Fresh Fruit**

**Juice and Coffee**

**All you can Eat**

**Children 5 & under \$3.00 ~ \$7.00 per person at door**

***Proceeds to support Lions projects, Lions Leader Dog, & FV  
Scholarships***



# Friendship Ventures

## Now Partners serving people with Disabilities in our communities



### Congratulations 5M7 Clearwater Lions Friendship Ventures Club of the Year award winner

The **Resolution to Support Friendship Ventures Mission** has already seen an impact by support from many clubs that have not supported us in the past.

We are thankful that Friendship Ventures has been added to the list of Support for Non-For-Profit-Corporations.

**Our Mission:** To enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities, their families and other caregivers, by providing services that educate and support individuals in achieving their highest level of self-worth, independence and participation in the community.

**Our Facilities :** *Camp Friendship - Annandale \* Eden Wood Center - Eden Prairie \* Camp New Hope - McGregor*



The Sundby Sisters; Maggie, a camping participant sitting on Annie, her sister's Lap. Annie has been a nurse at Camp Friendship for 4 years and enjoys her time with her sister Maggie while at camp. All parents and caregivers are comforted with the quality of our nursing staff on duty during the busy camping season. Not only watching over her sister's care, Annie is diligent and careful passing medications, caring for scrapes, bug bites, etc. that may occur during the exciting days and nights at camp. And Maggie, she simply enjoys the facilities and the merriment and new found friends.

### Challenges

The incidence of autism, or autism spectrum disorder, as it is formally known, is rising. At the present, 1.5 million Americans have some form of autism, but because the disorder appears to be growing at a rate of 10 - 17 percent each year, it is anticipated that four million Americans will be affected by autism in 10 years.

The increasing numbers also affect Friendship Ventures as more parents seek services for their children with autism. Because of that, program staff has looked at how to best serve this growing population. Many participants with autism have been well served throughout the years in our traditional programs. Others require more specialized services, so we're working to better address some unique characteristics of autism.

Ask us for a presentation, 5, 10, or 20 minutes, to learn how you can participate and serve.

Lions John L. Warner and Jen Engen, Friendship Lions

612-202-7197 anytime or 952-852-0127

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

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# A Labor of Love

**Getting Closer- Lions Clubs of Minnesota are on our way towards reaching our goal of \$75,000!**

Can Do Canines, Home of Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota, moved into their state-of-the-art assistance dog training facility this January. They completed construction of their first bank of 12 kennels and these kennels are already full of dogs going through their final training.

In April 2010, the Lions Multiple District 5M Council of Governors approved a project to raise \$75,000 to build their second bank of 10 kennels to house 20 more dogs in training. When we reach this goal, we will apply for an LCIF grant of \$75,000, raising a total of \$150,000 for construction of these kennels in 2011.

The Lions Can Do Canines planning committee is asking each Lions District to raise \$5,000 by December 15, 2010 or earlier to reach our goal. Each District that raises \$5,000 will have a kennel named in their honor.

Can Do Canines Chairs will be contacting all clubs to request this project be given high priority at each club's next meeting to consider a one-time donation to this project. If a club would like to have a speaker from Can Do Canines attend a meeting, please contact Development Director Janet Cobus at [jcobus@can-do-canines.org](mailto:jcobus@can-do-canines.org) or 763-331-3000, ext. 153.

To make a donation, please send it to Can Do Canines, Lions Capital Campaign, 9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN 55428

Thank you for your support of this important project and belief in the work of Can Do Canines.

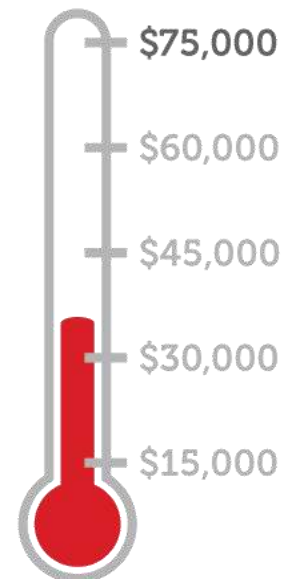
**Lion Steve Linder [slinder71@usfamily.net](mailto:slinder71@usfamily.net)**



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENCE**



**LCIF Matching Fund Goal**



***\$36,269 Raised!***

**Name-A-Kennel Project**

**\$5,000 Per District**



# 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.



## Lion Dues Breakdown (2010-2011)

### Lions Club International

Administrative	\$33.75
Convention Fund	.50
Lions Magazine	<u>4.75</u>
	\$39.00

### Multiple District 5M

Administrative	\$3.60
MERLO	.50
Campaign Fund	.25
Geographical Assistance	.45
Multiple Convention	<u>.50</u>
	\$5.30

### District 5M-7

Administrative	\$4.25
Mid-Winter Convention	1.00
District Gov. Expense	1.00
1st Vice Dist. Gov. Exp.	1.00
2nd Vice Dist. Gov. Exp.	<u>.50</u>
	\$7.75

### Totals

International	\$39.00
Multiple District 5M	\$5.30
District 5M-7	<u>\$7.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52.05</b>



# Fergus Falls High School Marching Band

The Fergus Falls Marching Band has been selected to perform and represent MD5M at International Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 2011. The International Parade will be held on July, 5, 2011.

It will take at least \$600.00 per student to travel to Seattle for this wonderful event. With their expense at \$600 per student equals \$84,000.00.

Clubs are encouraged to start a fund raising campaign **immediately** within your districts to help defray the expenses for this band. A minimum of \$50.00 to \$100.00 per club donation would give an additional \$30,000.00. (if 600 clubsgive an average of \$50.00 per club.) Their expense at \$600 per student equals \$84,000.00.

If we raise \$30,000 and with the \$6000.00 from the multiple budget, we could help them with \$36,000.00. They would be very happy with this amount of help.

Please encourage your club to donate to this fund raising campaign to help the Fergus Falls High School Band represent MD5M at the International Convention next summer.

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**



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**.

# Anniversary Celebration

*You are cordially invited to attend the  
Buffalo / Maple Lake  
65 year Anniversary Celebration*



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