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A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The International Convention brought good news to the Lions of the world. Former President and Lion Jimmy Carter nominated the Lions International Foundation for the Nobel Prize. We should all be proud of the good work done by our Foundation.

Project New Hope, which operates retreats for returning veterans and their families, was nominated as one of the three "Best New Projects" in North America at the International Convention in Bangkok. I have asked one of the chairs, PDG Dale Johansen, to give a seminar at our mid-winter convention on the project.

Special Thanks goes to Lion Kris O'Brien for offering the Kimball High School for the MD5M Leo Leadership Forum in October. It will be held during the MEA break. We chartered the 4th LEO club in May, the East Central Leos.

Also, the Princeton Lions are working with Lion Jack Paulsen, Leo Chair, on forming another LEO club.

Our International President, Al Brandel, wants us to focus on getting new quality members. Our Women's Initiative Chair, PDG Janette Dingmann, is willing to share ideas on how to get more women into Lions.

Our Multiple District 5M is the third largest multiple in North America. We need 1,496 more members to move into second place.

If each club had a yearly net gain of just one member, we would be on our way with +76 members by the end of the year. Will you help us?

In order to obtain our net gain of one member, we need to retain the members we have. We need to keep our members active, and let them know that what they do makes a difference.

If you need help with your membership, please ask our 5M8 Membership Team, PDG Larry Schul & Lion Ted Peterson.

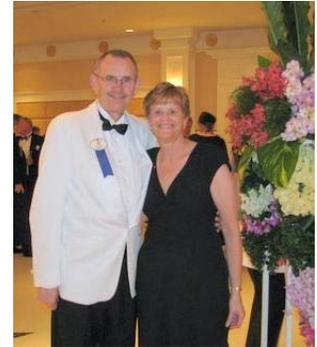
Also, recognition of members helps with retention. Through your club's donations to the many Lions projects, you may be eligible for awards. Please contact the program chairs on the awards that may be ordered for those special members.

The new MD5M directories will be distributed by the Zone Chairs.

If your club has not scheduled the District Governor's visit, please call or e-mail, or send the Governor's Visit Form to me with your desired dates.

Please remember to look for ways to serve others during the upcoming month.

DG Judy



"You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others – something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."

Albert Schweitzer



**New International President
Al Brandel**

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NEWS FROM OUR VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

In my introductory column last month, I mentioned that I have been a Zone Chair for the past five years. One of the most frequent discussions that I had with club presidents was about "LIONISM OUTSIDE OUR BORDERS".

The issue was garnering support from local club members for international programs. Rarely did club leadership have an issue getting consensus for local projects for the benefit of local residents. However, when you started talking about a project like Sight First II, members were a little less enthusiastic about participating.

When I discussed this with a Past District Governor, he replied that the good news was that they were willing to work for others, even if it was the local community. A good response.

In a past life, I was involved in forming a chapter of Jaycees. After two years the membership felt that it didn't need the national organization and could use their dues for local projects. We were advised by our sponsoring chapter that the national affiliation was essential to the continuation of the club. The club lasted for two years under their own devices and folded.

My point is, (and it is only my personal opinion), we need the international leadership and the international projects to keep us focused on our mission. We need to have local community service projects, but in addition to the international service projects.

VDG Jim Diehl

The donation of eyes is a life-changing gift that restores sight, renews life, and returns people to active and productive lives.

Why You Should Donate:

Through the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank more than 19,000 people have received corneal transplants. Countless others have benefited from vision-enhancing surgeries, research, and education.

Donor eyes help professionals learn more about diseases like macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy. Donor eyes help doctors and scientists develop sight-saving treatments and cures.

Poor vision, cancer, cataracts, or age may not prevent eye donation.

To learn more about eye donations, visit

www.MnLionsEyeBank.org

To register your wish to be an eye, tissue, and organ donor, please visit

www.DonateLifeMN.org

and tell your family about your
donation

Thank You

A special thank you to Lion Mike Cramer, Technology, for going above and beyond the call of duty in getting the first Newsletter printed and on the web. It would not have been accomplished with out all your hard work.

Thank you for carrying out our motto "We Serve".

DG Judy &
Publisher Lion Donna

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Fellow MD5M Lions,

Lion Steve and I want to thank you once again for your friendship, hospitality and support as we participated in the campaign seeking the endorsement for International Director. We will continue to need you, now that I have the honor of serving on the International Board. I take this responsibility very seriously,

and am humbled to represent the Lions of MD5M and the world. It is our intention to participate in as many activities and events as possible in the Multiple, so please continue to invite us and look for us in your districts.

ID Debra

Service From The Heart!



Minnesota Lions Eye Bank

The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank is very grateful to the Lions of 5M8 for their generous support of the Eye Bank during Lions year 07/08. \$51,569.33 was contributed to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Children's Eye Clinic and the Mac Center, **Thank you very much!** These donations make it possible for the Eye Bank to continue giving the gift of sight to those in need.

As of July 1st donations to the MLEB toward a Helen Keller award will not have to be completed within a five (5) year period of time. Donations will just accrue and will be available for the Helen Keller Award after \$1,000.00 has been donated. Currently 45 clubs have 130 awards they can make. The Helen Keller award was established at the July 25, 1992 Board of Directors meeting. The first recipient from 5M8 was PDG Doug Anderson from the Staples Lions on December 20, 1992. Since it's inception 463 Helen Keller Awards have been presented in 5M8. To find out if your club has a Helen Keller award (s) it can present

please contact either Lion Jennelle Shriver or Lion Bob Hoofnagle. Lion Jennelle and Lion Bob would be happy to come to your club and assist with the presentation of the Helen Keller awards.

The 10,000 signatures for sight continues through the end of 2008. Currently there are two lists, so even if you have it on your Drivers license you should sign the 10,000 signatures form.

Again this year the Eye Bank and the Hearing Foundation will have a booth at the Minnesota State Fair. When you're at the State Fair be sure to stop by the booth in the Education Building. Lions from 5M8 will be staffing the booth on Friday, August 29th.

All Lions clubs President's will be receiving an invitation to attend Thanksgiving for Vision which will be held on October 25, 2008. It is always a great opportunity to hear from the Doctors at the Eye Bank and hear about what is happening at the Eye Bank. In addition, the luncheon speakers generally are a

cornea recipient and donor family member. If your club President is unable to attend the invitation should be given to another Lion in your club who can attend.

To have a club program, obtain Helen Keller award applications, to have one of the 5M8 Eye Board of Directors assist with the presentation of a Helen Keller Award or if you have questions about the Eye Bank please contact:

Lion Jennelle Shriver & Lion Bob Hoofnagle

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S GOALS FOR 2008-2009

1. Encourage 5M8 clubs to develop a plan to attract female and younger members to Lions.
2. District 5M8 will increase membership by 40 members by June 30, 2009.
3. All clubs will have representation at the zone meetings, the Mini-Forum and Mid-Winter Convention.
4. Each club will have at least three (3) 5M8 chairs present their program at meetings during the 2008-2009 Lions year.
5. Membership, Orientation, and Women's Initiative Chairs will give presentations at one zone meeting in every zone.
6. Zone Chairs and Program Chairs will encourage clubs to invite the 5M8 Program Chairs to their club meetings.
7. Each club will recognize their members as "Everyday Heroes" as they live up to our motto, "We Serve".
8. Each club will adopt our International President's theme, "Miracles Through Service".
9. Add one Lions club to our District.
10. Add one Leo club to our District.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PROJECTS:

Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota

5M Hearing Foundation

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President Craig Strom passes the gavel to incoming President Diane Graphenteen from the Fairhaven Club.



Governor Judy installs the officers at her first club visit. The Fairhaven club is ready to make "Miracles Through Service" happen in 2008-2009.



We hope to see you in the 2009 International Parade in Minneapolis!

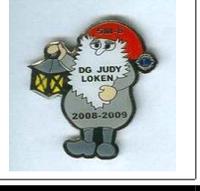
Publisher's Corner:

Again I would like to invite the clubs to send in information on their projects or fundraisers to be added to the next Newsletter. Deadline is by the 20th of the month and can be emailed to: orstadacres@dishmail.net. DG Judy and I are looking forward to hearing from you.

Lion Donna Orstad

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REGISTRATION FORM 5M8 Mini-Forum & Awards Banquet October 14, 2008 Henry's Catering & Banquet Center, Foley MN Social at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM

Registration: \$13.00 per Person—Includes Meal, Sales Tax & Gratuity

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 6, 2008

Please make checks payable to: District 5M8

Mail registration and meal payment to: VDG Jim Diehl
24693 CSAH 75
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Lion/Guest Name:

Cabinet Member:

Total number attending: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

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LION'S - LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO:

GARAGE SALE:

Dandee Lions are holding a Garage Sale for Sightfirst II at 501 Southwest 3rd Street, Little Falls. It will be held on July 31, August 1 and August 2. Thursday and Friday will be from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday 8:00 A.M. to Noon. We have 4 bikes, numerous miscellaneous kitchen items, knick knacks, clothes and plants.

Lion Bunny Tabatt.

HEEL & WHEEL

Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota is having their Heel and Wheel fundraiser walk on Sunday, September 14 at Lake Phalen Park in St. Paul.

Lions clubs are urged to form a team of 5 or more walkers, raise funds and walk either the 1 mile or 3 mile route.

Lions may register at the Lions tent starting at 11 AM. The walk starts at 1 PM.

Hearing and Service Dogs help people with disabilities become more independent with the use of a trained dog.

For more information, please log on to www.hsdm.org and click on Heel and Wheel.

SAUK RAPIDS LIONS STEAK FRY INVITATIONAL

AUGUST 26, 2008

Lions Bingo Stand

Benton County Fairgrounds

Menu: Steak, Corn on the Cob, Veggies and Dessert!!

Social Hour: 5:30 P.M.

Dinner: 7:00 P.M.



KIMBALL LIONS



**2nd ANNUAL
5K RUN/WALK**

**September 13, 2008
9:00 am Start**

Registration and check in start at 8:15 on race day
T-Shirts only guaranteed for pre-registered competitors.
Pre-register by August 29, 2008



For more information contact:
Brian Becker 320-493-1217
email: brian@firetrak.com
or
Brian Kuechle 320-248-5325

Awards to top 3 in each age group

Pre-registration \$15.00 after Aug. 29 \$20.00

All Proceeds go to:
Hearing and Service
Dogs of Minnesota
www.hsdm.org



5M8 District Governor
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5M8 Lion's Calendar

- August 14-17:** DG Judy at Lions International Headquarters and Leader Dog
August 26: Sauk Rapids Invitational Steak Fry; Social 5:30, Dinner 7:00
August 29: 5M8 at State Fair in Education Bldg.
(Hearing and Eye Bank booth)
- Sept. 7:** Charter night for Buckman club.
Sept. 13: Hearing and Eye Bank tours
Sept. 14: Heel and Wheel at Lake Phalen park
Sept. 18-20: USA/Canada Forum at Saskatoon, SK
Oct. 14: 5M8 Mini-Forum in Foley
Oct. 16-18: LEO Leadership Forum in Kimball HS
Oct. 16-17: VDG Training in Mahnomen
Oct. 18: Council of Governors in Mahnomen
Oct. 25: Thanksgiving for Vision; Earle Brown Center
(Presidents: Watch for your Invitation)
Oct. 30: Cabinet Meeting in Sandstone
Feb. 6-8: 5M8 Mid-Winter Convention at Craguns, Brainerd