



Loken's Tomten Tribune “Lighting the Path to Service”



July 2008

Back From Thailand

Frank and I had the privilege to attend the 2008 Lions International Convention which was held in Bangkok, Thailand during the last week in June. The highlight for me was on Friday when I took the oath of office as your District Governor, and Frank pulled the DGE ribbon from my badge to make it official.

Two other significant events during the convention were the successful election of PDG Debra Wasserman from 5M2 to International Director and the adoption of a resolution creating the offices of first and second vice district governor.

Our new International President is Al Brandel, and his international theme for the 2008-2009 Lions year is “Miracles Through Service”. Lions are the everyday heroes helping people in our communities, and many of those people who are being helped consider the help a miracle.

The “hands on” projects that we do keep our members active while attracting new members and continually renewing our commitment to Lionism. Maintaining a strong, thriving membership is necessary to meet the needs in our communities.

President Brandel stated “Service is not a chore, nor an obligation. It’s something we look forward to, something that enriches our lives. We need to show others that a life of service is a life worth living.”

Please note that there is a new M & A form for this year. If you need a copy of the form, please e-mail or contact PCC Frank Loken (floken@scicable.net) 320-245-5117, and he will send one to you.

I am looking forward to visiting the clubs in 5M8. If your club has not set up a visit, please contact me as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to a great year with all the Lions, Lioness and Leos in 5M8. You are making miracles happen in your communities. Thank you for all that you do.

DG Judy





Let us meet
The New Vice District Governor
Lion Jim Diehl

I'm looking forward to this year with anxious anticipation. At this point I don't know what I don't know.

When I was asked to run for Vice District Governor, my first thought was about my lack of qualifications to serve in that capacity.

I have been a Zone Chair for the past five years. During this period of time I have had the opportunity to observe the District 5M8 cabinet in action. The commitment of the cabinet members and their knowledge of Lionism was the element that convinced me to say yes.

In my opinion, a leader is only as good as the resources available to them!

I have been a member of the St. Augusta Lions for 10 years. As I mentioned earlier, I have been a Zone Chair for the past 5 years. I have held numerous office positions with the St. Augusta Lions.

I have been married to my wife, Carol for 45 years. We have five adult sons and four grandchildren. I have a business management consulting practice which I operate part time.

All of the past district governors that I speak to tell me that the role of Vice District Governor and District Governor is a very demanding role. The second comment is that the experience is very rewarding with numerous new relationships coming from the experience.

I have met many of you in the past five years and I'm looking forward to meeting many more of you in the upcoming year. I'm looking forward to serving with DG Judy this next year.

Jim

NOTICE
TO ALL
SECRETARIES

Important: *DG Judy needs an e-mail address from each club secretary.*

If you do not have one, please send us one from a designated person in your club. Due to the high cost of postage, we want to e-mail notices and reminders to each club. Thank you.



District Governor
Judy's Preferred
Projects

It is the tradition of Governors in 5M8 to designate their preferred projects. I will really appreciate donations to the 5M Hearing Foundation and Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota.
Thanks.



Insurance Umbrella

From: Bob Jechorek

At the COG meeting at the Multiple District Convention, it was pointed out that by Minnesota statute, clubs which use municipal property, whether a school, public park, fair grounds, etc. for any of their activities, will now need to show proof of liability insurance of \$1.2 million dollars. LCI coverage is for \$1 million. The District Governors authorized PDG Burdel Wessels, MD5M Insurance Consultant, to arrange an umbrella policy to cover the clubs for the difference. PDG Burdel has negotiated an umbrella policy for an additional \$1 million.

The rate for the coverage period 6/1/08 to 9/1/09 will be \$8.75 **per club**. Lion Bob will include the line item for the umbrella policy in the dues statement he sends to each district in July.

I have communicated the text that follows to the District Governors in a separate email. I share this with you so that you will be up to speed as you begin your duties as District Governor.

Many of your district newsletters have been sent or are in press. If not, please include an article so the clubs know about the new state statute regarding liability insurance. Please remind them that there is a liability insurance policy from LCI that covers clubs for \$1 million. We now have an umbrella policy that covers for an additional \$1 million.

We have discussed that we will establish a link to the LCI policy on the MD5M website. In addition, PDG Burdell has asked the insurance agents if they could send the binder and certificate via PDF file so that we can post the umbrella policy information on the website as well.

On behalf of MD5M, I want to extend a very sincere thank you to PDG Burdell for negotiating the umbrella policy so quickly and at such a reasonable rate. You did a great job, Lion Burdell!

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the policy or the billing.

Club Presidents:

Municipalities in Minnesota now require 2 million dollars of liability insurance which is one million more than Lions International provides. The Multiple district has obtained the additional insurance at \$8.47 per club which is less than the \$14.30 originally quoted and billed to you. If you have already sent a check for the \$14.30, you will be credited for \$5.83 on the second half of the year billing.

Attention Secretaries

It is necessary that every club file the MMR (Monthly Membership Report) to Lions International (LCI). If you file online, please do it by the end of the month. You may find the link on the 5M8 site www.lions5m8.org -- Click on "Reporting"; or go to the LCI site, www.lionsclubs.org

Those who file by mail, please mail the MMR so that LCI receives it by the 20th of the month, with a copy to the District Governor, Vice District Governor and your Zone Chair. If you need mailing labels, please notify Cabinet Secy. Frank Loken.

District 5M8's Membership & Activity

(M & A) reports *need to be sent to the District Governor, Vice District Governor, and your Zone Chair by the end of each month.*

If you need a copy of the **new M & A**, please contact Cabinet Secretary, PCC Frank Loken, 763-670-0107; floken@scicable.net or Technology co-chair, Lion Charlie Gunderson; khgunder@upstel.net





Club Presidents and Secretaries

It is vitally important for your club to file the necessary reports in order for Lions Clubs International and your District Governor to know that your club is active and operating.

If, for some reason, your secretary cannot file the reports, please have another person in your club do the filing.

If you need help with any reports, or if you have any questions, please contact our Club Resource Person, PDG Joe Steinemann, R: 320-252-8766;
Cell: 320-290-1753. joelori@q.com
Or Cabinet Secretary, PCC Frank Loken
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IN THE NEWS

The Staples Host Lions Club sponsored an all expense paid HONOR FLIGHT in April for thirty - nine Veterans and guardians. The group boarded a plane for Washington DC and a tour of Arlington Cemetary, including the changing of the guard; The National Mall area, with the Washington Monument, Lincoln Monument, Vietnam, Korean and World War II Memorials. These honored Veterans fought in World War II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam wars. Honor was felt, tears where shed, and a wonderful service was provided - Way to go Staples Host Lions for a job well done.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Lion Mike Cramer for installing the following on the 5M8 website; the new M & A, the District Governor's Visit Request, and the Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual. The M & A and the Visit Request may be saved to your computer, filled out and e-mailed. The Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual may be accessed by clicking Resources, then Publications, then District Manuals.
www.lions5m8.org

Attention Clubs: Do you have an exciting project that you are working on or a Fund Raiser that you would like everyone to know about and attend or maybe just some great news? Please drop me an email at orstada-crec@dishmail.net before the 20th of each month. DG Judy and myself will work really hard to include it in the newsletter. Can't wait to hear from you.

Lion Donna Orstad
Publisher



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISITS: I want to express my appreciation for all the clubs that have booked my club visit. For those who haven't done so, I would encourage two or more clubs get together for the visit, as it looks like our fuel prices are going to continue to increase. Also, because of my Raynaud's disease, I would appreciate if the clubs in the western part of the district schedule their visit before the coldest part of the winter, but I will not refuse to visit your club if you cannot schedule before that time.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISIT REQUEST

Club _____	Dinner Meeting? yes no
Date Preferred _____	Contact Person _____
Alternate Date _____	Phone _____
Social Hour _____	Cell _____
Location _____	E-Mail _____
Directions _____	

Additional Requests of District Governor (Install new members, award presentations, other. _____

Governor's Contest

Governor's visit scheduled by September 1, 500 points

Governor's visit with one other club, 500 points

Governor's visit with more than 2 clubs, 700 points

Governor's visit completed by Dec. 15, 500 points

*Submit to DG Judy Loken, P. O. Box 50, Sandstone, MN 55072 or e-mail
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MD5M8 District Governor's Travels

July 08 - Convention Meeting, Little Falls

July 10 - Fairhaven Club Visit

July 12 - Hearing Foundation Meeting,
Airport Marriott

July 13 - Zone Chair Training, Sandstone

July 19 - Council of Governors

July 30 - Cabinet Meeting - Michael's in St. Cloud



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