

# LION TRAVELER

Join us on an Adventure through Lionism—5M8!

## NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Happy New Year!

We have started our new Lion year on July 1, 2009!



By the time you read this article, I will have been officially trained and sworn in as your 2009-10 District Governor. This is an honor that I take very seriously.

This New Year will be a year of challenges, not unrelated to the challenges our country faces. I believe that charitable giving will be more of a challenge in a stressed economy. Many unemployed Lions may find it more difficult to continue their financial commitment to their club.

Now for the good news...what an opportunity to start new ventures. The new park shelter will be less expensive to build because material costs are depressed. Some Lions who are temporarily unemployed will have time available to donate labor to projects. Expanded needs will afford new opportunities to volunteer to assist the less fortunate.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to attend the International Lions Convention will have your own experiences to share. This article is being written in June so I cannot comment on the convention and it will be too late to encourage you to attend.

I believe we will continue to be "encouraged" to expand our membership and extend new clubs in our district. We are chartering a new St. Cloud Lions club on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the St. Augusta Parish Center. Watch for announcements.

We are also chartering a new Leo's club in Princeton on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

I encourage you to attend these chartering events to show support for the new Lions and Leos as they begin their journey. This encouragement and support is vital to the longevity of club membership.

Lion Donna Orstad is our Publicity Chair person. She is also our newsletter editor. I would encourage you to use the newsletter as a communication tool. If you have a news worthy article or a special announcement, please forward this information to Lion Donna or myself for inclusion in the newsletter.

Included with this newsletter is the Governor Visit request form. I would encourage all of you to schedule your visit as soon as possible since I have already scheduled many dates and will encounter some conflicts.

Don't forget to submit your 100% secretary and President applications.

May your new Lions year be productive and have some fun.

DG Jim



## 1st Vice District Governor's Greetings

### Hi Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 5M-8.

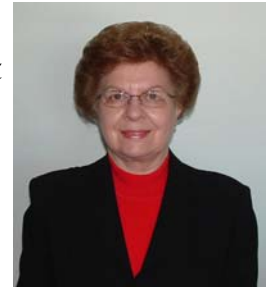
I would like to introduce myself to you, my name is Amy Leidenfrost I am a retired educator and spent most of my professional career on the staff of the Staples/Motley High School, and I have been married to my Partner in Service, PDG Frank, for 45+ years. I am a member of the Staples '93 Lions club where I currently serve as club secretary.

Being a Lion and serving, has been a very important part of our life, and I look forward to serving District 5M-8 as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.

Congratulations to District Governor Jim and his Partner in Service Carol and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Sandy Sandwick. I look forward to working with them this year. I would also like to congratulate CC Elect Judy Loken and her Partner in Service PCC Frank, and I look forward to working with them.

Membership is one of the tasks that 1<sup>st</sup> VDGS are asked to work on. I encourage each of you to look in your community for people who would make great Lions, and invite them to join your club.

I am looking forward to the next years, and to the opportunity to meet every Lion, Lioness and Leo in District 5M-8, and to hear about the wonderful service that our Clubs provide to our communities, district and throughout the world.



Have a wonderful summer.

VDG Lion Amy

## 2nd Vice Viewpoint

I am not sure if being the first ever 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor in 5M8 is a positive or negative thing. On the positive side I am currently the very best 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG that the 5M8 Lions have ever elected. On the negative side I have no role model for this specific leadership position. I look forward to observing, learning from and working with DG Jim and VDG Amy. Lions International has declared the focus for 2VDGs should be retention. I encourage each club to examine their membership numbers; if membership is decreasing...ask why and how can the trend be reversed? I am very willing to meet with clubs, directors, and officers to help with retention.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Sandy Sandwick*

## MEET THE ZONE CHAIRS FOR 2009—2010 FOR 5M8

Region 1 Zone 1	Ted Peterson	Finlayson, MN
Region 1 Zone 2	David Thompson	Princeton, MN
Region 2 Zone 1	Deb Bialke	Hillman, MN
Region 2 Zone 2	Lori Steinemann	St. Stephen, MN
Region 3 Zone 1	Rayma Miller	Staples, MN
Region 3 Zone 2	Carol Merten	Sartell, MN
Region 4 Zone 1	Pamela Cramer	Kimball, MN
Region 4 Zone 2	Diann Bellmont	Cold Spring, MN
Region 4 Zone 3	Fred Holthaus	Richmond, MN

## MEET THE 2009—2010 DISTRICT CABINET

Lion Gerry Altrichter	Diabetes	PDG Pete Kleingartner	LCIF
Lion Terri Bailey	Hearing & Service Dogs	Lion Donna Mae Landwehr	MT Extension
PDG Allen Bailey	Hearing Foundation 5M	PDG Bill Landwehr	MT Extension
PCC William Bard	Constitution & ByLaws	VDG May Leidenfrost	1st Vice District Governor/ Membership
Lion Will Barnett	MT Extension Leos	PDG Frank Leidenfrost	MT Leadership Development
Lion Mark Brauch	Cabinet Treasurer	PDG Dr. R.J. Lindeman	District Advisor
Lion Patricia Brauch	Youth Exchange / Youth Camp	PCC Frank Loken	Cabinet Secretary/ MT Leadership Development
PDG Linus Dingmann	Constitution & ByLaws	IPDG Judy Loken	Conventions & Forums
PDG Janette Dingmann	MT Women's Membership	PDG Wayne Oak	MT Orientation
Lion Pete Dingmann	Youth Outreach / Lions Quest	Lion Donna Orstad	Publicity & Newsletter
Lion Dale Dunham	MT Orientation	Lion Jack Paulsen	MT Extension Leos
Lion Don Faulkner	Diabetes	2nd VDG Sandy Sandwick	2nd Vice District Governor/ MT Membership Retention
Lion Duane Finger	Hearing & Service Dogs	Lion John Schiel	LCIF
Lion Bill Gaede	Hearing Foundation 5M	Lion Roberta Schiel	Leader Dogs
PDG Ralph Gorecki	MT Extension	Lion Jennelle Shriver	MN Lions Eye Bank
Lion K.H. Gunderson	Technology	Lion Bunny Tabatt	Leader Dogs
PDG Robert Hoofnagle	MN Lions Eye Bank	Lion Frank Voight	MT Membership
Lion Judy Hoofnagle	MT Membership Retention		
Lion John Hotz	Protocol		
Lion Debrah Hultman	Youth Outreach / Peace Poster		

# The Many Faces of Lionism—International Parade



Parade Chair PCC Keith Johnson & Assistant Chair PCC Frank Loken—Thank you to both of you for the great job. Thank you also to all the volunteers that helped during the Convention to make it the success it was.



92nd International  
Convention  
July 6–10, 2009



Peace Poster Winner



Environmental Photo  
Contest



Beach Boys Concert



Colin Powell speaking  
during the convention  
about the importance of  
volunteering.



Flag Ceremony

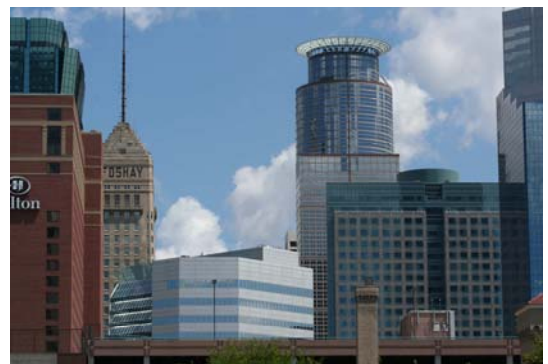


IPIP Al Brandel at the  
Twins game. He had the  
honor of throwing out  
the first ball. The Twins  
donated \$6,300 to LCIF.

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Host city for Convention



Everyday Heroes  
CC Judy Loken



## Our New International President



IPE Eberhard J. Wirfs was sworn in as our International President on Friday. His motto is: MOVE TO GROW.

DGE Jim Diehl was also sworn in as our 5M8 District Governor during this session.

## American Diabetes Association Asks Help of 5M Lions

The American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Area will be holding its Diabetes Expo on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Minneapolis Convention Center. It is billed as “everything you need to know about diabetes under one roof” including workshops, cooking & fitness demonstrations, free health screenings, an “Ask the Expert” area, and vendors featuring the latest diabetes products and services. The EXPO is free to all attendees. Last year over 8,010 people attended; we’re expecting more this year. We are offering the Lions of Multiple 5M in Minnesota several opportunities for their involvement in the EXPO:

1. We invite you and your family as 5M Lions to come to learn more about diabetes.
2. We need many day-of-event volunteers for this activity. Lions Clubs may want to volunteer as a club or as individuals. Many clubs helped last year and by wearing their vests gained more recognition for local Lions Clubs. Volunteer for a few hours (time slots are 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM or 11:30 AM - 3:15 PM) or for the entire day. Please contact Chris Schaefer at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or at [cschaefer@diabetes.org](mailto:cschaefer@diabetes.org) if you or a club would like to volunteer.
3. Several areas outside of the Twin Cities worked on organizing buses to and from the Expo for members of their community. Several clubs from different communities in your district could set up a bus route with several stops to pick up people. Work with your local clinics, hospitals, churches, etc. to get the word out. If you are thinking about having a bus please contact Chris at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or [cschaefer@diabetes.org](mailto:cschaefer@diabetes.org) for more information. There will be free parking at the Minneapolis Convention Center for the organized buses.

# THINGS TO DO IN 5M8



**Buckman Area Lions and  
MLMB First Response Ride**

Stops at  
Harding Sportsman  
and Morrill

**Food  
Available**

**Saturday, August 8**  
Bottoms Up Saloon • Buckman, MN  
Rider registration starts at 10:30 am ~ \$10 per bike  
~ Ride leaves at noon with **Live Auction** at 5 pm  
followed by the **Raffle**

**GRAND PRIZE ~ \$1,000 Cash**  
FIRST PLACE ~ Weatherby 30-06 Rifle  
SECOND PLACE ~ \$500 Cash  
THIRD PLACE ~ Remington 12 Gauge  
**PLUS MANY MORE**

For more information, contact (320) 267-9712 or (320) 340-3829

License # X-92120-09-001 . \$5.00 per ticket  
Need not be present to win!  
Must be 18 to win!

**Cash and  
Gun Raffle**

## DUELM AREA LIONS CLUB MOTORCYCLE RIDE FUNDRAISER

For LUKE SZCZECH



Saturday, July 25th, 2009

Registration at: 9:30 AM

Ride begins at: 11:00 AM

The run will be 100 miles, beginning in  
Duelm at Jack 'N Jim's Bar and ending at  
Rolie's Bar in Sauk Rapids.

The donation is \$10.00 per rider, with door  
prizes and a meal for \$5.00 at Long Siding.

For more information, contact:

Steve Traeger at 320-980-2989.

## Charter Night St. Cloud Southsiders

Sunday, July 26, 2009

At

St. Mary's Help of Christians Church,  
24588 County Road 7

St. Augusta, MN

Social: 5 PM Dinner: 6 PM

\$15.00 per person

RSVP by: July 20th to Robin Gohman,

320-529-2183

## LEOS Charter Night

### P.H.S. Peers Helping Society Leo Club

Sunday, July 19, 2009

At

Steven's Restaurant,  
202 Rum River Drive North,  
Princeton, MN

Social: 4 PM Dinner: 5 PM

\$17.00 per person / 10 and under 1/2 price

RSVP by July 12 to:

Lion Pete Kleingartner  
763-389-2676

## 5M8 District Governor

Jim Diehl  
24693 CSAH 75  
St. Cloud, MN 56301



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### 5M8 LIONS EVENTS

- July 25: Duelm Area lions Club Motorcycle Ride Fundraiser for Luke Szczech
- July 26: Charter Night for St. Cloud Southside's Lions Club, St. Mary's Help  
of Christians Church, St. Augusta, MN, 5 PM
- Aug 15: Ride for Eyes Sobieski Lions
- Aug 25: Sauk Rapids Lions Steak Fry