



Loken's Tomten Tribune



“Lighting the Path to Service”



JUNE 2009

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR/COUNCIL CHAIR ELECT

As my year as District Governor comes to an end, I would like to thank the Lions, Lioness and Leos for all the “Miracles Through Service” that you have done this year.

You truly have touched many lives! I encourage you to keep up the good work next year.

DGE Jim will soon be heading to Minneapolis for his final District Governor training. 5M8 will be in good hands as he assumes his duties at the close of the International Convention. I encourage you to welcome DGE Jim and his wife Carol as you did for Frank and me.

I thank the clubs that honored my request of doing joint visits, and those that made the DG visit a fun night for all. We enjoyed the hayride, the Viking/Packer football game, the joint visit with the game “Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader”, the Hawaiian Luau, the picnics and all the delicious meals

I want to thank our 5M8 Leadership team (PCC Frank and 2VDGE Sandy) for organizing and helping with the officer training. Also, thanks to DGE Jim, PDG Frank, PDG Pete, 1VDGE Amy, Lion Dale, Lion Charlie, and Lion John for the outstanding job they did training our new officers for 2009-2010. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of Lions who are willing to help with the training every year. Also, thanks to all the Lion Officers that attended the training. Thank You!

Next, I want to thank PDG Bill, Lion Donna Mae, and PDG Ralph for all their work starting a **new club!** Our 5M8 Extension Team is Top Notch! Soon we will have 77 clubs in our district.

Please attend the Charter Night for the St. Cloud Southsiders on Sunday, July 26.

A donation to the new club is very much appreciated.

Keep making “Miracles Through Service”. All of you are “heroes” who make our communities a better place to live.

Thanks for a great year!

DG Judy

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

Pericles



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NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT



I would like to personally thank District Governor (Council Chair Elect) Judy and PCC Frank for their support during this year of training and preparation. It has been a pleasure to serve with them. I look forward to working with both of them this coming year.

I have had a couple of discussions with fellow Lions who asked the question, "why would you want to become a district governor?".

My first response is that someone has to serve in that capacity! I feel it is an honor to serve as a district governor. When I was asked to consider running for the position, my response was about my credentials to serve. Then it occurred to me that **no one serves "alone"**.

I have served on the 5M8 cabinet for six years and I have developed a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for the members of our cabinet. It is with their support that I will serve a District Governor in 2009-2010.

I finally arrive at the point I want to make.

The five years that I served as a zone chair, I promoted the inclusion of cabinet members in local club meetings and zone meetings.

I feel that the knowledge that these cabinet program chairs have developed has little value unless they get an opportunity to share their experience and knowledge with fellow Lions.

I would encourage that all clubs do the following:

1. Appoint a program chair for your club
2. Insist that, at a minimum, at least four program speakers are invited to your meetings over the course of the year.
3. Make these invitations in the first quarter of the new year for the entire year to enable the cabinet members to plan their year.

I look forward to serving as your District Governor this coming year. Just as I couldn't serve without the cabinet members...I cannot serve without your support.

Let's have a productive and fun filled year. People who have fun, get things done.

DGE JIM

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THANK YOU

Thanks to the Lions who served on my cabinet. I appreciate all the time and work you have done willingly to make 5M8 a great district. **DG Judy**

CLUB PRESIDENTS

Please remember that the Cabinet Chairs are available to come to your club meetings to present their programs. It's a good way to find out how your donations affect so many people in need. You may either call them or send them an e-mail to set up a date. Names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in the directory that is furnished to each club.

REPORT OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

Thanks to all of the club secretaries and others who have provided the necessary information on the PU-101's. The forms have been sent to the Executive Secretary of MD5M to be compiled and entered into the new directory of clubs.

If you have any changes, or additions of phone numbers and e-mail addresses, please send them to DG Jim Diehl and Cabinet Secretary Frank Loken.

FROM THE DG SPOUSE

I've had a great time being the chauffeur and partner in service to my wife, DG Judy to the club visits and other meetings in our district. I had a chance to hula, answer quiz questions, ride on a hay rack, meet lots of nice Lions, renew friendships, eat very well, and listen to all the great things your clubs are doing.

A big **Thank You** to the club officers and members and cabinet members for all that you do. Thanks also to my wife for being patient with me and for allowing me to give advice at times, even when I knew that she didn't want it. And thanks to DGE Jim for asking me to be his cabinet secretary.

PCC Frank

SPECIAL THANKS

A special **Thanks** Lion Donna Orstad for serving as publisher of the Tomten Tribune. She has helped 5M8 have a great, informative newsletter.

Lion Donna has agreed to serve as publisher for DGE Jim, so please continue to send her pictures, articles and upcoming events to orstadacres@dishmail.net

THANKS

Thanks to Lion Mike Cramer for his help copying the newsletters in color and updating the 5M8 website. Please check out our website at www.lions5m8.org and see the current newsletters and other items.

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Fellow Lions

There is still a need for more Sergeant at Arms volunteers, especially on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Monday we could use extra people because I expect a lot of confusion with registration and the fact it's the first day of the convention. Friday we need Lions at 6:00 AM to assist with voting and later for the final plenary session.

Tuesday is where we need more people. I know everyone wants to march in the parade and we expect the attendance in the convention center to be light until about 2:00 when the parade ends. At this time we expect a large influx of Lions into the convention center as the parade ends at the convention center. A problem with trying to do both the parade and sergeant at arms is, we are the last unit in the parade.

We are also in need of 20 to 25 Lions for Sergeant at Arms for the International Show starring Beach Boys. If you work the International Show as Sergeant at Arms you will still be able to watch the show. **You won't miss a thing**

THANK YOU

Thanks to the clubs that have sent donations for the Sauk Rapids and East Central/Willow River bands that are representing 5M8 in the Lions Parade on Tuesday, July 7.

It's a wonderful opportunity for the band members to march in the parade and be able to visit with Lions from around the world.

Convention Registration – The deadline is June 15th to get the special \$100 registration fee. Use the mail in form, not the on-line form to register in order to get the special rate. After June 15, the fee goes up to \$150.

Volunteers – The deadline for ordering the Snowman Volunteer Shirt is June 5. We are putting together the final order after that and will get them a week before the convention. Those asking for the shirts to be mailed to them will get them on time (target July 1), unless they are leaving early for the convention. **We still need Hotel Volunteers.** Contact PDG Joe Foxx or Lynn Farley ASAP.

<mailto:joe.fox@2009lionsconvention.org>

<mailto:lynn.farley@2009lionsconvention.org>

Banners – Keep sending in your banner orders! Over 30% have been committed and we are hearing from clubs that we would have ordered but we missed the deadline. Don't worry about that. If your club wants a banner, or two, or ten, go ahead and send your form to Lion PID Ross.

Lion Dave Reach

Information & Website Chairperson

2009 Lions Convention - Minneapolis

Email: David.Reach@2009lionsconvention.org



**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 Jim Diehl, 24693 CSAH 75, St. Cloud, MN 56301

jim@diehlconsulting.com by October 1.

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MEMORIES



MID-WINTER CONVENTION

THAILAND



LEOS



INCOMING LEADERS



PEACE
POSTER
WINNER



PARTNER IN SERVICE

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Celebrating 25 Years of Women in Lions



Quarry Lions: Mary Thorvig, CCE Judy Loken, Irma Faulkner, Jan Oak, 2nd VDE Sandy Sandwick, Mary Ann Lundorff, and Rita Best.

The Quarry Lions held a celebration at their monthly meeting honoring the charter members of Sandstone's Lioness Club. These women have been in Lions for the last 25 years and have been wonderful leaders and mentors for many Lions over this time.

Lion Janette Dingmann was instrumental in forming the Lioness Club. She shared some of her memories about women in Lions over the years. DGE Jim Diehl also addressed the group, along with PDG Linus Dingmann.

It was fun to hear all the stories and look back at the memorabilia and pictures that were provided by these Lions. 2ndVDG Sandy Sandwick even found her Lioness vest to wear that evening.



CLUB OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

From July 1, 2008 to June 4, 2009, we have added 248 new members, but we also dropped 266 members for a net loss of 18 members in 5M8. Total Membership in 5M8 is 3,168 Lions.

This is an improvement but the clubs can do better!

Please help our DGE Jim by asking a friend, a spouse or someone to join your club!

Thanks to the clubs that ended the year with at least a plus one!



2008-2009 CLUB PRESIDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

In order to receive the Club President Excellence Award, each club president must have the club secretary fill out this form and have it approved and signed by the district governor. Charter presidents in clubs organized during the first six months of the fiscal year shall be eligible. In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or provisional region/zone chairpersons should sign the completed form. The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (830) 708-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2009. The award will be mailed to the 2009-2010 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed directly to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2009-2010 club president.

Club Number

Club Name

Date

2008-2009 Club President's Name

Member Number

Requirements. Please confirm completion by checking the boxes and supplying requested information.

- 1. The club has furthered the association's purposes and has adhered to the association's constitution and by-laws as well as its policies.
- 2. The club has conducted at least one service activity during the year. Please explain briefly what activity was conducted: _____

- 3. The president has attended all of the following Lions meetings during the year. (In case of emergency, a representative of the club president may attend on behalf of the club president.)
 - (a) At least two zone meetings. Dates: _____ Location: _____
 - (b) Club officer orientation/training. Date: _____ Location: _____
 - (c) District, multiple district, or international convention. Which one? _____
- 4. The club has submitted each of the following reports to International Headquarters by the due dates:
 - (a) Monthly Membership Report (C-23-A).
 - (b) Annual Club Officer Report (PU-101).
- 5. The club is in good standing with Lions Clubs International, the multiple district and the district at the end of the fiscal year, June 30.
- 6. The club has achieved a net gain in membership by June 30. Number of net gain: _____
- 7. New members were properly inducted, oriented and involved in service activities and/or committee work.
- 8. The club has made a contribution to LCIF. Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

What was the club's most outstanding accomplishment in 2008-2009?

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club president shall be considered only if received at international headquarters within 12 months after completion of the club president's term of office, provided that the original application form is already filed at international headquarters.

I certify that the above facts agree with the records of the district.

Date

Signature of 2008-2009 District Governor

District

To receive the **100% Secretary's Award**, each club secretary must meet the requirements and complete and sign this form, then have it approved and signed by the Club President and Zone Chair.

Club Name _____ Date _____

Secretary's Name _____

Secretary's Address _____

To qualify, **9** of the following **11** must be fulfilled;

- _____ 1. All Monthly Membership Reports (MMR) mailed or filed electronically to LCI by the last day of the current month.
- _____ 2. All of the 5M8 Monthly Activity Reports mailed or e-mailed to DG, VDG, & Zone Chair by the 1st of the month.
- _____ 3. PU-101 (report of new officers) mailed or filed electronically to LCI and DG by May 1, 2009.
- _____ 4. Annual Activities Report (A-1) received by LCI and DG by July 1
- _____ 5. Attended Officer Training – **Spring 2008**
- _____ 6. Attended 2 zone meetings, or had a designated substitute in attendance and listed that person on the M & A.
- _____ 7. Has attended two (2) of the following during the Lions' year 2008-2009
 - A. 5M8 Mini-Forum
 - B. 5M8 Mid-Winter Convention
 - C. MD5M Multiple Convention
 - D. Lions International Convention
 - E. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Saskatoon
- _____ 8. Has kept accurate minutes of all club meetings, board of director meetings, attendance records, awards and sponsorship records.
- _____ 9. Processed all club correspondence in a timely manner
- _____ 10. Sent monthly newsletter to DG, VDG, and Zone Chair
- _____ 11. Sent this completed form to the Zone Chair by June 30, 2009

Secretary's Signature _____ President's Signature _____

Zone Chair's Signature _____

Form must be received by DG Judy Loken, P. O. Box 50, Sandstone, MN 55072 by July 15, 2009.



MORE MEMORIES



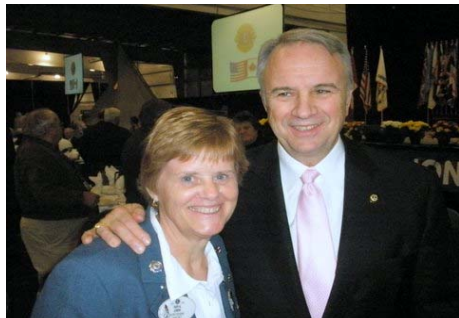
Fairhaven was DG Judy's first club visit.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Join in the fun as the Saint Paul Saints team up with Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota at a special fundraising event on June 9th at 7:05 p.m. For only \$15 per person (\$5.00 benefits our programs), you will receive a general admission ticket to the ball game, a coupon for a hot dog and soda, and a Saint Paul Saints Baseball cap. Order tickets online at www.saintsgroups.com <<http://www.saintsgroups.com>> and use the password "hsdm" or order tickets over the phone by calling the Saints box office at 651-644-6659.



Learn from
yesterday,
live for
today,
hope for
tomorrow.



PUBLISHER'S CORNER:

I had so much fun this year putting the 5M8 Tomten Tribune together for you. I have learned so much, as I hope that all of you have, reading all the information, seeing the "Miracles Through Service" that have happened, and revisiting the fun things that we have shared in 5M8. **Thank you CCE Judy Loken** for the wonderful opportunity you gave by trusting me with your Newsletter. I am looking forward to another great year with DGE Jim Diehl and the 5M8 Newsletter. Keep the information coming!

Publisher Lion Donna Orstad



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3rd Annual LeSauk Lions Golf Tournament

Oak Hill Golf Club

Rice, Minnesota

Date: Friday, June 5th, 2009

FEE: \$50 per golfer

(Lunch, 18 holes of golf w/cart, and Dinner)

Registration will start at 11:00 AM with a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. The format will be a 4 person scramble. Lunch will be provided during registration. Upon completion of the golf tournament, dinner and a short program with awards and door prizes will also be included.

Players/teams will have their spots reserved upon receipt of their checks. Please fill in the player's names if possible. If you do not know the names as of yet, please send the R.S.V.P. with the team check and we can fill it in the day of the tournament.

Team 1 Name: _____

Player 1 _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

**Please return this R.S.V.P. to: Stuart by email
or Fax by May 15, 2009**

Any questions: call Stuart Swenson (320) 230
6060 Fax 320 230 6022, or email to:

Stuart@EverythingUnderTheSun.com

**Also, send a check payable to "LeSauk Lions
Club" to: LeSauk Lions Club, PO Box 211,**

Sartell, MN 56377

DUELM AREA LIONS PORK CHOP BARBEQUE DINNER

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

4-6 PM

Jack 'n Jim's Restaurant Events Center

Duelm, Minnesota

There will be a Cash Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Meat Raffle, and
a Bake Sale.

Also the NEW DUELM AREA LIONS COOKBOOK
will be hot off the press and for sale.

A DJ will be playing music and announcing all the door
prize winners during the dinner.

Come and enjoy an evening out!!!

LITTLE FALLS DANDEE LIONS DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST with the MORRISON COUNTY HOOFBEATS.

Sunday, June 14, 2009

8:00 am to 12 noon

VFW Hall

Little Falls, Minnesota

\$6.50 per person,

Children under 5 free.

All You Can Eat Menu:

Waffles, Whipped Cream, Strawberries, Syrup, Butter,
Sausage, Coffee, Milk and Juice

5M8 District Governor
Judy Loken
PO Box 50
Sandstone, MN 55072

5M8 Lions Events

- Jun 10:** Duelm Pork Chop Barbeque Dinner, 4-6 pm @ Jack 'n Jim's Restaurant Events Center
- Jun 14:** Little Falls Dandee Lions Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast, 8-noon, VFW
- July 6-10:** International Convention, Minneapolis, MN
Monday: LEO Conference
Tuesday: Parade, Seminars, International Show with the Beach Boys
Wednesday: Opening Plenary Session, Seminars, Twins Game, Georgia Jamboree
Thursday: 2nd Plenary Session with Colin Powell, Memorial Service, Seminars
Friday: Voting, Final Plenary Session, International Officers Reception.
- Aug 15:** Ride for Eyes Sobieski Lions