

LION TRAVELER

Join us on an Adventure through Lionism—5M8!

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

I just returned from a council of Governors' meeting. We met as a GMT team to discuss and get updates from other districts. We continue to discuss new and improved methods to gather new clubs, gather new members and retain existing members.

A thought occurred to me on the drive home. I'm sure many of you have heard of Zig Ziglar. He is a motivational speaker and writer. Most professional salesmen have come across his work at one time or another.

One of his pearls of wisdom is, **“you can have anything in life you want, if you help enough other people get what they want”**.

I'm sure you're asking yourself, “What does that have to do with membership, extension or retention”? Perhaps it has a lot to do with membership, extension and retention.

For most of us getting new members is about getting new members for our benefit and the benefit of our clubs. What if we approached potential new members with a perspective of what they were looking for? What benefit would they derive from being a Lion?

One of my fellow district governors told me a story about a resident in his community who had recently lost his spouse. He confided in this governor that he was feeling very depressed and very much alone. He encouraged this widower to consider joining Lions. He told him it would give him purpose and an excellent window into what others needed in their community.

He went on to relay a story about a trip to Europe with his son several years ago. Everywhere he went he wore his Lions pin. He told us of several incidents where he was recognized and assisted because he was recognized by other Lions in Europe.

When you consider that concept, how could you feel alone in the presence of 1,300,000 fellow Lions throughout the world?

Consider this **You could have many new Lions members if you considered or identified what these potential new members needs or wishes were.**

DG Jim



Governor's Visit with six clubs:

Buckman, Duelm, Foley, Henriette, Princeton and Ramey-Morrill

The event was held at Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duelm

Back Row: Gene Traeger, Pres. Duelm; Sandy Hansen, Sec Duelm; Patrick Herbst, Pres. Foley; Kathy Doenz, Sec. Henriette; Lynn Pagel, Sec. Foley; Carol Diehl, Ann Tomporoski, Sec. Ramey-Morrill; Sue Pedersen, Pres. Henriette; Elaine Maples, Pres. Princeton; Jack Breitreutz, Sec. Princeton.

Front Row: Mark Bialke, Pres. Ramey-Morrill; District Governor Jim; Matt Suska, Pres. Buckman.

Missing was: LaVern Talberg, Sec. Buckman





1st Vice District Governor's Greetings

Once again, the USA/Canada Leadership Forum had excellent seminars and speakers. MD5M had about 129 attendees. We would encourage all Lions to attend one, if at all possible. Next year the Forum will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 23-25, 2010. Please consider attending and learning more about Lions. While in Memphis, PDG Gene and Lion Lynn Borgert's son and wife provided all of the 5M-8 attendees with some great southern hospitality and a BBQ. This was really enjoyable and we appreciate their kindness. We also had time Thursday morning, before the beginning of the Forum, to tour Graceland.



By the time you read this, the Mini-Forum in Foley will be over. We had about 250 Lions and guests registered. We were happy to have so many registrations. We were even more pleased to meet and visit with you. The message from Tony Roberts, double Cochlear implant, was inspiring. It is nice to know that our donations help to make someone's life so much better. The program on the Spring Point Project gives all diabetics hope for the future. How great is it to know that Lions have a hand in both of these projects. My congratulations to the Lions and the Lions Clubs who received awards.



It isn't too early to start thinking about the Mid-Winter Convention. It will be at the Grand Casino Hinckley Convention Center and Hotel on February 5, 6, and 7, 2010. Please watch for DG Jim's Newsletter for registration information.

We would also like to remind Lions that one of LCI President Wirf's and DG Jim's goal is to have a plus one membership in all Clubs by June 30.

Have a wonderful fall and keep on doing what Lions do best and that is serving.



1st Vice District Governor Amy



2nd VDJ Sandy Sandwick's Viewpoint



Lions are to MultiFantastic!!! Recently I was the substitute teacher in first grade. A girl was practicing writing the alphabet neatly (the assignment) and also looking at a library book. I asked her to put down the book as I did not think she should multitask. A short time later she raised her hand and told me; "I can to multifantastic!" Lions: Aren't we multifantastic with all we do? But do we "dare" tell others? Publicize through the newspaper, word of mouth, pictures of projects, however you and your club can. Don't forget to give yourselves a pat on the back--Lions are MultiFantastic!!! "Others may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do."

I attended the USA-Canada Leadership forum in Memphis. This was the third forum I have attended, and I continue to be convinced that this yearly forum is one of the very best ways to learn about Governor Jim's "Lionism beyond your city limits". You may recognize only a few of the 3000 Lions attending on the first day, but you will know many more Lions by the third day. There are no strangers at a Lions get-together. The 2010 forum is in Milwaukee WI. The 2011 forum is in Anchorage, Alaska. Consider attending the July, 2010, Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia. The 2011 convention will be in Seattle, WA. Reading the 5M-8 club Membership & Activity reports are enjoyable and informative. Some reports are very detailed giving a summary of the club activities. Some reports state donations and little else. Secretaries be sure to include all information on your report. Be proud of what your clubs do, Lions are MultiFantastic.

It's time for our District Governor's Visit -

So dig deep in your pockets because DG Jim's wife Carol will be raffling off a Diabetic Cookbook at each Governor's visit with the proceeds going towards the Governor's favorite project-- Diabetes. So may the deepest pockets win!



PUBLISHERS CORNER:

Thank you to all the clubs that have either sent their newsletter, pictures from their activities, or flyers for upcoming events. This makes my job so much easier to put your newsletter out. Keep the information coming by the 20th of the month.

I would like to take this time to wish all of the Lions of 5M8 a very Blessed Thanksgiving filled with the blessings family, friends and a whole lot of love.

Publisher Lion Donna Orstad



ATTENTION TO ALL LIONS OF 5M8

We are looking for candidates to run for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor at the Mid Winter Convention. If you meet the following qualifications, and are interested in the wonderful opportunities that this position can offer, please contact District Governor Jim Diehl for more information.

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

1. Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
3. Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor.
 - a. As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 - b. As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - c. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.



All Clubs:

Planning has started for the Mid-Winter Convention. If one of your members has passed away since the last convention, please email a picture and information to:

dphogberg@scicable.com

Dave Hogberg of the Sandstone Lions will be working on the power point presentation for the Necrology Service at the Convention.

Hearing and Service Dog Co-Chairs have been busy.

In September, 5M8 had a group of three walkers who participated in the annual Heel and Wheel Walk. As a team, they raised \$2312.00 thanks to the many donations by clubs and individuals of our great district. Lion Duane ended up taking the trophy for top individual fund raiser. Way to go Lion Duane. The top Lions team was Spring Lake Park Lions this year but we are gearing up to bring the trophy home again next year. The total raised at the walk this year was just over \$36,000. Thank you all for your part in this fundraiser.



2010 5M-8, 32nd MID-WINTER CONVENTION
REGISTRATION FORM



Lionism: A Wonderful Journey

You are cordially invited to attend the Lions District 5M-8 Mid-Winter Convention

February 5th, 6th and 7th, 2010 at Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN

Hosted by Finlayson-Giese, Sandstone, Sandstone Quarry and Sturgeon Lake Lions Clubs

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM

Send full payment with this registration form—club reimbursement should be made to you personally. (REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES. You may attend Lions events without meals by mailing in the registration fee. Individual meals may be purchased below, but the registration fee must be added.)

TITLE/NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

SPOUSE NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

First time attendee? Yes No Participate in First Timer Contest? Yes No

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2010 (NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE)

Total Hospitality Package: \$80.00 per person (includes all meals on Sat. & Sun. and registration fee)

Total Package: \$80.00 @ _____ = \$ _____

Individual Items: Registration Fee (required) \$15.00 @ _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast \$10.00 @ _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon \$15.00 @ _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Banquet \$35.00 @ _____ = \$ _____

Sunday Brunch \$20.00 @ _____ = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: "5M-8 CONVENTION COMMITTEE"

Mail to: 5M-8 Lions Mid-Winter Convention
PO Box 50
Sandstone, MN 55072

Questions:
CC Judy Loken
(320) 245-5117

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please arrange your room reservations through Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN 1-800-468-3517 and press 2 for Hinckley Casino Hotel. Let reservations know that you are with the LIONS CONVENTION or INT0205. Nightly Room Rates/2 people: Friday \$71.00 + tax / Saturday \$81.00 + tax

GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

11-02-09	Club Visit at Pine Area Lions
11-05-09	Club Visit at Cold Springs
11-07-09	Hearing & Service Dog Anniversary in Twin Cities
11-10-09	Club Visit with Finlayson-Giese, Askov, & Sturgeon Lake
11-19-09	Club Visit at St. Cloud Lions
11-23-09	Club Visit at Cold Spring
11-24-09	Club Visit at Royalton/Sobieski
11-25-09	Club Visit at St. Martin
11-30-09	Zone Christmas Party—Greenwald
12-07-09	Club Visit—Paynesville/Eden Valley
12-10-09	Club Visit—Ogilvie/Mora
12-30-09	Convention Meeting at Sandstone
01-04-10	Club Visit at Sauk Rapids Riverside
01-07-10	Club Visit at Richardson Lakes
01-08-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M5 Mid Winter Convention 5M6 Mid Winter Convention 5M9
01-11-10	Club Visits—St. Stephen, Rice, Holdingford(2)
01-12-10	Club Visit at Waite Park, Sartell
01-15-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M7
01-18-10	Club Visit at St. Augusta
01-20-10	Club Visit at Pierz
01-27-10	Club Visit at Cold Spring
01-29-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M1 Mid Winter Convention 5M4 Mid Winter Convention 5M11
02-01-10	Club Visit at Swanville
02-05-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M10
02-04-10	Mid Winter Convention at Hinckley
02-08-10	Club Visit—Grey Eagle/Burtrum
02-12-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M2
02-19-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M13
02-19-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M3
03-04-10	Club Visit at LeSauk
03-15-10	Club Visit at Kimball
03-23-09	Club Visit at Randall, Cushing Little Elk
04-06-09	Club Visit at Belgrade
04-23-09	MD5M Convention

PEACE POSTER CHECK LIST

Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2009.

Contest theme is **“The Power of Peace”**.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches. Do not mat or frame artwork.

One entry per student.

All artwork must be the individual student's original creation.

All media are accepted. Note: *Chalk; charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.*

No three-dimensional entries will be accepted.

The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed.

All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.

Artwork should be done on a flexible material so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Winning Poster—1 per contest—must be sent to DG Jim Diehl by November 14, 2009. Entries postmarked after that date will not be eligible at the district level. DG Jim Diehl, 24693 CSAH 75, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Award Ceremony is at Mid-Winter Convention on February 6, 2010.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster—Deb Hultman

**“On the Road Again”
On an Adventure through
Lionism!**



THINGS TO DO IN 5M8

LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST 2009-2010



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 2009-2010 Lions Environmental photo contest categories:

Animal Life. Landscape (urban or natural), Plant Life; Weather Phenomenon, and the special annual theme category is: Lions Move to Grow Green—photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environmental project. Please send your photos to: District Governor Jim Diehl.

Hunter's Dinner Fund Raiser

Sponsored by Finlayson-Giese Lions Club

November 6th, 2009

Finlayson Community Center

2195 Finland Avenue

Finlayson, Minnesota

Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.00 12 & under: \$3.00

Please bring a food donation for the food shelf

Menu: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Beverage, and Dessert

In Honor of District Governor Jim's Visit to the Little Falls Clubs, they sang the following song:

Take Me out with the Lions

(Sung to the tune of *Take Me out to the Ballgame*)

Verse 1: ALL

Someone took me to Lions, they took me with when they met.
They gave me some info on Lions group, I had time; they gave me the scoops.
Then I worked, worked, worked on a project; Then I chaired the next event.

It was one, two, three years until, I was president!

Verse 2: Dandee Lions

We are the Dandee Lions, We wear yellow that's true.
We make our salsa to sell each year, We are brave and have not a fear
For it's give, give, give out donations, To those who ask and say please.
For we're here, to, serve those in need. We are the Dandees!

Verse 3: Lindbergh Lions

Se are the Lindberg Lions. We meet at six-o'clock.
We have Dave Retka as president, Dennis makes sure the re-ports are sent.
We meet twice a week fall and winter. We drink cof-fee and eat toast.
Out of all, the, service clubs we, Like the Lions most!

Verse 4: Little Falls Lions

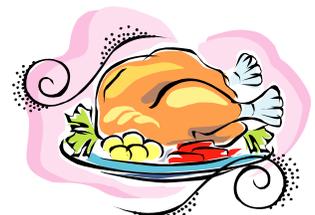
We are Little Falls Lions. Kory leads us this year.
Jerry takes minutes and files reports, Bob leads the songs of every sort.
We met ev'ry week except summer. We eat and have a cocktail.
Then it's one, two, three fines so we, Can all ring the bell!

Verse 5: ALL

Welcome Governor Jim Diehl
Thanks for driving up north.
Give us a speech to inspire us
We will listen and not cause a fuss.
For it's you, you, you who will lead us
And answer all of the calls,
From all—one, two, three clubs in town
Here in Little Falls.



Happy Thanksgiving Blessings to all!





"Soaring with Lionism in 2010"

91st Multiple District 5M Convention
April 23, 24 and 25, 2010
Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center
Mahnomon, Minnesota
Hosted by the Elizabeth Lions Club



Registration Form

Please print

(See back for More Information and to Enter Additional Registrants)

Lion Lioness Leo Guest Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____ District: _____
City: _____ Club Name: _____
Prov/State: _____ Telephone: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Indicate any special needs you have: _____

Hotel Room rate \$74.95 plus tax (check in 3 p.m. ~ check out 11 a.m.)
Room Code will be provided with confirmation of full Hospitality Book. Registrant must arrange for their room using room code. Seasonal camp grounds closed.

Hospitality Book includes Friday Social, Saturday breakfast, lunch banquet and Sunday brunch.

Meal Plan Options

Item	Number	Cost	Total
Hospitality Book (Received BEFORE March 1, 2010)		USD \$98.00	
Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2010 or later)		USD \$110.00	
Hospitality Book, Leo's		USD \$75.00	
Friday Social (snack, cash bar, music)		USD \$10.00	
Saturday Breakfast		USD \$8.00	
Saturday Luncheon (meal)		USD \$22.00	
Saturday Banquet (meal, cash bar, entertainment)		USD \$60.00	
Sunday Brunch (meal)		USD \$24.00	

Total Submitted _____

Make checks payable to: Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention

Mail registrations to: Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention
P.O. Box 1037
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-1037

Telephone Information:
218-739-9244 or 218-739-9582
E-mail: dlholt@prtcl.com

Credit cards will not be accepted - cash or checks only please - checks preferred.
Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2010 - \$20.00 fee for cancellations.



**Soaring with Lionism in 2010
(2010 MD5M Convention)**

Entertainment

The entertainment at the 2010 MD5M Convention will be outstanding and enjoyable.

Friday Night: for a short time we will have a very good vocal group called "Heaven Bound Trio" followed by DJ Pumpkin Bob with easy listening music.

Saturday Night: will be the Steve Hall/Shotgun Red Band, coming to us from Nashville. (He has been voted Country Comedy Act of the year.) Steve and his buddy Shotgun Red (puppet) will keep you in stitches with their banter and good country music. It's not a puppet show—it's a great show with a puppet!!! They have appeared regularly with Ralph Emery on "Nashville Now." Also hosted "Country Clips" on TNN for six years. Great entertainment you won't want to miss!

We also have the names of some of the speakers. We have Larry Colbert, from Arizona (many of you have heard him speak in the past), Amy Ruehle, retired women's basketball coach from NDSU, and a representative from Guide Dog Canada.

Remember to register early and get a chance at a drawing for a free hospitality book. Also, as released in October newsletters, the new room rate (reserved before April 1, 2010) is \$64.95 (please confirm this when you register). After that the price goes back to their regular weekend rate.

"Come Soar With Us"



MD5M had 129 Lions at the USA-Canada Forum on Saturday night of the forum.

5M8 Mid-Winter Convention Hospitality Room Registration Form
Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN - February 5th–7th, 2010

CLUB NAME: _____

CHAIRPERSON: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

There are eight large Hospital Rooms available on a first notification and payment basis. The room cost is \$300 for the two nights and we are offering an **Early Bird** discount if you register before December 1st. If you register before **December 1st** the room will only be **\$275**.

You must complete and return this form with full payment to the “5M8 Convention Committee” and sent it to the address listed below. If you have any questions regarding your Hospitality room please contact Brian Birkholm at (218) 372-3313 or Ron Goetzinger at (218) 372-3288.

All Hospitality room workers must pay the convention registration fee.

Please send payment in full by **DECEMBER 1st** for the early bird registration, to:

5M8 Convention Committee—Brian Birkholm
33215 County Road 43
Willow River, MN 55795

“5 ROOMS LEFT”

Please let us know at once if you are going to have charitable gambling, as there are forms that need to be completed for the Casino and City of Hinckley.

Confirmation letters will be sent to club secretaries upon receipt of the registration form and payment.
Thank you and see you there.

Awards Presented at the Mini Forum in Foley

Leader Dogs Tribute Award: Lion Mary Schnieder

Melvin Jones Award: 2nd VDG Sandy Sandwick

Top Dog Awards: Lions Dave Thompson, Duane Finger, Terri Bailey, Sandy Hansen, Joyce Wise, & Jack Breitreutz

Hearing Research Fellowship: Lion Pam Cramer, PCC Frank Loken

Excellence Award for Photo Contest: Lion Donna Orstad

LCIF Helping Hands Award: PDG Pete Kleingartner

LCI Guiding Lion Award: Lion Dale Dunham

Governor's Contest for 2008-2009:

Region 1 Zone 1: Sandstone Quarry Lions

Zone 2: Princeton

Region 2 Zone 1: Pierz

Zone 2: St. Joseph Y2K

Region 3 Zone 1: Staples '93

Zone 2: Sobieski

Region 4 Zone 1: Luxemburg

Zone 2: Cold Spring Home Pride

Zone 3: Farming

Overall Winners:

1. Princeton
2. Staples
3. Sandstone Quarry Lions

100% Governors' Pin from Leader Dog (Given when 100% of the clubs made a donation to Leader Dog).

District Chairs Lions Bunny Tabatt &

Roberta Schiel each received a pin.

Many Lions also received the 100% President's Excellence Award and 100% Secretary's Award!

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

"WE SERVE"





Speakers at the Mini Forum



Tom Spizzo,
Spring Point Project Speaker

Tony & Sue Roberts,
Double Cochlear Ear Implant Recipient



Lion Larry Winner,
Spring Point Project



Fall



5M8 District Governor

Jim Diehl
24693 CSAH 75
St. Cloud, MN 56301



5M8 LIONS EVENTS

- Nov 06: Finlayson Lions Hunters Dinner
- Nov 07: Hearing & Service Dog Anniversary in Twin Cities

- 2010
- Feb 5-7: Mid-Winter Convention, Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN
- Feb 27: Sobieski Lions Fishing Contest
- April 23-25: 91st Multiple District 5M Convention, Mahnommen, MN

