



LION TRAVELER

Join us on an Adventure through Lionism—5M8!

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We had a discussion at the cabinet meeting last week about the number of awards that have been earned and not awarded. I asked for an explanation of the hesitation to present awards to individual members. Someone said that we do our good work as a team and someone may be offended if an individual is recognized rather than the team as a whole.

In my career of managing people, recognition was an incentive to encourage continued or expanded good performance. Lion's awards are recognition as well an expression of appreciation.

Let us assume that the hesitation to single out a lion in your club for a job well done has merit. Why not recognize a local citizen, who is not a Lion, but has demonstrated a strong commitment to civic projects in your community? What about presenting a Melvin Jones award to that citizen and encourage them to become a Lion?

If you haven't seen the Governor's contest score sheet, please request one from a cabinet member or your Zone Chair.

Please schedule your Governor's visit as soon as possible. Some clubs are already moving their visits into January because dates are filling fast. Please call me or e-mail me to reserve your date.

The Mid-Winter convention committee has already had four meetings and things are well on their way for Grand Casino Hinckley on February 5th through 7th. The expansion and remodeling at the Casino promise to provide an excellent venue for a good time.

Bring a non Lion to your next meeting and see what happens.



DG Jim





1st Vice District Governor's Greetings

Where has summer gone? It is hard to imagine that we are in August already. As we wind down from a great International Convention and gear up for the coming Lion's year, I want to thank each of you for your past service and for being a Lion, Lioness, or Leo.

One of our first events of the year is our 5M8 Mini Forum. We have a super forum lined up and we certainly hope you will make every effort to attend. It will be held at Henry's Banquet Center in Foley. The meal will cost \$12.00 per person. Look for the ad and registration form in the Newsletter. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends and meet many new Lions. You will have a chance to honor those Lions and Clubs receiving awards. You will also have the opportunity to hear about a couple of outstanding Lion's programs.

Along with our new Lion's year beginning, this is a great time to be working on your Clubs membership. One of International President Wirf's goals is for each club to have a membership gain, and his challenge to us is to add and retain members. Don't be afraid to ask someone early and often to become a new member. Have you thought of asking former members if they would like to return to your Club? Perhaps, circum-stances have changed in their life and they would like to become a Lion again.

Do you have any fall travel plans? Do you want a reason to go Memphis? If so, the USA/Canada Leadership Forum is being held there September 24 - 26. This is a great opportunity to attend many seminars and to learn more about Lions. This is also a great way to make new friends and get new ideas for your Club.

I would encourage all Clubs to watch for and respond to the Hearing Foundation, Eye Bank, and Hearing and Service Dog tours this September. These are outstanding tours and provide everyone a first hand experience and opportunity to see how your donations are used, and the differences these facilities make in peoples lives. I know you will not be disappointed in what you see and find out about these wonderful facilities and programs

I look forward to visiting with each of you and ask you to keep up your great service.

VD Amy





2nd Vice Viewpoint

Mid-Winter Convention, February 2010, There will be a 30 minute seminar on membership/retention. This will NOT be the same old/same old. Plan to attend our activity; there may be music, laughter, audience participation, (an Elvis sighting?) but definitely FUN!

Club M & A's are interesting to read. I have noticed that many clubs lose a member then gain a member so membership is staying stable. This is good but better would be not to lose any members. Attendance at some club meetings are consistently reported to be 50% or less. If your club needs something to spice up the meetings please contact one of the membership/retention team; we have ideas. Lion Judy Hoofnagle, Retention co-chair, has the philosophy that Lions should be able to say, "I get to go to a Lions meeting, NOT I have to go to a Lions meeting.

"Are Lions a 'best kept secret'?. Not so, if we inform the public about who we are and how we are changing the world. So Lions, come out of your dens by organizing "[Lions in Sight](#)" events this January. Begin planning now. During the last 2 weeks of January, 2010 each club, is requested to organize one significant public relations activity." Eberhard J. Wirfs, International President Lions Clubs International.

"Great opportunities come to those who make the most of the small ones."



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.

Thank you.

PUBLISHERS CORNER: Please accept my apology for the late newsletter last month. I was so excited to be going on vacation that I didn't check with Mike to see if he received my email. Vacation is over so no worry this month.

Please send me the information on your fundraisers and club activities so they can be added to the newsletters. Email to: orstadacres@dishmail.net by the 20th of the month. Have a great month.

Publisher Lion Donna Orstad



HOSPITALITY ROOM INFORMATION

5M8 MID-WINTER CONVENTION AT THE GRAND CASINO

Hinckley, MN on February 5–7, 2010

We are inviting you to join us at the Grand Casino Hinckley on February 5–7, 2010 for the 5M8 Mid-Winter Convention, and we would appreciate if your club would sign up for a Hospitality Room. Perhaps your club could get together with a neighboring club or two and share the room.

There are 10 Large Hospitality Rooms available on the two floors in the main hotel above the New Convention Center at Grand Casino. The new hotel registration area and the Convention Center are all non-smoking. For those who do smoke, we will have one wing of rooms on one floor designated for smoking.

Early Bird Discount!!! The hospitality rooms are offered on first come, first served basis. The cost is \$300 for the two nights. **However, if you notify us and pay by November 1, the room will be reduced to \$275.**

The convention is shaping up to be informative and a good time. We are having a health fair, several seminars including one for the spouses, good speakers, an International Director, good food and time to visit with your fellow Lions, Lioness, Leos and friends.

The final deadline for hospitality rooms is December 1, 2009.

5M8 Mid-Winter Convention Hospitality Room Registration Form



Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN - February 5th–7th, 2010

CLUB NAME: _____

CHAIRPERSON: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

There are ten large Hospitality 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 November 1st. If you register before November 1st the room will only be \$275.

You must complete and return this form with full payment to the “5M8 Convention Committee” and send 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 November 1st for the early bird registration, to:

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

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

Thank you and see you there.

Soaring with Lionism in 2010

"A BETTER, LIVELIER" 2010 MD5M Convention is being planned by the Elizabeth Lions Club MD5M Convention Committee. Excellent speakers, seminars, good food, and terrific entertainment are on the agenda of what you can expect. Come, join us, and leave with a better understanding of Lions International and what we as Lions do.

Tables for Lions Project vendors and Pin Traders should be reserved now at \$15 per table. This will be an 8-foot table with tablecloth and skirting. Please send your check, along with your request, to Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention, PO Box 1037, Fergus Falls, MN 56538-1037. Requests and payment must be received by March 1, 2010.

Register now and you will be entered into a drawing for a free hospitality book. Come and recharge your Lions' batteries. Watch for more convention information coming soon. But remember, mark April 23-25, 2010 on your calendar. You won't be sorry!

"Come Soar With Us"



"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



HANDS ACROSS
 THE BORDER

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: dholt@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.



Informational Meetings



Good Food



New Friendships

GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

- 09-08-09 Zone Meeting at Sobieski
- 09-12-09 MERLO Training at Micheals
- 09-14-09 Zone Meeting at St. Augusta
- 09-21-09 Invitational at Swanville
- 09-22-09 USA/Canada Forum at Memphis
- 09-28-09 Club Visit at Freeport
- 09-30-09 Convention Meeting at Finlayson
- 10-05-09 Club Visit at Sandstone
- 10-07-09 Club Visit at Greenwald
- 10-14-09 Mini Forum at Foley
- 10-15-09 Club Visit at Little Falls
- 10-19-09 Club Visit at Staples
- 10-21-09 Club Visit at Henriette
- 10-22-09 Club Visit at St. Joseph
- 10-23-09 Council of Governor's Meeting
- 10-26-09 Club Visit at Clarissa
- 10-27-09 Club Visit at Sauk Rapids
- 10-28-09 Club Visit at Lincoln
- 10-29-09 Cabinet Meeting at Onamia
- 10-31-09 Thanksgiving for Vision at
Brooklyn Park
- 11-05-09 Club Visit at Cold Springs
- 11-07-09 Hearing & Service Dog
Anniversary in Twin Cities
- 11-10-09 Club Visit at Finlayson
- 11-25-09 Club Visit at St. Martin.



The 5M8 cabinet helped DG Jim celebrate his birthday at the first cabinet meeting on August 20.



DG Jim and PCC Frank Loken at the Zone Chair training session in St. Augusta.



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



THINGS TO DO IN 5M8

USA-CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM

September 24 - 26, 2009

Memphis, Tennessee

*“Move to Grow—Lions Leading Through
Service”*

There is still time to register on line for the
33rd Annual Leadership-Forum at:

usacanadalionsforum.org

Mission Statement: To develop leaders,
motivate and educate attendees, provide an
open exchange of ideas, and support pro-
grams and goals of Lions Clubs Interna-
tional.

Special Seminar on Thursday, September
24 at 2:30 PM

Closing Banquet on Saturday, September
26 at 6:00 PM

5M8 LIONS

MINI - FORUM & AWARDS BANQUET



Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Henry's Banquet Center

Highway 25

Foley, MN

5:30 PM Registration

& Social Hour

6:30 PM Dinner

KIMBALL LIONS FALL FISH FRY

Friday, October 2, 2009

Willow Creek Lions Shelter

04:30 PM to 8:00 PM



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.

Registration Form

5M-8 Mini-Forum & Awards Banquet

Henry's Banquet Center, Foley, MN

Wednesday, October 14, 2009



Registration: \$12.00 Per Person – Includes Meal, Sales Tax & Gratuity

Registration Deadline – Monday, October 5, 2009

Please Make Checks Payable to: District 5M8

Mail Registration and Meal Payment to:

1VDG Amy Leidenfrost

110 Fourth Avenue NE

Staples, MN 56479

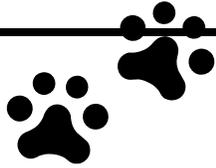
Lion/Guest Name:

Cabinet Member:

Total Number Attending: _____



BUNNY TABATT
WOULD LIKE YOU TO
MEET A
NEW MEMBER
TO 5M8
“Sophie Frances”
Isn’t she adorable!!!



Lions Dale and Betty Ness of the Scandia Valley Lions are enjoying their third puppy to train for the Leader Dogs for the Blind program. Their first puppy, Breezy, became part of the Breeding Stock for the program and lives with a family in Rochester, Michigan; the second puppy, Dixie, went to a Blind and Deaf Lady in New York, who has a Masters Degree and works at the Helen Keller Center; and the sky is the limit for this sweet little girl, as she is the daughter of Quincy, who is responsible for many successful leader dogs. Quincy is the father to Baker, Bunny’s dog. Sophie is a full golden retriever with a definitely different personality than most labs, she is much more laid back, as you can see in the picture below. She started out at about 9 pounds and has increased to about 13 pounds now. At 9 weeks old, she is a bundle of joy. Sophie Frances has a return date in June of 2010 to start more training. As she works on her commands, she goes on outings with her caregivers, such as out to eat, to church and to Mills Fleet Farm to pick out new chew toys.

A big thanks to the trainers, Dale and Betty for taking the time in their life to train these puppies to enrich the lives of someone in need of a Leader Dog. Congratulations on a job well done.



Sleeping Beauty
“Sophie Frances”
A Leader Dog in
Training.



MEET YOUR ZONE CHAIRS

Ted Peterson, Reg 1 Zone 1
David Thompson, Reg 1 Zone 2
Deb Bialke, Reg 2 Zone 1
Lori Steinemann, Reg 2 Zone 2
Rayma Miller, Reg 3 Zone 1
Carol Merten, Reg 3 Zone 2
Pamela Cramer, Reg 4 Zone 1
Diann Belmont, Reg 4 Zone 2
Fred Holthaus, Reg 4 Zone 3



New Zone Chair Lion Ted Peterson along with Leadership Chair PDG Frank Leidenfrost. If you have any questions during the year, please contact one of the Leadership Chairs.



SPONSOR A LEO

At the first Zone Meeting of Region 1 Zone 1, the East Central Leos helped with the Tail Twisting. The Sturgeon Lake Lions were the host club, they had a raffle with the proceeds going to the Leo Club, to be used by the Leos for the Mid-Winter Convention costs. It was great to have the Leos part of our Zone Meeting.

Please consider a donation to the Leos to help defray the cost for them to join us at the Mid-Winter Convention in February at the Grand Casino in Hinckley. It will cost about \$120 for each Leo to attend, which would include two nights lodging, pizza party, Saturday lunch, Sunday Brunch and speakers, seminars and time for fun.



5M8 District Governor

Jim Diehl
24693 CSAH 75
St. Cloud, MN 56301



5M8 LIONS EVENTS



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| Sept 6: | Sturgeon Lake Lions—Pancake Breakfast |
| Sept 24-26: | USA—Canada Leadership Forum, Memphis, Tennessee |
| Sept 26: | Heel & Wheel Fundraiser Walk at Lake Phalen, St. Paul |
| Sept 26: | Sandstone Quarry Lions Oktoberfest |
| Oct 02: | Kimball Lions Fall Fish Fry |
| Oct 14: | Mini Forum, Foley, MN |
| Oct 29: | Cabinet Meeting at Onamia |
| Oct 31: | Thanksgiving for Vision in Brooklyn Park
(Presidents watch for your invitation) |
| Nov 07: | Hearing & Service Dog Anniversary in Twin Cities |
| 2010 | |
| Feb 5-7: | Mid-Winter Convention, Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN |
| April 23-25: | 91st Multiple District 5M Convention, Mahnomon, MN |