

LION TRAVELER

Join us on an Adventure through Lionism—5M8!

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

One of my goals is to spread the word about expanding member's horizons on Lionism. The title of this appeal is "Lionism beyond your city limits".

The first several years that I was a Lion, I attended some meetings and I heard some presentations about Lions programs. I was a "casual" Lion and I was available to help on projects . . . occasionally.

What made a difference for me was when I expanded my Lions involvement beyond my club. When I started attending Zone Meetings, I started to see more of the big picture of the difference the Lions organization made in our region. My next expansion of my Lions growth was when I went to my first Mid Winter convention. Now I started to see more of the world view of Lions.

Those of you who have made the effort to get involved beyond your local club will appreciate what I'm talking about.

Please understand . . . your local Lions club and your participation in your community as a Lion is the essence of Lions internationally. Without local Lions and local Lions projects and good works Lions wouldn't exist.

When I attended the international convention I was moved to tears when I witnessed the good works that Lions are doing throughout the world. Unless we get involved in the big picture, we miss the full impact of the part that all of us play in the worldwide effort.

We are constantly reminded about membership. Membership isn't about collecting dues and building a "war chest" for projects. It is about building community visibility with more people collectively doing meaningful projects and good works in our communities.

When you look at Lions Clubs in our communities we aren't given credit for raising money with our fundraisers. The credit is given for how we **apply the proceeds** of our fundraising effort to beneficial projects for our community.

Occasionally, our community efforts aren't about financial events. It is about community applied assistance to the elderly or the less fortunate. Maybe it is delivering Meals on Wheels. Maybe it is preparing and serving a holiday meal for the members of our community who are disadvantaged in one way or another.

When you start associating with other Lions and other Lions clubs you begin to participate in a whole new world of ideas and resulting opportunities to serve. Allow this exposure to Lionism outside of your club to foster new ideas to be applied to your community.

Very few of us do our best work alone!

I encourage you to reach out and find out what is out there to help you grow in Lionism.

CCE Jim



District Governor Jim and Carol Diehl



OUR NEW COUNCIL CHAIR FOR MD5M

Congratulations Jim!!!



Blessed Easter to all!



District Governor Elect's Greetings

The Leadership Team has been working hard putting together an Officer Training program for this spring. The training will be at the following sites:

- April 14, 2010 Pierz High School—Pierz, MN
- April 20, 2010 Rocori High School—Cold Spring, MN
- April 28, 2010 East Central High School—Sandstone, MN
- May 5, 2010 Staples/Motley High School—Staples, MN

All training sessions will be from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The team would like to have all Clubs represented at one of the sites. Please make every effort to have your president, secretary, treasurer, membership chair and all other interested Lions attend one of the sessions. You do not have to be an officer to attend. I am sure that you will find something that will be of interest to you and that you will learn something new.

We understand that some Clubs are having problems with membership and retention. We would like to suggest that you ask the MERLO Team for help and guidance. We are having some speakers at Officer Training who have had a lot of success getting new members for their clubs. Come and listen to their message, and perhaps, get some different ideas.

It is time for Clubs to hold their Club elections for 2010-11. Secretaries please send in your PU101 as soon as possible. Also, please check to see if your member's information is current on the LCI web site, if not, please update it.

We would like to continue to encourage Lions to keep working on the Proud Lion/Proud Sponsor Award. We would like to give many more pins away.

It isn't too late to have district program chairs speak at your Club meeting.

This is an excellent way to learn more about the programs that Lions support.

Have a great spring.

Thanks for being Lions and for serving!

DGE Amy and PDG Frank





1st VDG Elect Sandy Sandwick's Viewpoint

Congratulations CCE Jim Diehl. Having been a Lion for 25 years, I recognize most Lion initials and acronyms. Can you imagine how frustrating it is to a new Lion not to understand a conversation which includes I.D., P.I.D, CC, DG, 1VDG, 1VDGE, 2VDG, etc. and those are only a few of the officer titles. Clubs need to present orientation about Lions from the International level through the club level. (Council Chair Elect Jim will be the mentor for next year's group of Governors, which includes 5M8 DGE Amy Leidenfrost). Leadership of Lions clubs is essential. LCI President E. Wirfs stated, "Good leaders will light the way for Lions...leadership is survival". Officer training is a way to assure that your elected officers will gain the information necessary to make your club an energetic, active club. Retention Co-Chair Lion Judy Hoofnagle and I plan to talk to individual Lions from various clubs about their feelings, thoughts, and suggestions toward their clubs. Your club will be notified if it is chosen to take part in this survey. Something new I learned recently, Lions collect eye glasses but also need nonprescription sunglasses. Inform your community, I am sure many have sunglasses that can be given, and what a wonderful way to recycle! Thanks PDG Bob Hoofnagle for this information.

Remember:

"Yesterday is gone; Tomorrow is uncertain; Today is here. So use it!"

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 5M8

The Tail Twisting at the 5M8 Convention Sunday Brunch brought in \$700.00 for Leader Dog's School for the Blind.

I would like you to know that my Co-Chair Roberta Schiel and I with Governor Jim's agreement decided to order a \$500.00 large size Brick to be placed at the Leader Dog School with our name on it.

The Brick will read: **District 5M-8 Mid-Winter Convention 02-07-10 by Tail Twisting.**

This will give District 5M-8 a bigger bang for the buck as our District will get credit for the money but we will also have our District name on the wall. The replica brick will be sent to District Governor Jim.

The balance of the Tail Twisting money will be used to increase our donations to Leader Dog. Thank you District 5M-8 for the donation and support of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Lion Roberta and I are available to come to your Clubs and schools, at your convenience, to do presentations on Leader Dog.

Respectfully—Co-Chair Lion Roberta Schiel and Co-Chair Bunny Tabatt with Leader Dog Baker

How close is your club at meeting the District Governor's goals for this year?

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S GOALS:

1. I would like to see every club in our district have a net result of an additional member at the end of the year. That is a plus one member. We will lose some members, but we want positive growth in each club.
2. We are working through our extension team to extend or create a new Lions club in our district by June 30th, 2010.
3. I would like to see a 5% increase in Lady Lions membership before my term expires. We have a dedicated effort to expand women's membership by starting women's clubs or to include more women in our existing clubs. After all, this gender partnership is the most common partnership in our society. Why not extend this partnership to our community service?
4. I was a Lion for several years before I saw a presentation on Orientation. I couldn't believe that all this information was available in an organized script for members to find out what the Lions' organization was all about. I would like to see all Lions clubs in 5M8 make this program available to all new Lions members. I would like 25% of all Lions clubs to have the district cabinet member do a presentation on Orientation during the course of next year. It would be a refresher course for many established Lions members and an "eye opener" for those who haven't seen the presentation before.

Thank you for your support in achieving these goals.

CCE Jim



"CAN DO CANINES"

District Governor Elect and spouses, Council Chair Judy and Executive Secretary Bob tour the new Can Do Canines Facility.

MD5M CONVENTION

MD5M Convention Agenda April 23 to 25, 2010
 Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center, Mahanomen, Mn.

Thur. 22	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration Council of Governors	lobby
	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm Raffle Room open	Pine Point-Callaway
Fri. 23	7:30 am Council of Governors Meeting	Richwood
	8:00 am - 10:00 pm Registration	lobby
	10:00 am - 4:30 pm Credentials	lobby
	8:00 am - 10:00 pm Raffle Room open (Closed 7 pm to 8 pm)	Pine Point-Callaway
	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm GMC Meeting for DGE	Pine Bend
	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm 1stVDGE Training	Richwood
	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm General Business Meeting	
	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pin Trading	west hallway
	5:00 pm - 6:45 pm PDG Social and Banquet	
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Memorial Service	Pine Bend-Richwood
	8:00 pm Cash Bar opens	Banquet Room
	8:10 pm - 8:45 pm "Heaven Bound Trio"	Banquet Room
	8:45 pm hors d'oeuvres and DJ "Pumpkin Bob"	Banquet Room
Sat. 24	6:00 am - 10:00 am Casino Breakfast Buffet	Biindigaan Rm - Casino
	8:00 am- 8:45 am DG, DGE, PID & PIP Judge B. Stevenson Mtg.	Richwood
	8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration	lobby
	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Raffle Room open	Pine Point-Callaway
	8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00pm - 4:00 pm Credentials	lobby
	8:00 am - 8:45 am First Timers Meeting with drawing	Pine Bend
	8:00 am - 5:00 pm Pin Trading [except during business meeting]	west hallway
	9:00 am - 9:50 am Seminar speaker Amy Ruley	
	10:00 am - 10:50 am Seminar speaker Beverley Berger	
	11:00 am - 11:45 am Seminar speaker Larry Colbert	
	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Awards Luncheon	Banquet Room
	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm General Business Meeting & voting	
	Pin Traders Mtg. Immediately following Business Mtg.	
	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Alternative Program speaker Vicki Marthaler	Richwood
	5:00 pm Social and Cash Bar opens	Banquet Room
	5:15 pm DG, DGE, PID, PIP and Guests Reception	
	6:00 pm Banquet with entertainment "Shot Gun Red"	Banquet Room
Sun. 2	7:00am - 8:45am Winners of Raffle pick up prizes	Pine Point-Callaway
	7:00 am- 7:50 am PDG Meeting	
	7:30 am - 9:00 am Registration	lobby
	8:00 am- 8:30 am International Convention Meeting	
	8:00 am - 8:45 am Church Services - Catholic	
	- Ecumenical	
	9:00 am Brunch Speaker Jim, Carol, and Thomas Johansen	Banquet Room
	Closing Business Session and Adjournment	
	Drawings First Timers and large prizes	

SAUK RAPIDS LIONS

GARAGE SALE

Benton County Fairgrounds Bingo Building

14th St & 3rd Ave So

Saturday May 8th, 2010

7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Housewares, Furniture, Decorating Accessories,
Jewelry, Small

Appliances, Electronics, Toys, Infant Accessories,
Sporting Goods,

Video Games, Planters, Crafts, Christmas Decorations,
Baskets,

Collectibles, Hand Tools, Power Tools, Luggage, Gas
Cans, Jumper Cables, Stereos & Speakers, Art Work,
Lamps, BBQ Grills, Books, Skis & Boots, Compressor,
Bench Grinder, Brush Chipper,

Vintage Items, Plants, Etc.

**THIS IS THE BIG SALE YOU'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR!!**

DON'T MISS IT

**THE 10TH BI-ANNUAL LIONS GARAGE
SALE**

DUELM LIONS

ANNUAL

PORK CHOP DINNER

AT

JACK & JIM'S IN DUELM

JUNE 9TH, 2010



GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

04-13-10 Cabinet Mtg at Staples

04-20-10 Club Visit at Belgrade

04-21-10 Club Visit at Richmond

04-23-10 MD5M Convention

"On the Road Again"

**On an Adventure
through Lionism!**

LITTLE FALLS

DANDEE LIONS



ANNUAL

WAFFLE BREAKFAST

JUNE 13, 2010

**(More information to in
the following months.)**



**SANDSTONE
QUARRY LIONS
GARAGE AND BAKE
SALE**

Sandstone

United Church of Christ

(210 Commercial Ave)

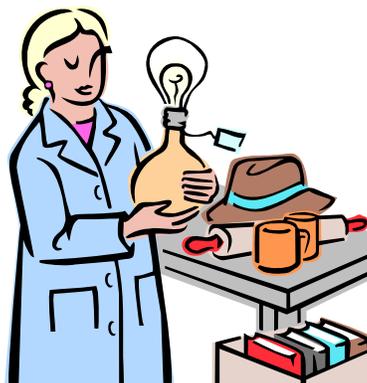
Friday, April 23 4-6 PM

Saturday, April 24

8 am to 2 pm

There is something for every-
one!

Come and join the fun.



THINGS TO DO IN 5M8

Looking for an interesting outing for your Lions' monthly meeting???



Kimball Lions Wants Your Club !

We would like to host one of your clubs monthly meetings at the Kimball Lions Shelter

During the months of May thru October

Minimum of 20 people

Options – choice of one:	Pork Chop Dinner	\$12.00 per plate
	Chicken Dinner	\$15.00 per plate
	Rib-Eye Dinner	\$15.00 per plate

* all dinners include baked potatoes, baked beans, Cole slaw, dessert and beverage.



The Hopkins Noontime Lions are proud to announce the

Charter Night Celebration of the Special Olympics Minnesota Lions Club

When: Friday, April 16, 2010

Where: To Be Determined

Social hour: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Call to order: 6:45 p.m.

Cost: To Be Determined

Please RSVP to Lion Kay Elliott at lionke1206@hotmail.com or 952-920-1905; Lion Colleen DeMars at 5m5lioncolleen@gmail.com; Lion Nancy Paradeise at paradeisen@somn.org or 612-604-1254.

RSVP by April 9, 2010

Please join the celebration of the addition to the Lions' family!



FISH FRY & MEAT RAFFLE

APRIL 2, 2010...Good Friday
at the El Paso Club, St. Joseph, MN



sponsored by the
ST. JOSEPH LIONS CLUB



Serving 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Adults \$9.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door

\$8.00 Children (10 & under)

All Proceeds Benefit Lions Endeavors. Contributions to the St. Joseph Lions Club are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

SAINT CLOUD LIONS

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, April 18th, 2010

8:00 AM to NOON at the Westside VFW

\$6.00 Adults and \$4.00 Children

Tickets can be purchased from members or at the door.



EAST
CENTRAL
LEO'S
MAKE
A
DIFFERENCE

The group picture has East Central Leos: **Back row:** Joey Stitt, Beth Norell, Amber Stitt, Cassondra Casey, Trevor Spry, Glen Ridlon, Johnathon Lange (Hinckley Leo), Troy Stitt, John True, Cody Olsen, Brad Klingsheim **Front Row:** Brittney Springer, Caitlyn Springer and Jared Spry

On Friday 3/12 13 of the East Central Leos along with 3 chaperones packed up and headed to Fargo, ND to help with the sandbag making effort. The group arrived in Fargo, ND at 9:30 at night. The First Presbyterian church in Fargo was kind enough to open their doors for the Leos to be able to stay at. Saturday morning at 8:00 sharp they were off to make sandbags. The group put in over 100 volunteer hours making sandbags. The Leos did this project to help out the community of the Red River as they knew the river was expected to crest way above flood levels. The Leos were ready to help and we saw lots of smiles all day long as they continued to make, tie and stack the sandbags on pallet after pallet. They all felt wonderful about their contributions. They were instrumental in the making of over 81,000 sandbags that day. The Fargo Volunteer Coordinators were very thankful for the group that traveled 5 hours to help out.

PUBLISHERS CORNER:
I would like to send our deepest sympathy Council Chair Elect Jim Diehl and Carol for the loss of Jim's mother last month. Jim and Carol, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Thank you to all the clubs that have been sending your newsletter to me. I find wonderful things to add to the 5M8 newsletter from them. If you haven't sent your newsletter to me, please consider doing so. I can advertise your clubs fundraisers for FREE!!!
I wish you all a blessed Easter filled with family, friends, and lots of candy!!
Publisher Lion Donna Orstad



ATTENTION ALL 5M-8 LIONS CLUBS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The 2010-2011 officer training sites and agendas are in place. Your 5M-8 Leadership Development team has been busy arranging this year's officer training schedule.

We believe that every club officer and Lion member will find the materials and sessions educational, informative, interesting, and assist them in the duties that each office requires. Hopefully, they will provide some good reasons for being Lions.

We urge **every** Club to have its officers and other interested Lion members attend the location and sessions most convenient to you.

The sessions will include seminars for Club Presidents, Secretaries (both experienced and inexperienced), Treasurers, Membership presentations explaining what some clubs are doing to obtain new members, retention of members, and protocol. We will have a question and answer session available for all Lions.

We will also have some very outstanding Lions tell their story of what being a Lion means to them. We know that you will enjoy their story.

Coffee, pop, water and treats will be provided during a break.

The dates, locations, and times are listed as follows:

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, Pierz High School, Pierz, MN 6:30-9:00 PM

Tuesday, April 20, 2010, Rocori High School, Cold Spring, MN 6:30-9:00 PM

Wednesday, April 28, 2010, East Central High School, near Sandstone, MN
6:30-9:00 PM

Wednesday, May 5, 2010, Staples-Motley High School, Staples, MN 6:30-9:00
PM.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either PCC Frank Loken at 320-245-5117 or PDG Frank Leidenfrost at 218-894-1935.

NOTICE!

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

The PU-101 (report of new officers) is due to be filed at Lions International by April 15, so the Directory of Clubs and Officers can be completed by the first Council of Governors meeting.

Please hold your elections early to meet the deadline.

Please make sure you update your member files online with correct phone numbers and e-mail addresses before you complete the PU-101.

Come Soar With the Elizabeth Lions

At the 2010 Multiple District 5M Convention.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at our convention, April 23-25, 2010 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen, Minnesota. We hope you've made your reservations by now, because the discounted price ended March 1. HOWEVER, you still have until April 1, 2010, to get the greatly discounted room rate of \$64.95. After April 1, the price returns to the regular weekend rate. Use the code on the postcard you received from our Registration Committee to reserve a room.

We have some very interesting speakers lined up for you.

Our banquet speaker is Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson. Past President Stevenson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada was elected at the 70th International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, ROC, in 1987. A Lion since 1966 and a member of the Calgary (North East Eye Openers) Lions Club, he has served terms as District Governor and as a Member of the International Board of Directors and a three-year term as Chair of Campaign Sight First.

Larry Colbert comes to us from Tempe, Arizona. Larry lost his eyesight to Retinitis Pigmentosa a number of years ago, and today he travels extensively with his Leader Dog Banner. Larry is an author/consultant/speaker and truly lives a life of vision.

Amy Ruley was Women's basketball coach from 1979 to 2008, and now is the Associate Athletic Director for Development for North Dakota State University. She is an outstanding teacher, coach, speaker and community leader. Amy is an 8-year cancer survivor.

Beverley Barraberger (Berger) grew up in rural Ontario Canada. She and her husband have two children. Ten years after her marriage she became totally blind and has been the recipient of four dog guides.

Vickie Marthaler, from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, will give our alternate program presented on a wooden puzzle depicting how people relate to life.

Our Sunday Brunch speakers are Jim, Carol and Thomas Johansen will share the rewards and challenges of a family living a normal life with a child who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 13 months.

PROJECT NEW HOPE

Giving Veterans & Their Families a Chance to Heal

For many veterans returning home from combat, reconnecting with their families is a challenge. It takes time and understanding to readjust after living apart—often for more than a year—and for many veterans' families, there is no help.

The Lions Step In

Lions in Minnesota saw a need to help veterans and their families so they worked with Minnesota's Veteran's Affairs Department to establish Project New Hope. Through this Lions-funded project, veterans and their families attend retreats free-of-charge and receive time and counseling to reconnect and grow together.

Lions at the camp work hands-on; organizing the retreats, cooking and cleaning, and providing day-care and counseling around the clock. Open to all combat veterans, the Lions are currently working to take the program nationwide.

Fast Facts

To date, 150 veterans and their families have been helped by these retreats. Retreats have been attended by single veterans, couples and families as large as eight. Leisure activities at the retreats include hiking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, archery, sledding, fishing, ice fishing, arts and crafts, and more. It takes approximately 10 to 15 Lions to plan and execute each retreat.

Make It Happen:

Help veterans and their families!

Project New Hope was voted on at the Mid-Winter Convention to be a project that as a Lions District we would give our support to. Please look at doing a fundraiser for the worthy project.

(Information taken from the Lions International Website—If you would like to read more please visit: <http://www.lionsclubs.org>)

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Sept. 23-25, 2010

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/>

Registration Form in PDF:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.pdf>

Online Registration Form:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/onlineregistration.html>

Travel Agency & Airport Transportation:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/travelagency.html>

RV Park Registration Deadline 3/1/2010

http://www.milwaukeeforum.org/RV_Park.htm

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is on Facebook,
Twitter and YouTube

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

P.O. Box 697

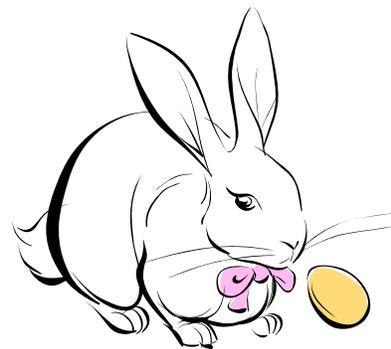
Belle Fourche, SD 57717-0697

Telephone: 605-723-4007

Fax: 605-723-4008



Council Chair Judy Loken is ready to go to Sydney, Australia for the Lions International Convention in July!!!



Matching Funds

We Can Do It! We are asking if your club will donate some extra funds by April 15, so we can apply for an LCIF grant for 10 new kennels for Can Do Canines (Home of Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota).

If we can get at least \$37,500 by April 15 with the balance of the \$75,000 pledged and paid by July, we can apply for the LCIF grant in April.

If you cannot donate now, will you pledge some funds payable by July?

We are on the way with over \$6,000 donated as of March 26. Will you help us?

Donations may be made to Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota and sent to Can Do Canines, 9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN 55428.

Questions: PCC Frank Loken, MD5M Hearing & Service Dogs Chair

763-670-0107; floken@scicable.net or Lion Al Peters, apeters@can-do-canines.org



5M8 District Governor

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5M8 LIONS EVENTS 2010



- April 01: April Fool's Day
- April 01: Sobieski Lions Meeting
- April 02: St. Joseph Lions Club—Fish Fry and Meat Raffle
- April 04: Happy Easter
- April 05: Princeton Lions Club Meeting
- April 11: Sobieski Lions Senior Meal
- April 14: Officer Training, Pierz High School
- April 15: Sobieski Lions Meeting
- April 16: Chart Night—Special Olympics Minnesota Lions Club, Bloomington
- April 18: St. Cloud Lions Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction, Westside VFW
- April 19: Princeton Lions Club Meeting
- April 20: Officer Training, Rocori High School
- April 23-24: Sandstone Quarry Lions Garage Sale at United Church of Christ, Sandstone
- April 23-25: 91st Multiple District 5M Convention, Mahnomon, MN
- April 26: Sandstone Quarry Lions Meeting
- April 28: Officer Training, East Central High School
- April 30: Sobieski Lions have dinner with Swanville Lions at the community center
- May 03: Princeton Lions Club Meeting and Highway Clean-up
- May 05: Officer Training, Staples/Motley High School
- June 09: Duelm Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner at Jack & Jim's
- July: Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia