

LION TRAVELER

Join us on an Adventure through Lionism—5M8!

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

By the time this article is published, we will have begun the new calendar year and entered into the second half of our Lions year. Time has passed quickly.

As Carol and I have traveled to over half of the clubs in our district, we continue to be impressed by the good works that Lions Clubs do in their communities. We have had several discussions with other Lions about these projects. At a future date I plan to give all of you some examples of projects that have impressed us.

The Holiday season is a time of the year that “tugs at our heart strings”. We are all aware of needy individuals who can be served, particularly at Christmas. Many of you are doing an impressive job of serving that need.

International President Wirfs has asked us to make an effort to publicize our Lions efforts in our communities. Last month’s newsletter had a copy of his letter about making an effort to do a publicity campaign in January. By the time you read this newsletter, the month will be half over. Our public awareness doesn’t need to be limited to January.

Whenever we are doing a community project, making a donation to a worthy cause or simply recognizing one of our club members, we should take pictures and submit an article to your local newspaper.

My theme at our club visits is “Lionism beyond your city limits”.

We are approaching one of those annual milestone events that afford us the opportunity to expand our horizons. Our Mid Winter convention is rapidly approaching. The theme this year is about health care. You will have an opportunity to learn about many health care topics as well as undergo a battery of tests at reduced or no cost. The convention committee has worked very hard with local health care professionals to provide these services.

We hope to see many of you at the convention.

May you and your families enjoy health and prosperity in the New Year. Our wish is that your new year exceeds your every expectation.



From District Governor Jim
and Carol Diehl

WANTED:

2010 2ND VDG!!

Qualifications:

Be an Active Member in Good Standing.

Be endorsed by the club or a majority of the clubs in the district.

Served as Club President and a member of the Club Board of Directors for 2 years.

Served as Zone Chair, Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

DG Jim



1st Vice District Governor's Greetings

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and a wonderful start of the New Year.

Congratulations to the Cold Spring Lions. In November DG Jim inducted 15 new members to their Club. Congratulations to all the Clubs in our district who have gained new members. Thank you to all Lions working to get new members for their Club and LCI. LCI President Wirfs and DG Jim have as a goal, a plus one membership for all Clubs by June 30. The District Membership Committee is hoping they will have to order more Proud Lion/Proud Sponsor pins. All new Lions and their sponsors will receive a letter and application for the pins from the Membership Committee. If you don't receive one, please let me know. Keep up the great work. As of December 7, we have 115 new members in 5M-8.

Our Midwinter Convention is getting closer. If you haven't registered and made room reservations, please do so soon. The convention committee has been working very hard and have some great seminars and speakers lined up. Along with having a health fair, you can find more details in the December Newsletter. The Midwinter Convention is a great time to see old friends and to make new friends.

A look ahead. In April and May we will have officer training sessions. We would like members from all 5M8 Clubs attend one of the training sessions. You will receive more information in future Newsletters.

1ST VDG Amy



ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2010 5M-8 MID-WINTER CONVEN- TION AT GRAND CASINO, HINCKLEY?

- 1. Have you sent in your registration to CC Judy Loken? The deadline is January 15. You may not get meals if you send it late.**
- 2. Have you called the Casino for room reservations? See registration form. Deadline is January 15.**
- 3. Have you decided to purchase the separate Friday night meal that the Casino is serving? \$15 each (not included in Hospitality Book)**
- 4. Has your club picked voting delegates? (One per 10 Lions in the club for at least one year and a day – new clubs get one delegate.)**
- 5. Has the name and a photo of any deceased members been sent to Lion Dave Hogberg, 25550 Groningen Road, Sandstone, MN 55072 or dphogberg@scicable.com Please send at once!**
- 6. Has your club voted on your donations for the Parade of Green? See check writing instructions in another article.**

Hopefully by the time this article is published, a 5M8 Lion has decided that he/she is qualified and this is the time to run for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. I have found the first six months of my term to be a wonderful learning experience. To paraphrase a statement with which I have become familiar: "I knew what I knew; I thought I knew more, I have a lot more to learn". Recently I had a conversation with a nephew who travels worldwide on business trips. He has become somewhat familiar with Lions since I have become an active Lion. He stated: "Aunt Sandy, I don't want to hurt your feelings but it seems as if Lions are only for older people". He is 35+ years old. Are we as Lions doing all we can do to reach out to all ages? Are we relevant (we should and can be) to the "younger" generation? There is no doubt in my mind that each Lions Club, within the local community, has access to potential members of all ages. Don't be satisfied with the status quo. If you only replace club members who move on, you are not "moving to grow". Contact the cabinet members of the 5M8 MERLO team if you want ideas, suggestions, club visits, and answers to questions. Cabinet members are available and eager to serve you!!!



PARADE OF GREEN

We request that you distribute your checks to the Program Chairs before the Sunday Brunch. When you come to the Parade of Green, please state your club and the total amount you are donating for Lions projects.

Please make your checks as follows;

LCIF or Lions Clubs International Foundation (MJF in memo line for the award)

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank

(Children's Eye Clinic, MAC, or Macular Degeneration in memo line)

MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation

(May put Children's Hearing Clinic in memo line)

Lions District 5M8 Foundation, Inc.

(for Diabetes in memo line)

Lions District 5M8 Foundation, Inc.

(for Leos in memo line)

Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota

Leader Dogs for the Blind

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 5M8 LIONS CLUBS:

IMPORTANT: If one of your members has passed away since the last convention, please email a picture and information about that Lion to:

dphogberg@scicable.com

Dave Hogberg of the Sandstone Lions is working on the power point presentation for the Necrology Service at the Convention and needs to finish it ASAP.

Thank you for your help in this project.



TENTATIVE

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday:

- 2:00 – 2:30 5M8 Foundation Meeting
2:30 – 5:00 5M8 Cabinet Meeting
5:00 - 7:00 Meal by Grand Casino
7:30 - 8:45 Necrology
8:45 – 12 Hospitality Rooms

Saturday

- 7:00 - 8:00 Health Fair Lab Work
7:00 - ?? Continental Breakfast
8:00 -11:00 Health Fair
8:00 - 9:30 Annual Business Meeting
9:30 - 10:00 Annual Foundation Mtg.
10:00 -11:00 Delegate Voting
10:30 -11:30 Seminars
12:00 – 1:45 Lunch
2:00 - 3:00 Seminars
2:00 - 3:00 Spouse Seminars
3:15 - 6:00 Hospitality Rooms
4:00 - Catholic Service
4:00 - Protestant Service
6:00 – 7:00 ID Reception
7:00 – 9:00 Banquet
9:00 -12 Hospitality Rooms

Sunday:

- 8:30 – 9:00 Business Meeting
(if needed)
9:00 – 9:30 Give checks to Program
Chairs for Parade of Green
9:30 -12:00 Brunch and Parade of
Green



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

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/Fairhaven/ Luxemberg/Rockville
01-20-10	Club Visit at Pierz
01-25-10	Club Visit at St. Cloud Metro
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
02-04-10	Club Visit at Grasston
02-05-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M8 at Hinckley
	Mid Winter Convention 5M10
02-08-10	Club Visit—Grey Eagle/Burtrum
02-12-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M2
02-19-10	Mid Winter Convention 5M3
	Mid Winter Convention 5M13
03-01-10	Club Visit at Hinckley
03-04-10	Club Visit at LeSauk/St. Cloud Southsiders
03-15-10	Club Visit at Kimball
03-23-10	Club Visit at Randall-Cushing Little Elk
04-06-10	Club Visit at Belgrade
04-21-10	Club Visit at Richmond
04-23-10	MD5M Convention

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

It is that time of year when we think about our donations to the various programs that we as Lions support. LCIF is one of those programs. LCIF is the charitable arm of our organization. LCIF not only supports projects during the time of disasters, but also supports many ongoing projects. The Lions of 5M-8 have received several grants that have helped projects that were too large for the local club to fund on their own. The most recent of these was the Sight and Hearing screening room at the Eastside Boys and Girls club in St. Cloud. This project is an opportunity for the low income children in St. Cloud to get screened for sight and hearing problems.

At the present time we are working on another grant for another program that we as the Lions of Multiple 5M support. There will be a need for Lions to match the \$75,000 that is requested in the grant application. We are hoping this grant will be ready so that it can be acted on at the next International Board of Directors meeting in March. We will need to have the application completed and to International by January 20th.

We hope that you will include LCIF when presenting checks at the Mid-Winter Convention PARADE OF GREEN.

Checks should be made out to LCIF. If paying on a pledge for CSF II mark that in the memo section. At the present time donations earmarked CSF II are still eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition, but this could end anytime. Remember designated funds are not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

We hope to see you at the Mid-Winter convention and encourage you to stop by the LCIF table and look at what LCIF has accomplished. You can also pick up some literature.

Both Co-Chairs are available for programs or award presentations.

Pete Kleingartner

mpsaklein@live.com

John Schiel

robyn45john@charter.net

PUBLISHERS CORNER: To all Clubs in 5M8, please send me an email of your newsletter each month. I would love to add your fund raisers and get-togethers to the 5M8 newsletter. I have enjoyed reading the ones I am receiving and adding their activities to the Lions Traveler.

I hope that your have a great Lions year SERVING your community.

Publisher Lion Donna Orstad



THINGS TO DO IN 5M8

Chicken & Ham Dinner

January 29, 2010

El Paso Club

Serving 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Dinner Cost \$9.50 presale and \$10.00 at door

All Proceeds Benefit Lions Endeavors.

Contributions to the St. Joseph Lions Club are not tax

Deductible as charitable contributions.

Meat Raffle & Silent Auction

PRINCETON LIONS CLUB



It's time to take your Sweetheart fishing!!!

Talk to one of the Princeton Lions at the Mid Winter Convention for more information.

HEALTH FAIR HEALTH FAIR

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What better way to start the New Year that making sure that you are well and healthy!!!

You can start by visiting the Health Fair at the Mid Winter Convention. If you are ready to find out your "Cardiac Risk Profile", please remember to pick up your questionnaire at the registration table. This questionnaire must be filled out before you have the test done. Your Profile will be mailed to you after the Convention. It will give you many helpful suggestions to make you more heart healthy.

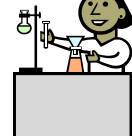
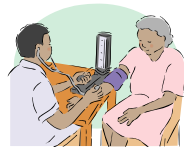
If you are feeling a little stressed, come to the Health Fair and have a nice chair massage for a minimal cost.

Are you hearing what I am saying! If not, get in line to have your hearing checked by Marlene Martinek, the speaker at the Hearing Seminar.

Can you see what I am writing? If not, let the Doctors and assistants from the Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology and the Student Sight Savers program from the University of MN do an eye screening to check your vision.

Maybe you would like to see how the sun has affected your face over the years. Pop your head into the Derma Scan and see.

There will also be a lot of information on heart health, infection control, falls, memory assessment, tissue and eye donation, and much, much more. Come into the Health Fair and explore the information and tests to start your Lions year out healthy and ready to "SERVE".





Lion Beth Gunderson of the Upsala Lions Club receiving her Melvin Jones Award.



The three Little Falls Lions Clubs enjoyed the District Governors visit. DG Jim gave out multiple awards.



ORIENTATION!!!

Has your club given any consideration to an Orientation Presentation?

District Governor Jim, as one of his goals, has set a 25% increase in the number of clubs hosting this presentation.

PDG Wayne Oak and Lion Dale Dunham are ready, willing, and anxious to make this presentation.

This is a new presentation from last year and would greatly benefit not only new Lion members, but also prospective Lions. There is also much to be learned for those of us who have been around Lions for a number of years. We cover LCI from its inception, to those programs we support, our Organizational structure, dues breakdown, as well as other pertinent information.

Please give this some thought. Let's help our Governor meet his goal.

For more information, contact either PDG Wayne Oak (wsjwoak@scicable.com) or Lion Dale Dunham (dunham@izoom.net).

Amendment to the Lions District 5M-8 Constitution.

Article V, Section 1; add Project New Hope to the list of Operating Committees.

Amendment to the Lions District 5M-8 By-Laws.

Article I, District Governor; (F) (a)

Supervise the collection of all per-capita taxes by the cabinet ~~secretary~~ treasurer,

designate a depository(s) for said funds and authorize the payment there from of

all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the district;

Rational;

It is simpler to have the treasurer collect club dues.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL

At the Mid Winter Convention

Grand Casino is offering a Friday Evening meal in the Convention Center from 5-7 PM, as a convenience to the Lions.

There will be 4 homemade soups, rolls, house salad, a new cole slaw salad, new spinach salad, a selection of deli meat sandwiches, brownies and bars.

The cost is \$15. each and this is NOT on the Registration Form. In order to offer this meal, we must collect the money for the Casino.

If you want this meal, please send us the money and this form by January 15.

Please make the check out to the 5M-8 Convention Committee and send it to P.O. Box 50, Sandstone, MN 55072.

Questions: Contact CC Judy or PCC Frank Loken floken@scicable.net

320-245-5117

Please return this form if you are having the meal.

Friday Evening Meal, \$15 Each:

Name(s) _____

How Many? _____; Total Remitted \$ _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The 5M8 Convention Registration Deadline is January 15, 2010.

There is no last minute registration for meals. Unlike other conventions, the Grand Casino must have our count for meals on time as they order the food separately.

If you do not register on time, you probably will not get the meals.

Please send in your registration as soon as possible.

5M8 PEACE POSTER WINNER



The winner of the 2009 Peace Poster contest for District 5M8 is Sylvia Norquist. Sylvia is a student at Little Falls Community Middle School. Her entry, "Peace Holds the World Together," was sponsored by the Little Falls Dandee Lions Club and selected from 21 entries by District Governor Jim Diehl and a selection committee. Sylvia's entry receives a 1st place award of \$150 and will advance to the Multiple Convention this spring. The second place winner, Kristen Howe, was sponsored by the Watkins Lions Club and receives an award of \$100. The third place winner, Victoria Evens, was sponsored by the Cold Spring Home Pride Lions Club and receives an award of \$50. The entries will be displayed at the District 5M8 Mid-Winter Convention in Hinckley, MN. Sylvia and her guests are also invited to the District 5M8 Mid-Winter Convention to be presented with her prize at the Saturday Luncheon. Please congratulate Sylvia when you see her!

2010-2011 Peace Poster Kits are available after January 15th for \$9.95. The theme will be VISION OF PEACE. There is also a Peace Poster Contest DVD free of charge. The kits can be ordered through Lions Clubs International.

SPEAKERS AT 5M8'S MID WINTER CONVENTION

Lion Dr. Jay H. Krachmer, Professor, Dept. of Ophthalmology Chair, University of Minnesota

Dr Krachmer was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and then returned to Iowa where he interned and completed a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Iowa. Dr. Krachmer was a member of the faculty in the Dept. of Ophthalmology at the University of Iowa from 1974 to 1992. He was appointed as Professor and Chair and holder of the Mackall-Scheie Research Chair in Ophthalmology in 1992 at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Krachmer specializes in clinical teaching and research aspects of cornea and external disease of the eye.

Dr. Krachmer will be the Saturday luncheon speaker.

J. Carl Young, International Director

J. Carl Young of Claremont, Ontario, Canada was elected to serve a two-year term as an International Director at the association's 92nd International Convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in July, 2009.

Director Young is a Presiding Justice of the Peace for the Ontario Court of Justice, Criminal Division.

Director Young has been a member of the Claremont District Lions Club, and a Lion since 1968. He has held many offices within the association including club president, district governor, district cabinet secretary-treasurer, council chair and Campaign Sight First II sector coordinator for Canada. He also served as the director and vice-chair of the board of the Lions Foundation of Canada, the director of Lions Clubs Camp Kirk and the chairman of the board for Lions Clubs Camp Kirk.

Director Young is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has received the 100% President Award, 100% District Governor Award, five International President Certificates of Appreciation and the International President Award.

Director Young is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is married to his wife, Elizabeth, who is also a Lion.

Director Young will be our keynote speaker at the Banquet on Saturday.

Richard (Buss) Brauer, Field Representative, Leader Dogs for the Blind

Past District Governor Richard Brauer has served as a Field Representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind for the past 13 years, promoting social understanding and creating opportunities for those facing vision loss to enjoy life as he does.

PDG Richard is a celebrated motivational speaker, founder, and president of Brauer Regulatory Solutions. He is nationally recognized as a presenter whose insights have been put to practice across the country by businesses, non-profit organizations, and influential associations. He has authored published articles and presented over 300 seminars.

PDG Richard's thought-provoking, skill-building programs are derived from his successful 28 year manufacturing and business career including a position as the Senior Manager of the Human Resource Dept. for the North American Division of a European manufacturing corporation.

In addition to enjoying long, daily walks with his third guide dog, Tucker, Lion Richard relaxes through weight training and boxing.

Richard will be our speaker at the Sunday Brunch.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE MID-WINTER CONVENTION!!!

2010 HALL OF FAME APPLICATIONS

MDSM Hall of Fame Nomination

(October 2003)

District 5M-8

Date December 10, 2009

Nominee:

Name Donna Mae Landwehr
Address 308 - 7th Ave. S.
St. Cloud, MN. 56301
Club Sauk Rapids Riverside Lions Club

Sponsor:

Name Sauk Rapids Riverside Lions Club
Address P.O. Box 662
Sauk Rapids, MN. 56379
Phone 320-240-9582
Club Sauk Rapids Riverside Lions Club

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service Family Work - length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects. Attach additional sheet if more room is needed.

See Attached Sheets.

Why is this person being nominated for the MDSM Hall of Fame?

The Sauk Rapids Riverside Lions Club is proud to nominate Lion Donna Mae Landwehr as a candidate to be inducted into the MDSM Hall of Fame. She has been active in Lions since September of 1973. She has served many offices in Lionelle, Lioness and Lions Clubs, including the Charter President of the Sauk Rapids Riverside Lions Club. She has been active on the District level as a Zone Chairperson and most recently serving with her husband as District Extension Co-Chairperson. Together they have formed many new clubs in District 5M-8. Lion Landwehr has demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of her club, District, MDSM and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Mid Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.

MDSM Hall of Fame Nomination

(October 2003)

District 5M8

Date 22 Dec 2008

Nominee:

Name Lion Richard Hiemenz
Address Deceased Aug 2007
Club Eden Valley Lions Club

Sponsor:

Name Eden Valley Lions
Address 746 State Street So.
Eden Valley, MN 55329
Phone (320) 453-8193
Club Eden Valley Lions Club Secretary

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service Family Work - length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects. Attach additional sheet if more room is needed.

See attached sheet

Why is this person being nominated for the MDSM Hall of Fame?

We believe that Lion Richard "Dick" Hiemenz should receive this award for his outstanding service as a Lion. As a Lion, he truly exemplified our Motto "We Serve". His service and dedication to his family, his community, his Country, and to Lions is a model and guide for each of us to follow. We proudly present his name to receive the MDSM Hall of Fame Award.

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Mid Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.

BIOGRAPHY

Donna Mae Landwehr
1973-2009

Started as a Lionelle in September of 1973

Joined Lioness in April of 1978

Club Office Held - Sauk Rapids Lionesses

Historian 1976-77
Board of Directors 1977-78

Sauk Rapids Lioness Club

Charter Lioness
2nd Vice President
1st Vice President
President 1980-81
Past President
Board of Directors
Secretary (2)
Treasurer

Sauk Rapids Lions club
Held no offices

Sauk Rapids Riverside Lions Club

Charter Member
Charter President 1999-2000
Membership Chairman
Board of Directors 2006-2007
Chairman for the Clubs Steak Fry for past 10 years and help on other fund Raisers and Club Projects.

Club Awards

October Growth Award
100% Club President 1999-2000
Helen Keller Award
Dream Catcher Award (Diabetes)
Membership Key Award (2) & (5)
Perfect Attendance 31 years
Lion of the Year Award

District Officers

Associate Lioness Chairman
Zone Chairman 2001-2002
Zone Chairman 2002-2003
Zone Chairman 2003-2004
Zone chairman 2004-2005
Extension Co-chair 2005-2006
Extension Co-chair 2006-2007
Extension Co-chair 2007-2008
Extension Co-chair 2008-2009
Extension Co-chair 2009-2010

Lion Richard Hiemenz attended school in St. Cloud and graduated from St. Cloud State University in 1951. He served three years in the Army during World War II. He taught band in Eden Valley-Watkins High School for 34 years.

Richard was married to Bernice and lived in Eden Valley and raised 5 children there.

Lion Richard was active in many organizations throughout his life; he belonged to the St. Cloud VFW Post 428, Catholic Order of Foresters Court 404, Paynesville Knights of Columbus Council 3820, St. Cloud Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 622 and Eden Valley American Legion and Eden Valley Lions.

Lion Richard was a charter member of the Eden Valley Lions Club and served as president and then secretary of the club for 25 years. He also served as a district officer for three terms. Lion Richard had perfect attendance since the club was chartered in 1967. During his years as a Lion, Richard was involved in all fundraisers and was the main person organizing a Senior Citizens Xmas party, he was there as the host and leader of songs. Lion Richard was especially welcoming to new members and made them feel needed. The Eden Valley Lions Club has made a donation of \$500 as a memorial gift to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and the Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic. He was a strong supporter of the work being done at the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank.

Lion Richard was a community organizer and leader. He was instrumental in mentoring young adults in the community and starting a community garden where he worked tirelessly every year with the young and senior citizens. Lion Richard was a gardener all his life. He was awarded the Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year ward in 1999 in appreciation of Exceptional Volunteer Service to Meeker County. Lion Richard and his wife Bernice wintered in Mesa, AZ since his retirement and were active in many of the same activities while in Meza.

Lion Richard performed with dance bands for many years, starting with Cathedral High School, the Big Jazz Band at St. Cloud State College and the Whitney Hi Notes in St. Cloud, MN. He also was a member of the Litchfield Area Male Chorus and sang in or directed church choirs at St. Peters, Assumption and Cathedral Catholic churches all his life. He loved to sing.

Lion Richard died on August 14, 2007 and will be missed by all members of the Eden Valley Community.

5M8 District Governor

Jim Diehl
24693 CSAH 75
St. Cloud, MN 56301



5M8 LIONS EVENTS

2010

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| Jan 1: | Happy New Year to all. |
| Jan 8-9: | Sobieski Lions Snowmobile Ride for Hearing |
| Feb 5-7: | Mid-Winter Convention, Grand Casino,
Hinckley, MN |
| Feb 14: | Princeton Lions Club Fishing Contest on Green Lake |
| Feb 27: | Sobieski Lions Fishing Contest |
| April 23-25: | 91st Multiple District 5M Convention, Mahnommen, MN |

