



LION TRAVELER

Join us on an Adventure through Lionism—5M8!

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We find ourselves in the 11th month of the Lions year. For many of us it has been a fast year!

We just returned from the Multiple District Convention. This was a time to renew old friendships and form new relationships. For many of us this is a time to learn and occasionally a time to teach.

I have written and spoke about our work as Lions. I have said that we seldom do our best works, alone. Carol and I have observed the broad perspective of what individual Lions Clubs have done in their communities. We have observed new approaches to community improvement. We have also seen a number of activities that are repeated several years in a row and continue to be successful.

The key to all of these events is that rarely are the events done by a single Lion. We do our best work as a community of committed club members giving back to our community.

We have talked membership to death, but there is always more to say.

I have always recommended to clubs to have one specific monthly membership meeting labeled as a new member meeting. As part of this recommendation, I suggest that you pay for a meal for the invited guests and each current member invites one potential new member.

While you have these guests at the meeting you should consider having someone talk (briefly) about what Lions is all about and more importantly, you should invite someone to do a “witness” talk. This witness talk should be someone who has benefited from one of the Lions programs. Perhaps someone with a service dog or a cornea implant recipient.

Several weeks ago I was having a discussion about membership with a Past District Governor, and I brought up the potential for new membership. From this discussion, I decided to compare the population of our district to the number of Lions members in our district. I went on the State of Minnesota Demographers website, and I found out that only 1.25% of our adult population in our district are Lions members. What do you think our potential is for new members? In other words out of every 100 people you meet on the street only one of those people is a Lions member.

Ask somebody to be a Lion TODAY!

DG Jim



**District Governor Jim and
Carol Diehl**



District Governor Elect's Greetings

Congratulations to DG Jim on being elected as Council Chair by the MD5M Governors Elect. We know we will be in good hands with CCE Jim and Carol leading us. We are confident he will continue the outstanding leadership that 5M8 has provided in the past.

We recently completed District Governor Elect training provided by the Multiple District Training/Leadership team. This team included CC Judy, PCC Frank and PDG Allen. We would also like to congratulate them on a job well done. The entire staff did an outstanding job of preparing us for our year as District Governors.

Officer Training is being conducted throughout the district, and we hope that every club is taking advantage of the preparation of their club officers for their coming year. We have been very pleased with the attendance, and it is very good to see that our 5M8 Lions are receiving excellent information and opportunities to be outstanding officers and leaders in their communities. Thank you to all the Lions who have helped with the training and site assistance. Without your assistance 5M8 could not remain as one of the best districts in our multiple.

The MD5M convention was held April 23-25 in Mahanomen. This was the first opportunity for the District Governors Elect and their spouses to wear our Blue Jackets. Now we will pack them away until Sydney, Australia. It's always fun to visit with old friends and to make new friends during the convention. We always find that it is possible to learn more about being Lions, and about Lions, when we attend Lions functions.

As the Lions year is coming to a close, I hope that all club secretaries have been sending in their reports—MMRS, M&AS, PU101S, and A1S. Thank you to all the secretaries who do their reports and get them in on time. We really appreciate all your work. If anyone is having trouble filing these reports, please let me know.

It isn't too late to work on the Proud Lion/Proud Sponsor award. We would like to give out a lot of pins.

Thank you for your service and we encourage you to keep up your good work as Lions. We know our communities would not be the same without you and all the services that you provide.

DGE Amy and PDG Frank



Spring

DGE Amy and PDG Frank Leidenfrost. DGE Amy is wearing her Blues for the first time.

1st VDG Elect Sandy Sandwick's Viewpoint



Mini-Forum: Tuesday, October 12, 2010; Henry's Restaurant in Foley; Time and cost=TBA**

Mini-Forum? I recently was asked to explain the event by a very active Lion who has never attended a Mini-Forum. Traditionally the 5M-8 Mini-Forum is held on an October mid-week night, and planned by the 1st Vice District Governor. This year, 2010, the program will highlight the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, founded in 1960, which is a non-profit organization primarily funded by Minnesota Lions and affiliated with the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology. Presenters tentatively scheduled are from the Eye Bank, a cornea recipient, and a Lion who made the decision to donate the eyes of a beloved family member. The program may include a surprise or two. Governor Jim Diehl will present awards to some deserving Lions. There will be a delicious meal. Best of all there is a chance to mingle and converse with Lions from all over District 5M-8. **LEOS:** I know that all 5M-8 LEOS are doing a terrific job of "serving". Because the East Central Leos (Sandstone/Askov area) are located nearby, I am informed of what they do. I am very proud of their activities and adult mentor Anne Stitt. I would encourage all LEO clubs to publicize the activities in which they are involved.

"I will study and get ready, maybe my chance will come" Abraham Lincoln

Congratulations to PDG Dr. Ray Lindeman



PDG Dr. Ray Linderman recently received a chevron from Lions International for 60 years as a Lion. He also has 60 years of perfect attendance.

Congratulations on attaining this milestone! Lion Dr. Ray is the 5M8 district advisor, and he would really like to visit clubs and talk about "Change and why it is necessary".

Please contact him at:

raymary@mchsi.com.



Lion Donna Mae Landwehr, 5M8 Extension Co-Chair, was awarded the Hall of Fame Award at the MD5M Multiple Convention in Mahanomen. Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson and Past International Director Maynard Rucks presented the plaque and pin to Lion Donna. Congratulations Donna Mae!

Emma Thole, the Peace Poster winner in the Multiple was awarded a plaque and a cash prize.



PDG Linus and PDG Janette Dingmann at the convention.

PDG Bob and Judy Hoofnagle.



CC Judy Loken and Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson at the MD5M convention.

MD5M CONVENTION

Highlights

The MD5M Multiple Convention was held at Mahnomen on April 23-25 with an attendance of 540 Lions, Lioness and Leos.

Council Chair Judy Loken was the presiding officer for the Council of Governors' and business meetings, and she was the MC for the Saturday lunch and banquet and the Sunday brunch.

The District Governors Elect finished choosing their multiple program chairs on Thursday evening. Friday morning started out with the Council of Governors' meeting, and then the convention committees met in the early afternoon. The first session of the business meeting was held at 3 pm, followed by the PDG banquet and the Memorial Service.

After the Saturday morning breakfast, there were three seminars, then lunch and the Hall of Fame awards including one for Lion Donna Mae Landwehr. Emma Thole, the Peace Poster winner in the Multiple was awarded a plaque and a cash prize. Our speaker was Amy Ruley, a winning coach from North Dakota University.

During the Saturday portion of the business meeting, PID Gary Fry, the Global Membership Team leader from Iowa, congratulated the Lions on their success in getting new members this year. He presented International President's Certificates of Appreciation to Council Chair Judy Loken, Council Chair Elect Jim Diehl, and the District Governors for all their efforts.

Past Council Chair Brian Sheehan was endorsed as a candidate for International Director.

The banquet included a talk by our guest, Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson from Calgary, Alberta, and the presentation of two Al Jensen Awards, one to PCC Keith Johnson (MD5M Parade Chair and former 5M Leadership Chair) and one to PDG Jack Hines (LCI Convention Chair).

The convention concluded with the Sunday Brunch and the speaker, Lion Jim Johansen, who talked about his son who developed diabetes at age one.

The 2011 convention will be in Mankato and the 2012 convention will be in Hinckley.



Council Chair Judy Loken presided at the MD5M Multiple Convention. Council Chair Elect Jim Diehl will assume the duties in July.

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

House wares, 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

LITTLE FALLS

DANDEE LIONS

ANNUAL

WAFFLE

BREAKFAST

JUNE 13, 2010



FERGUS FALLS- NOON LIONS CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION

You're invited to attend a dinner and program to be held at:

EAGLES CLUB

105 S PECK, FERGUS FALLS, MN

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010

Social hour: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Program: 8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM:

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR B.J. "Ben" WARD

The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Please R.S.V.P. by June 8th with the number attending to: Wallace Manderud (218) 739-2882 All gifts will be acknowledged and presented during program. If you would like to send a gift, but are unable to attend, please send your gift to: Linda Knutson, Treasurer, 124 Two Rivers Rd, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Directions: The Eagles Club is a building that looks like a ship, when on South Peck you will run right into the parking lot, S Peck is off Pebble Lake Rd which is also E. Vernon Dr.



4th Annual LeSauk Lions Golf Tournament



Oak Hill Golf Club

Rice, Minnesota

Friday June 4th , 2010

FEE: \$50 per golfer

(Lunch, 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner)

Registration will start at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be available from 11:15 to 12:00 with a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. The format will be a 4 person scramble. Upon completion of the golf tournament, dinner and a short program with door prizes will follow.

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

Player 1 _____ Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____ Player 4 _____

Please return this R.S.V.P. along with a check made payable to "LeSauk Lions Club" to:

LeSauk Lions Club Any questions, call Ron Mumm 320-420-8015

PO Box 211

Sartell, MN 56377

by: May 20th , 2010

What is a Council Chair?

The Council Chair is elected from the sitting District Governors by the 12 District Governors Elect after the March Council of Governors meeting. Lion Jim Diehl was elected and will take over the position on July 2 when CC Judy Loken has completed her term. The Council Chair will lead the 4 Council meetings and the MD5M Multiple Convention during the following Lions year when the District Governors Elect become District Governors. The Council Chair is a facilitator, mentor and an instructor to the District Governors, District Governors Elect and the Vice District Governors. The term of the Council Chair is one year.



Special Olympics Minnesota Lions Club Raffle

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

The members of your local Lions club sell raffle tickets at \$5/a piece to win the following high-level prizes in a drawing centered around the 2011 Minnesota Twins season.

TENTATIVE PRIZE LISTING:

- 1) Grand Prize – 2011 Target Field suite (Game TBD)
- 2) Meet and greet with Justin Morneau prior to a 2011 Twins home game and four tickets (Game TBD).
- 3) Signed Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau framed jersey.
- 4) \$1000 cash prize
- 5) 32" Plasma TV

HOW TO ADMINISTER

- Each Lions club ticket coordinator/contact will distribute the requested amount of tickets to club members.
- Club members may sell tickets in variety of ways:
 - Door to door
 - Through relatives, friends, coworkers, fellow lions members
 - Email
 - At your own local Lions club events
 - Be creative!
- At the end of your sales period, please return unsold tickets, purchased ticket stubs with the buyer's contact info and a check made out to Special Olympics Minnesota for the amount of tickets sold. (Please use self addressed envelope provided in raffle kit.)
- Each Lions club must compile all club members' ticket sales into one check.



KITS

Each chapter will receive their raffle fundraiser kits via mail after registering with their chapter's raffle ticket coordinator. Kits will include:

- The requested amount of tickets
- Small poster with raffle items
- Special Olympics Minnesota fact sheet
- Contact info
- Return self-addressed envelope

GENERAL SALES INFORMATION

- Ticket prices - \$5.00 each
- Must be 18 years or older to enter drawing.
- Start signing-up to receive a raffle fundraiser kit on Monday, April 26th
- Ticket sales will be conducted August 1st - January 9th.
- If your Lions club would like to sell tickets in your community or order more, please have your club's ticket coordinator contact Alyssa Siech at 612-604-1255 or alyssa.siech@somn.org.
- All unsold tickets must be returned by Monday, January 3rd.
- The raffle drawing will take place at the 5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention on Sunday, January 9th.
- Raffle ticket sales are covered under Special Olympics Minnesota raffle licensing through the Minnesota Gaming Commission.



OUR SYMPATHY TO YOU

CC Judy Loken's mother, Leona A. West, passed away on Sunday, April 11th.

John Hotz's mother, Merle Louise Hotz, passed away on Friday, April 30th.

PDG Roy Moist, 5M6 District Governor in 2000–2001, passed away on Sunday, April 18.

PUBLISHERS CORNER:

I would like to thank PDG Linus Dingmann, CC Judy Loken and PDG Frank Loken for all the wonderful pictures that you sent to be used in the newsletter from the Multiple Convention.

If your club has pictures of a project you have been working on or a fundraiser that you hosted, please send me a picture and short article or at least who is in the pictures, to be put in the newsletter. Also send me your monthly newsletter so I can add some of your news in the district newsletter.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mother's in our district.

Publisher Lion Donna Orstad



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MN LIONS CLUB UPDATE

By: Lion Dave Reach, Special Olympics Volunteer Coordinator, 5M-5

The Special Olympics Minnesota Lions Club *successfully chartered* with 37 members on April 16. Members include SOMN staff, athletes, coaches, family members, and other friends. They are located throughout the state of Minnesota. As an "E-Club", meeting attendance is recorded by simply replying to the monthly newsletter.

We have few announcements to make to our MD5M Lion supporters.

- 1 We are encouraging Lions to *become an "Associate Member"* of the SOMNLC. Dues are \$10 per fiscal year. You will receive the monthly newsletter and be a part of the activity and fundraising planning in your area.
- 2 We are pleased to announce our *first fundraising project*. The Minnesota Twins, Justin Morneau, and Joe Mauer have donated wonderful prizes to Special Olympics Minnesota to be raffled by our Lions. The SOMNLC will coordinate and administer the raffle with the Lions Clubs located in Minnesota. The raffle ticket sales are covered under Special Olympics Minnesota raffle licensing through the Minnesota Gaming Commission. Attached you will find a flyer for the fundraiser with preliminary information.
 - ⌚ In a few weeks, SOMNLC will have information on their website about how club secretaries can order the raffle kits. The website is: www.somn.org
 - The club can request as many tickets as they would like.
 - No up front costs to the clubs.
 - The kits will be sent to the club secretary in late July
 - The tickets and information can be disseminated to the club membership in August and begin sales in late August.
 - Sales can continue through December. The sold ticket stubs, check, and any unsold tickets must be returned by January 3, 2011.
 - The drawing will be at the 5M-5 Mid Winter Convention on Sunday January 9, 2011.

If you would like to receive information about this raffle, email Lion Alyssa Siech and give her your name, club name, district (5M-x), email address, phone number, and a comment about what information you would like.

Any questions regarding the raffle may be addressed to Lion Alyssa Siech at 612-604-1255, or Alyssa.Siech@somn.org.

CONGRADULATIONS

to this years MD5M

Environmental Photo

Contest winner.

The photo was taken by

Lion Curt Murray

from LaCrescent Lions

Club in 5M1.



ST. CLOUD TIMES ARTICLE ON SERVICE CLUBS

Festival goers might notice the absence of some mini doughnut and cheese curds sales this summer as the Waite Prk Lions Club wraps up its run. The 13 year-old branch of the nation service organization is in the process of disbanding, with a deadline of June 10.

"What it comes down to is a lack of members," said Edward Bauer, president of the club. "We're down to a handful."

Local service organizations like the Lions Club can become pillars in a community. Their names end up on parks—at least 11 Central Minnesota parks carry the names of service clubs including the Lions, Rotary and others—they participate in service projects and parades and run annual fundraising events.

But changing times, a plethora of similar clubs and low participation has made it hard for some to maintain a strong presence.

The Waite Park Lions Club, part of a worldwide organization with about 1.4 million members, has been around since 1997, but will soon cease to exist.

Dwindling membership and higher fundraising costs have made it hard to maintain the organization and carry out service projects, Waite Park Lions Club member Rick Miller said.

"I think some people got burnt out," Miller said. "It's tough to get people active."

Membership went from about 212 to 14, he said. Of the 14 current members, 10 sit on the board. The group recently lost two members due to the family's relocation. And the fact that some cities have multiple Lions Club chapters can also make it hard to recruit. There are five Lions Clubs in the St. Cloud area, according to the national organization.

It has also become harder to putt off their annual appearances at events such as the Antique Car Show and the Fourth of July activities because of high booth rental costs, he said.

Booth rental fees range from about \$400–\$500 for these events, Miller said. He and his wife have been Lions for about six years.

"It's too bad," he said. "It's a nice club."

Different approach. Dane LaJoye, spokesman for Lions Clubs International, said the organization is growing worldwide, specifically in Asian countries. Considered the largest service organization in the world, it reaches 205 countries, including India and China, he said.

While Lions Clubs International has grown overseas, membership has been declining in the United States.

"We hit our peak in the early to mid '80's with (about) 550,000–560,000 members," LaJoye said. "Today we are right at 400,000."

Other national service clubs have reported similar declines as Americans change their habits.

Lions Clubs International did surveys and learned that Americans are just as apt to volunteer now as in past decades. But now they volunteer more "episodically," LaJoye said. Instead of joining a service club like the Lions, Jaycees or Sertoma, people might volunteer to coach their child's soccer team or work at a soup kitchen one Saturday a month.

Many national service clubs have taken steps to reverse the trend. In the Lions, ways to spark membership include the creation of Family Clubs where parents can join with their children, clubs where meetings are held online and encouraging varied hands-on projects like environmental cleanups and disaster relief efforts, LaJoye said.

"(Cyber clubs) is one more example as to how we're making it easy for people to serve their communities," he said. "We're expanding our complement of services."

Members needed. Like the Waite Park Lions Club, maintaining steady membership in the club for 18 to 40 year olds was an issue for the Sartell Jaycees. That group disbanded in November 2008.

Sartell mayor and former Jaycee Time O'Driscoll said it is hard to see any community organization go. People come to expect the presence of such organizations, he said.

"The Sartell Jaycees had a presence in the city of Sartell almost 30 years," O'Driscoll said. "It's very difficult to watch an organization involved in the fabric of the community end up fading into the past."

The Sartell Jaycees spearheaded a wading pool project at Watab Park and helped pay to maintain it for years, provided support for the city's summer festival through volunteers and financial contributions and more.

While it is hard to see groups die, they cannot survive unless new people step up.

"My experience with service organizations is that as membership wanes and there isn't a new group (of volunteers) to support the group, it makes it difficult for the organization to continue to be successful."

A splintered audience could also play a role. IN the immediate St. Cloud are, including Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park, at least 15 similar service clubs—ranging from Rotary clubs to Sertoma—compete for the attention of potential members.

Momentum While recruiting and retaining members is tough for many community service organizations, some have escaped the chopping block. Jess Nelson-Rademacher president of the Sauk Rapids Jaycees, said the group has 41 members, gaining 12 in February.

"Honestly, it was people we never asked before," Nelson-Rademacher said of new members. "You have to find the hot buttons. Each chapter is unique in what it wants."

The local chapter is required to have a 20 member base.

When asked how the group works to keep and attract members, she said they listen to what members want and try to meet their interests. One example is a young member who is preparing to graduate who wants to know how to nail an interview. Nelson-Rademacher contacted another area Jaycees chapter member who agreed to hold a training session for the Sauk Rapids group.

From annual sandbox fills and socials to food drives and cleanups, the mark of local service groups is missed as they decline.

News from the American Diabetes Association

With this early spring I'm sure everyone is getting ready for Mother's Day, Fishing Opener, and summer vacations besides weddings, graduations, and "those lazy, hazy crazy days of summer"! Put away those jackets and mittens and get out the shorts, sun screen, and mosquito repellent!

Before you take off for those summer haunts though, I wanted to tell you about some exciting activities the American Diabetes Association will be sponsoring in the upcoming months. Our calendar includes:

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| 1. Tour de Cure (bicycling event) | May 22—Rochester June 5—Twin Cities |
| 2. Camp Sioux (Park River, ND) | Sessions 1—6/6—6/11 Sessions 2—6/13—6/18 |
| 3. Camp Needle Point (Hudson, WI) | Session 1—8/15—8/21 Session 2—8/22—8/28 |
| 4. Camp Day Point (Hudson, WI) | 8/16—8/20 |
| 5. Step Out (walk event) | 9/25—Twin Cities |
| 6. EXPO Minneapolis | |

We encourage you to invite your clubs to participate and/or to volunteer for the Tour de Cure and Step Out events. We can use help with marking the routes, setting up & working a rest stop, registration, distributing water, etc. For more information, go to www.diabetes.org/tour or www.diabetes.org/stepout and click on the city/state.

Camp is just around the corner. If you haven't ever been to camp to see how your donations are used, consider coming for a visit this summer. Visiting during the week works the best. Spend the late morning taking a tour of camp, have lunch with the campers, and talk to them about their experiences at camp. You will see how special diabetes camp is for the children who attend. If you can't visit, consider a donation to help a camper who can't afford the fee for camp. If you'd like to attend or want more information about making a donation contact Chris Schaefer at 763-593-5333. ext. 6592 or email at cschaefer@diabetes.org.

Our last event of the 2010 year is our EXPO. This will be our 7th annual EXPO at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Over 8,000 people attend each year to get information, listen to speakers, participate in fitness demonstrations, talk to diabetes specialists, and to receive free screenings. The EXPO is free to attendees. In the past we have had Lions sponsor buses from their communities to the EXPO, volunteer to work at the EXPO, and attend the EXPO at participates to get more information about pre-diabetes and diabetes. Go to our website, www.diabetes.org/expo for more information. If you would like to sponsor a bus from your community, please contact Chris Schaefer at 763-593-5333, est. 6592 or email at cschaefer@diabetes.org. We can provide you with more information on how to do it and we will also add you to our website.

Call if you have questions about the American Diabetes Association or its activities. Now, go out and have a great summer.

5M8 District Governor

Jim Diehl
24693 CSAH 75
St. Cloud, MN 56301



5M8 LIONS EVENTS 2010



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| May 03: | Princeton Lions Club Meeting and Highway Clean-up |
| May 05: | Officer Training, Staples/Motley High School |
| June 04: | LeSauk Annual Lions Golf Tournament, Rice, MN |
| June 09: | Duelm Area Lions Pork Chop Dinner |
| June 13: | Princeton Lions Airport Brunch, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM |
| June 13: | Little Falls Dandee Lions Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast at the Little Falls VFW |
| June 09: | Duelm Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner at Jack & Jim's |
| July: | Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia |
| Aug 21: | Sobieski Lions Ride for Eyes |