



# 5M8 LIONS LINES



AUGUST

2011



## SPOTLIGHT ON: THE IMAGE OF A LION

Hi Lions of District 5M-8.

*Lion Bunny Tabatt's bio in relation to Leader Dogs. She is a member of the Little Falls Dandee Lions and is a member of the District 5M8 cabinet. At the July Council of Governors, Lion Bunny was appointed to be MD5M Leader Dog Chair.*

I was born and raised in Little Falls, Minnesota.

In 1960 I married Lion Lee Tabatt and we have 3 grown children; a son, 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. I started going blind in 1970 and by 1980 there was minimal sight left. Lion Lee, My husband died suddenly in 1980 of a heart attack at age 39. I went to the Lighthouse for the Blind in Duluth, MN in 1981 and learned to read Braille and walk with a white cane. I received my first Leader Dog in 1984 and in 1985 I enrolled at the College of St. Catherine's in St. Paul, Mn. I graduated in 1987 as a Physical Therapist Assistant and began working on St. Gabriel's Hospital Campus 1 month after graduation. I retired from the hospital in 2004.

I have been a Graduate Field Representative for The Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan, officially 15 years. In May of 2011 I received my 5<sup>th</sup>. Leader Dog BentLee; having previously had Buff, Sam, Bear, and Baker.

Leader Dog assigns the Graduate Field Reps to Lions Conventions and I have presented the program from Canada to Washington State to Maryland and many states below and in between.

We (GFR) assist with Vice District Governor visits to Leader Dog and I will be there from August 11-14, 2011.

We do seminars, visit schools, and group settings with presentations and answer questions.

We have conference calls if information has to get to us quickly.

We are issued the latest information about Leader Dog activities and Lions Club Activities on a regular basis and share this information with our visits.

Thank you Governor Sandy for the opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Leader Dog BentLee and my human is Lion Bunny Tabatt. My Mom's name is Luna and my Dad is Skipper. My Mom Luna was raised in District 5M-9 by Puppy Raisers Dave and Tracy Petry in Onamia, Mn. On my 8<sup>th</sup> week birthday I went to live with my Puppy Raiser Adam in Michigan where I learned some basic commands and socialization until my first year birthday. My heart was broken as I had to leave Adam and go back to Leader Dog School for the Blind. A lot of whining goes on with that return to school and not being with Adam. Okay, a new person is giving me attention. Her name was Trainer Linda Fisher and I fell in love with her immediately. We were hard working and I graduated as a Leader Dog Dog Guide after 16 weeks. May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2011 I met Bunny Tabatt. Trainer Linda took me to Bunny's room and introduced us. I didn't understand because I had to stay with this new person. I wanted to be with Linda and again was whining when I heard her voice. Training started the next day and we were busy. Our day started with my breakfast at 6:20 A.M. and by 6:30 it was Park Time. Then it was Bunny's turn to eat and by 8:00 we were getting ready for the first half of the day. That meant a trip to the downtown building where we walked the blocks applying what we knew and starting our bonding. Back to school around 11:00 A.M., Park Time, Bunny's lunch and then back to the downtown building for more work. We came back to school around 4:00 P.M., Park Time, my dinner and then Bunny's dinner. We usually had a short lecture after dinner, Park Time, and then by 8:30 we were on our own. Sunday was a day off. We came home May 20, 2011 and are working on bonding and applying all the things we both know to help build independence. Bunny told me we will be meeting a lot of Lions and doing many things to be of Service to others. If you have any questions about Park Time or knowing what commands we know, please invite us to visit your club. I will be 2 years old November 6, 2011 and Bunny will not tell me her age. Our phone number is 320-632-8373 or 320-630-1737. I look forward to meeting all of you but because I still have a lot of puppy in me, I behave better if not given a lot of attention.

**Leader Dog BentLee**

## *District Governor Sandy Sandwick's Viewpoint*

July was a month of hot/cold/stormy/beautiful weather. Lions can be of a similar nature, as individual Lions can be "hot" or passionate for some projects and not so enthusiastic about others. The relationships between Lions in any club can be stormy if there is disagreement but overall Lions are most beautiful when we see a need, serve that need and smile while serving. I want to emphasize being positive in your words and actions toward all Lions. A misunderstood statement or action can lead to a Lion resigning from the club. Because we are a volunteer organization there is no contract between a member and his/her club that requires them to stay through perceived rough times. HAVE FUN! "My" Quarry Lions participated in a tree-planting activity. When finished the young gentleman who provided the muscle and expertise said, "I didn't know that Lions could have so much fun, you have Lady Lions Love." Of course this was the same young man who said, "It usually takes 10 minutes to plant a tree, with your help it takes 15."

The Council of Governors was held in Mankato. PID Ron Duffe, PCC Bob Jechorek, and PDG Mary Ferleman led an informational meeting about the Global Membership and Leadership Team. Discussion and decisions concerning numerous business items were resolved. Congratulations to 5M8 Lion Bunny Tabatt who was appointed the Multiple Chair of Leader Dogs. The report of the Princeton Lions Club, host club of the April Multiple convention in Hinckley, was approved so registration and hotel information will be publicized soon. International Director Brian Sheehan spoke of his upcoming years working closely with LCI. Past International Director Debra Wasserman distributed the list of I.D.s who will be guests at District Mid-Winter conventions. 5M8 was one of the three districts who does not yet have a confirmation from an I.D. so did not receive a name. Social Media is encouraged by LCI, it is not the future but is here now. Having a website or Facebook page for your club encourages people (especially under 40 but even to age 90 according to Lion Steve Wasserman) to quickly "check you out" and show an interest in being a Lion.

I attended the first club visit of my year hosted by The Rock Creek Lions. As of this newsletter; there are 26 out of 76 clubs who have scheduled visits.

Lions Clubs International: When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve. It's something that unites Lions around the world. And it's unconditional. Lions aren't limited by continents or restricted to certain causes. We help wherever, whenever and however we can.



## *Lions 5M-8 District Governor Sandy Sandwick*

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### Club Visit REQUEST for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Decide quickly on dates. Send this form via e-mail or "snail mail".

Confirmation of the chosen date will be via phone or e-mail from Governor Sandy to contact person

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Request visit dates (indicate 3 in order of preference) 1.) \_\_\_\_\_ 2.) \_\_\_\_\_ 3.) \_\_\_\_\_

Name all Clubs partnering in the visit: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lion contact person for visit \_\_\_\_\_ Club Office \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/s \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Time \_\_\_\_\_ Social Time? \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner time? \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Location/Address/Directions \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

At this visit will Governor Sandy be requested to:

Induct new members? \_\_\_ Install club officers? \_\_\_ Present awards? \_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide DG Sandy with any other pertinent info needed prior to the visit

***DG Sandy will wear the Governor "blue blazer" uniform for this visit unless advised otherwise.***

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### Secretaries

If you need any help (information / how-to), let me know and I'll see what I can do for you. Please file your reports as soon as your clubs have their meetings.

The M&A is easy to do online at the 5M-8 web site [http:// www.lions5m8.org/](http://www.lions5m8.org/) --click on "reporting" --scroll down to on-line report --and fill in the blanks. You will need to work through the new log-in format when filing on the Int'l site this year.

Your club will be getting a CD instead of the paper copy of the District Directory, so I wrote one which I can send to you via email; you will have to print it. It's only 16 sheets of paper.

So get your reports in before the end of the month.

Ted Peterson  
5M-8 Cabinet Secretary  
320-233-0215

I hope you have a great year,

# SAUNTERING WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR SANDY!!!

August 4:	Cold Spring Home Pride Club DG Visit
August 8:	Cabinet meeting at Michael's Restaurant in St. Cloud
August 27:	Heel and Wheel for Can Do Canines, Cheshire Park, Minnetonka
September 21-25:	USA-Canada Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska
September 27:	Lincoln-Scandia valley District Governor's Visit

## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE THOMPSON

As I write this, I hope that it finds all of you and your families have survived the different types of weather the last few weeks. It has been a very different, and a somewhat difficult spring and early summer season thus far, hopefully that changes quickly.

We are just over two weeks into the new Lions year and a lot of activities have been going on. I am getting ready to head to Mankato at the end of the week for the Governor's Council meeting, GMT, and GLT training.

I was to remind everyone to put October 11, 2011 on your Lions calendar, which is the night of the Mini Forum in Foley. I will be writing an article for next month's newsletter with all the information on this upcoming event. We would hope to see a large participation from all of the clubs from 5M8 on that evening.

We have also been busy working on the 2012 Multiple Convention in Hinckley in April 2012; again I would like all of you to make every effort possible to also attend this event. It would be great to make a large showing of support for 5M8 at this event, especially being we are the host District.

Also, other events to remember are the Zone Chair training the end of July which means that shortly thereafter the first Zone meeting of the new Lions year will be happening. Also, we have a Cabinet and Foundation meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Of August in St. Cloud, so if you have any concerns or ideas for your District, contact either the District Officers, District Chairpersons, or your respective Zone Chairs with these thoughts and concerns so the Cabinet becomes aware of them. If they do not hear of these issues, they can not be resolved, or changes can not be made if required. I want to remind each of you that this is your Lions organization, and the only way we can allow it to remain strong and respectful is with your help, input, and involvement. So, to kick off the new Lions year, lets all pledge to each give just a little more in the way of participation within LIONISM and make District 5M8 the best in the International organization.

**Best regards 1stVDG Dave Thompson**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT LIONS PROGRAMS:

## What has LCIF done for District 5M-8 in the last few years?

In the last 10 years LCIF has awarded grants for the Miracle field in St. Cloud; to upgrade Boys and girls club in East St. Cloud; and to help construct Community Service center in Paynesville. In District 5M9 a grant was awarded after the tornado in Wadena.

## Why should the clubs contribute to LCIF?

Contributing to LCIF helps clubs realize that they are part of an International organization. All of us recognize that there are more disasters happening all over the world. Whenever Lions clubs are present wherever disasters occur and those Lions ask for help LCIF responds with emergency disaster funds. All funds donated to LCIF are used for programs, not one cent is used for administrative costs. Every Lion in district 5M-8 should be thankful they can be on the giving end rather than being on the receiving end. Your donations to LCIF make grants possible for Lions worldwide

**Submitted by LCIF District 5M8 Co-Chairs IPCC Jim Diehl and PDG "Pete" Kleingartner**



# WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW NEW MEMBERS OF 5M8

5M8 is so excited to add so many new Lions to help us "SERVE" our communities. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be a part of this hard working service organization. We look forward to work with you, side by side and strive make a difference in a community or world wide for "a person in need".

### COLD SPRING LIONS CLUB

Kevin Breuchel sponsored by Larry Ackerson

Jerry Frieler sponsored by Larry Ackerson

Jay Hilley sponsored by Larry Ackerson

### FINLAYSON-GIESE LIONS CLUB

Larry E. Helwig sponsored by Rich Mensing

Karen L. Helwig sponsored by Bev Mensing

### PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB

Rebecca J. Thompson sponsored by Jeffrey A. Thompson

### PRINCETON LIONS CLUB

Elmer A. Salo sponsored by Fred Dierks

### RANDALL CUSHING AREA LIONS CLUB

Buddy S. Kjeldergaard sponsored by Timothy D. Strack

James A. Lee Sponsored by Bob J. Lee

### SANDSTONE QUARRY LIONS CLUB

Patricia A. Lanz sponsored by Phyllis E. Wattnem

### SARTELL LIONS CLUB

Sam Pierskalla sponsored by Lori Ann Jensen

## 5M-8 LIONS CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Criteria for 2011-2012

### District Governor Sandy Sandwick

During the 2011-2012 Lions year, the Governor's Contest will be replaced with a **Club Achievement Award**. Every Lion or Lioness club in District 5M-8 can earn the award by meeting the minimum requirements. The 2011-2012 "**Club Achievement Award**" (a custom designed patch) will be given to each qualifying club at the 2012 Mini-Forum.

All information must be reported on the club M&A or the Zone Chair will be unable to count it towards the completion of the award criteria. Each Zone Chair will have the responsibility of tracking the progress of clubs in their zone toward the fulfillment of criteria.

**The following 2 tasks are not optional; they must be completed as stated in order to qualify for the award:**

**By June 30, 2012, a club must have paid all International, Multiple and District Dues in full.**

**By June 1, 2012, a club must have correctly completed the PU 101 and submitted it to 5M8 District Governor Sandy**

**In addition to qualify** for the award a club must have **completed six (6) of the ten (10)** following items between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Governor Sandy's club visit request form was completed and submitted before October 15, 2011.

Two Club members attended each Zone Meeting. (One of the attendees must be either the Club President or the Club Secretary).

The Club invited and presented a minimum of two District programs **and** a minimum of two "community" based speaker/programs.

The club created and/or continued to utilize a club website and keep it current. This site is not required to be the e-Clubhouse template, although it is highly recommended.

The club made financial donations to support a minimum of five (5) Lions programs.

The club participated in and reported a minimum of three (3) hands-on service activity projects to LCI.

The club's membership increased by at least 1 additional member more than the LCI membership number reported as of July 1, 2011.

The club presented at least one (1) of the following awards to a deserving business or person (need not be a Lion) who had not previously received a Lions award. (Check with Program Chairs for exact requirements of each award)

Melvin Jones Fellowship

5M Hearing Research Fellowship

Helen Keller Sight Award

Leader Dog Tribute

Top Dog Award

Diabetes Dream Catcher Award

The club was represented by at least one member at any three (3) Lions events hosted by other District Lions clubs.

The club participated in or sponsored at least one of the following Youth Opportunities;

"Lions Children First"

Peace Poster Contest

LEO Club Program

Young Leaders in Service Program

Youth Exchange Program

Lions Quest

## MINNESOTA LIONS EYE BANK REQUEST:

We need to update the “Used Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Locations” list by State Fair time. Could you please share with the clubs in your districts and request that additions / deletions / other changes be sent to me or Bob Hoofnagle?!

We hope to receive feedback by August 12!

Here is the link to check and see if your locations are listed:

[http://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org/pdfs/Eyeglass Drop Sites.pdf](http://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org/pdfs/Eyeglass_Drop_Sites.pdf)

Thank you for taking the time in helping us with this update.

Jennifer J. Marshall

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### Lion Family and Seattle Goers,

Well we all made it back from Seattle and have gotten back into a stable daily routine again. The stress penguins and roaming snowmen were a big hit in Seattle as well as the few I was keeping for my visitation talks as ID. Lori and I can't tell you how much your support (both emotional and physical) has meant to us. There was a lot of literature and penguin gummies handed out in Seattle. This is all about what a great family we all have in Multiple District 5M. The Lions international world can see why MD5M is a force. Special thanks to all of you and to the great campaign committee.

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks!!! Forever in Lionism, Lion Brian

## *IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:*

Lion Harold Bethel - Secretary of Eden Valley Lions  
PDG Lion Mel Simon—District 5M2



**PUBLISHERS CORNER:** This has been a very busy month—two newsletters in two weeks. I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter as much as I love putting it together.

To clear up some confusion—the deadline to get an article, information, or advertisement in the newsletter, you need to have it sent to DG Sandy or myself by the 20th of the month, before it is due. (example: If you want something in November's newsletter, have it to me by October 20th). You can mail to: Lion Donna Orstad, 53729 Cloverdale Road, Sandstone, MN 55072 or email: [orstadacres@dishmail.net](mailto:orstadacres@dishmail.net). Hope to hear from you soon.

**Lion Donna Orstad**



## Lions Clubs Checklist of Tasks: Has your club been.....

- 1.) Sending the M&A reports to the DG, 1DG, 2DG and Zone Chair as soon as your club meeting has been held
- 2.) Sending the MMR report to LCI before the end of the month (FYI: If DG Sandy reviews the reports and your club name is on the LCI "no report filed" list for the current month; she, your zone chair, or cabinet secretary will be contacting you.)
- 3.) Reports must be sent even in the summer time... if you don't meet; just report "No Change"
- 4.) Planting a tree or trees. 5M8 District Environmental Chair Ron Goetzinger states the best time to plant a tree in Minnesota is the Spring, 2<sup>nd</sup> best time is October. As long as a Lion participates, it can be considered a Lion event....this activity MUST BE STATED on the M&A to be counted at the District level and on the service activity report to be counted at the LCI level.
- 5.) Scheduling a District Governor visit ASAP, contact DG Sandy to ask if your club's desired date is available.
- 6.) Inviting a program chair from the Cabinet to present at your club.

### **The Mid-Winter convention committee would like the following:**

**Start planning, mark your calendars, to attend the 2011-2012 5M8 Mid-Winter convention February 3, 4, & 5 at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud.**

**Great speakers, good food, lots of information and fun for all.**

**Registration and Hospitality room information in subsequent newsletters.**

**Thanks, PDG Lion Bob Hoofnagle**

## **A Challenge for Lions of 5M-8**

The Princeton Lions Club is hosting the 2012 MD5M Convention at the Mille Lacs Convention Center in Hinckley, MN on April 27-29. The Princeton Club welcomes suggestions and input from Lion members in 5M-8. If you know of local talent for entertainment or are aware of someone who delivers a good motivational message, let us know. We hope to showcase the quality of Lionism that exists through 5M-8.

The 2011 Convention was held in Mankato, hosted by 5M-2. In their final report, the Chair of the 2011 Convention announced that 5M-2 had 163 participants (Leos, Lion, or guests) from 31 clubs at the 2011 Convention. 5M-8 had 32 participants from 8 Clubs

President Dale Hurni of the Princeton Lions Club has issued a challenge for 5M-8 Clubs to have at least one representation from each club attend the 2012 Convention. And, the 5M-8 delegation will exceed 200 participants at the 2012 Convention.

Registration and hotel information is available on the 5M-8 website and the MD5M website.

Let's show MD5M how great and committed are members of 5M-8!



# LET'S HAVE FUN IN 5M8...

## SAUK RAPIDS LIONS STEAK FRY INVITATIONAL

**AUGUST 23, 2011**

Lions Bingo Stand Benton County Fairgrounds  
Menu: Steak, Corn on the Cob, Veggies and Dessert!!

**Social Hour**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Dinner**

**7:00 P.M.**

## Fairhaven Lions:

### Our second annual Corn in the Park Community Event



Wednesday, August 17, 2011

from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

at the Fairhaven City Park.

The community is invited to share a meal with us and visit with neighbors while also getting to know who our Lions Club members are and a little about what we do as a club. Menu is brat or hot dog, cookies/bars and beverage with 'all-you-can-eat' corn on the cob for \$6.



## "Some of us love to climb those walls."

*Jeff, 2011 Summer Experience Participant*

When you're a teenager, summer should be about spending time outside, making new friends, hanging with old friends and having new experiences. That is exactly what happened at Leader Dog's week-long Summer Experience program for kids age 16 and 17.

But it doesn't stop there—throughout the week the kids strengthened their independence by learning simple, practical ways to develop their leadership skills by building stronger relationships, having a can-do attitude and focusing on having fun.

The impact this program has on the kids is amazing. Who says blind kids can't climb walls? Not them.

We hope to provide this experience to even more kids next summer. Like all our programs, the Summer Experience is provided free to all participants. So we need your financial support to make this happen.

Please make a gift so that more teens with visual impairment can have a great Summer Experience that they'll remember for the rest of their lives!

Given the chance, these kids can climb walls—and go all the way to the top!

## Can Do Canines Fund Raiser.....

## Heel and Wheel Walk

## Saturday, August 27, at Cheshire Park, Minnetonka, MN



# Lions Scrapbook



Lion Irma Faulkner, a member of the Sandstone Quarry Lions, was presented with the Diabetes Dreamcatcher Award by Lion Judy Loken, Director for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. The Foundation presented the award to Irma for her countless volunteer hours preparing the many Dreamcatcher awards for all the Lions Districts in Minnesota.

Lions Carol Merten and Frank Loken, Trustees for the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, attended training in Minneapolis on July 15 at the Park Plaza Building which is the new home of the Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic.



## TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

Anyone can plant a tree and many people do. But Lions campaign to plant one million trees this year serves a purpose beyond beautifying our communities. Trees cleanse and renew the Earth's atmosphere. There is little a single individual can do that does more to protect the environment than planting trees. Healthy, thriving trees will remind our neighbor's for years to come of Lions commitment to the environment and the vital role that Lions Club play in communities.

The trees will also be a constant reminder to ourselves that Lions can reach any goal we set. The "Believe Award" has been created to recognize those who demonstrate their belief in the power of service by planting trees.

**Help reach International President Tam's goal to plant a million trees this year.**





A few of the Sandstone Quarry Lions were busy working on President Tam's Tree Planting Campaign. Vice President Mary Thorvig, District Governor Sandy and Lion Bobbi Harding.



DG Sandy's visit to the Rock Creek Lions Club

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT SEATTLE WASHINGTON



A traditional Chinese face changing magician



President Tam in the costume of a traditional Chinese magician



Some of the MD5M DGEs and spouses in Seattle



International Parade—Charlie rode in Lion Bob Michels scooter basket, DGEs Peggy Michels and Sandy walked.



**District Governor  
Sandy Sandwick**

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## 5M8 LIONS EVENTS 2011-2012

- Aug 12-13: St. Joseph's Brat Sale at St. Joseph Meat Market  
Aug 12-13: Sandstone Quarry Lions Cub Den at Quarry Days  
Aug 13: Sandstone Lions Pancake Breakfast—7 to 11 am—Sandstone Fire Hall  
Aug 13: Sandstone Lions Grilled Pork Chops at Quarry Days  
Aug 20: Sobieski Lions 20th Annual "Ride for Eyes"  
Aug 23: Sauk Rapids Steak Fry supper at 5:30 PM social 7:00 PM supper  
Aug 27: Heel and Wheel for Can Do Canines—Cheshire Park, Minnetonka
- Sept 21-25: USA-Canada Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska
- Oct 11: Mini Forum at Henri's in Foley  
Oct 20-22: 5M Leo Leadership Conference at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI  
Oct 26: 5M8 Cabinet Meeting in Sandstone  
Oct 28: Sobieski Lions 25th Anniversary Celebration  
Oct 29: Thanksgiving for Vision at Earle Brown Center
- 2012  
Feb 3-5: 5M8 Mid-Winter Convention

