Dave Hajny, from Ennis, Montana, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011.

Director Hajny is retired.

A member of the Bozeman Lions Club, and a Lion since 1994, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, council chair and district governor. He also served as Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation vice president, Montana PDG Association president and a faculty member at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including two Club Lion of the Year Awards, a PID Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship, a PID Gary Tschache Fellowship, a Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Fellowship, a Presidential Leadership Medal, five International President’s Certificates of Appreciation and an International President’s Medal. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Hajny is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Madison Valley Hospital Foundation, the American Legion and the United States Selective Service Board for Montana. He has also served as chairperson of the Madison Valley Rural Fire Board.

Director Hajny and his wife, Marie, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.
Greeting Lions, Leos, and Lioness, What a difference a day can make in Minnesota, 65 degrees yesterday and 29 today. Hopefully everyone will be able to cope with the change. This past month Mary and I have visited the following Clubs, Richardson Area Lions, Pine City Pine Area Lions, Belgrade Lions, Isle Lions, Onamia Lions, St Joseph Lions, St Joseph Y2K Lions, Waite Park 2012 Lions, Farming Lions, St. Martin Lions, Avon Lions, St Rosa Lions, Albany Lions, Freeport Lions, Askov Lions, Finlayson Giese Lions, and the Sturgeon Lake Lions. The more clubs we visit, the more excited we get about Lionism. What a great District to be part of. We have all but 8 Clubs scheduled for their visits, so if you have not scheduled your visit, please contact me as soon as possible. It is so gratifying to see clubs so active within their communities and district functions. you are making an outstanding contribution to service. As I have said in the past and will continue to say, it is the lion members of their respective clubs that make this District such a success in Lionism. 

Every month during our visits Mary and I are surprised to learn about an activity that took place that we would have attended had we known about it. I also know for a fact that there are many more Lions within our District that would be very pleased and excited to show support to fellow Lions Clubs, but they can not do that unless they know about the event. So I would like to remind each and everyone from the Lions Clubs that if they would like more publicity for their Individual Events and Fund Raisers, please submit the information to Publicity Chair, Lion Ted Peterson to be published in our monthly newsletter. To get this information to Lion Ted send it by e-mail to the following e-mail address, tedlee003@hotmail.com. I would also like to remind Lions members, if you are planning to attend the Mid Winter Convention, to please get your registrations in soon as possible. If we can get all the rooms at the Grand Hinckley Inn spoken for by Lions we would have the complete Facility to ourselves for the Convention. Also, if your club is planning on having a Hospitality Room at the Convention, get your room reserved soon. By attending the convention lions and their clubs are given a great opportunity to make suggestions and express opinions in regards to how your District affairs and business is administered.

I would also like to publish a new E-Mail Address for me effective immediately it will be dthompson7053@yahoo.com. The reason my e-mail is changing is that as of December 28th 2012, I will be retiring from my position with the Princeton Public Utilities, so the 763-389-2252 phone number will also go away. The rest of my information will stay the same, Home Phone 763 631 6255, Cell phone 612 390 6742. Mary and I wish each and everyone a very Joyous and Positive Holiday Season. Until next month, continue to enjoy and grow in Lionism. 

DG Dave and Mary Thompson

CALLING ALL VETERANS!!!

Calling ALL Veterans – The Mid-Winter Convention is just around the corner. At the Brunch, the convention committee thought that it would be wonderful time to honor our 5M8 Lions that have served in the military over the years. So, if you are a veteran or active duty or have a son or daughter in the military, we would love for you to show your pride and wear your uniform, hat, medals, or something to let us know the branch you served in. We would not be able to do what we do as Lions, without the service that you provided to keep our country safe and free. Hope to see you standing tall for the red, white and blue on Sunday morning.
2013 5M-8, 35th MID-WINTER CONVENTION
REGISTRATION FORM
“Climbing the Ladder to Service”

You are cordially invited to attend the Lions District 5M-8 Mid-Winter Convention
February 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2013 at Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN
Sandstone, Sandstone Quarry and Sturgeon Lake Lions Clubs

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM
Send full payment with this registration form—(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 11, 2013 (NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE)

Total Package: (Includes Meals & Reg. fee) $75.00 @ ____________ = $ ____________

Individual Items: Registration Fee (required) $15.00 @ ____________ = $ ____________
Saturday Breakfast Continental/ included with your room at the Inn
Saturday Luncheon $20.00 @ ____________ = $ ____________
Saturday Banquet $35.00 @ ____________ = $ ____________
Sunday Brunch $25.00 @ ____________ = $ ____________

Make checks payable to: “5M-8 CONVENTION COMMITTEE”

Mail to: 5M-8 Convention Committee
C/O Gordon Jacobson
PO Box 174
Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783

Questions:
Gordon Jacobson
218-372-3585
gdjacob@frontiernet.net

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please arrange your room reservations through Grand Casino, Hinckley, MN
1-800-468-3517. Let reservations know that you are with the District 5M8 Convention or INT0281 at Grand Hinckley Inn.
Nightly Room Rates/2 people: Friday/Saturday, $59-69- Std.King or Dbl.; $69-79-two Queens; etc. +10% taxes and fees.
SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DUANE FINGER

Happy belated Thanksgiving. Christmas is coming soon and the shopping is in full force. Keep in mind the people that can’t afford Christmas. We, as Lions members and clubs, have a great opportunity to help others in need. Many Clubs participate in helping families, including my club, the Kimball Club and they have done that for some years. It is great to hear how the families appreciate what we do. The kids are excited, probably the only gifts they receive from their parents. We also provide a Christmas meal for the whole family. The difficult part is finding those families in need. We talk to the local clergy, school officials, but our main sources are the bus drivers. This year we teamed with the local fire department to raise funds for this event. We held an Oktoberfest which raised enough money to help some families. We budget at least $200.00 for each family which is supplemented from our regular account. The Lions members that make the deliveries give a report on the results, with no names of course. It almost becomes a tear jerker on how the family reacts to the donation. If you try it, it is worth the effort. For those that do this, a big Thank You to you and your clubs.

In February the 5M-8 convention is to be held in Hinckley. Again, we elect our next year’s Governors. We are in need of a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate. The office gives a person the opportunity to visit other clubs to see how they operate and function, plus it is the steps needed to become a Governor. You also become involved with the operations of the district and its functions. There are requirements you need to meet to be a candidate. You have to have been a Club President and A Zone Chair. Look at it this way, you have the privilege to be sworn into the Governors office in Hawaii with some of the expenses paid by the International Lions. You could be there for almost two weeks in July, 2015. If interested, your application needs to be into Governor Dave Thompson by December 31st or contact me at fingerelec@meltel.net to get started. Believe me, it is worth the sacrifice, plus every Past District Governor is willing to help you if you ask.

Hope to see you at the 5M-8 convention.
2nd Vice District Governor Duane Finger
2013 Tentative Convention Schedule

Friday
Grand Hinckley Inn
12:00 - 8:30 p.m.  Registration and credentials
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  Cabinet meeting
3:30 - 7:00 p.m.  Hospitality rooms open
7:30 - 8:45 p.m.  Necrology Service at Grand Casino Convention Center
8:45 - 12:00 p.m.  Hospitality rooms open

Saturday
Grand Casino Convention Center
7:00 - 12:00 noon  Registration and credentials
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  Registration and credentials
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.  Foundation meeting
8:00 - 11:30 a.m.  A1C Screening
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  Business meeting
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  Hearing testing
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  Voting
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.  Coffee
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.  Seminar – Hearing
10:50 - 11:20 a.m.  Seminar - Project New Hope
11:45 - 1:45 p.m.  Saturday luncheon – Leos
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  Seminar – Vision
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  Seminar – Legal
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  Church Services
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.  Hospitality rooms open – Grand Hinckley Inn
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  International Director Social
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  Governor’s Banquet
9:15 - 12:00 p.m.  Hospitality rooms at Grand Hinckley Inn

Sunday Morning
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  Registration
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.  Distribute Parade of Green Checks
9:30 - 11:15 a.m.  Brunch – Parade of Green

Please register for the convention and reserve your room by January 11, 2013
MN Lions Vision Foundation Director Lion Sandy Sandwick was asked this question by a Mora Lion; “How are donated eyes transported to the MN Lions Eye Bank?” Lion Jennifer J. Marshall, Public Relations Manager, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, answered the question:

Regarding the procurement of eye tissue, most of Minnesota is now serviced by Minnesota Lions Eye Bank staff members. The Mora area is covered by our Duluth team of recovery technicians, lead by Janice LeMier. Janice is assisted by a mother-daughter combo, Yvonne Malone and Savannah Malone, and all three are Lions club members.

Recovery is usually done at a hospital, but it can be performed at other locations, including (but not limited to) funeral homes and medical examiner facilities.

Regarding the transportation of eye tissue, the methods used vary throughout the state. The transportation methods we typically use at FirstLight Health System in Mora are:

**In situ (cornea only) Recovery**
1. Recovery technician drives tissue to Duluth and entrusts it to Skyline Shuttle (in the Radisson Hotel).
2. Skyline Shuttle takes the tissue on its next run to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Airport (MSP).
3. Eye bank staff member of a courier service picks up the tissue at MSP and brings it to the eye bank in Saint Paul.
   or
   MARB Logistics (exclusively weekdays, only one pick up a day) takes tissue from FirstLight directly to the eye bank.

**Enucleation (whole eye) Recovery**
1. Recovery technician hands off tissue to State Patrol.
2. State Patrol takes tissue as far as Rush City.
3. Volunteer or courier brings tissue to eye bank.

At the State Patrol’s request, we do not use their services unless the tissue transport is an emergency. (An emergency is defined as when the eye tissue cannot get to the eye bank fast enough (to remain usable) by any other means than the State Patrol.)

Emergency transports are infrequent because the eye bank procures much of its eye tissue by in situ (procuring only the cornea instead of the whole eye). With in situ, the cornea is placed in a preservation solution as soon as it is removed. This quick preservation method eliminates the need to rush the tissue to the eye bank and allows us to use slower methods of transportation without diminishing the viability of the cornea.

Every hospital in the state has multiple transportation scenarios like those above. We use FedEx, Greyhound, and air transport as well. We have recovery teams in the metro area, in Fargo-Moorhead, and in Rochester, in addition to our Duluth team. Each of these teams covers a wide swath.

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**Leader Dogs for the Blind**

Leader Dogs for the Blind hereby expresses its gratitude to:

**PDG Sandy Sandwich**

For support to the Leader Dog Program during her year as District Governor including the induction of Lion Bert.e.e.

**Suzie H. Berents**
President & CEO

November 20, 2012

Date
Please send a photo of your deceased Lions from February 2012 to January 2013 to Lion Ted Peterson for the Mid-Winter Convention Friday Night Necrology Service.

tedlee003@hotmail.com

Welcome The New Members of 5M-8

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 working with you, side by side and strive to make a difference in a community or world wide project to help “a person in need”.

New Lions       Sponsor       Lions Club
Scott Mueller   Nicholas Thompson Belgrade Lions
Donald Wiener   Robert Mathison   Belgrade Lions
Rudy Zimmer     Dale Braegelman   Belgrade Lions
Chad Twardowski Denis Irsfeld   Browerville Lions
Lynda Diedrich  Karen Ashfeld     Cold Spring Home Pride
James Ross      Lance McDermond   Grey Eagle-Burtrum
Steve Klapake   Steve Worms      New Munich Lions
Terrance Kulzer Shirley Pelz     Paynesville Lions
Craig Thomes    Brian Torberg    Richmond Lions
Brenda Marthaler Loretta Pogatchnik St. Stephen Lions
Danita Traut    Gerald Mehr      St. Stephen Lions
Steve Schoon    Roland Johnson   Upsala Lions
5M8 District Governor
Dave Thompson
708 4th Ave S.
Princeton, MN  55371

5M8 Lions Events

District Governor Dave’s Schedule

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