

5M7 GRAM

August 2010



From the desk of District Governor Brian

What was the reason you became a Lion? Most Lions respond “to serve my community and have fun.” Let’s recognize some of the clubs that are doing just that; Lion Joanne and I visited with the Lions of Cokato and Rockford this past month and did a taste test of their BBQ pork chops. Cokato Corn Fest was the winner only because they cheated and had the City of Cokato provide the corn on the cob. Yum!!! Cokato Lions have been doing this project for several years and have attracted many new members to their club as a result. They sell about 3,000 chops in 3 days. The proceeds go to the food shelf in their community. Another new project this past year was building and raffling off a beautiful cedar strip canoe. The food shelf is their “Signature Project.”

The Rockford Lions are another success story to recognize this month. They also have a food shelf and pork chops. Their fund raising project is their Greenbacks Dinner in the spring of each year. They also have attracted many new young members as a result of their community service. Lion Zone Chair Scott Holum says (tongue in cheek), “We have enough new members that are younger that I don’t have to work as hard anymore on the projects we do”. They just added a new member this week as a result of a youth project.” Joanne and I personally saw the results of Lions serving and having fun.



Speaking of serving and having fun, we had the opportunity to tour Camp Friendship in Annandale on August 17 with VDGs Dave and Paul, Lion Nancy and Shirley. The Lions’ presence is everywhere at Camp Friendship—both financial support and hands-on support. The Monticello Lions lived our motto that night by serving ice cream cones to campers—I’m not sure who had the biggest smiles, the campers or the Lions! Way to go Monticello!

Read on to see what International President Sid Scruggs has thoughtfully planned for us this year:

Do you remember the reason you first became a Lion? If you are like most Lions it was because you saw people in need and wanted to serve. This year Lions Clubs International is asking you and all Lions to rededicate yourselves -- individually and personally -- to that ideal of service.

That is what being a Beacon of Hope is all about. Each individual Lion and every Lions Club around the world is a shining light for someone in need. However, it is not only those we serve who need to see our light. When we shine as brightly as possible we send a signal to the entire community that Lions are active and that the local Lions Club is the place to be for likeminded individuals who also wish to serve.

There are many ways to be a Beacon of Hope and every Lions Club has a signature service activity. In developing or expanding these signature activities, be innovative, be responsive and meet the needs unique to your community.

District Governor Brian Toews



Hello to 5M7!

Well, here we are with another month gone....10 more to go for this year and time is going by so fast.

The Zone Chairs should have had your meeting with the Club Presidents

by now and possibly the first Zone meeting completed or at least planned. I know of 2 Zones that are done with their first meeting.

Lion Nancy and I had an opportunity to visit Leader Dog for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan this past weekend. What an experience to see a dog being brought back to start the special training and to meet puppies going home with Puppy Raisers for the next year. We listened to speakers talking about their experience with working with a dog and learning to handle and trust that animal. Hearing about the challenges and how they were overcome was so moving.. there was not a dry eye in the room. Anyone that has visited this facility knows what I am talking about.

As I write this; the plan is for District Governor Brian, First Lady Joanne, Lion Nancy and I will be attending the 5M9 Project New Hope Banquet and Drawing for the New Mustang! Good luck to all that purchased tickets.

Until next time, Hear the Roar!!!!!!!
VDG Dave



VDG Dave just received his official Vice District Governor pin from Gov Brian from the international lions.



Hi to all 5M7.

I know while reading the last article you discovered errors. Well I will make more so we need a contest to find the errors in my articles and maybe in other articles in the 5M7 Gram...

You will find the contest rules in the 5M7 Gram. I hope the contest will be fun and help the district by the following:

The 5M7 Gram will get read
We will add members to 5M7
We will get members to attend
The Mid-winter convention

In the theme of Keep it simple Keep it fun you will see there are three easy requirements to the contest and the prize is good food at the convention.

Now on to other things: I attended the Zone meeting of Region 2 Zone 5 in Forest Lake and was called upon to have the pleasure of doing my first new member Induction Ceremony.

I have also attended GMT (Global Membership Team) training in Mankato, two Merlo team meeting, and three convention meetings.

Merlo is the acronym for:

- Membership
- Extension
- Retention
- Leadership
- Orientation

I find we use many acronyms and it is hard to know what they all mean. Sounds like it could be another contest doesn't it?

Remember Keep it Simple Keep it Fun

2nd Vice Paul

Club Activities



August 21

Stacy Lions Club

Beep Ball w/Minnesota Fighting Lions

August 31

North Branch Lions Club

1st Annual Golf Tourney @ Bulrush

September 11

Blaine Lions Club

Annual Wellness Day 9 AM - ?
Blaine Medical Parking Lot

September 11

Ham Lake Lions Club

Biscuits, Gravy, Scrambled Egg Breakfast
8-Noon

September 11

Albertville Lions Club

Outdoor Extravaganza 12PM- 12AM
@ 152 Club

September 26

Fridley Lions Club

Waffle Breakfast @ Fridley Community Center
Fundraiser for the Lynne Saba Family

October 17

Spring Lake Park Lions Club

Pancake and French Toast Breakfast @
Spring Lake Park High School

October 30

Thanksgiving for Vision

@ Earl Brown Center

October 31

Coon Rapids Lions Club

Fall Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW

****Want your event listed?**

Send it in to the GRAM

Governor's Travels



September 14 -R1 Zone 2 Zone Meeting

September 15 -Coon Rapids Northstar
Governor's Night

September 16 -Nowthen Governor's Night

September 19 -Can Do Canines Heel & Wheel

September 21-25 -USA/Canada Forum Milwaukee

September 27 R1Z1 Zone Meeting

September 27 R1Z4 Zone Mtg hosts: Becker Lions

September 28 -Anoka Governor's Night

October 4 - Mid-Winter Convention Mtg.

October 6 - Ramsey Governor's Meeting

October 12 - Clear Lake Governor's Night

October 13 -Group II Lioness Meeting

October 15-16 -Council of Governors

October 18 -Clearwater Governor's Night

October 19 - Cabinet Meeting

October 21 -Spring Lake Park Governor's Night

October 22-23 -Leos Forum



Rockford Riverdays

An especially fun picture with Fridley Lions,
Rockford Lion and Zone Chair Scott Holum @
Rockford's Riverdays

Gov Brian, Lion Joanne, Marietta Holum
(mother of zone chair Scott), Zone Chair Scott
Holum, Lion Don Holum (Fridley Lion - father of
Scott)

Lions Environmental Photo Contest

2010 – 2011



Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions Club in the following 2010-2011 Lions Environmental photo contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Beacon of Hope for the Environment
- *Photo of Lions in action implementing an environmental project.

Send photos (8" x 10") by December 31, 2010
to: Lion Jan Dubats
12967 Crooked Lake Lane NW Coon Rapids
MN 55448 Or jdubats@q.com

Fridley Lions Club

Waffle Breakfast
September 26th
@ Fridley Community Center
Serving from 8-Noon

A fundraiser for
the Lynne Saba
Family



Can Do Canines

September 19th, 2010

Heels & Wheels Walk-a-thon
@ French Park
-Plymouth, MN



Peace Poster Contest Vision of Peace

Estimated 350,00 youth ages 11-13
from 70 countries participated in the
past year contest. The winner was from
Taiwan.

Peace Poster Kits may be ordered from
Lions International or by calling 1-800-
710-7822

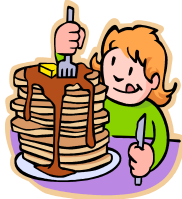
Youth Out Reach
and
Peace Poster Chair
Lion Ginny Hestekind



Chisago Lakes Lions

Pancake/French Toast Breakfast on October 17th, 2010 at the Chisago Lakes High School in Lindstrom.

Serving from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m
Advance sale tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children(under age 12) and preschool are free. At the door, tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children (under age 12) and preschool are free. Menu is pancakes, french toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Funds raised will go towards local community projects.



Biscuits, Gravy, and Scrambled Eggs Breakfast.

September 11th

8:00 a.m. - noon

Adults - \$6.00

Children 6 - 10

\$3.00

Ham Lake VFW

Children 5 and under - free

Don Hanson VFW

Ham Lake, MN.



Ham Lake Lions



Bulrush Golf Club
525 Brookside Pkwy
Rush City, MN 55069

Rush City Lions & Fire Department Relief Assoc.

Annual Golf Tournament - Four person Scramble

1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Saturday, September 11, 2010

Entry Fee - \$70.00 per golfer

Includes: Greens Fee, Golf Cart

Prizes, Drawings, and

Dinner/Awards Banquet

For more info:

Jim Sullivan: (320) 358-3687

Bob Carlson: (320) 358-3366



Schedule

11:00 AM: Registration

1:00 PM: Shotgun Start

6:00 PM: Dinner/Awards Banquet

Make checks payable to: Rush City Lions
Mail to: Jim Sullivan, 49780 Bayside Ave, Rush City, MN 55069

Registration Deadline: September 4, 2010

Scramble Entry Form (list golfer's name, phone number, \$70.00 per person):

Contests

Longest Drive
Closest to pin
Longest putt
Many more

All proceeds go back to the community via the Rush City Lions and towards fire fighting equipment for the Rush City Fire Department

Check enclosed:

Amount: _____

5M7 GRAM NEWS

We need your club activities and events. Send your information to

katlinder@usfamily.net

Deadline is 20th of each month.

GRAM is posted to the web by the 24 of each month and emailed to all clubs.

If you have an club event and want to get the word out, send your information to the GRAM for all to know the details.



Lions in Action



Elk River Lions

Lion Neil Anderson on left, of the Elk River Lions Club, giving a check for \$2500 to Lion Marty Athmann, treasurer of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. The funds were raised at the Elk River Lions annual car show.



Maple Lake Lions

Welcome new Lion Beau Duick of Maple Lake



Buffalo Lions

Hot dog/Brat Sales at Killer Hayseeds Concert



Clear Lake Lioness making cole slaw and potato salad in preparation for the Clear Lake Lions annual Chicken BBQ and Corn Feed



PDG Clay and Buffalo President Tim at Night to Unite

Fergus Falls High School Marching Band

The Fergus Falls Marching Band has been selected to perform and represent MD5M at International Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 2011. The International Parade will be held on July, 5, 2011.

It will take at least \$600.00 per student to travel to Seattle for this wonderful event. With their expense at \$600 per student equals \$84,000.00.

Clubs are encouraged to start a fund raising campaign **immediately** within your districts to help defray the expenses for this band. A minimum of \$50.00 to \$100.00 per club donation would give an additional \$30,000.00. (if 600 clubsgive an average of \$50.00 per club.) Their expense at \$600 per student equals \$84,000.00.

If we raise \$30,000 and with the \$6000.00 from the multiple budget, we could help them with \$36,000.00. They would be very happy with this amount of help.

Please encourage your club to donate to this fund raising campaign to help the Fergus Falls High School Band represent MD5M at the International Convention next summer.

Send your checks to **YOUR** District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Checks should be made out to **MD5M Marching Band Fund.**

Band Information:

The Fergus Falls High School band program has a long tradition of excellence on the local, state and national levels. Recently the Fergus Falls High School Marching Band was honored with an appearance in the historic 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade as the sole representatives of Minnesota. In the fall of 2009 the band became the first ever high school band to perform in the University of Minnesota Homecoming Parade. Other honors have included three appearances in the International Lions Parade, with a 1st place finish at Boston in 2006 and 2nd place in Minneapolis in 2009. The band also received 2nd place finish in the National Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington D.C. The band members, Fergus Falls High School, and the community of Fergus Falls all take pride in the Fergus Falls High School Marching Band. With each performance the band members hope that you too will "Share The Pride."



Fergus Falls Marching Band at the International Convention in MPLS on the Nicollet Mall in 2009

Lions in Service



Monticello Lions serving ice cream at the Camp Friendship Ice Cream Social.



Cokato Lions Corn Festival
Cokato Lions, Brian,
granddaughter Johanna, grandson
Jack (future Lions!) Can you find
Lion Secretary Abe's blue cast?



The Lion's Code of Ethics: Introduction.

There are eight statements relating how we should conduct ourselves in business and community. They originate with the formation of Lions in 1917. They held true yesterday, they hold true today and they will hold true tomorrow. When is the last time you read them and truly thought about what they mean and how you measure up? Over the next eight months we're going to study what the code of ethics says about work, compensation, competition, integrity, friendship, citizenship, charity and support. Between now and next month review them in your club directory or on-line at www.lionsclubs.org/EN/about-lions/mission-and-history/our-purpose-and-ethics.php.



Clear Lake Lioness in the Spotlight



The Clear Lake Lioness Club was chartered in 1978. There were about 25 members at that time. A few of those members are active in today's Club which has a membership of 17. Dedication and service been recognized as several members are Helen Keller Award recipients.

The Clear Lake Lioness have several projects that everyone participates in. At least twice a year the Lange Home visit has members playing bingo and sharing seasonal treats with the residents. The Lange Home is a long term care facility for men and women. Gift bags which may contain such items as playing cards, stationary, personal care items, socks, hats, puzzles and always a sweet treat are made up for presentation on a resident's birthday. One of our members has ensured that each resident also receives a birthday card.

In May and November, the Club sponsors a Red Cross blood drive. Donors are personally contacted and the date is highly advertised locally. Each drive the goal number of pints of donated blood has been reached thanks to local donors. Lunch is provided to the Red Cross staff and the canteen is supplied and staffed by members.

At least once during the summer members visit Camp Friendship in Annandale to serve lemonade and brownies to the campers at their "end of camp" dance. Everyone really enjoys this as the campers have a marvelous time.

The most labor intensive project is assisting with the Clear Lake Lions annual Chicken BBQ and Corn Feed. The members with the aid of some retired members and friends prepare hundreds of pounds of potato salad and coleslaw. The day of the event is spent serving the salads, chicken and corn, and buttering dozens and dozens of finger rolls. It is not uncommon to have 1200 people enjoy this feast and to receive numerous compliments about the food.

Individual members have personal projects that provide valuable service to the community. These include providing hand knit mittens local elementary schools and service and donations to the local food shelf. Eyeglasses are collected also.

Donations include "milk money" to the local schools, camp scholarships, financial aid to local families in need and also to the Minnesota Eye Bank, the Service Dog organization, and the Diabetes Foundation.

Meeting are held in a local restaurant the fourth Monday of the month from April thru November.



Lions Multiple District 5M Pin Swap

(Minnesota, Manitoba, NW Ontario)



Hosted by

5M Pin Traders

September 11, 2010

Salida Depot

16492 149th St. SE, Big Lake, MN. 55309

(One block off U.S. Highway 10, on County Rd 11, about 38 miles NW of Mpls.)

One Day Only Saturday 8am to ?

Registration Form

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ St/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Registration with one table _____ \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Extra table _____ \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make checks for the swap payable in U.S. funds to the 5M Pin Traders Club. Send Registration to Lion Jim Hazeltine, 7063 100th Ave, Clear Lake, MN 55319 Lunch will be served.

Lodging Available

Sleep Inn & Suites 14435 Bank St. Becker, MN. 55308 , 763-262-7700

Super 8 Motel 13804 1st St., Becker, MN. 55308, 763-262-8880 Toll Free 1-800-800-8000

Questions call Lion Jim Hazeltine at 320-743-4126 or email jm3hz@frontiernet.net

2nd Vice Governor's Error Detection Contest.

You probably noticed the errors in my first 5M7 Gram article. We can use these mistakes as an opportunity to enhance interest so 5M7 Lions do the following:

- Read the 5M7 Gram
- Add New 5M7 Lions
- Attend the 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention.

Eligibility: Any Lion not on the Governors Cabinet for 2010-2011

Prize: Two Convention Meals Books for the 2011 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention
(If you already have this year's meals you will be given a voucher for the 2012 Convention meals.)

Determination of winner: The contestant's name who finds the most errors will be the winner. The winner will be announced at the Cabinet meeting on January 14, 2011. If there is a tie, the names will be placed in a hat and a winner will be drawn.

Criteria for Winning:

1. Find the most errors (spelling, punctuation, or grammatical) from 2nd Vice's articles in the 5M7 Gram articles in the issues from July 2010 through November 2010.
2. Sponsor a new Lion during the period of July 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010 (Must be listed as an add on your clubs M&A report).

Submission of Entry:

- Submit error detection verification on the copies of 5M7 Gram, circle errors in red and attach to entry form.
- Give entry form with attached error verifications to your Zone Chair on or before December 31, 2010.
- Zone Chairs deliver to 2nd Vice prior to Convention 5M7 Cabinet meeting, January 14, 2011. Winner announced at Convention Cabinet meeting.
- (If you already have this year's meals you will be given a voucher for the 2012 Convention meals.)

The winning Lion's Zone Chair will also be given a Convention Meals book

Entry Forms: Name _____
Club _____
Zone Chair _____

Number of errors in 2nd Vice's articles _____
Name of Sponsored New Lion _____
Date New Lion added on Club report _____
Remember to attach the Verification of Errors!

When Lion is used substitute Lion, Leo, or Lioness.

When Zone Chair is used substitute Zone Chair or Lioness Group Leader.