

5M7 GRAM

July 2010



From the desk of District Governor Brian



About noon on July 2 (Australian time), a dream came true. Brian D. Toews became District Governor of 5M7 – scary. For a year I have been looking for ways to stop a train wreck from happening, but it never came. My wife, Lion Joanne, pulled the “elect” ribbon off my nametag at the Lions International Convention in Sydney – officially starting my year as District Governor.

To begin with, we have an awesome cabinet put together for this year. We have our work cut out for us, though. We ended the year with 1955 members in 5M7—that’s down about 40 members from this time last year. Our goal for the district is to have 2010 members by the end of 2010. That means one new member for each club in our district to get us over 2000. Can we do it? You bet we can! We have 53 clubs in our district, so let’s go for it.

Also, back by popular demand is a new fun incentive program that will be called the Governor’s Club of Excellence Award. A banner patch and certificate can be earned by fulfilling four of the five following criterion by May of 2011:



1. Show a “plus one” net membership growth for year 2010-2011.
2. Invite three cabinet members to speak at your club meetings during the year.
3. Participate in a club assessment – either the LCI assessment or 5M7 Club Revitalization Program administered by 5M7 cabinet members and Lions (preferred method).
4. Participate in the Pride of the Pride Program for new members.
5. Attendance by at least two club members at the 5M7 2011 Mid Winter Convention seminars.

Zone chairs will have more information about this program and will be speaking about it at the first zone meeting. Be sure to attend to find out how your club can earn this fabulous, much sought after award.

Be sure to read the accompanying article about our new International President Sid Scruggs’ visions for 2010-2011. He has some great ideas about making Lions more visible in our world. I’m proud to say that we are already doing many of the things he’s asking us to do this year!

As your district governor, Lion Joanne and I wish you the best and most successful year of service as Lions Blazing a New Trail!

District Governor Brian Toews
2010-2011



A Message from International President Sid Scruggs:

**When the raging storms of life rush in, bringing darkness
When the dream fades and despair takes its place
Then like a faithful lighthouse on the distant shore
A Lion stands as a ray of light to show the way."**

- From the song "Beacon of Hope"



Our 2010-2011 Presidential theme, **A Beacon of Hope**, expresses the thought that there are more than 1.4 million lighthouses in 206 countries - Lions members who continue to light the way and serve as Beacons of Hope.

The key to our success is through service and impactful projects. "At the end of the day, it's not what I learned but what I taught, not what I got but what I gave, not what I did but what I helped another achieve that will make a difference in someone's life, and mine"

- Int'l President Sid Scruggs, III

Incoming International President Sid Scruggs has announced his theme "**A Beacon of Hope.**" He believes that by returning our Lions work to visible community service, we increase both the good we do for others and our membership as we become more visible in our communities. In order to do this, he is requesting all clubs do five things, all of which are designed to coordinate with his theme. Year long, each club should come up with a **NEW signature service project**, one which will be visible to the community and doesn't necessarily involve just donating dollars.

The following are the four activities involved in President Scruggs' **Global Service Action Campaigns**:

AUGUST: Engaging our Youth. Invite Leos and youth in your area to help organize and participate in a service project. Project ideas may include school or community facility clean ups, a visit to a senior citizen's home or children's hospital. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project enables them to learn skills while emphasizing the role of service.

OCTOBER: Sharing the Vision. Plan vision health projects and work with the visually impaired. Many Lions already celebrate World Sight Day in October and we already have "Thanksgiving for Vision" in October. This is a great month to organize a vision screening, organize an eyeglass collection or an activity to benefit the visually impaired in your community.

DECEMBER/JANUARY: Relieving the Hunger. Organize food drives and projects to feed the hungry. With a downturn in the global economy, many relief organizations are finding it difficult to keep up with the demand. Help alleviate hunger by planning events around the end and beginning of the calendar year to collect and distribute food.

APRIL: Protecting our Planet. Implement projects that improve and protect the environment. Organize a highway clean up, plant trees, or plan a community "Earth Day" event to collect recyclables that are not ordinarily picked up such as batteries and used cell phones.



Greetings to All of 5M7,

First of all, I would like to extend a huge "Thank You!" to all of you for allowing Lion Nancy and me to serve you as your First Vice District Governor for this upcoming year.

I hope everyone is having a great summer, it is going so fast.

We are looking forward to working with Governor Brian and First Lady Lion Joanne this year. It sounds as though they had a wonderful time "down under"! I believe that Governor Brian's goals will not be difficult to meet. If every club would bring in one or two new members we would make our goal of 2010 members by the end of 2010. I would also like to see if we could form a new club and have all or the majority of members be under the age of 40. Just think of the new ideas they would have to offer to the clubs. I know 5M6 is trying to get as many under 40 members as they can.

In closing, please try to get your MA reports in on time. I really look forward to reading about what your club is doing and what you have coming up. You never know when Lion Nancy and I might show up at your event when we know about it. Also, if you wish the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors to attend your Governor's Nights or functions; please send us an email invitation and we will attend if our calendars are open. If you hesitate to invite us because your clubs finances are low; don't worry...just tell us the price and we will be glad to pay.

Keep the Dirty side down and the Shiny side up!!

First Vice District Governor Dave

Hi to all 5M7.

This is my first article so please bear with me while I learn to this.

Speaking of learning I am definitely learning new things every day about Lions and the 5M7 organization.

Thanks to District Governor Brian and 1st Vice Governor Dave for helping me so I do not get in too much trouble.

I am anxious to get to know many of you during the year. I like to listen (rather than talk) to learn what I can do for your club. Clubs are the backbone of the Lions organization.

I believe in keeping things simple and having fun while doing things and I hope to retain those beliefs during this year while I help District Governor Brian and 1st Vice Governor Dave achieve the goals set for 5M7.

In the theme of keeping things simple please work on these three things this year:



- Send club reports in on time.
- Recruit new members
- Retain current members

In the theme of keeping things fun please does these three things this year.



- Eliminate politics in the club
- Be active in many club projects
- Attend the Mid-winter convention

In closing if there is any way I can help you have a successful and fun year please let one of us on the cabinet or committees know.

Keep It Simple Keep IT Fun

2nd Vice Paul



Club Activities



July 21

North Branch Lions Club
Chisago County Relay for Life

July 31

Livonia Lions Club
Motorcycle/Car Ride for Better Vision

August 4

Chisago Lakes Lions Club
Corn Feed 5 PM

August 7

North Branch Lions Club
Stacy Days Corn Booth

August 7

Stacy Lions Club
Stacy Daze

August 8

Clear Lake Lions Club
Chicken & Corn BBQ @ Clear Lake City Park
Noon to 4PM

August 13

Rockford Lions Club
Walleye Fish Fry @ Riverside Park 6PM

August 14

Rockford Lions Club
Pork Chop Dinner @ Riverside Park 4PM

August 15

Rockford Lions Club
Turkey Legs and Sandwiches @ Riverside
Park 11 AM Wellness Van 11AM-2PM

August 12-15

Almelund Lions Club
Almelund Threshing Show

August 21

Stacy Lions Club
Beep Ball w/Minnesota Fighting Lions

August 31

North Branch Lions Club
1st Annual Golf Tourney @ Bulrush

Governor's Travels



July 22-25 -Council of Governors -Mankato

July 27 -Cabinet Meeting - Anoka Legion

July 29-Aug 5 -Vacation

August 10 -Primary Election

August 16 -Merlo Team Meeting TBA

August 18 -Almelund/Taylors Falls Zone Mtg.

August 22 -Cabinet Picnic

Ham Lake Community Park

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



International President Sig Scruggs and his wife Judy with Governor Brian Toews with his wife Lion Joanne.

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.



Club Updates



St. Francis Lioness

Lioness Marolyn Baumann inducting new member Jeanie McKenzie into St. Francis Lioness Club, Lioness Illa Torgerson is her sponsor.

Howard Lake Lions

Lion Darren passing the gavel to our new President, Lion Cathy Rufer



Coon Rapids Lions

The Lions offer a helping hand to a mom with 4 children paint her home and replace the roof of the home.



Coon Rapids Lion Bill Guthrie trading Lion pin at International Convention, Sydney Australia.



Governor Elect Brian with wife Joanne



Governor Elect Brian, Lion Joanne with Coon Rapids Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie.

Stacy Lions Host Beep Ball for the Blind



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MINNESOTA BLIND BASEBALL TEAM

"This is from Lion Dennis Stern from the St. Paul Midway Lions Club. This year will be our 7th season of providing beep ball for the blind in the Twin Cities – recreational type – meaning half of our players have physical disabilities, half are women and half are over 50 years of age. We have a good time, and our expenses are few for this recreational version of the game played only here in St. Paul.

But in 2007 John Larsen from the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission asked us to be in the World Series of Beep Ball in Rochester that year. We turned him down because we felt weren't good enough. He is the point person for the 2010 World Series – again in Rochester this Aug. 1-8. Since then Stephen Guerra, the national NBBA secretary, moved to Rochester and is providing a few extra players and a volunteer pitcher for our team. So it's a "yes" to the 2010 World Series featuring a combination of Rochester and Minneapolis-St. Paul players (one from Bemidji) and volunteers.

Here are some expenses for the event:

- Entry fee \$345.
- 5 new balls x \$35 each = \$175
- Protective equipment = \$125
- NBBA membership \$25
- 5 Rooms for 11 players and 5 volunteers, \$95/night at Kahler x 5 nights = \$2,375.
- Meals for same, \$20 per day x 16 x 5 = \$1600.
- Transportation, 5 drivers \$20 gas = \$100.
- We expect miscellaneous extra costs, but this total adds up to \$4,745.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AVERAGE COST OF \$296 PER PLAYER AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE WHOLE EVENT.

Please help us give this opportunity to blind players who in their lifetimes will earn only 25% of what sighted persons do.

Thank you,
Dennis Stern and Kent Evans
Co-Coaches

Please make donation checks to
"Midway Lions Foundation"
(we are a 501 C-3)
Attention: Dennis Stern
1837 Victoria Road
Mendota Heights, MN 55118

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