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MAY 2009

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Ken's Road Show!

MAY

- 1-3-Multiple-Bloomington
- 9-Officer Training-Spicer-9-11 a.m.
- 12-Olivia Visit
- 14-Bird Island Visit
- 18-Morris-70 Years of Celebration
- 19-Convention Meeting
- 29-Garfield Charter Night

JUNE

- 15-Osakis Visit
- 16-Dawson Visit

JULY

- 6-10-International-Minneapolis

THE ALEXANDRIA GOLDEN BROTHERS LIONS CLUB IS ANNOUNCING THAT A NEW CLUB HAS BEEN FORMED. WE WELCOME ALL OF THE LIONS FROM DISTRICT 5M4 TO ATTEND THE GARFIELD LIONS CLUB CHARTER NIGHT. International Director

Debra Wasserman will be the Guest Speaker

DATE: MAY 29, 2009

SOCIAL: 6:30-7:00 P.M.

MEAL & PROGRAM: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: GARFIELD FIRE STATION GRILL

COST PER PERSON/BUFFET: \$14.00

RSVP by May 22, 2009

Mail check and reservation to :

Tony Strasser, 1404 Maple Drive SE
Alexandria, MN 56308

Greetings!

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May! What a busy month! Mothers, I hope that you had a "Great Day" and fisherman continue to get your limit.

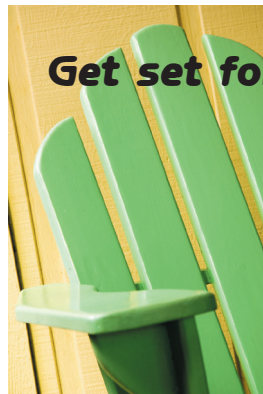
We just returned from the Multiple in Bloomington and hearing PIP Kay Fukushima from Sacramento, California tell about the need to not just increase membership but to maintain the members that we have. Resolutions were passed to support Project New Hope, Confidence Learning Center, and Friendship Ventures. Bi-Law amendments passed included an amendment to add Spring Point Project to the list of Not-For-Profit Corporations endorsed by MD5M, a constitution amendment to include the offices of First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor in the MD5M Constitution and Bi-Laws. It is always good to renew friendships, meet new friends, attend workshops, and share ideas with Fellow Lions.

Many of you took advantage of Officer Training and the chance to hear the updates first hand.

Hopefully, you have had your elections and have sent in your PUI01's with at least one e-mail address per club.

It is not too late to register for the July International Convention in Minneapolis. Just download the form and think about volunteering to help! With Leader Dog's 70th Anniversary you can take advantage of the "70 for 70" donation program. Each club that sends \$70.00 more than it donated in previous years will receive a commemorative pin and patch.

There are two chances coming up in May to share with other clubs. May 18 Morris will be Celebrating 70 Years of Service and May 29 our newest club, Garfield, will have its' Charter Night. Everyone is welcome to help celebrate!



Get set for summer!

*In Lionism!
DG Ken*

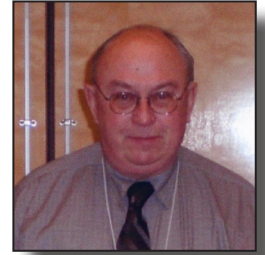
ATTENTION SECRETARIES:

If you are unable to access LCI on-line please contact LCI Tech Line for help at 630-468-6737 or 630-468-6851.



Dewey's Corner

by District Governor Elect Duaine Essig



Greetings another month has flown by and it is May. Our convention in Boomington was down in attendance from the past years. The sessions were very good and the guest speakers were excellent. Now it is time to plan to attend the International

convention in Minneapolis, also please consider doing some volunteer work. The convention committee needs over 200 more volunteers. Some of the zones are checking into chartering a bus, someone in each zone will contact the clubs (this will be July 7th for the parade only). We hope to see you in Minneapolis for the convention.

The end of the year is coming on July 1st. Some of the Clubs have not been sending in their reports in a timely fashion. We need the reports finished for the year, This is important if you have a change in membership. It will determine what you are billed from International and the District. We have a new Club in Garfield, The Charter night will be May 29th at 6:30 PM at the Garfield Fire Station Grill. The Morris Lions Club will celebrate 70 years of service on May 18th at Old NO.1 Southside, Morris, Mn.

Yours in Lionism

DGE Duaine (Dewey) Essig

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller (1880-1968)

May is Healthy Vision Month

Fellow Lions,

Did you know that more than 11 million Americans have common vision problems such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and/or presbyopia? While this number may sound alarming, the good news is that these problems can be detected through a comprehensive dilated eye exam and are easily corrected with the use of prescriptive eyewear such as glasses or contact lenses.

May is Healthy Vision Month, a national eye health observance in the United States. The focus this year is to reduce uncorrected visual impairment due to refractive errors. Healthy Vision Month is sponsored by the National Eye Health Education Program (NEHEP) of the National Eye Institute. Lions Clubs International is a member of NEHEP and works closely with them to promote healthy vision in our communities.

In order to help your Lions Club educate the public about healthy vision month and the role regular eye exams play in maintaining good eye health, NEHEP has developed a variety of resources available in a Healthy Eyes ToolKit. It includes a variety of resources such as web links, e-cards, print and radio public service announcements (PSAs), sample text messages, drop-in articles, fact sheets, and downloadable posters, bookmarks, and stickers that can be used to promote the importance of eye exams. <http://www.healthyvision2010.nei.nih.gov/hvm/> and <http://www.nei.nih.gov/healthy-eyestoolkit/>

Lions Clubs play an important part in eye health promotion in their communities. Please join LCI and NEI in our efforts to elevate vision health as a priority. Please let us know if you have participated in an activity to promote eye health in May. We want to hear from you. lcif@lionsclubs.org

Sincerely,

Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya

LCIF Chairperson, 2008-09

Host Committee Volunteer Registration Update

The Host Committee Booth and the Merchandise Booths are fully staffed. Thank you! We need the most help attracting volunteers for: District Governor Elect School – the school starts the week before the convention at the Minneapolis Convention Center. You do not need to be registered for the convention to volunteer before the convention starts from June 29. You only need to be registered for the convention during the convention times on July 6 – 10. Contact PI D Maynard Rucks if you have any questions.

Sergeant-At-Arms – Convention registration is required

Parade Marshals – No convention registration is required.

Airport Drivers – No convention registration is required.

Hotel and Airport Greeters – No convention registration is required. If you can help, please use the Volunteer Registration Form on the following page.

“Snowman Volunteer Shirt” Update

The official uniform shirt orders have been brisk! We have another shipment due in today. Get your orders in now for delivery at the Multiple Convention on May 1 – 3. Or have the shirt conveniently mailed to your home. For a shirt order form, go to: <http://www.2009lionsconvention.org/volunteer/documents/volunteer-ShirtOrderForm1-22-09.pdf>

Beach Boys Concert

Additional Tickets Available. Your registration for the LCI Convention gets you into the Beach Boys concert on Tuesday July 7. Many of our Lions are helping volunteer for the Parade that day but are not registered for the convention. Consider staying for the Beach Boys concert that evening or bring a non-registered family member or friend! A limited number of international show tickets featuring the Beach Boys are available for \$20.00 for guests and family members of convention registrants. All tickets are general admission. The proceeds will go to LCIF. Tickets are only available on-line and confirmed at the time of purchase. All tickets are nonrefundable. <https://www5.lionsclubs.org/eventmanager/OnlineRegistration.asp?eventcode=RG7>

Host Hotel Update

The Host Hotel is filling up. Spring Hill Suites near I-394 and Highway 100 in St. Louis Park is offering a \$99 rate as an overflow hotel that includes breakfast! RV Park News The RV Park at the State Fair Grounds has plenty of room. Shuttle buses are available to registered convention attendees between the Fair Grounds and the Minneapolis Convention Center. For additional information go to: <http://www.2009lionsconvention.org/camperinfo.htm>

PDG's Needed!

Past District Governors are asked to get in touch with PDG Clay Storley or PDG Joe Fox ASAP regarding driving in the parade and helping at the Hilton Hotel Information Booth. Twins Game, Cruises, and Golf Tournament News Lion Mike Molenda and his staff have put together several wonderful events to enjoy during your stay in Minneapolis. On Monday, July 6, take an afternoon sight-seeing Mississippi River cruise through downtown Minneapolis. That evening, enjoy a leisurely dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. Need a more active pursuit? Try the Lions Golf Tournament at the beautiful Hastings Country Club. Pre-sales for the Twins / Yankees baseball game on Wednesday July 8 have been brisk. The Twins organization will make a donation to LCIF for each ticket sold. For additional information and to sign up for the Cruises, Golf Tournament, or the Twins game, go to: <http://www.2009lionsconvention.org/events.htm>

Lions Clubs International

92nd Convention

July 6-10, 2009 – Minneapolis, Minnesota

2009 Volunteer

The convention committee has been working on this convention for two years, we are coming down to the final Stretch. The 2009 International Convention is 3 months away.

92nd Lions Clubs International Convention Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10, 2009 OFFICIAL CONVENTION EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 6

09:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Lions Supply Store

Meet & Greet The Lions of the World

Worlds largest Eyeglass & Hearing Aid collection

19:00 – 21:30 District Governors-elect Seminar Celebration Banquet

Meet & Greet Lions of the world, 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

10:00 Step-off International Parade

09:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Lions Supply Store

15:30 – 17:00 Seminars

18:30 – 20:00 International Show Beach Boys

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

09:00 – 18:00 Exhibit Hall and Lions Supply Store

09:30 – 12:30

Opening Plenary Session – Presidential Address,
Flag Ceremony,

International Parade Results

13:00 – 15:00 Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon

13:30 – 17:00 Seminars

14:00 – 16:00 Membership Key Awards Ice Cream Social – “Saluting the Cream of the Crop”

16:30 – 18:00 Candidates Caucus Meeting

Lions Night at the Twins park

THURSDAY, JULY 9

09:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall and Lions Supply Store 09:00 – 11:30 Second Plenary Session – Memorial Service, Keynote speaker Colin Powell

Keynote Address, Nominations for Second Vice President and International Directors

13:00 – 17:00 Seminars

18:30 – 22:30 "The Hero Awards" Banquet

FRIDAY, JULY 10

07:00 – 10:00

Exhibit Hall and Lions Supply Store 07:00 – 10:00 Voting. Flag Ceremony,

Installation of 2009-2010 District Governors

09:30 – 13:00 Final Plenary Session – Humanitarian Award Presentation,

Installation of 2009–2010 International President, U.N.

Flag Ceremony,

Installation of 2009-2010 District Governors

SATURDAY, JULY 11

14:00 – 18:00 International Board of Directors Meeting

In order for you to register for 100.00 you will have to fill out the register form and mail or FAX to Gloria Geske at LCI. When you volunteer the committee will give 25.00 back to your club.

*Volunteers for 5M need to:
Register as an attendee with International
Register to volunteer
Purchase a 5M blue shirt if you don't have one. Applications for the shirts, are on-line.
Check with your club, a lot of the clubs are picking up all or part of the cost to register.
MD5M main hotel is the Marriott MPLS, on 394 West of 169 The second hotel for MD5M will be Spring Hills on 394 near 100.
There will be RV Parking for campers at the State Fair grounds.
There will be free parking & Shuttles.
The International Convention don't get this close to us, so let's take advantage of this opportunity,
It will be time to renew old friendships & make new ones.
Lets show the world 5M has the Lions Spirit!*

**SEE YOU AT THE
CONVENTION!**

We need your help to make it happen.

We need 500 to 700 volunteers; You can register to volunteer at [http://](http://www.2009lionsconvention.org)

www.2009lionsconvention.org

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Morris Lions Club to celebrate 70th Anniversary!

The Morris Lions Club will celebrate our 70th Anniversary on Monday, May 18 beginning at 6:00 with "Roaring" hour.

Location: Old No.1 Southside, Atlantic Ave - Morris.

All Lions and their guests are invited to attend. Please RSVP by May 11th to Lion Nancy Erdahl (320)589-1265 or erdahl@morris.umn.edu.

Notices!

CLUB REPORTS AND DUES PAYMENT

Just a reminder that seventeen of us need to send dues payments in now. There are also clubs that are behind on Club Reports. It is hard for us to help, if we do not have accurate records. Please take care of these matters immediately!

VERY IMPORTANT!

We still need 23 PU101's. These are used for printing the new officer's guides. May 15th is coming up-Please send them to DG Ken and Executive Secretary Bob Harms TODAY!

MMR'S

Please continue sending in your monthly reports. Those of you that are behind - There is still time-we do use them. Remember you will be billed in July so you do need to take care of the drops and adds.

100% AWARDS

Presidents and secretaries be sure to send in your forms for the 100% award by September, 2009.