

GREETINGS

This is my last newsletter as District Governor and I would like to thank everyone involved in making my year as District Governor a memorable time. A special thank you goes to CC Deb Harms, Executive Secretary Bob Harms, the cabinet, committees, zone chairs and all of the Everyday Heroes for your work in “Making Things Happen in 5M-4. Please continue supporting DGE Dewey in his quest to “Sail into the Future”.

This Spring there were two officer training sessions offered. Hopefully, those attending will go back to their clubs and share the updates for next year.

May 1-3 we attended the MD5M Convention held in Bloomington, MN. Besides the business, I enjoyed meeting Past International Kay K. Fukushima who shared many of his experiences with us. He also helped Kathy receive the credit from her Lioness years. I had a chance to meet Tam, a future leader from Hong Kong. We listened to Captain Heidimarie Stefanyshyn-Piper, a NASA astronaut from St. Paul, had the chance to attend several seminars and displays and spend time with other Lions.

There are several chances to become involved this summer. The first one is the Lions Club International 92nd Convention, July 6-10 in Minneapolis. If possible attend the parade at 9:00 a.m. July 7th. The official convention website is <http://www.2009lionsconvention.org>

Our next opportunity is the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Memphis, Tennessee, September 24-26. This year's Theme is “Move to Grow-Lions Leading Through Service”.

Again, I would like to congratulate our newest club, Garfield, and give a Big Thank you to PDG Morrie Faehnrich and Lion Kipp Hayes for all their dedicated service. Furthermore, I want to wish the 33 new Montevideo Leos success in their upcoming projects. Even with these new members our membership is still down for the year. Let's keep working, not only on new members but retention. Yes, we need new members but we need to keep the members that we have.

We just finished our last club visit in Dawson. Kathy and I would like to thank everyone involved in all of the club visits for your hospitality, good food, and the many personal and service gifts given to us. We truly enjoyed our year serving 5M-4 and look forward to seeing many of you in future Lion endeavors. Take time to enjoy life!

In Lionism,
DG Ken

Reminder

Lion Presidents, Secretaries and Zone Chairs please remember to send in your 100% Award forms by September 1, 2009. This is our way of thanking you for fulfilling your obligations.

New Officer Reports

Thank you for providing necessary information on the pu101's. The information was used for the new Directory.

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Please submit articles by August 10th to DGE Dewey at doessig@msn.com