

Going on a Lion's Journey

with District Governor Deb Harms

This is it! I can't believe it, it's May or maybe June by the time you get this newsletter. It is with very mixed emotions that I write this article. I have enjoyed every minute of every opportunity to meet with every Lion in the District. I will miss that very much. I must be honest though and say that I won't miss being gone so much, and being so gosh darn busy!

Officer training is finished for six of the eight zones. We are still trying to get a date and location for zones 5 & 6. Training went well, although attendance seemed down again this year. If you have ideas to improve the turn out of the officers for the training, please talk to DGE Kenneth Harwick or Lion Lori Sheehan. They would very much welcome your thoughts about improving the training. You can of course, share your thoughts with me, it is just that DGE Kenneth and Lion Lori will be the ones planning next year's training.

Club Secretaries please be sure that if you haven't completed your Membership report (PU101) either on line or by paper & snail mail that you get that done as soon as possible. Contact me if you have questions or need assistance. The information on that form is used by Lions Clubs International, the Multiple District and District 5M4 to communicate with your club. Without current officers, information that is being sent to you may be delayed in getting to you, or it may not get to you at all.

I want to thank one more time all the people who so graciously gave of their time to serve on the District cabinet with me. It was my pleasure to work with a truly fine group of people to serve the Lions clubs of District 5M4.

Thank you to every one and every club who made a donation to Campaign SightFirst II. Between club donations and donations made to the charity of my choice from Governor's night gifts, I am proud to say that we will have 100% participation for donations to the Campaign SightFirst II program! On behalf of everyone who cannot tell you how much they appreciate your generosity, please accept a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU!!

This will be the last newsletter for the year. Because I have so little free time for the next month as I work on the Multiple 5M Directory, I decided to combine May and June and send out just a little bit later.

It may sound like I'm saying good bye, but I will be around next year. I'll be serving on DGE Kenneth's cabinet as the Lioness Liaison and the contact for Project New Hope for the District. Of course, I'll be helping with the MidWinter convention as well (I'd love to hear your ideas for next year's convention).

Till we meet again, remember:

Because - Together we Serve, Together We Make A Difference!!

Vice District Governor Kenneth Harwick



Another busy month. We were at Mahnomen for the MD5M Multiple and have been at three Officer Training sessions with one more coming up. It seems that the more you know the more you want to know.

Hopefully, by now you have sent in your PU101's and that the 2008-2009 officers are ready to begin their year. If you were unable to make one of the previous training sessions you can still make the zone 5 & 6 session. Just watch for the date.

Soon Kathy and I will be heading to Bangkok to finish our VDG Training and to become your new District Governor. In the meantime, I am still working on my cabinet. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in being the Newsletter Editor, Public Relations Chair, Youth Exchange or Zone 3 or 4 chair, please contact me.

In Lionism,
DGE Kenneth

Contact DG or VDG by mail, phone or email

Submit Newsletter information by mail or e-mail (photos e-mail only) Deadline the 10th of the month.

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5th Annual Wendell LIONS

Motorcycle & Classic Car Run

June 7, 2008

Benny D's in Wendell

Registration: 12:00 p.m.

Departure: 1:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the Heart of Minnesota
With a tour of lake country.

Contacts: Steve Endreson (218) 589-7555
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 **We Serve**

Free will offering!
Food and beverages available!

Congratulations go to:

Vice District Governor Elect, Lion Duaine "Dewey" Essig for receiving a Presidential Award at the Multiple convention in Mahnomen. This award is the second highest award that can be presented to a Lion from Lions Clubs International. The award arrived too late to be given to him at our Mid-Winter convention so it was given to him at the Multiple convention instead.

As voted on by the delegates at our Mid-Winter convention, Past District Governor Alwood "Woody" Dokken received his Hall of Fame award at the Multiple Convention.

Congratulations to both of these hard working Lions!!

What About Those Eyeglasses We Collect?

EYE GLASS DONATION – Here is some interesting information about the eye glass recycling center in Rosholt Wisconsin where the eye glasses donated in 5M4 are sent to for recycling.

WORLD WIDE EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTERS

The Wisconsin Lions began collecting used eyeglasses in the 1950's and sent them to Lions Club International headquarters. As time passed the project grew and Lions Clubs International became involved with campaign Sight First. The Lions of Indiana and Texas started missions in South America and Mexico. Recycling Centers were started in France, Spain, Australia and South Africa. Lions in the United States formed centers in California, New Jersey, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Arizona and Washington State. Collectively the Lions of the world along with church groups and medical missions distribute recycled eyeglasses to third world countries free of charge

THE WISCONSIN LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER

A grant was obtained through Campaign Sight First in 1990 and the Wisconsin recycling center was established. An operation policy was established and the following information will explain the procedures.

COLLECTION OF THE RECYCLED EYEGLASSES

The Wisconsin Lions are assigned with the collection of the glasses, and transporting them to the recycling center. The Lions of Michigan, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois also collect and ship them to the center. Lens Crafters are a partner with Lions Clubs International in the Sight First Project. Collectively this group collects in excess of 800,000 pair of used eyeglasses annually.

PRISON INMATE PARTICIPATION

Two prison facilities are used in the eyeglass program, the Wisconsin State facility at Portage Wisconsin and the federal facility at Oxford Wisconsin. The inmates wash, dry, read the prescription, using a Lens Meter, place the glasses in a plastic bag and place fifty pair in a box according to prescription and gender in forty nine categories.

THE PROCESS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

The glasses are sorted for condition and cleanliness, placed in plastic see through crates and transported to the prison facilities. The boxes of glasses are transported back to the recycling center and placed in inventory. When requests for eyeglasses are received the boxes of requested glasses are placed in shipping boxes of four hundred and shipped to the mission headquarters. Medical and church missions are charged a handling fee of \$40.00 per case, plus shipping.!

Urgent Need

District Governor Ken absolutely needs a newsletter editor. He is currently looking at hiring the job out. There must be someone in our district willing to save the DG this added expense. Please contact DG Ken Harwick (320)-598-3268 or current newsletter editor Robert Kensinger (320) 763-6202 for more information.



One More Month-CSF II Fundraising

One more month is all the time that is left for Campaign SightFirst II fundraising. The official end is at the Lion International convention, Bangkok in June.

Your club and you as a Lion have time to donate funds or increase your pledge to CSF II. Remember every dollar raised goes to saving eye sights and for every \$6 raised one eye sight is saved.

I hope we will have reached the goal of having all our Lions clubs participate in the worthy cause. We were over 91% last month and nearly \$100,000 raised.

At the MD 5M multiple convention in Mahanomen a CSF II rally was held on Saturday morning to celebrate all the hard work the CSF II leaders

accomplished. So far over \$163M has been raised and hopefully we can reach the challenge goal of \$200M by the time of the international convention.

I would like to thank the three 5M4 district governors for all their support during the three year campaign. They were very helpful and supportive of the CSF II effort. Thanks to Lion Kent Beissel, Lion Jim Demaree, and Lion Deborah Harms.

Another thank you is needed for the CSF II group leaders (the real fund raisers and who "got it done" (Lion Jim Schoeberl--zone 1, Lion Dave Jensen--zone 2, Lion Barry Erdahl--zone 3, Lion Dennes Borman--zone 4, Lion Duane Dieken--zone 5, Lion Derek Stovern--zone 6, Lion Bill Paterson--zone 7, and Lion Doug Miller--zone 8).

Next time you see these Lions please thank them.

Remember only one more month for CSF II so please join the cause or help give some more to save eyesight's.

CSF II District Coordinator
Lion Jerry Miller

MINNESOTA LIONS EYE BANK

Re-focus on the Eye Bank:

For three years the major focus in the District, pertaining to eye health, has been directed toward the Campaign Sight First II fund drive. It has proven to be a very successful campaign thanks to all the clubs and the Lions who have been directly involved. Within a couple of weeks that campaign will be officially finished. With all of the effort and monies that have gone toward CSFII the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank has seen a dramatic drop in donations. At one of the latest tabulations the amounts have been reduced by 40 percent. It is time then that we "**RE – FOCUS**" our eye health donations back toward our MLEB. The MLEB needs our clubs donations to purchase those special items, which Lions provide. These special items help to improve the quality and magnitude of services so that the ranking of our eye bank can remain in the upper echelons of eye banks throughout the country. In several categories our MLEB ranks in the top 10. It would be especially gratifying if our District could be one that has 100% of the clubs make contributions to the Eye Bank. At present all of our clubs do not contribute. Check to see if your club is a contributor. It is time to RE – FOCUS our contribution efforts.

Watch for those invitations to club officers, to special events sponsored by the MLEB, which are mailed out periodically to clubs. If the club officer is not able to attend make sure that the invitation is passed on to a club member who can. These events highlight what is happening at the Eye Bank especially with donor families, recipient and their families, and other services provided by the MLEB.

For more information about the MLEB go on-line to www.mnlionseyebank.org or contact one of the District's representatives on the Eye Bank Board of Directors, PDG Jerry Miller or PDG Kent Beissel and arrange for a program at your club or Zone meeting.

Diabetes Awareness

The Lions Diabetes Awareness Committee had an exciting day at the multiple convention in Mahnomen this month. As you may recall 5M4 was instrumental in proposing to the Council of Governors that the Spring Point Project be recognized by district 5M as an organization worthy of the support of the Lions in the Multiple District.

As a result of that proposal, the Multiple District was also given the green light to pursue a relationship with the University of Minnesota Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation. This partnership would be modeled after the relationship we have with the eye bank and hearing center.

At the business session on Saturday afternoon, both proposals were brought before the delegates and were unanimously approved by the voting delegates.

We feel this is a new and wonderful challenge for the Lions of District 5M. We can now give or monetary support to both of these fine organizations and help make a real difference in the treatment and cure of this disease.

Monies can be given to either or both organizations. If you feel stronger about one over the other, your contribution can be made to the one of your choice.

I have visited with the principals of Spring Point and they would be most happy to come to your community to give their talk concerning their program. We would like to see a large group and suggest you get together with some of your neighboring Lions Clubs for a joint gathering. It may be advisable to invite the local diabetes groups to attend also.

Keep in mind we have the equipment for a diabetes screening and would encourage you to use it.

If you have any questions concerning this new venture with the Spring Point Project or the U of M partnership, contact Marty or myself and we'll try to get your questions answered.

Lion Woody Dokken
Diabetes Co-Chair

Public Relations: Promote Your Club

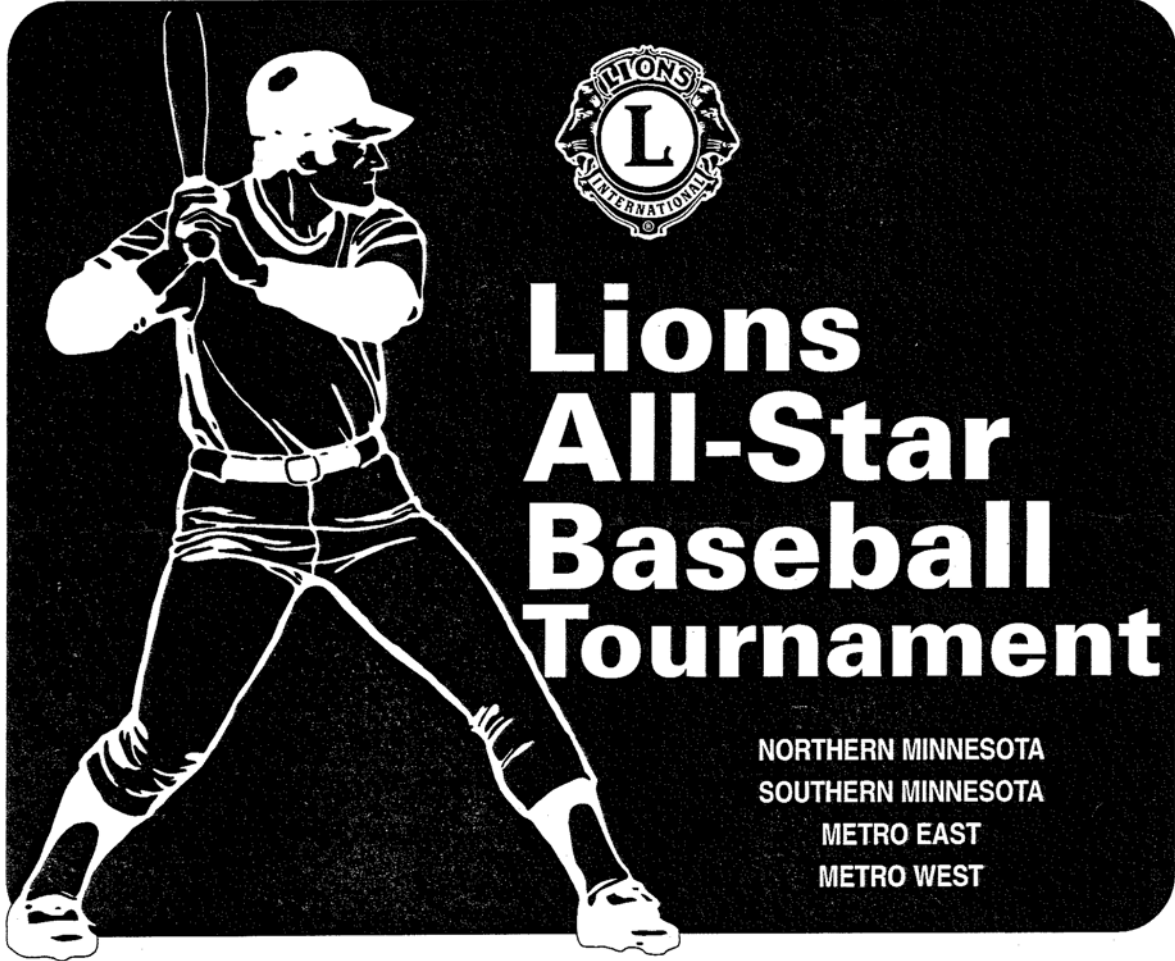
Have you heard that the Lions are the best kept secret around? Many people don't even know what we do, or sometimes they don't know that there is even a Lions club in town. Good public relations is a good way to change that perception for your club.

Now is the time for your club to run an ad in your local paper, on the radio station or on a local cable channel thanking the people in your communities for supporting your fund raisers. List the fund raisers, but more importantly list the donations your club has made over the past Lion's year. Even if you need to pay for the ad, getting your club in the news in a positive way is key!

You can do some of this year round as well, by having place mats made to use at fund raisers involving meals that list the donations your club makes and projects your club supports. Posters on the wall listing where you club spends the money it raises at fund raisers is another good idea as well.

Please contact me if you would like help with ideas about helping your Lions club to **NOT** be the best kept secret in your town!! You can contact me at 320.398.2932 (H) 320.398.8591 (W) or 320.699.0179 (C). My e-mail address is md5mlion@meltel.net

Lion Bob Harms, 5M4 Public Relations Chair



GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
METRO-EAST, METRO WEST, NORTH & SOUTH ALL STARS

PRACTICE SCHEDULE - Thursday, June 19
 West 9:00 A.M - East 11:00 A.M. - South 1:00 P.M. - North 3:00 P.M.

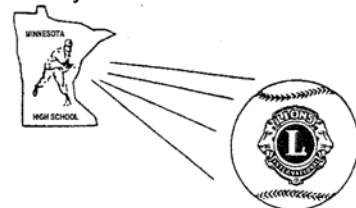
ROUND ROBIN DOUBLE HEADERS
 Friday, June 20 - 4:00 P.M. - South vs. Metro East - North vs. Metro West
 Saturday, June 21 - 10:00 A.M. - Metro West vs. South - North vs. Metro East
 Saturday, June 21 - 3:00 P.M. - South vs. North - Metro East vs. Metro West

CHASKA MUNICIPAL STADIUM

TICKETS: ADULTS \$3 PER SESSION ADVANCE, \$5 AT THE GATE
 STUDENTS 18 & UNDER - SENIOR CITIZENS - \$2 ADVANCE \$4 GATE
 All net proceeds go to Lions Children's Eye Clinic, University of Minnesota

ASK YOUR LIONS MEMBER FOR TICKETS

**Sponsored by Lions Clubs of Minnesota
 & Minnesota Baseball Coaches Assn.**



Calendar of Events

June 7, 2008 Wendlell Lions Motorcycle & Classic Car Run Registration at noon at Benny D's in Wendell. Contact Steve Endreson 218.589.7555 or Les Holte 218.589.8891

June 7, 2008 Browns Valley Lions Club Charter Night Social 6 PM at the Browns Valley Legion. Contact Fred Fiala: PO Box 204 Browns Valley MN 58032 or by e-mail fritzf@drtel.net

Officer Training

To Be Announced

Zone 5

Clubs: Clara City, Danube, Maynard, Raymond, Renville, Sacred Heart

Zone 6

Clubs: Bird Island, Buffalo Lake, Fairfax & Lioness, Hector & Lioness, Morton, Olivia

Lions Club Incorporation

Dear Lions Members:

There has been a great deal of discussion this past month or so about Lions Clubs incorporating. As many of you are aware, there have been some situations that have come up with clubs regarding gambling issues. This has brought up a lot of questions regarding the value of incorporation.

It is recommended by LCI that each club should incorporate. Some of the reasons being the following:

a) Lions Clubs International's Liability insurance policy is limited in its coverage. Read it carefully for limitations and exclusions. You can download a copy from the LCI website.

b) Incorporation protects your members from personal liability if your club is involved in a lawsuit.

Following you will find instructions on

- 1) How to find out if your club is incorporated.
- 2) How to renew your corporation status if you were incorporated and it has lapsed.
- 3) How to incorporate if you have never been incorporated.

I hope the following information is helpful to you. Should you have any questions, please give me a call at 507-964-2733 or email me at king70@frontiernet.net

Thanks,
PID Maynard Rucks

To find what the status of your club is in regard to Incorporation:

Go to the website: www.sos.state.mn.us

- 1) Go to Online Services
- 2) Go to Search
- 3) Go to Registered Office/Corporate File
- 4) Type in the name of your club, also check the box if you feel you may be inactive and your name will appear.

Note the description of the Entity Type ID Definitions. (If your name does not appear at all your club has probably never been incorporated).

If you have incorporated previously but are inactive at this time, you can either reactivate online at https://online.sos.state.mn.us/abr/corp/annual_filing.asp

or you can print a copy of the renewal form off of the website www.sos.state.mn.us and send it in. There is no fee for the renewal of a corporation.

To print a copy:

- 1) Go to Business and Non Profit Forms
- 2) Go to Corporations Minnesota Business & Non Profit
- 3) Go to Non Profit Renewal - Word Form or Non Profit Renewal - PDF Form

If you have never incorporated following are the steps to print a form to do so yourselves. There is a \$70 fee for incorporation the first time.

To print a copy:

- 1) Go to Business and Non Profit Forms
- 2) Go to Corporations Minnesota Business & Non Profit
- 3) Go to Articles of Incorporation - Word Form or Articles of Incorporation - PDF Form

You can also have an attorney incorporate for you or you can call CT which is a service that has been contracted by LCI to do this for all Lions Clubs. CT does charge a fee in addition to the \$70 which it costs to incorporate. The number for CT is 1-866-331-2303 or email at LionsClubs@wolterskluwer.com

For local assistance contact PDG Wayne Swanson at (R) 218-281-5922 or (B) 218-281-4343 or email lawfirm@wayneswanson.com

He is willing and happy to assist clubs filing articles of incorporation or just answering questions.



You're wanted in Saskatoon in 2008

The goal is 300 Lions, Lioness and Leos from MD5M

'Make your plans to attend today'

Now is the time to register for the 32nd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. September 18-20, 2008, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

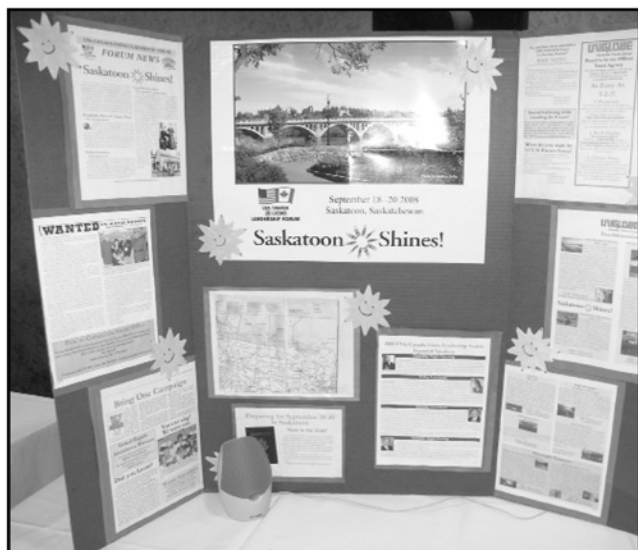
The theme is "Everyday Heroes Performing Miracles Through Service." There will be over 64 different seminars to learn from, but most of all is the opportunity to exchange ideas with Lions, Lioness and Leos from all parts of North American.

The goal for MD5M is to have 300 Lions, Lioness and

Leos attending this Forum.

You can register on line at www.usacanadalionsforum.org or contact your District Governor or Lion Bert Nelson at bertnelson@lakesplus.com or 218-385-3956

More Forum information



If you need information about the Forum you can contact your District Governor or Lion Bert Nelson at bertnelson@lakesplus.com or 218-385-3956.

Check out the Forum website at www.usacanadalionsforum.org, you can also register online.

Bus Ride to Saskatoon

Forget pushing your vehicle halfway
across Canada to attend the
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Ride The Lion Bus!!!

The bus will leave from 5M1 - probably Rochester- on September 17 and return on September 21. There will be room for up to 50 Lions and guests.

Cost will be \$150 round trip.

The route will be determined by riders locations and will be announced later.

Contact:	507-754-5509
Governor Clair Mrotek	mroteckc@acninc.net
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\$100 deposit, deadline is July 1, 2008.

Please make checks out to Rochester Bus Service and send to Clair.