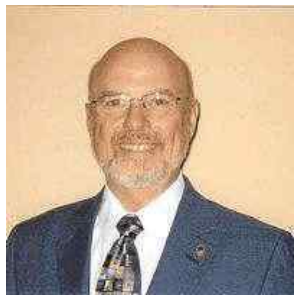




5M7 Team News

May 2009



Each month I receive M&A reports from the clubs and I am amazed at the things you do for your communities. I am really proud to have been your District Governor this past year. I sincerely believe that 5M7 is the best District in MD5M and that says a lot because there are other outstanding Districts too. The Lions of 5M7 can take Pride in what you do and what you have done. You really are “everyday heroes and you have created miracles through your service.

MEMBERSHIP! We are very close to 2000 members. We need a net increase of about 40 members by mid-June. Let's go GET “EM. Then let's keep ‘em. Some clubs are doing a wonderful job of recruiting and retaining. Now is the time to ask somebody new and young to join Lions.

INTERNATIONAL Convention. It is not too late to register for \$100.00. The cut off date has been extended to June 30th. Do Not register on line. Print the form, cross out the \$150 number and write in \$100.00 and send the check by mail. See the 5M7.org website for complete details. I have said it before and I will repeat it, “this is a once in a lifetime opportunity”.

DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET is June 22nd at the Coon Rapids VFW. The meal is \$15.00 and the event starts about 6 PM with the meal at 7 PM. Please register by club and contact PDG Ken Steies, District Treasurer. If you don't register, you can still come, but we cannot guarantee a meal for you. If you do register and don't attend, you will be charged for the meal if somebody else doesn't but it.

Until my last column next month, I am as always,
Yours sincerely in Lionism,
DG Jim Mulroy
“Do for, not to”.



Message from DGE Clay



Greetings to all Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7,

As you can see my pin say's "COMMUNICATION IS KEY" I have been going to many meetings and talking about the future of Lionism in 5M7 and what I plan on doing to help make 5M7 move forward.

BORING Zone meetings are a thing of the past I really want to liven them up, For years we have seen the same old thing and it's time to change so let's have 1 speaker from the Lions wellness van, Lions eye bank, Lions diabetes , Lions hearing foundation, etc.

Then I want each club who host's a zone meeting to invite someone from their community that their club has helped and have that family come out and tell their story and how the Lions have helped them and how they look and feel about that Lions club.

I can guarantee you that this will be very inspirational and sometimes you may even get teary eyed. But that is what we should do is help those people that need our help and give them the second chance at life.

We don't always see the results of giving but doesn't it feel good to know someone may have glasses or hearing aids so that they might have just seen or heard their children for the very first time.

It is still not too late to serve at the Lions International Convention in Minneapolis, MN July 6-10th.2009. Lion Deb and I are going to have the greatest times of our Lions Life and we hope you will join us, I look forward to being your District Governor for 5M7 for 2009-2010.

DGE Clay O'Flanagan

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Around the District in Words and Pictures

Lions from District 5M7 undergo CERT Training



Article on Cadillac Dinner From Chisago County Press

Cadillac Dinner was a great time

MATT SILVER Publisher

This past Saturday, my wife and I attended the Lions Cadillac Dinner in Chisago City. I have always purchased tickets in the past, but have never attended. Having never been to a Cadillac Dinner, I had some misconceptions in my mind of a snooty dinner that consisted of the who's who in the area. I couldn't have been more wrong. It was such a relaxed atmosphere and every person in attendance could not have been friendlier.

The atmosphere was great, the people were great and the food was outstanding. There were six raffle packages that were all amazing. Mark Karnowski was this year's emcee and he did a super job keeping the audience entertained.

If you have ever thought about attending the Cadillac Dinner, and were leery about what it involves, don't be. It is a great time and you will have fun I guarantee it. Thanks to the Chisago Lakes Lions for an enjoyable night away from the kids.



Chisago Lakes Lions helped Lion Leo Skarda celebrate his 100th > birthday. PDG Lion Pat Kennedy is giving Lion Leo Skarda, the Melvin Jones Award.

Lion Leo Skarda has been a member since January 1976. Before that, he was a Charter Member of the Fort Snelling Lions."

(PS - Lion Leo Skarda passed away 2 weeks later)



The Chisago Lakes Lions held a food collection at Brinks Market In Chisago City. What a success! They were able to collect 998 pounds of non-perishable items!



The Lindstrom Family Pathway Food Pantry was Bustling with a delivery from the Chisago Lakes Lions

Governor's Pictures

Here are some pictures from our Governor, showing us what he's been up to.



Governor Jim at the UN Lions Day Celebration with ID Bev and Lion Steve



DG Jim & Tina, Pres. Lynne Widner, Sec Judy Herrala, Lion Deb, DGE Clay & RC Tom at Nowthen Gov. Night



PDG Ken Steies receiving banner from PIP Kay Fukushima



**DG Jim&Tina with astronaut Heidi
at MD5M convention**



**DG Jim & Tina on Cocoa Beach watching
launch of Heidi's space shuttle**



DG Jim & Tina going on hay ride at Nowthen Lions Gov. Night

DG Jim, RC Tom, & DGE Clay showing off their model tractors

LIONESSE REPORT

May, 2009

Andover	Helped Lions host Zone Meeting
Anoka	Annual Waffle Breakfast fundraiser
Big Lake	4 members were instructors at Spring School of Instruction
Buffalo	May baskets for elderly
Cedar East Bethel	Food Shelf and Clothes Closet activities
Clear Lake	Donations to Diabetes Foundation, Leader Dog, Camp Friendship, MN Eye Bank and Hearing Foundation.
Clearwater	Drug Awareness Poster Awards
Columbus	Collected \$132 in pennies for Children's Cancer
Coon Rapids	Craft and bake sale at pancake breakfast
Lino Lakes	Clowned at SLP Lions Pancake Breakfast/Hosted Group II Meeting
Montrose	Five members attended Lion/Lioness Awards Night
North Branch	No Report
St. Francis	Easter Egg Hunt with SF Lions and Oak Grove Lions
Spring Lake Park	Spring Bake Sale at Pancake Breakfast

A huge thank you to the Lino Lakes Lioness for hosting the May 5 Group II Meeting. All clubs were represented. The food was scrumptious, the door prizes and raffles were fun—no one left empty handed. DGE Clay and VDGE Brian led a discussion of the future of Lioness Clubs in District 5M7 and answered many questions posed by Lioness members. DG Jim discussed the need for volunteers during the International Convention in Minneapolis.

The Spring School of Instruction was a tremendous success. Many thanks to Big Lake Lioness members Judie Zaske, Jodi Fuchs, Sue Sanford and Linda Talonen for the time they spent preparing for and leading the Lioness officer training. Great job everyone!

The secretary training at Spring School of Instruction included information on changes to M&A reports for next year; specifically, there will be an activities report rather than a Governor's Contest. Contact your group leaders (Linda Talonen and Jackie Brown) for any additional information.

Many lives are positively affected by Lioness activities in your communities – you DO make a difference!

~~ Lioness Liaisons

M&A REPORTING FOR APRIL 2009

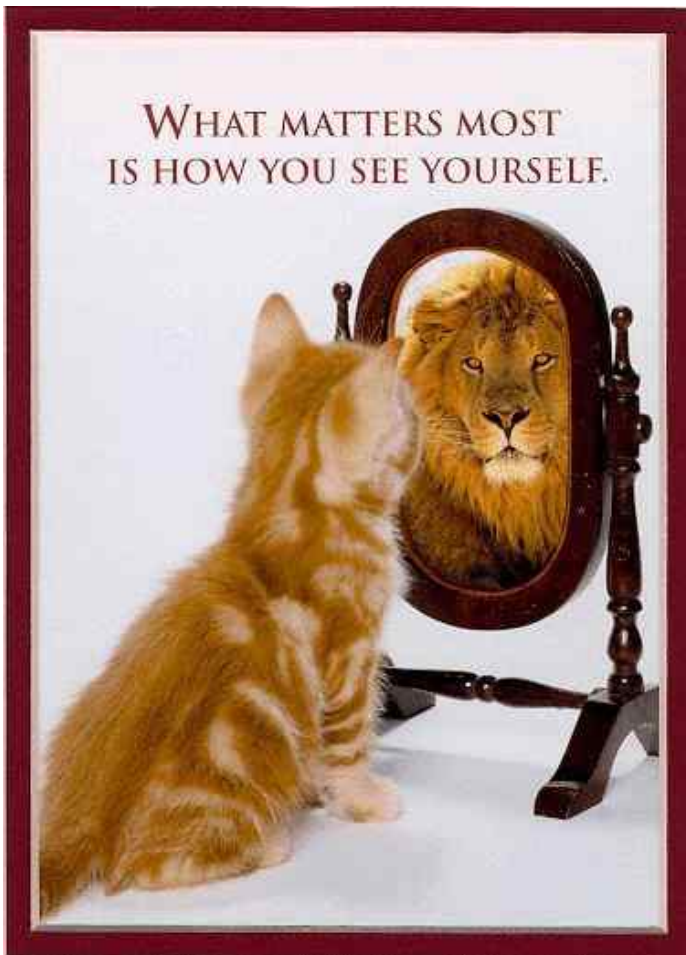
CLUB NAMEWHAT CLUB REPORTED

Albertville	NO REPORT
Almelund maintenance	Seven members volunteered 50 hours cleaning up the ballpark and doing spring
Andover	Turned in 200 pairs of glasses
Annandale	Thirty-two members volunteered 107 hours at the Lions Easter egg hunt
Anoka	Fourteen members volunteered 28 hours at the Country Music Show
Becker	Sent in their M&A on time
Big Lake	Twenty-three members volunteered 150 hours at Palm Sunday pancake breakfast
Blaine	Donated \$2,000 to Friendship Ventures
Buffalo	New member joined their club
Buffalo Noon	Donated \$100 to the Crisis Nursery of Wright County
Cambridge	Eighteen members volunteered 95 hours at a Scandinavian dinner
Cedar East Bethel	Seventeen members volunteered 125 hours at a Lions/Lioness garage sale
Centerville	NO REPORT
Chisago Lakes	Member Lion Leo Skarda celebrated his 100th birthday!
Circle Pines Lex Easter egg hunt	Nine members volunteered 275 hours at pancake breakfast & 47 1/2 hours at
Clear Lake	Donated \$1,000 to City of Clear Lake for fireworks
Clearwater	NO REPORT
Cokato	Donated \$200 to PATH Crisis Nursery of Wright County
Columbia Heights	NO REPORT
Columbus egg hunt	Twelve members volunteered 146 hours at pancake breakfast & 50 hours at Easter
Coon Rapids	Inducted Three New Members, 1051 Volunteer Hours, \$2069 in Comm Donations
Coon Rapids Cardinals	NO REPORT
Coon Rapids North Star	Two new members joined their club
Delano	NO REPORT
Elk River	NO REPORT
Forest Lake	New member joined their club
Fridley	Donated \$500 to Fridley High School all night grad party
Fridley Five Stars	Four members attended the Zone meeting
Grandy	NO REPORT
Ham Lake	Donated \$500 to the Ham Lake Senior Center & the Ham Lake Fire Dept.
Hanover	Three members attended the Zone meeting
Hanover Crow River build a school	Having an Avon fund-raiser to help a group from BHS to go to South Africa to
Howard Lake	Ten members volunteered 20 hours at their Spring Carnival
Hugo	Donated \$1,000 to Oneka/Hugo food shelf
Isanti	Donated a total of \$4,000 for scholarships
Lino Lakes	NO REPORT
Livonia Towhship	Five members volunteered 10 hours at an Easter party
Maple Lake	Forty-eight members volunteered 283 hours at the St. Patricks Day Irish Stew feed
Monticello	NO REPORT
Montrose	Sixteen members volunteered 70 1/2 hours at breakfast buffet
North Branch	NO REPORT
Nowthen	Nine members volunteered 50 hours at Nowthen Arbor Day Celebration
Oak Grove	NO REPORT
Otsego	Donated \$800 to CAER food shelf
Ramsey	Donated \$2,500 to Ramsey Safety Camp

Rockford	Twenty members volunteered 140 hours at annual club Greenback dinner
Rush City	Turned in 73 pairs of glasses
Santiago	Donated \$250 to Becker Middle School
Spring Lake Park	Thirty-six members volunteered 252 hours at a breakfast
St. Francis	Fifteen members volunteered 45 hours packaging 5000 eggs for Easter egg hunt
St. Michael	NO REPORT
Stacy	NO REPORT
Taylor Falls	Twenty members volunteered 60 hours at a Lions Park work night
Waverly	NO REPORT
Wyoming	NO REPORT
Zimmerman	Donated \$250 to Jacob's Run

For information on upcoming club events and the Governor's Schedule, go to the 5M7 Website

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