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## **LEGACY LOG**Lion Steve Wasserman District Governor

#### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

Convention time is here! Can you believe it? I suppose it doesn't help that the year started with back surgery just prior to last year's multiple convention, and continued with my

struggles with CLL and eventual chemotherapy, but it feels like things are flying by faster than I can keep up. Actually, I think that happens to every District Governor, every Club President, every International Director, and probably every International President.

The upcoming Midwinter Convention, on February 10-12, will give us all a chance to think about and "Celebrate The Legacy" of Lions' Service, and also to look for "New Mountains To Climb" in support of the theme of our International President, Lion Bob Corlew from Tennessee.

The convention will begin on Friday at 6:30 with a totally revised Opening Ceremony. The hotel won't let us hang banners, so Lion Loretta has been working on a PowerPoint presentation that will take the place of the "Parade of Banners". The Service of Remembrance will immediately follow, and the Friday night mixer will once again feature the Tuxedo Band.

I wanted to throw a change-up for the Seminars on Saturday morning. Lindy Toner, from PlusOptix, will lead off, talking about Project KidSight and the new PlusOptix vision screeners that the district is purchasing with the help of both an LCIF grant and a grant from the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Batting second will be PID Brian Sheehan, who will get us all enthused about the Lions University, which provides Leadership Courses online that any Lion can take to upgrade their leadership skills. Batting third will be DG Rob Hed from 5M4 and a couple of our own Leos, who will help us improve our online presence through the use of Social Media such as Facebook and Google Docs. Batting cleanup will be our visiting International Director, Bill Phillipi, who will hold a "Town Hall Meeting", an open forum where you will be able to ask questions about any subject related to Lions.

The noon luncheon will be dedicated to our youth programs. We will hear the three Write-Off finalists

and our Essay Contest winner. The winning Peace Poster will be unveiled and we will hear about Youth Exchange and Leos. The Business Meeting will, of course, feature elections of our next DG Team and the MD5M Hall of Fame. There will also be a craft project time for non-delegates who sign up in advance. We will have an ID Reception at 5:30, and Banquet at 6:30 where we will hear the main address from our visiting International Director, Lion Bill Phillipi. The Saturday night mixer will be a little lower-key than Friday night, but our Convention Committee has some fun activities planned that I'm sure you will enjoy.

Sunday will begin with an Ecumenical Church Service at 8:00 am. Brunch begins at 9:00, and will feature the Parade of Green results and comments from our newly elected 2017-2018 DG Team. We will also take a brief look over our shoulder at the first 100 years of Lionism and a quick look ahead to the next 100.

I do hope you find this convention entertaining, enlightening, and inspiring.

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#### MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK



Nancy Mathwig 1st Vice District Governor

My article this month is going to focus on history facts. Here goes: February - the second month of the calendar year; the shortest month of the year with 28 days (or 29 in leap years) and according to Wikipedia, the only month of the year that can pass without

a single full moon. This last happened in 1999 and will next happen in 2018. February is also the month that District 5M-2 traditionally holds our Mid-Winter convention in Mankato. This year, 2017, will be the 30th year the convention has been held at the City Center (formerly Holiday Inn) Hotel in downtown Mankato. Most of the other district in our multiple, with the exception of District 5M7, have moved or continue to move their conventions to different locations either in their districts or outside their districts. Having Mankato centrally located in 5M-2 has allowed us to know from year to year when and where the event will be held and for many years, work with the same hotel staff.

Register now, if you haven't done so already! If you are a first timer, the convention is a great place to meet other Lions, hear about the projects and service that Lions perform and to have FUN! This year will be particularly exciting and memorable as we hear from MD5M's own Past International Director Brian Sheehan, from Bird Island, who is running for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. The first and only time a Lion from Minnesota has served the international organization as president was in 1921-1922 when Lion Ewen Cameron, of Minneapolis, served. Come join the fun at Mid-Winter as we hear from Lion Brian and show our support!

Trivia question - Did you know that Melvin Jones, the founder of our organization, never served as president of Lions Clubs International? In the first century of Lions Clubs International, International Presidents have been elected from 31 of our 50 states with seven each from California and Texas, four each from Michigan, New York, Tennessee (including our current President) and Alabama, three each from Indiana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and North Carolina and two each from Colorado, New Jersey, Virginia, Nebraska, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Illinois, Arkansas, and Arizona and one from the remaining 11 - Minnesota, Iowa, Utah, Kentucky, Maine, Florida, Connecticut, Ohio, Mississippi, Georgia and Maryland.

The first International President (non US) was in 1924-25 when Harry Newman of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, served as President of Lions Clubs International. Three additional presidents have been elected from Canada. In addition to Canada, International Presidents have been elected from the countries of Cuba, Chili, Sweden (2), Puerto Rico, France (2), Brazil (2), New Zealand, Japan (2), Northern Ireland, Italy, India (2) plus our current First Vice President, Thailand, Republic of Korea plus our current Third Vice President, Germany, Republic of Sri Lanka, Hong Kong China, and Australia. Our current Second Vice President is from Iceland.

February has also been a busy month in our district for chartering new clubs. The following clubs will be celebrating anniversaries during the month of Febru-

0	Chaska Lions	59 years
0	Cologne Lions	43 years
0	Ellendale Lions	46 years
0	Jordan Lions	38 years
0	Le Center Lions	41 years
0	Lester Prairie Lions	31 years
0	Nicollet Lions	45 years
0	Wells Lions	41 years
0	<b>Hutchinson Lioness</b>	33 years

Congratulations to these nine clubs for their combined 377 years of service to their communities and the world!!!

#### Where there's a need, there's a Lion!

Elect Lion Nancy Mathwig 5M-2 District Governor 2017 - 2018





#### Lions Service

\*District 5M-2 First Vice District Governor 2016-2017 \*District 5M-2 Second Vice District Governor 2015-2016 \*22 years Arlington & Sibley East Lions Clubs (SE charter member) \*Club President (Sibley East Lions) 1996-1997, 2007-2008 \*Club Secretary 2012 to present \*Zone Chairperson 2012 -2014 & 2004 -2006 \*District Cabinet since 1998: Youth Exchange, Leo, Peace Poster, MERLO team: Orientation, District Activities, and currently Historian \*MD5M Youth Exchange Co - Chair 2005 - 2008 \*Chair 2011 MD5M convention & Co-chair 2016 MD5M convention

\*YE Camp Spicer staff - 16 years & Hosted 20+ YE students in home \*1st MD5M Lions Leadership Institute Graduate

#### Attended: \*4 Lions International Conventions

\*19 MD5M Conventions \*25+ 5M-2 Mid Winters \*7 USA/Canada Leadership Forums

\*Married to PDG Darwin Mathwig (deceased) for 37 years \*3 adult children - Derek, Sean & Amber

#### Lions Awards:

\*International President's Award \*4 International President's Certificate of Appreciation \*Melvin Jones Fellow \*Helen Keller Sight Award \*Hearing Research Fellow \*Top Dog Award

#### **BITS AND PIECES**



Diana Kroells 2nd Vice District Governor

January 8th was a very exciting day in District 5M2 as the Eittlen's Café in New Prague was jam packed with Lions welcoming in our newest club- The New Prague Area Lions. It was a fun night to share with an enthusiastic group of Lions who are ready to take on

some service projects to benefit their community. Thank you PDG Marvin Grimm and Lion Darlene Wondra for being their guiding Lions. Of course, International Director Bruce Beck gave some very encouraging words to the new club and to all of us who will be there to support them. And that little girl in the video- (I know many of you have heard her) encouraging us all to "don't stop, don't give up, don't stop, don't give up, keep trying, keep trying".

Our Multiple District also received some very exciting news in January as PID Brian Sheehan announced that he would seek the endorsement of Lions as 3rd Vice President of Lions International. With his dynamic personality, I am confident he will succeed in this new venture.

As I write this article I cannot help reflect on where I was in my "Lion's life" about 1 year ago. I was trying to decide if this is the road I wanted to take-serving as a Vice District Governor and eventually on to District Governor. It seems like just a few weeks ago that I announced my decision at the February cabinet

meeting but a whole year has gone by already. Now here I am as your 2st VDG preparing for a hospitality room at the 2017 Mid -Winter Convention. Of course as a woman preparing for "a party" I am thinking about those important things such as what will I serve, how do I decorate, and will I have enough food & beverages. One thing I don't have to worry about is whom should I invite because you are all invited!! Stop by and see if your name appears on a puzzle piece in my room and receive a free gift.

It is always fun to see the creative costumes on Friday evening especially this year as we try to be someone

who has left a legacy in music. Lion Loretta & Lion Julie, as well as the rest of the committee, have put a lot of work into the convention so I hope you are planning to join in the fun. I am looking forward to a time of learning, sharing ideas and socializing with a great group of service minded people- Lions. You can come for just a day or the weekend and you will learn, have fun & meet at least one new Lion.

Never been to a Mid-Winter Convention??? Why not let this be your "New Mountain to Climb".

Please remember to be as generous as possible in your Parade of Green donations. Many of the service projects rely on these donations so that they can in turn benefit others. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion"

I wish you all a great 2017!

#### HAPPY LIONS CENTENNIAL 2017!

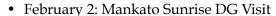


Lion Debra Wasserman
District 5M2 GLT Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE!

2017-2018 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING SATURDAY MAY 6 (MORNING) BETHANY COLLEGE, MANKATO

#### WHERE CAN YOU FIND DG STEVE IN FEBRUARY?





• February 4: 5M11 District Convention

- February 6: Green Isle DG Visit
- February 7: Midwinter Convention Planning Committee
- February 9-12: 5M2 District Convention
- February 15: Wells DG Visit
- February 20: Brownton DG Visit
- February 21: Chaska DG Visit
- February 22: Shakopee DG Visit
- February 27: Chanhassen DG Visit
- February 28: Cologne DG Visit



#### **MID-WINTER CONVENTION UPDATE**

Zone three is awaiting to "Celebrate the Legacy" with the Lions of 5M2 at the Midwinter in February. It is your opportunity to "celebrate the centennial of Lions. We have some new things planned. We are busy choosing the winning youth for the Saturday luncheon when we celebrate our youth and future Lions. Come join us after the banquet for an opportunity to win prizes with Midwinter Feud". We will also be playing background music of the past 100 years during that time. We would love to see you there.

Reminders: Our next break for Midwinter registration fees is February 1st. You can still save five dollars by registering by that date. So please continue to send those registrations into the committee. Reminders, registration forms may be obtained at the 5M2 website or in this newsletter.

Also, we still have some rooms at the hotel to BOOK to sell out the hotel on Friday evening. Please get you rooms booked so we sell out the hotel so the band can play later into the night. It is a great opportunity to



have fun and meet Lions in our district. Hotel information in the newsletter and on 5M2 website.

We want to that everyone who has registered to this point. We want to be good guests and registering early allows us to project meal counts. We must notify the hotel of counts a week prior to the convention. This does not mean you cannot not join us, just asking for consideration in registering early to make the meal projections easier for the hotel and committee.

Again, Zone Three and DG Steve and PID Debra are looking forward to a great convention. See you in Mankato in February for an entertaining and informative convention.

REMINDER: Clubs need to bring a \$15 door prize. Also opening ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening. Saturday seminars begin at 8:30 a.m.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

Please make sure and submit the Delegate Roster form for your club prior to mid-winter convention to ensure the ability to vote.

If you don't know if your form has been submitted, please contact Lion Cindy Walters at cjwalters@me.com. The form is located in this newsletter on page 11.

See you at convention!

# BILL PHILLIPI INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Bill Phillipi from Marysville, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26 through 30, 2015.

Director Phillipi is a self-employed contractor.

A member of the Marysville Lions Club since 1974, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, secretary, treasurer, district governor, district convention chairperson, council chairperson,

multiple district GMT coordinator and multiple district convention chairperson. He was also the associate chairman of the host committee for USA/Canada forum in 2013.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, Leadership Award and an International President's Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Phillipi is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Marysville Travel and Tourism Board, Marysville Main street Board, US Highway 36 Board of Directors and the Partnership for Growth Board of Directors.

Director Phillipi and his wife, Vickie, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three daughters and nine grandchildren.

#### Midwinter Convention Seminars

DG Steve Wasserman

I have taken a different approach to the seminars at this year's Midwinter Convention. The topics this year will help us "Celebrate Learning". It is my hope that you will find them interesting and informative.

#### PlusOptix Vision Screener & Project Kidsight: Lion Lindy Toner



Lion Lindy Toner, from PlusOptix, will present the first seminar on Saturday morning. Lindy has been a Lion since 1998, serving on the District 2E2 Lions Organ and Eye Bank for two years, and developed the vision screening program for the Texas Lions. She has worked in the optical field since 1980 as a certified ABO Optician. and was the Director of the "Prevent Blindness Texas" program from 2008-2013, after which she joined the PlusOptix team.

Lindy will also conduct a training workshop for 15 people who will be our initial cadre of screeners and trainers.

#### Lions University: PID Brian Sheehan

PID Brian Sheehan will present a seminar on the Lions University. Lions University is offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The Lions University program is about making sure that you have the skills and resources to build strong communities through volunteer service. The Bachelor's Program is intended to develop the skills necessary to lead a Lions Club. Courses are directed to the skills needed to be great club leader.



#### Google Docs: Cologne Leos

The Cologne Leos will also explain "Google Docs" and describe how they use it in their club to improve communication and collaboration online.

#### Social Media: DG Rob Hed (5M5)



District Governor Rob Hed will share his knowledge and experience using social media. DG Rob is a prolific poster on Facebook, and his club, the Hamel Lions, makes effective use of posts to communicate with its members and the public. DG Rob will give us some of the "why" and "how" of Social Media, and provide tips for helping better reach our intended audiences.

#### A Town Hall Meeting: ID Bill Phillipi

Our visiting International Director, Bill Phillipi, of Marysville Kansas, will offer us the opportunity to ask any and all questions we might have about Lions or about serving as an International Director. Come prepared!



#### 2017 District 5M2 Convention Schedule

Friday, February 10					
6:30 pm	Opening C	eremony – <i>"Celebrating Our Clubs"</i>			
7:15 pm	Service of	Service of Remembrance – "Celebrating Those Who's Service Is Complete"			
8:30 pm	Friday Nigl	Friday Night Mixer – "CELEBRATE!"			
Saturday, February 11					
		Seminars – "Celebrating Learning"			
	8:30 am	Kidsight: Lion Lindy Toner, PlusOptix			
	9:35 am	Lions University: PID Brian Sheehan			
	10:10 am	Lions Online: DG Rob Hed (5M5), Cologne Leos			
	10:55 am	Town Hall Meeting: ID Bill Phillipi			
11:30 pm	Lunch – "C	Celebrating Our Youth"			
2:00 pm	Business N	Meeting — "Celebrating Our Process"			
5:30 pm	Internation	nal Director's Reception – "Celebrating Relationships"			
6:30 pm	Banquet – "Celebrating Our Leadership"				
8:00 pm	Saturday N	Night Mixer – "Celebrate!"			
Sunday, February 12					
8:00 am	Ecumenica	al Church Service – "Celebrating Our Faith"			
9:00 pm	Brunch – "	'Celebrating Our Future"			

#### **Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention** February 10th, 11th & 12th, 2017 City Center Hotel - Mankato, Minnesota



E-Mail Address:

**Dietary Needs:** 

Phone #:

#### REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY - This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect

\$10.00

\$15.00

\$20.00

Guest #1 Information: Select One () Lion () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest () 1st Time Attendee

First Name:

Club Name:

State & Zip:

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Early Bird Special (Post Marked by December 15th)

Not-so-Early Bird Registration Fee (Post Marked by January 31st)

Regular Registration Fee (Post Marked After January 31st)

Last Name:

City:

Address/P.O. Box:

#### \*\*\*Important Notice\*\*\*

- The registration fee will apply to all attendees, including non-Lions. The only exemptions will be visiting dignitaries and invited guest speakers.
- Name tags will be distributed with your convention registration materials and need to be worn in order to gain admission to all meals, activities and seminars
- Payment for registration fee and all meal costs must be included with your registration form.

#### \*MEAL PACKAGE & TOTAL REGISTRATION\*\*\*\*

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost Per Person	Total	
		All-Meal Package \$65.00		
		(Includes Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet, & Sunday Brunch)		
		Saturday Lunch \$20.00		
		Saturday Banquet \$30.00		
		Sunday Brunch \$15.00		
		TOTAL MEAL COST		
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For Official Use
Date of Receipt
Date of Postmark

# Lion's Mid-Winter Convention February 10 - 12, 2017

# MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

# Reservations will be accepted by mail, fax, or phone.

Please complete and return this form to Mankato City Center Hotel with payment information no later than January 13, 2017.

Address:

# Mail to:

Mankato City Center Hotel
c/o Lions Mid-Winter Convention

101 East Main Street Mankato, MN 56001 Phone: 507-345-1234 Fax: 507-345-1248 \*\*\*One night reservations will be based on availability.

# CANCELLATION POLICY

If you must cancel your reservation, you must do so 24 hours before the date you wish to

\*\*\*CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY
TO CANCEL.\*\*

Special Requests:

will try to accommodate as best we can.\*\*

\*\*Poolside rooms will be subject to hearing noise

\*\*Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but we

\*\*Poolside rooms will be subject to hearing noise from the Fri. & Sat. evening events, including band music. If this is a concern, it is best not to request poolside.



 City: \_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Po

 $^*$ Only send one registration form if sharing a room $^*$ 

Name of Person(s) Sharing Room:

Payment methods:
Check \$\_\_\_\_\_\_

Money Order \$\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card - Circle One

Visa MC Amex Diners Discover

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Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy)

TO GUARANTEE ROOM WILL BE

Credit card number is required (credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)

Pre-payment by check for one night stay (with remaining balance due at check in)

# HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that your reservations must be received by January 13, 2017 to receive the Lion's Convention discounted rate.

Reservations received after this date will be booked at standard rates.

# Arrival Date - Select One

Thursday, February 9
Friday, February 10
Saturday, February 11

 Cost for Three Nights
 \$327.00

 One King Bed
 \$327.00

 Two Queen Beds
 \$327.00

 King Bed w/ Sofa
 \$357.00

 Poolside w/ Two Beds
 \$357.00

# Cost for Two Nights

\_\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$218.00 \_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$218.00 \_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$238.00 \_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$238.00

# Cost for One Night

\_\_\_\_One King Bed \$109.00 \_\_\_Two Queen Beds \$109.00 \_\_\_King Bed w/ Sofa \$119.00

Poolside w/ Two Beds \$119.00
Handicap Access Room Required

\*\*\*All Rates Subject to 10.875% Tax Rate
\*\*\*All rooms are non-smoking and are
equipped with microwaves and refrigerators

We will confirm your reservation by sending you a postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us three weeks from the date you send in your registration form for processing. If e-mail confirmation is preferred please include e-mail address.

## **\$\$\$\$ Parade of Green \$\$\$\$**

Mid-Winter Convention will be here before you know it, and we will be "Celebrating the Legacy". Part of the "Legacy of Service" of District 5M2 is how we support our District, Multiple District, and International projects through our participation in the "Parade of Green". Every penny of every dollar your club donates to these projects goes to help people in need. Let's "Enhance the Legacy" by having all clubs donate to all areas of the "Parade of Green" and exceed \$100,000 in honor of 100 years of Lions Service!

Please note that not all projects have 501(c)(3) status, which is needed for gambling funds donations. To avoid problems during an audit, gambling clubs should have checks written out exactly as noted below.

- Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) 501(c)(3)
- Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation 501(c)(3)
- MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation 501(c)(3)
- Leader Dogs for the Blind 501(c)(3)
- Can Do Canines 501(c)(3)
- Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
  - MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3)
  - o 5M-2 Diabetes funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- Lions Quest
- Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both)
  - Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer 501(c)(3)
  - o 5M-2 Youth Exchange funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- 5M-2 Youth Activities (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day and Write-Off contest)
- Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota 501(c)(3)

2017 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention

#### **Club Delegate Roster**

Form must be returned to get your voting credentials

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Each Club receives one (1) Dele	egate for eve	ry 10 members or major fraction (5)	thereof.
Number of C	lub Membe	rs	
Number of D	elegates		
PLEASE L	IST YOUR	CLUB DELEGATES:	
IMPORTANT: Retu	urn Delega	te Form by February 1, 2017	
Print Name	Initial when picked up	Print Name	Initial when picked up
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5		10	

YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 1, 2017 TO GET YOUR DELEGATE VOTING CREDENTIALS!!!

Mail to: Lion Cindy Walters, Cabinet Secretary or

1915 Waterford Circle Chaska, MN 55318

E-Mail to <a href="mailto:cjwalters@me.com">cjwalters@me.com</a>

If you e-mail, be sure to include the number of club members. Thank You.



#### **Centennial Update**

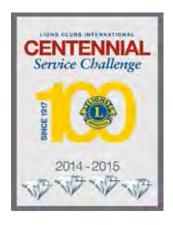
By DG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator

Centennial Service Challenge:



Worldwide, Lions are getting closer to achieving the 25,000 people served goal in each of the Centennial Service Challenge Areas. I have heard International Directors talk about resetting the overall goal to 200,000,000 (or more) by June 30, 2018. I think that the benefit to seeing more than 100,000,000 already is that it can fit right in with a Centennial Celebration in your community.

52 Clubs in District 5M2 have now reported on projects in at least one of the Centennial Service Challenge areas, serving a total of 39,573 people. 39 Clubs (65%) have reported projects in at least two areas of the challenge.



Congratulations to the Gibbon Lions, Lonsdale Lions, Nicollet Lions, Prior Lake Lions, St. Peter Lions, Waconia Lions, and Veseli Area Lions who have joined the Chaska Lions, Courtland Lions, Glencoe Lions, Hamburg Lions, Lake Crystal Lions and Victoria Lions in qualifying for their 4-Diamond Banner Patch. Ten other clubs have reported on projects in three areas. Who will be next to earn their Four Diamond Patch????



#### PID BRIAN SHEEHAN RUNS FOR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

Past International Director Brian Sheehan has announced his intention to run for the office of 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. He will be seeking this office at the International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018.

PID Sheehan has the endorsement from his club, the Bird Island Lions, and would like to ask for the support of MD5M Lions, Lionesses, and Leos at the MD5M convention in April 2017. Our multiple district is one of the largest in the world and it is time that we give Lions Clubs International one of our own to lead this organization. It will take a lot of support, and we can help PID Sheehan, who has the heart and mind, to do a worthy job as our International President.

Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, served as a director of Lions Clubs International in 2011-13 and appointed as a Board Appointee in 2014-2015.

Past Director Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, Webmaster tech advisor, leadership chair, membership chair, retention chair, district convention chair, vice district governor, district governor, council chair, long range planning chair, membership chair, retention chair, women's initiative chair and multiple district convention chair. He also served as GMT liaison and as a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum. On the International level he as served as Board Appointee to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum, Board Appointee to the Executive Committee and contributed to the Long Range Planning Committee of Lions Clubs International. He was Chairperson of the Finances and Headquarter Operations Committee and has served on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Brian was a trustee on LCIF while he was an appointee. Lion Brian has been a Group Leader at DGE training in Toronto, Fukuoka and the upcoming DGE School in Chicago. He has been a facilitator of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and Regional Lions Leadership Institute. Currently he serves as GLT Area "D" Coordinator as well as the Sponsorship Chairperson for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

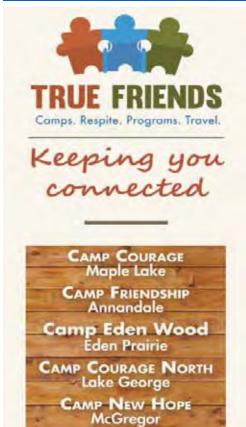
In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, Cap Baker Award, numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and five International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Second Century Ambassador, Melvin Jones Vangaurd and has received the Ambassador of Good Will award which is the highest award given out by Lions Clubs International.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Past Director Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters.

## 5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 15th of each month...

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to: 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com



#### True Friends Can... make an impact with year end giving



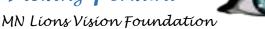
https://www.givedirect.org/donate/?cid=529

"Anne loves camp! It gives her the opportunity to spend some time away from home and have experiences she would not otherwise have. The staff at camp has always been good to her and she comes home tired, happy and feeling fulfilled."

- Mary Ellen, Anne's mom

Don't let this holiday season end without sharing a gift that will make a difference. Children and adults with disabilities need the generous support of true friends like you. If you would like to make a tax deductible, year-end contribution, give online today or visit our website to see how you can contribute in other ways.

#### Viewing Forward



The challenge to be Knights of the Blind. Challenge Number One! In 1925, our pledge to Helen Keller's thoughts and wishes become our signature cause. From that moment forward, Lions of our nation and Lions of the world are joined together on a mission now advancing almost a century. Wow!

From that date forward, our civic pledge of service has expanded through all sorts of vision research and solving vision limitations. And beyond this, Lions throughout the world are now key to many health care services. Here, at home in Minnesota, we focus on vision, hearing, and diabetes.

And my point is? From MN Lions Vision Foundation, we bring you some amazing news. Only in early stages but the University of Minnesota Department of Ophthalmology and the Vision Foundation are on a mission of advancement. "If you build it, he will come" is a noted quote from Field of Dreams. Let's change it just a bit: "If we build it, they will come."

LIONS EYE INSTITUTE. We are invited to partner with the University, not just to dream but to build a single, centralized site that provides the best environment for research and for the care of persons who face the devastating threats of vision loss. The cost to secure naming rights is daunting but the passion to serve and meet the challenge should be in our hearts. As your directors heard the presentation at our quarterly meeting, we felt the need to consider this bold vision. Tip of the information iceberg here. We know questions will be plentiful. Your directors will do our best to keep you informed

For over 50 years, Minnesota Lions have been a partner critical to the great reputation of the University's Department of Ophthalmology and we want to continue our legacy. MLVF has a wonderful site, www.mnlionsvisionfoundation. org, which you will want to visit. Lots of good info. You may even want to invite your Facebook friends to "like" our site.

Together, "WE SERVE" continues. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation reps willing to visit your clubs – dianakroells@gmail.com or maryspille@gmail.com (note new addresses).



#### Join the Lions of 5M take the PLUNGE to support Special Olympics MN!

The Lions have been an important partner of Special Olympics Minnesota for decades, both international and locally here in Minnesota. Whether it be through the supporting our state athletic competitions, the Polar Plunges, or our Opening Eyes (free quality eye care for those with intellectual disabilities), the Lions have been a huge leader in giving back to their communities through Special Olympics.

Spearheaded by the Lions of 5M-7, we invite you to help support the over 8100 Special Olympics athletes in the state of Minnesota!

#### Join the team, donate, and/or start your own Plunge team! Here's how:

• Join the team and Plunge on Friday, March 3, 2017 at Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis during our Corporate Hour!

You'll enjoy food and beverages starting at 3:00 p.m.! Plunge around 3:30 p.m. and then stay and enjoy the festivities including watching Lion Terry Wold, I-PDG of 5M-7, Plunge with the executives at our Executive Challenge Plunge starting at 5:00 p.m., live on Fox 9 News! Then we'll finish up with fireworks around 7:00 p.m.! Join the team by following this link: <a href="https://reg.plungemn.org/team/lionsof5m">https://reg.plungemn.org/team/lionsof5m</a>

- Don't want to Plunge? Donate to the team using the same link!
- Want to Plunge at a different Plunge location near you?

Great, we have 20 locations! Choose a location and form your own team! Just follow this link and select, "Form a New Lions Team" from the right hand side. <a href="https://reg.plungemn.org/group/lionsof5m">https://reg.plungemn.org/group/lionsof5m</a>



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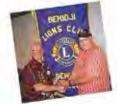
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# Bemidji 2017

# SANFORD









#### To See and Do!

Tours



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-Historic, Fashionable
and Family owned and
operated. Local fiber to
final product.
www.bemidjiwoolenmills.



Lakeland Public Television ~
Educate, entertain, enrich and
enlighten. Local and national
programming. A true gem of the North.
Empower citizens and connecting the
diverse communities across the region.
Reaching an estimated 7,500 sq miles.
www.lptv.org

AirCorps Aviation

~Specializing in the restoration, maintenance, and

rebuilding of vintage

WWII aircraft, Passion,

dedication and award-

winning detail. ww.aircorpsaviation.com

#### Other Opportunities:

Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zb8

Many other attractions: www.visitbemidji.com

#### Hotel Accommodations

Country Inn and Suites (Convention Headquarters)

218-441-4800

110 rooms on hold Attached to Sanford Center

#### Additional

Accommodations:

AmericInn 218-751-3000 Best Western 218-751-0390 Double Tree by Hilton

> 218-441-4400 Shuttle to Sanford Center

Hampton Inn & Suites

by Hilton

218-751-3600 Shuttle to Sanford Center

**Holiday Inn Express** 

218-751-2487

Quality Inn 218-444-7700 Super 8 218-751-8481



& Exchange



#### 2 ADULT OPENINGS ON THE 2017 LIONS CAR TO CHICAGO

I have had 2 adults that have had to back out from taking the train to Chicago on June 29th and returning on July 5th, 2017. The cost per adult person will be that same price as originally offered until November 1st, 2016. That price is \$203.40 per person. You will need to catch the train at the St. Paul Depot. This will be offered on a 1st come 1st served basis. Please get back to me ASAP If interested and please contact:

Lion Lynn Farley, PDG (651) 426-9407 Ltfarley1@Q.com

## LIONS, THE 5M2 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

Host Families are needed for this summer's exchange program. Youth 15-19 years of age from over 18 countries are coming to MD5M for 3-6 weeks this July.

Youth come with their own spending money and a desire to learn about you and your family as well as Minnesota. One week of their stay involves a camp where all of the students come together.

You do not need to be a Lion to host, only have a desire to serve and meet some young international travelers. Download a host family application from www.lionsclubs.org, fill it out and send it to:

Lion Jim Walters - golfwithjim@gmail.com

Call 952-239-2559 with questions and for more information.



Join us at the

#### "LIONS OF THE NORTH"

98TH MD5M Convention April 21,22,23, 2017 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN Hosted by District 5M-10



#### REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Lioness Lion Leo Guest Lion Lioness NAME: NAME: ADDRESS: ADDRESS: CITY: STATE/PROV/ZIP: CITY: STATE/PROV/ZIP: EMAIL: EMAIL: DISTRICT: TITLE: TITLE: DISTRICT: CLUB: CLUB: Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention Check if this Is your 1st Multiple Convention Please specify any dietary needs: Please specify any dietary needs: Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no MEAL. AT 2016 MD5M BEFORE ON OR AFTER NUMBER AMOUNT CONVENTION MARCH 1, 2017 MARCH 1, 2017 ATTENDING HOSPITALITY BOOK USD: \$100 USD: \$110 USD: \$125 FRIDAY NIGHT FREE WITH MIXER HOSPITALITY BK USD: \$20 USD: \$20 SATURDAY FREE WITH BREAKFAST HOSPITALITY BK USD: \$20 USD: \$25 SATURDAY FREE WITH LUNCH HOSPITALITY BK USD: \$25 USD: \$30 SATURDAY FREE WITH BANQUET HOSPITALITY BK USD: \$45 USD: \$45 SUNDAY FREE WITH BRUNCH HOSPITALITY BK USD: \$25 USD: \$30 YES, I AM COMING TO THE CONVENTION BUT NOT TOTALS: STAYING FOR ANY OF THE MEALS. USD: \$0.00 "Zero-K Walk for Diabetes" USD: \$20.00 per Person. Includes a free T-shirt. T-Shirt Size/Quantity: (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL) GRAND TOTAL Make checks payable to: MD5M 2017 CONVENTION Mail payment & registrations to: SUBMITTED: Convention Information Email: BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB Lion Wayne Tieman: tieman13@yahoo.com

P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619 Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com





#### 2017

#### District 5M2 Zone Lion of the Year

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives the District the opportunity to bestow well-deserved recognition on one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our Centennial motto "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion".

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who is **not** a major officer in the club, but has earned the respect of his/her peers and community.

The Zone Lion of the Year presentations will be made during the 2017 spring Zone meetings. The club president or person designated by the president is asked to complete this application and return it to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Nancy Mathwig by February 22, 2017.

Send to: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Nancy Mathwig PO Box 944 Arlington, MN 55307 nmathwig@hotmail.com

Please write a brief description of the nominee's service including such items as years of Lion service, involvement in club activities, and involvement in the community. The form must be signed by the club president. Attach a separate sheet or use the back of this form.

Nominee: _			
Club: _			
Zone:			
Club President: _			
	(signature)	(Date	)



EACH MONTH A DIFFERENT

"ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURE" WILL APPEAR IN THE NEWSLETTER TO HELP CLUBS EXPAND IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED VOLUNTEER OPTIONS/AREAS OF FOCUS.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Share your Minnesotan knowledge and volunteer with the MN DNR as a Volunteer Safety Instructor! By passing along your knowledge on ethics and safety for winter and year-round activities you can make our natural areas safer for both people and animals. DNR Certified Volunteer Safety Instructor opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Firearms safety
- Bowhunter education
- Snowmobile safety
- ATV safety
- Wildlife species

Volunteer instructors must meet requirements of being 18 years old and pass a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) background check.

- 1. **APPLY ONLINE**; apply online through the MN DNR website (dnr.state.mn.us/volunteering/opps/index/html#safety)
- 2. CHECK OUT UPCOMING CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR CLASSES; MN DNR lists upcoming certification classes open for registration (dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/training.html)

#### LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

#### LAFAYETTE LIONS RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP CHEVRONS

Zone Chair Charlotte Abbas presented membership chevrons at the January 11 meeting of the Lafayette Area Lions. Longtime members Mark Dick, left, and Neal Hoffmann received 35-year chevrons. In addition, Abbas delivered a 20-year chevron for Lion Brian Martens.



#### SHAKOPEE LIONS

Shakopee Lions Club held 3rd Annual Pond Hockey Tournament at Shakopee Lions Park last weekend, January 14th. Our largest Pond Hockey Championship Tournament to date with 24 teams participating. Over 350 guests watched the action. Gross revenue just under \$10K. Funds will be gifted out by Shakopee Lions Club to community and Lions Park improve-



#### WATER

We all need water to stay healthy. Tap water is clean and safe to drink.



It tastes good. It has no calories. In nearly 99% of Minnesota communities, it contains fluoride which keeps teeth from developing

cavities. Bottled water is more expensive than tap water and most brands have no fluoride.

If you drink well water, have it tested by your local Health Department for fluoride content.

Most well water in Minnesota has too little fluoride to protect

> teeth from developing cavities. The Minnesota Oral Health Project supports fluoridated water.

To learn more, visit the Minnesota Oral Health Project website minnesotaoralhealthproject.com and like us on Facebook.

Cavities can be prevented.











Shakopee Lions Club are proud to be hosting the 14th Annual Shakopee Lions Ice Golf Event at Jackson Town Hall. Event will be held on Saturday, February 18th and starts at 12 noon. Last year we had over 1,000 attendees and are expecting the same this year. Live Music will be the Amie Austin Band.

We are looking for additional sponsors of the event and we welcome all golfers to come out and try the course. Golf will be amazing again this year.

We are expecting to raise over \$60,000 in Gross Revenue again this year and have identified primary beneficiaries. A local family is struggling with terminal illness in both of their young sons who are fighting a rare disease called Batten's. The Shakopee Lions are here to help and will be coming out in force. We will also be donating funds to 'Friends of the Brave', 'Juvenile Diabetes', 'MN Diabetes Foundation' and 'MS Society' to name a few.

See flier on page 23.

#### **NEW CLUB CHARTERED IN NEW PRAGUE**



Front row (left to right): Guiding Lion Darlene Wondra, Lion Amy Jirik, Lion Jessie McNeil, Secretary; Lion



Christine Ettlin, Apryl Tesch, DG Steve Wasserman. Back row (left to right): Lion Ulrich Ettlin, hidden Lion, IPDG Guiding Lion Marvin Grimm, Lion Dick Swanson, Lion Aaron Tesch, Lion Duane Jirik, President

Right: Lion Darlene Wondra was recognized as a Certified Guiding Lion.

Left: PID Maynard Rucks was recognized as a "Centennial Club Organizer"





IPID Marvin Grimm and Lion Darlene Wondra were recognized as "Centennial Club Organizers".



PID Maynard Rucks, PDG Eunice Rucks, and 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig were recognized as Certified Guiding Lions.

#### **COLOGNE LEOS**

The Cologne Leos have been very busy over the last few months. Recently, January 20, 2017, the Cologne Leos helped the Cologne Lions at their bingo fundraiser. The Leos sold candy bars to raise money to go towards their convention bank account to help offset some of the cost for upcoming Lions Conventions. The Leos also sold popcorn, chips, and baked goods to raise money for Lion Jay Pexa who is currently battling stage 3 colon cancer. We were able to raise over \$350 to donate to Lion Jay Pexa to help alleviate some of the expenses while going through treatment. It was a great fundraiser and it was great to help a fellow member of the Lions community.









COURTLAND LIONS ANNUAL WINTER



#### PANCAKE, EGG, SAUSAGE BRUNCH



#### SUNDAY, February 5, 2017

ADULTS: \$8.00 CHILDREN 5 – 12: \$5.00 UNDER 5: FREE

COURTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER COURTLAND, MN

#### **SERVING 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE FOOD SHELF BRING OLD EYE GLASSES & HEARING AIDS FOR RECYCLING

Part of the proceeds will go towards the local Food Shelf and Part of the proceeds will go towards American Flags to use during special holidays.

(Eggs donated by Michael Foods)

# Faribault Lions Club 51st Annual!







### Pancake & Sausage Feast

Sunday February 5 2017



7:30 AM to 1:15 PM

#### Faribault Eagles Club

Donation: Adults \$7.00, Children 12 & Under \$4.00 All Proceeds go to Lions Projects

Please Bring Your Old Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids to Donate

#### SHAKOPEE LIONS CLUB 14TH ANNUAL ICE GOLF EVENT

#### 02/18/2017



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 NOON START JACKSON TOWN HALL

Join in the fun supporting your local Shakopee Lions, a civic minded community support organization dedicated to our guiding principal "WE SERVE".



\$20 per playe

Includes: Banquet-Chilli Feed

Beverage ticket, Golf Door Prizes

**Business Sponsors for Holes** 

JOIN US
Banquet—Chilli and Hamburger Feed

\$10.00 per person Join us at 5:00 pm at "The Village" 205 1st St N , Waterville A portion of the proceeds from this event will be used to support the following beneficiaries as well as other local individuals and organizations.









Blake (5) & Brett (10mo) Fugere TO CURE BATTEN DISEASE/CLN6 www.curebatten.org

Game is played using a tennis ball. Bring your own tennis ball.

Golf club can be anything. (Be Creative—Hockey stick, broom, bat, tennis racket, etc.

Played just like regular golf.

Prize for most outlandishly dressed

Motorized golf cars and ATVs not allowed—Teams can come up with fun and unique sleds to pull their clubs.

Beverages are encouraged!

Bryan and Beth Fugere, a local Shakopee family, are in a race to save their children,
Blake (5) and Brett (1) from CLN6/Batten Disease;

<u>a disease that leaves children blind, immobile and is terminal between the ages of 6-12</u>

The CLN6 variant is an exceptionally rare form of Batten, with Blake and Brett being the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> children living in the world with the fatal condition.

There is treatment -- There is HOPE!

For More information about CLNG/Batten Disease Visit The Charlotte + Gwenyth Gray Foundation www.curebatten.or

The family's story was recently featured on WCCO/CBS.



Arlington Lions Club 40th Annual

## FISH FRY

Friday, February 24th, 2017 Arlington Community Center

Adults Take Out Children 6-12 Kids 5 & under

\$11.50 \$11.50 \$6.00

Free

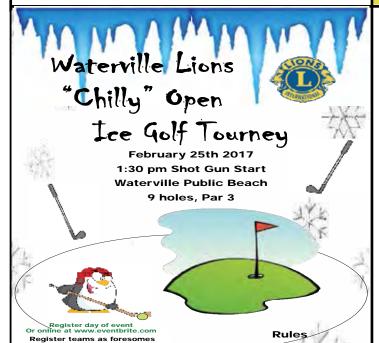
Serving

#### PREMIUM QUALITY FISH

**HOMEMADE Potato Salad & Cole Slaw** 

Serving 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Presentation of the Darwin Mathwig Community Service Award by a representative from the City of Arlington



## WINTHROP LIONS CLUB

#### **OMELET BREAKFAST**

Sunday, April 2, 2017

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

5<sup>th</sup> & Brown St, Winthrop MN

Serving 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$7.00

In conjunction with Winthrop's Grackel Days

Proceeds are used to support Winthrop Lions projects