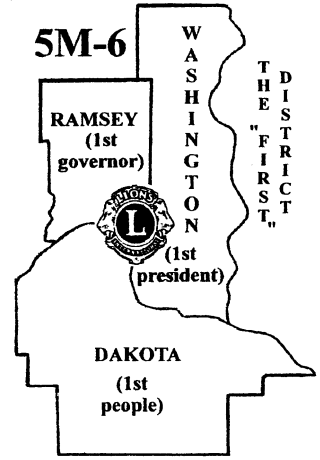




**We Serve**

# District 5M-6 VISION



**HONORING OUR PAST      SHARING OUR PRESENT  
PLANNING OUR FUTURE**

**LION WES SIDEEN, DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

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**GETTING  
READY  
FOR  
FALL**

## **- SHARING GOALS -**

5M6 CABINET MEETING      Thursday, August 12      6:30 PM      Holiday Inn East

## **- SETTING THE TONE -**

ALL DISTRICT MEETING      Wednesday, August 18      6:00 PM      Holiday Inn East  
REGISTER WITH ZONE CHAIRS BY AUGUST 13

## **- REACHING OUT TO SCHOOLS -**

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FOR HELP, CONTACT CABINET CHAIR LION</u>	
PEACE POSTER CONTEST	BUD & RAE READY	763 / 786-8923
QUEST LEARNING PROGRAMS	KEN KOETZ	651 / 429-8084
LEO CLUBS	HANS STUDENT	952 / 432-8024
INTL YOUTH EXCHANGE	GINA DETVILER	651 / 306-1063
LIBERTY DAY OBSERVANCE	FRANK LORENO	612 / 781-7863
MINNESOTA MILE	JUDY HAUSER	651 / 426-3069

## **- WORKING TOGETHER -**

STATE FAIR KIDWAY / MIDWAY TICKET SELLING      August 26 – September 6  
To volunteer, see the list of Day Captains published in the July Vision.

WHITE CANE DAY ACTIVITY      For details, contact Lion Frank Loreno 612-781-7863

**SET THE STAGE FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR - PLAN EARLY!**



# Setting The Course

## A TIME FOR PREPARATION

By Lion Wes Sideen  
District Governor

According to the calendar, mid-summer occurs in early August. The wonderful warm weather activities that thrived throughout July continue into the eighth month in all their splendor. The days of high temperatures, humidity, and dew points continue. So do vacation travels, trips to the lakes, parks, and county fairs, and perhaps an occasional jaunt to the ball park to take in a game. Summer reigns supreme!

However, signs of approaching fall begin to appear. The days continue to shorten, and overnight low temperatures in northern areas of the state can even produce a frost. First the administrators and counselors and then teachers return to the schools to prepare for the fall term. The Great Minnesota Get Together – the State Fair – opens its gates for a 12 day run, ending on Labor Day. Suddenly, one realizes that fall has arrived, even though a few weeks still remain until the autumnal equinox, and with it our return to the everyday activities that characterize our lifestyles for most of the year.

For Lions and clubs recognizing the benefits derived from planning in advance, August becomes a pivotal month. The “month before fall” represents a critical time for clubs’ executive officers and boards to review and fine tune plans for the next 10 months, to develop strategies for exciting members about and involving them in upcoming activities, to “Dare to Dream” about things never done before and seek ways to make them happen, and to reaffirm the ingredient that enriches our community of volunteers and makes membership in it something special – the joy of being together.

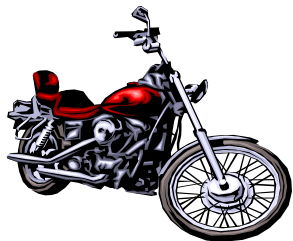
August, too, represents the best time to contact school officials about Lions programs for youth. The staff has returned, but not the students, and would likely find more time and willingness to lend a sympathetic ear toward explanations of youth-related activities. Look at the list of youth programs on page 1 of this issue, select the ones with which your club would like to get involved, contact the related Cabinet member for information on how to get started, and visit with school officials. You might find that making things happen becomes easier than you first thought.

August – a time to continue summer relaxation and fun, but also a time of passage, a unique month when plans take form and dreams move toward realities, when early planning builds bridges to later successes, when self-confidence begins an ascent to enthusiastic involvement, and when creative guiding of a club’s destiny makes leaders feel good about being Lions. It’s truly a month of introspection and preparation.

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Before the fall term begins, contact a local school about putting on a student assembly about Lions and Lions-related activities, possibly during American Education Week. The assembly would stress the importance of volunteering and the volunteer work that Lions do in the communities they serve. The program could include a blind person with his/her leader dog and story to tell, Lions Eye Bank, diabetes, hearing programs, and LCIF representatives, as well as testimonies from people in the community who have benefited from volunteer work by Lions. Video clips could be included as well.

The assembly could set the stage for promotion of a Leo Club at the school. If you are interested, use the appropriate Cabinet members as resource persons.



# Riding into the Future

By Vice District Governor Lynn Farley

Lions, Lioness and Leos, what is your future?

Little did I know that when I joined Lions in 1987 that one day I would become Vice District Governor of 5M6.

In my first few years as a Lion in my club I wasn't very active or involved in many club functions. I would occasionally work at our Lion Club pancake breakfast, or pull a shift in our concession "goodie" wagon at the car show our club sponsored or at the Manitou Days Parade. I missed some meetings and really wasn't interested in how my club was operated. My involvement in Lions has been an ongoing growth of some seventeen years. It's like watching your child grow up and graduate from High School.

Lions Clubs International future is in all of our hands. We as Lion members form the world's largest service organization, Lions Clubs International or LCI. A Lions Club without a purpose is like a Automobile without an engine. The automobile has tires to keep it moving. Lions Clubs have members to keep it moving along, but without an engine the automobile can go nowhere and without a purpose, a Lions club may go nowhere. Our purpose is our motto "We Serve." Every Lion member has his or her way of serving. One may be no better than the other as long as the goal is met.

Keeping a new member involved, as an active part of your club is the responsibility of all your club members, not just the sponsor of those new Lion members. New membership and keeping those members is the Future of Lions. To coin a phrase from one of my counter parts VDG Bert Nelson from 5M9, "How do you eat an Elephant? "One bite at a time." Keep your new members involved in your club; but don't let them get burned out. Let them set their own pace even if it is "one bite at a time." Some Lions may only wish to "SERVE" and do their part in their club. Some of them may go on to become a Cabinet member as I did. Some may become a Vice District Governor as I did. So what is your Future?

## VDG Travels



Lion Carol and I had the pleasure of new officer induction at the Scandia-Marine Lions Club on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

We also participated in the Lakeville Lions Club Motorcycle fund raising ride on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Pan-o-Prag. Lion Carol and I along with my Club's President and his wife, attended the Farmington Steak Fry on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Lion Dave Belz  
Lion Chuck Dougherty  
Lion Gary Kriesel  
Lion Barb Thompson  
Lion Alan Lecher

Stillwater Lions  
Stillwater Lions  
Stillwater Lions  
Farmington Lions  
Apply Valley Lions



### REMEMBERING LIONS AND LIONESS



Lion Gary Johnson  
Lion John "Jack" Jewell  
Lioness Betty Robotnik

Mounds View Lions  
Stillwater Lions  
Park-Port Lioness

Our deepest sympathy to Lioness Judy Woods and her family at the loss of her husband Robert



## From issues of Club Newsletters and Monthly Activity Reports

APPLE VALLEY Club had the District Lion Float in Apple Valley's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Lion Vern Spindler & Lion Jerry Calhoun both are charter members of the club and both have birthdays on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (HAPPY BIRTHDAY)

**COTTAGE GROVE Club will be co-sponsoring a four-man best ball golf tournament on August 23<sup>RD</sup>, starting at noon at the River Oaks Golf Club.**

FALCON HEIGHTS-LAUDERDALE Club will be parking cars at the Saints baseball game on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Club donated \$400.00 to Northern Plains vision of Sports Camp. The camp serves visually impaired & blind youth at a one-week camp in Bemidji.

FARMINGTON Club will be having their 200 Club Chicken Dinner on July 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be sponsoring a Steak fry on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Will be having their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Sporting Clay Fun

Shoot on September 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Hoarse and Hunt Club. They are hoping to raise \$40,000 to be split with the Rotary Club.

LAKEVILLE Club used the District Float in their Pan-O-Prog parade on July 11<sup>th</sup>. They sponsored a motorcycle benefit ride on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>. Lion Greg Smith was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Lion Don McGuire was presented his 42<sup>nd</sup> year perfect attendance award. August 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> the club will be working on a Habitat for Humanity House.

MAPLEWOOD NORTH Club helped "spruce up" the 5M6 Float on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Gave \$150.00 to the Mac Walk, \$100 to sponsor a hole at the Maplewood-Oakdale Lions Club Golf Fund raiser.

MAPLEWOOD-OAKDALE Club reported \$5890.00 in donations. \$100.00 to Oakdale Police for A.E.D. defibrulators and \$1000.00 to MN Lions Eye Bank.

MOUNDS VIEW Club will be having a fundraising food booth at the Mounds View Festival on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NORTH ST. PAUL Club donated \$1000.00 to the local food shelf and \$400.00 a table at the District 622 Foundation Stars Banquet. Served cake and ice cream on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Maplewood Care Center. Will be participating in July at Crazy days and be parking cars at the Ramsey County Fair.

PARK-PORT Lioness Club made a \$2000 donation to Friends in Need Food Shelf. Will be having a Cake Walk at Pioneer Day in Newport on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

HASTINGS RIVERTOWN Club donated 2 Glucometers to Alliani Clinic \$135.00. Donated a set of books to the Hastings library on Diabetes for children \$100.00.

ROSEMOUNT Club will be using the District Float on July 31<sup>st</sup> in the Rosemount Grand Parade. Region III Zone I Chair Lion Lance Crombie spoke on "Thinking outside the Box" at the June general Membership meeting. The Leprechaun Days Children's Parade will be on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

STILLWATER Club made a \$770.00 donation to Lakeview Hospital for the infant hearing screening tests, administered to all newborns. \$200.00 was donated to Sight and hearing Foundation in St. Paul. Lion Rod Lawson has been a Stillwater Lion for 56 years and Lion Jim Jensen with 54 years not far behind is Lion "Hap" Jensen with 51 years. 23 Lion Members have from 30 year to 44 years with the club. Three new members are Lion Dave Belz, Lion Chuck Dougherty and Lion Gary Kriesel.

St. PAUL DOWNTOWN Club donated \$250.00 through East Metro Opportunities Industrialization Center for a special one handed computer keyboard for a young lady who has only one useable hand. Donated \$50.00 for All Star Baseball Tournament in Shakopee to support the MN Lions Eye Bank.

ST. PAUL EAST PARKS Club continues to work with people who are interested in starting a Lions Club in the Battle Creek/Dayton Bluff area of St. Paul. Approved 9 membership applications for membership and accelerated the process for forming a Branch Club. Help serve refreshments at John Glenn Middle-School concert on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Will provide Bingo games at North St. Paul's Crazy Days.

ST. PAUL EAST SIDE Club April benefit Dinner profited \$3270.00. Made \$1000.00 donation to Boy Scout Troop #715.

SCANDIA-MARINE Club sold snow cones, bottle water and pop at the Marine Fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lion Jim Opp was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

WHITE BEAR LAKE Club is doing a beanbag toss and golf putting green game at Markestfest in White Bear Lake every Thursday evening until August 5<sup>th</sup>.

WILDWOOD Club collected \$1569.00 at 3 locations from their White Cane day's event on June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>. Held first ever Club Retreat on June 24<sup>th</sup> at Lion President Kyle Anderson's house. Made \$100.00 donations to Special Olympics, Boy Scout troop 289 and Cub Scout Pack 389. Leo Club is on the verge of being dissolved due to lack of members.

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## DARING TO DREAM

I was suspended in a time machine beneath a hot air balloon, high over 5M6. Through the windows I could see many Lions going about the work of Lionism. Groups had broken into 2 person teams. One group was of teams who lived near each other. Another group was teams who belonged to the same church. And yet another was teams who worked at the same place or near each other on the same avenue. They were canvassing their area seeking candidates to induct in their Lions Clubs, for many hands make work easy.

## BEYOND THE HORIZON

Each club devoted one meeting early in the Lions Fiscal year to find new ways of raising funds or of expanding existing fund raising projects. At another meeting, members were assigned to find worthwhile projects within their own communities that needed financial help or team labor to meet particular needs. One meeting was devoted to finding events in which the members could enjoy socializing and having fun.

As Lions we can recruit new members, raise funds for charity, support worthwhile projects with financial or physical help, and share fun things with each other along the way. Isn't that what being a Lion is all about?

By Lion Dick Loesch  
St. Paul East Parks Club

### DISTRICT 5M6 *All-District Meeting*

Wedne: , 2004  
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Holidays Paul



**Registrations via Zone Chairs by August 13**  
**Further questions – call PDG Joe Fox (651) 777-6514**





## CAMP NEW HOPE 25TH ANNUAL GRANDY 9 GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Grandy 9 Golf Course – Grandy, MN (a few miles N of Cambridge)  
Registration starts at 9:30 AM sharp (rain or shine)  
Golf carts available @ \$20 each

Camp New Hope is hosting the event for all of our Lions supporters. Mounds View Lions will be cooking and Spring Lake Park will be serving your favorite beverages.

The Camp “Wishing Well” will be available for your generous contributions  
Come for fun, food, and door prizes and meet our new Camp Directors, Hope and Michael Roberts

Your local contact is Rae Ann Mosiman @ 763-444-5142 or Brian Heichel @ 763-753-4415

## CAMP NEW HOPE 2ND ANNUAL LIVE AUCTION

August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00 PM on the New Hope Camp Grounds

Martin Berg Auctions is donating their time to hold the event  
Camp is in need of donations for the auction. Good resale items in excellent condition would be appreciated. All donations are tax deductible

If you have any items you can donate, please contact Brian Heichel at 763-753-4415 or Rae Ann Mosiman at 765-444-5142, or you can contact the camp directly at 218-426-3560 to arrange a drop off time.

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### TO AND FRO

- \* You can view this newsletter and other important District News by logging on to our District 5M6 web site: [www.lions5m6.tripod.com](http://www.lions5m6.tripod.com)
- \* Opportunities to sign up for selling Kidway / Midway tickets at the State Fair still remain. Contact the day captains (July Vision) to find out what openings still remain. **NOTE:** Jerry Wohlers phone number is incorrect on the State Fair Daily Captains schedule. His home phone is 952/985-0901
- \* Our District currently has 3 Branch Clubs with sponsoring clubs, including North Suburban Blind (St. Paul Midway), Battle Creek (St. Paul East Parks), and St. Paul River Heights (St. Paul Downtown)
- \* We extend congratulations and best wishes to newly elected International Director Maynard Rucks
- \* The All District Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, at 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn East. The cost is \$18 per person. Register with your Zone Chair before August 13<sup>th</sup>
- \* As of mid-July, 15 clubs have secured dates for DG visits. Remaining clubs are requested to make arrangements soon
- \* A Regional Leadership Institute for young emerging new Lions will be held from April 7-10 in Mahanomen. 70 participants (about 6 per district) are expected to attend. The cost will be \$150 per registrant, with \$100 refunded if the person completes the training and receives a certificate. Anyone interested in this opportunity should contact DG Wes.
- \* LCI is holding an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute at its Oak Brook, IL headquarters on Nov 11-15. The institute is for Lions in good standing with 8 years or less of membership who have served on a club committee and who have not attained the office of Club President. Completed application forms are due by August 27. Contact DG Wes or region and zone chairs for more information and application forms. This information can also be acquired from the LCI website [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

An estimated 9,000 to 10,000 persons attended the 87<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention at Detroit/Windsor from July 5-9. Most of the events took place at the Cobo Convention Center and Joe Louis Arena.

The annual LCI Parade, including 144 delegations, provided a rousing start to the event. 5M participants wore their multiple polo shirts and straw hats (2003-2004 DG's wore their DG coats) and were followed by a giant inflated snowman. Persons on both sides of the marching lines carried snowman banners. The Sauk Rapids Marching Band won first place in the high school category.

Three plenary sessions provided a focus for the convention. Highlights included a very impressive flag ceremony, memorial service, nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Int'l Directors, address by 2003-2004 Intl President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, keynote address by Coretta Scott King, installation of and address by 2004-2005 Intl President Clem Kusiak, presentation of newly elected officers and directors, and installation of 2004-2005 District Governors.

4119 delegates elected Jimmie Ross (TX) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Maynard Rucks (Henderson, MN) won one of the Intl Director positions.

740 of the 746 District Governors-Elect worldwide attended a DGE training seminar (mostly at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn) for 5 days prior to the convention.



IPDG Ed passing the gavel to DG Wes



DG Wes with 5M Intl Parade participants



5M Snowman standing tall & proud



Jerry & Joni Arvidson (So. St. Paul)

On the last evening, dressed in formal white suitcoats and black pants, they attended a commencement banquet at Cobo.

During the DGE training, soon to be Intl President Clem Kusiak announced that each incoming DG will become a non-voting Trustee of LCIF. Each DGE was given a lapel pin showing this office.

The LCI Supply Store outlet at the convention conducted a brisk trade. Shoppers took advantage of a 10% discount on items.

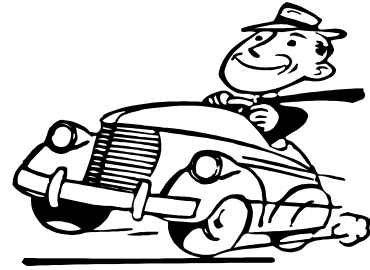
The convention carried an international air. People conducted conversations in many different languages, & a number of participants wore native attire. At the DGE seminar, an impressive interfaith service on video offered prayers from a variety of faiths. Throughout the week, however, smiling faces and camaraderie soon eased the cultural differences among peoples.

Pin traders, especially from India, were quite active during the convention. About 4 Japanese clubs

received recognition for being 100% Melvin Jones Fellow Clubs.

With the slogan Hong Kong Live It – Love It, a delegation from the Chinese region promoted early registration for the 2005 convention.

# The Governor's Travels



- August 12            5M6 Cabinet Meeting - Holiday Inn East in St. Paul
- August 13-15        Tour of International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois  
and tour of the Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan
- August 18            All District Meeting - Holiday Inn East in St. Paul

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**DARE TO DREAM AND EXPLORE NEW  
EXPERIENCES IN LIONISM**