



5M8 Beacon

The Beacon of Service

WANTED 5M-8 LIONS



Next Year's Lions Club Officers and Lion Members

District 5M-8's Leadership Development Team will be conducting Officer Training Sessions in four areas of our District. ALL Clubs are encouraged to have their 2011-2012 officers attend the session that works best for them. Also, ALL interested Lions are welcome to attend, and learn more about what is required and expected of officers and how Lions function at various levels.

There will be sessions for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Tail Twisters, a presentation of Roberts Rules of Order, and Club Excellence information. Club secretaries will be having HANDS ON Training, and we know that everyone will have the opportunity to learn more, and something new, about their jobs and Lions.

Site Times and Locations are:

All Sessions will start at 6:30 PM and end at 9:00 PM.

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| April 12, 2011 | Pierz High School, Pierz, MN |
| April 19, 2011 | Rocori High School, Cold Spring, MN |
| April 26, 2011 | East Central High School, Finlayson, MN |
| May 04, 2011 | Staples/Motley High School, Staples, MN |

AGENDA

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| All—6:30—6:40 PM | Welcome and Introduction—DGE Sandy Sandwick |
| All—6:40—7:20 PM | Roberts Rules of Order—Lion John Hotz |
| | Governor's Contest—DGE Sandy Sandwick |
| All—7:20—7:30 PM | Break—Coffee, pop, water, treats are provided |
| 7:35—9:00 PM | Secretaries—IPCC Judy Loken, Lion Mike Cramer, Lion Charlie Gunderson |
| 7:35—9:00 PM | Presidents—PDG Frank Leidenfrost |
| 7:35—8:10 PM | Treasurers—PDG Pete Kleingartner, |
| | Tail Twisters—1VDGE Dave Thompson |
| 8:10—9:00 PM | Club Excellence information including Retention—DGE Sandy Sandwick, 1VDGE Dave Thompson |

We ask **ALL CLUBS** to please make every effort to attend the session most convenient.

Should you have any questions, please contact IPCC Judy Loken at 1-320-245-5117 or PDG Frank Leidenfrost at 1-218-894-1935.

WANTED



Lion Ray Loven of the Swanville Lions with his plaque, which was presented to him by the District and CC Jim Diehl, for being a charter member of the Swanville Lions and also has 58 years of perfect attendance. Lion Ray's son and grandson are also members of the Swanville Lions Club.



RICE LIONS

President Lion Scott Beierman, New Member Lion Cory Vannurden, New Member Randy Hoh, Sponsor Wayne Larson, DG Amy, and New Member Wayne Moen.



ATTENTION: This must be a first to have this many Franks in one place at one time.
"THE FIVE WONDERFUL FRANKS OF 5M8"



CHALKBOARD TALK with **District Governor Amy Leidenfrost**

March greetings to all 5M8 Lions, Lioness, and Leos. Now that our outstanding 5M8 Mid Winter Convention has passed, and we return to our normal Lions lives, it is time to refocus on what we do as Lions. One of the areas that we would like you to focus on is the upcoming officer training. Please note the times and locations as listed on the front page of this Newsletter. As you begin your selection of officers for the next year, it is very important that next year's officers take the time and make the effort to attend one of these sessions. As a district, we would like to have all officers and Lions well prepared for the coming year. Remember that your officers are to be elected by April 15 and your PU101's filed as soon as the officers are elected and no later that May 1. Please sent your PU101's to Cabinet Secretary Frank Leidenfrost at fafrosty@wtca.net. Secretaries can go on line to the LCI member Center and do the PU101, or for those who don't file one, the PU101 form can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

It is great to see so many of our Lion Members and Clubs working so hard and bringing in new members. Great job!! Along with bringing in these new members, please make sure that your club places them on a committee and has an orientation program for them. Don't forget to order your new member kits from LCI, and during the presentation of new member kits, plan to have an induction ceremony, to make this a special occasion.

I know a lot of focus is placed on new members, but please don't forget about working to keep all of our current members. It is very important that each Lion has a true purpose for being and remaining a Lion. Having good projects and programs will help retain members, and remember to have fun as Lions.

It is also very important to have all Lions attend the spring or fall tours at the University of Minnesota for the Hearing Foundation, Eye Bank, Diabetes Foundation, and Can Do Canines. We truly believe that when our Lions see firsthand some of the outstanding things that we help do as Lions, it will help us retain our members and keep us focused and dedicated as Lions.



Most importantly, in the spirit of having fun as Lions, don't forget that we have St. Urho's and St. Patrick's Days coming up in March. We celebrate St. Urho's Day on March 16 and St. Pat's Day on March 17.

We want to thank each and every one of you for being Lions, for the great services you provide, and being "Beacons of Hope" in your communities, in District 5M8, Multiple District 5M, and throughout the world.

District Governor Amy

District Governor Elect Sandy Sandwick's Viewpoint



What do Lions do in March? Zone chairs are planning the last zone meetings of the Lions year. The club nomination committee is finding leaders for next year. The District Leadership Committee is organizing the club officer training: Each session is at the local high school and is scheduled for 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: April 12—

Pierz//April 19---Cold Spring//April 26---Sandstone// Wednesday: May 4---Staples. Plans are in place for classes for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Tail Twisters and additional classes for Robert's Rules of Orders, and Club Excellence...All Lions are welcome. Have you been an officer or observed your club's officers for years so you know all there is to know about the job? **WRONG**—there are changes and Lions want to keep updated. Remember attendance at this officer training could affect winning my Governor Award for

the club. In addition I will donate \$50.00 for a drawing. Each attendee will receive a ticket; the winning ticket receives a check for \$50.00 for their club administration fund. The more members a club has in attendance, the better chance it has of winning. This is a drawing which I am personally sponsoring and does not come out of the district budget. FYI: Multiple District 5M Governor Elects are busily completing on-line homework assignments which are reported to LCI, and preparing for March DGE training in Minneapolis.

THE LIONS OF 5M8 SEND OUR SYMPATHY TO YOU



PDG Ralph Gorecki

Albany Lions Club

Lion George Gohmann

Kimball Lions Club

Lion Cordella Latterell

Foley Lions Club

Second Vice District Governor Dave Thompson

As I write this the District 5M8 Mid Winter is behind us, now it is time to finish up the present projects and to begin preparing for the up coming Lions year. I want to say a big Thank You to the Convention Planning Committee and their respective clubs for a great job on this years Convention. I would also like to thank everyone that attended the convention, what a great learning experience and fun time for all. If you were unable to attend this year's convention, now is a great time for you to put it on your schedule for next year. I feel confident that next year's committee The Sauk Rapids Lions Club will do a excellent job with the convention, it is to be held at the Kelly Inn again next year. I am looking forward to my new challenges this up coming year as the new 1stVDGE, it is very exciting thinking about all the opportunities that are afforded you as an officer with in the Lions organization. Now as we approach the new lions year is a great time for each and everyone of our Lions to seriously think about serving in a leadership role both within your clubs and within the District. From a personal view point I can honestly say there is not a better way to learn about and to feel a part of Lionism, then to serve as a leader within your local club or at the District level. Words can not begin to explain the great experiences that are afforded to officers of the Lions organization as they serve out their various terms. As a last thought I would also like to remind all of the clubs to make sure to make a strong effort to have your newly elected officers attend one of the officer training sessions that are coming up in April and May, if all of the officers are unable to attend it is recommended that you have at least one officer attend. Looking forward to continue serving with you in Lionism



1st VDGE Dave Thompson

PUBLISHERS CORNER:



It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. ~Charles Dickens

Spring is just around the corner, it is a time for new growth and hopes of warmer days. So is this true for our service in Lions—we need to work on new growth in the Lions organization with hopes that we can make a better life for those in need.

Happy Spring!!!

Lion Donna Orstad



GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

- Mar 03—LeSaulk Township Lions
- Mar 08—Region 4, Zone 3 Meeting at Melrose
- Mar 15—Region 1, Zone 1 Meeting at Finlayson
- Mar 16—Onamia Lions
- Mar 17—Grasston Lions
- Mar 19—Council of Governor's Meeting
- Mar 21 - Kimball Lions
- Mar 22 - Randall-Cushing Area Lions & Randall-Cushing Little Elk Lions
- Mar 27—Roscoe Lions
- Mar 28—Long Prairie Lions
- Mar 29—Region 3, Zone 1 Meeting at Motley
- Apr 05—Little Falls Lindbergh
- Apr 07—Fairhaven Lions
- Apr 12—Officer Training at Pierz
- Apr 19—Officer Training at Cold Spring
- Apr 20—Richmond Lions
- Apr 26—Officer Training at East Central Schools, Finlayson
- Apr 29, 30 & May 1—MD5M Convention
- May 4—Officer Training at Staples
- May 9—Isle Lions and WISH Lions
- May 11—Cabinet Meeting—Michaels in St. Cloud
- May 21—Watkins

ATTENTION: **ALL CLUBS**

Club Elections & PU101 Reports

All Clubs must have your officers for 2011-2012 elected by April 15th, and your PU101 reports filed as soon as your officers are elected, but no later than May 1st.

Thank you!

From the Desk of Lion Steve Wasserman, MD5M Technology Consultant:

Greetings MD5M Lions,

I have been asked to share the following message from the LCI Leadership Division.

Are you interested in the coordination and management of effective and successful service projects? Register for the **Managing a Service Project** webinar! Be prepared to learn about defining a service project's purpose, setting goals, evaluating a project, forming a team and much more!!! Know a fellow Lion or Leo that would be interested? Feel free to pass this information along! Visit the Leadership Development Webinars page for dates/times and links to register, via the link provided below. We hope to have you, and a fellow Lion or Leo, participate in one of the three sessions being offered.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/leadership-development/webinars.php>

Kind Regards,

Monique McGhee
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Leadership Division
Lions Clubs International

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AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION ALERT DAY

Join the Million Challenge

There are many faces of diabetes—it can affect anyone regardless of age, ethnicity or social status. In type 2 diabetes, often symptoms do not appear until it's too late. If left untreated, diabetes can lead to deadly complications—including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness and amputation.

Nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes. A quarter of those with the disease—7 million—are unaware that they have it. If current trends continue, one in three American adults will have diabetes by 2050. With such staggering numbers—how many people in 5M8 could be at risk or undiagnosed?

Tuesday, March 22nd is the 23rd Annual American Diabetes Association Diabetes Alert Day. This is an opportunity for all Americans—including those in our own community, to take charge of their health and “*Join the Million Challenge*” by taking the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if you could be at risk for type 2 diabetes and, if you are at high risk, to speak with your health care provider. The Diabetes Risk Test is available at stopdiabetes.com, by calling 1-800-DIABETES or by texting Join to 69866 (Standard data and message rates apply).

Studies have shown that type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed by losing just 7% of body weight (such as 15 pounds if you weigh 200) through regular physical activity (30 minutes a day, five days a week) and healthy eating. By understanding your risk, you can take the necessary steps to help prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes. For people who have already been diagnosed with diabetes—whether they have type 1 or type 2 diabetes—these same lifestyle changes can make a significant difference in their diabetes management.

I strongly urge your readers to “*Join the Million Challenge*” by taking the Diabetes Risk Test. Remember, in order to prevent or treat type 2 diabetes, you must find out first if you, or someone you love, could be at risk.

American Diabetes Association

WELCOME TO THE "NEW" LIONS OF 5M8

NEW MEMBERS

SPONSOR

LIONS CLUB

Lion Willard Fuecker

Lion Marvin Neubert

Sauk Rapids Lions

Lion Jason Sellnow

Lion Chad Bense

Long Prairie Lions

Lion Randy Hohbein

Lion Wayne Larson

Rice Lions

Lion Cory Vannurden

Lion Kelly Nelson

Rice Lions

Lion Wayne Moen

Lion Wayne Larson

Rice Lions

Lion Pat Curto

Royalton Lions

Lion Jon Ellerbusch

Royalton Lions

Lion Brent Lieser

Royalton Lions

Lion Joel Swenson

Royalton Lions

Lion Dan Austing

Lion Gerald Arnzen

St. Rosa Lions

Richard Austing, Jr

Lion Gerald Arnzen

St. Rosa Lions

Lion Kurt Skillings

Lion Gerald Arnzen

Eden Valley Lions

Lion Stacy Kelly

Lion Curt Holmberg

Eden Valley Lions

Lion Mary Lou Bischof

Lion Curt Holmberg

Eden Valley Lions

Lion Deanna Schuft

Lion Curt Holmberg

Eden Valley Lions

Lion Allen Wanha

Lion Curt Holmberg

Eden Valley Lions

Lion Susan Salzl

Lion Barry Albright

Eden Valley Lions

Lion Gary Salzl

Lion Barry Albright

Eden Valley Lions

Lion Joyce Simmones

Lion Sue Knauss

Rockville Lions

Lion Larry Hannaman

Lion Jim Staska

LeSauk Lions

Lion Kevin Thomes

Lion Robert Mayers

Melrose Lions

Lion Bryce Haasken

Lion Bruce Haasken

Mora Lions

Lion Tony Bankers

Lion Leroy Bankers

Grasston Lions

Lion Douglas Price

Lion Ricke Mattison

Grasston Lions

Lion Arlen Lund

Lion Donald Romano

Pine City Lions

Lion Vicky Ray

Lion Mike Deluca

Sartell Lions

Lion Richard Lahr

Lion Jerry Leggat

St. Stephen Lions

Lion Ted Helgersen

Lion Lowell Halvorson

St. Stephen Lions

5M8 is so excited to have so many wonderful people ready to "SERVE". Taking time out of their busy lives to make the lives of our community members in need easier to bear. Thank you to the sponsors for teaching and showing our new members the wonderful life of LIONS. Welcome to all!!!

THINGS TO DO IN 5M8

**ST. JOSEPH LIONS
GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY
& MEAT RAFFLE
APRIL 22
EL PASO's in ST. JOSEPH**



An Invitation to the Anchorage Lions Forum

Dear Lion Leader,

As General Chairperson of the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum I want to personally invite you to this great learning event. Anchorage Alaska will be the site for this fall's top North American Lions educational experience. September 22-24, Lions from all across the United States and Canada will converge on the "*Land of the Midnight Sun*" to sharpen their leadership skills, renew old friendships and make new friends. And, as a leader in your area, this would be a great opportunity to learn more from accomplished presenters and visit with our International leaders.

Our 2011 Forum Theme "*I Believe in Lions Leadership*" will be the backdrop for dozens of seminars and workshops held over the three day event. In addition, four featured main speakers will grab your attention with their dynamic and motivational topics during each of the four meals. I promise you will not only learn something new, but you will also be moved, entertained, motivated, and will experience a renewed sense of pride in being a Lion!

You are encouraged to visit our website at www.usacanadalionforum.org and check out the November Newsletter which is loaded with information on the speakers, seminars and hotels, along with articles on Alaska. Also on the home page is a printable registration form. You can also register online with the online registration form. Our January Newsletter will be added by mid-January.

Please accept my invitation to join me in Anchorage, September 22-24 this year for the most memorable Forum ever, our 35th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,
Bud Wahl

PID Bud Wahl, General Chairperson
2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

PU101

URGENT! THIS IS YOUR 2011-2012 LIONS CLUB'S OFFICER REPORTING FORM

Lion Secretary: Use this form to report the names and addresses of your newly elected club officers to International Headquarters. This form is **extremely important**—all communications your new officers receive during their year in office will be based on the information you provide here. **Please PRINT** the needed information on this form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, **immediately following your club elections in April. Final deadline is May 15.** If you fail to return this form, your new officers will not be able to receive the information and materials they will need during the coming year.

IDENT.	CLUB NO.	DISTRICT	NAME OF CLUB	INTL. OFFICE USE ONLY LANG. COUNTRY

Your meeting place and time are indicated on the left.
If different, please indicate below.

(PLEASE INDICATE DAY, WEEK & HOUR OF MEETING)

	SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
EACH WEEK							
1ST WEEK							
2ND WEEK							
3RD WEEK							
4TH WEEK							
ALTERNATE WEEKS							
HOUR							

MEETING PLACE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

Club mailing address: _____

Clubs website URL: _____

Any change in club officers during the fiscal year must be reported to headquarters.

***MEMBER NUMBERS ARE INDICATED ON YOUR SEMI-ANNUAL PER CAPITA. PLEASE INDICATE BELOW MAILING ADDRESS FOR INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS
ENTER MAILING INFORMATION IN LOCAL FORMAT.**

PRESIDENT: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	HOME PHONE NO.
#		BUSINESS PHONE NO.
#		MOBILE PHONE NO.
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE: NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
SECRETARY: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	HOME PHONE NO.
#		BUSINESS PHONE NO.
#		MOBILE PHONE NO.
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE: NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
TREASURER: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	HOME PHONE NO.
#		BUSINESS PHONE NO.
#		MOBILE PHONE NO.
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE: NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	HOME PHONE NO.
#		BUSINESS PHONE NO.
#		MOBILE PHONE NO.
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE: NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>



Help Wanted!!

Volunteers And Silent Auction Pledge Items Needed!!

Seeking your assistance for our 5M Candidate
running for International Director

Visit www.rccbi.com/lionbrian and signup to
help or pledge a silent auction item.

Dear Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leo's;

We are asking for your support as Lion Brian seeks the endorsement to be the next International Director of Multiple District 5M.

Volunteer: If you want to experience the International Arena there is no better place to do it than the Lions International Convention in Seattle, we can use your help and support to pass out literature about our candidate to help get him elected.

Silent Auction Item Pledge: The committee to elect Lion Brian is dedicated to raise some of the money to offset the large expense of the campaign. You can help by pledging an item for the silent auction to be held at the multiple convention in Mankato.

To sign up go to
www.rccbi.com/lionbrian
or go to the 5M website

Come visit the "Lion Brian for ID" Hospitality Room in Mankato.
2nd floor of the Convention Center—Room 241A and 241B

Committee to Elect PCC Brian Sheehan
Candidate for International Director

Lion Brian



Sheehan
*Candidate for
International
Director*

Committee to Elect
PCC Brian E Sheehan

PCC Keith Johnson
Chairperson

PCC Bert Nelson
Vice Chairperson





Join Us at the
"Bend in the River"

92nd MD5M Convention
 April 29, 30, May 1, 2011
 Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-2



Registration Form

Please print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest ☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ Prov/State/Zip _____ City _____ Prov/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____ Email Address _____

Title: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ District: _____

Club: _____ Club: _____

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention ☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

See separate registration form for available hotel rooms and rates.

The Hilton Garden Inn and Mankato City Center Hotel are attached to the Verizon Wireless Center

via an enclosed skyway.

Camping information available with hotel information.

Meal Plan Options

Hospitality Book includes Friday mixer, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday Banquet and Sunday Brunch

Item	Number	Cost	Total
Hospitality Book (Received BEFORE March 1, 2011)		USD \$86.00	
Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2011 or		USD \$93.00	
Friday Mixer (snack, cash bar, music)		No Charge	
Saturday Breakfast		USD \$18.00	
Saturday Luncheon		USD \$22.00	
Saturday Banquet		USD \$40.00	
Sunday Brunch		USD \$23.00	

Total Submitted: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2011 Convention

Mail registrations to: Lion Charlette Abbas
 312 Foothills Road
 PO Box 133
 Courtland, MN 56021

Convention information: nmathwig@hotmail.com or
 king70@frontiernet.net

Phone: 1-507-964-5765 or 1-507-964-2733

Credit cards will not be accepted. Cash or checks only please; checks preferred.

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2011. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.



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Hotel Reservation Form

Please print

Hotel reservations can be made by completing this form and mailing it directly to the hotel of your choice or by contacting the hotel directly and asking for the 2011 MD5M Lions block of rooms.
Rates will be guaranteed until March 29, 2011.

Name _____

First _____ Last _____

Address				
Street Address/PO Box	City	State/Prov	Zip/PC	

Phone () Email:

Name of Person (s) sharing room:

Method of payment:

Check: \$

Money Order \$ _____

Room rates are based on 1 or 2 guests per room.
Additional charge per guest per room will apply.
Rate may vary depending on hotel.

Credit Card - Circle One:

Visa MC Amex Diners Discover

CC#	-	-	-
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An advance deposit equal to the first night's room or a valid credit card number to guarantee reservation is required with this form.

Exp Date: _____ / _____ (mm/yr)

Hotel Choices:

Complimentary shuttle bus service will be available from non-attached hotels during key convention event times

Mankato City Center Hotel

(attached to Verizon Center, all non-smoking)
c/o Lions 2011 MD5M Convention
101 E Main Street
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: (507)345-1234
Nightly rate: \$99.00 plus applicable tax

Hilton Garden Inn

(attached to Verizon Center, some smoking)
c/o Lions 2011 MD5M Convention (Code LNC)
20 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: (507)344-1111
Nightly rate: \$104.00 plus applicable tax

Best Western Hotel

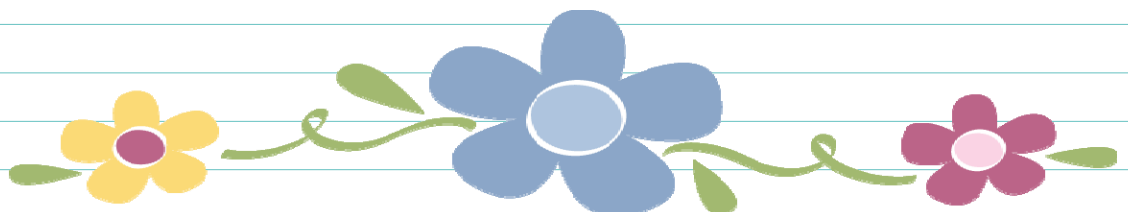
(1mile from Verizon Center, some smoking)
c/o Lions 2011 MD5M Convention
111 Range Street
North Mankato, MN 56003
Phone: (507)625-9333
Nightly rate: \$89.99 plus applicable tax

Holiday Inn Express

(3.7 miles, all non-smoking)
c/o Lions 2011 MD5M Convention
2051 Adams Street
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: (507)388-1880
Nightly rate: \$99.00 plus applicable tax

RV Camping Information:

RV camping is available in a vacant parking lot across the street from the Verizon Center with no fees and no hook-ups. Available on a first-arrive basis. Call Larissa at (507)385-6662 for more information.



February 2011

LCIF Changes Lives

When Lions in Paraguay saw students struggling, they saw a need that the Lions Quest program could fulfill. Through Lions Quest, students like Ivan Villaverde are more focused in the classroom and better-able to learn. Lions Quest also increases parental and community involvement. Lilian Montania, Ivan's Lions Quest teacher, had some positive things to say about the formerly mischievous student and his parents. She explained that Ivan's parents are now much more active, saying that they are "... an excellent example of parents who've gotten involved and are very active in their child's education." The Lions of Paraguay were able to accomplish this through two LCIF grants. These grants allowed them to start Lions Quest in their community, and later to expand it so that they could reach more students like Ivan.

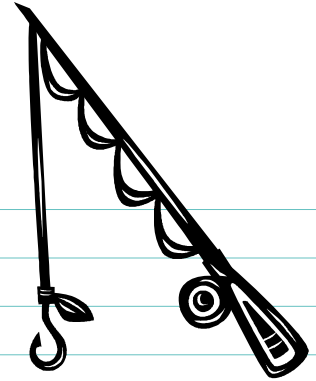
Annually, LCIF awards hundreds of grants to Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts for a variety of projects ranging from disaster relief to youth development to eye-care services. Each year, millions of people around the world benefit from a project funded by an LCIF grant.

Lions are both local and global. This unique position ensures that the financial support that LCIF receives is given to immediate and long-term initiatives identified by Lions who are members of the community they serve. When Lions, like those in Paraguay, see a need in their community, they can fulfill this need through designing an appropriate project, raising local funds, and applying for a grant through LCIF.

LCIF responds to larger needs through disaster relief and large-scale SightFirst projects. After the devastating earthquake in Haiti last January, LCIF was able to provide tents and other items for immediate assistance to thousands of those affected by the quake. More recently, LCIF has approved a project to re-build the National Nurses School of Port-au-Prince. The school was completely destroyed during the earthquake, taking the lives of more than 100 teachers and students and worsening an already problematic shortage of trained health-care professionals. LCIF is working with the Haitian Lions Earthquake Relief and Reconstruction Committee and HumaniTerra International, an NGO founded by French Lions, to undertake the re-building project.

LCIF grants are an important part of the work of Lions around the world. Grants are available for a variety of projects and can help fulfill many needs on a local, national, and even global level. Visit the LCIF website at www.lcif.org to see what Lions around the world have done with their grants, to explore grant programs and criteria – and think about how you and your club can change lives in your community and beyond.

PDG RALPH GORECKI



This is how I will always remember PDG Ralph. Where ever he was there was ALWAYS laughter, smiles, and hugs.

He was sunshine.

Blessings to his family and friends.

It was a pleasure to be a member of the same organization and serving with PDG Ralph.

HAPPY FISHING RALPH!

March 20th



March 17th

March 16th





District Governor Amy Leidenfrost
110 Fourth Avenue NE
Staples, MN 56479

5M8 LIONS EVENTS 2011

2011

April 22: St. Joseph Fish Fry at El Paso

April 30: Staples '93 Lakewood Brunch at CLC

Apr 29-30 & May 1—MD5M 2011 Convention, Mankato, MN

May 7: Staples '93 Garage Sale—8 am to 3 pm at Holst's on Warner Road

