

THE 5M-5 INFORMER



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Governor Kevin Walsh
Delivering Service

Hello Lions of 5M-5

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Half my year is over it's hard to believe. I've enjoyed seeing all of you at club meetings. I've been to almost half of the clubs so far and look forward to visiting the rest in the upcoming months. Please send in the form or give me a call to set up a visit.

The Mid- Winter is right around the corner. I hope you will all take advantage of this once in a life time chance to meet our International President Eberhard J. Wirfs. He will be our guest for the weekend. Friday night is the Necrology Service. Hospitality Rooms will be open after the opening service for one and all. The theme this year is Australia. Saturday will be full, with the Cabinet meeting in the morning and the Business session in the afternoon. The Luncheon will have speakers from Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota, Lions of Eye Bank and be highlighted by IP Wirfs speech. Don't forget our Hero's Buffet Saturday night and the Brunch on Sunday with the Parade of Checks and our Super Hero's. Get your reservations in now!

The Perham Lions have initiated a very interesting Project. One of their members Lion Mark Schmidt has set a goal to to Ride from Moorhead to Brooklyn Center on a peddle Bike.

He will pass thru several Lions Districts and is asking for our support. It is a Make A Wish Foundation sponsored project. The Council of Governors has indorsed this project and I would Like your support. I will send out more information to the Club Presidents. This could be a great PR resource for our district as the ride ends in Brooklyn Center.

I would like to Wish you all a Very Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays.

Thank You All for your hard Work.

Yours in Service
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**"The future depends on what we do in the present."
-Ghandi**

5M-5 CALENDAR - 2009

Dec 2 – St Louis Pk Lions Holiday Eve Fundraiser
Dec 12 – Clubs Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Jan 8-9-10, 2010 – 5m5 Mid Winter Convention,
Ramada Inn, Brooklyn Park

Hi-Lights From Lions All-Zone Meeting

Tuesday - Nov. 30, 2009

At Camp Edenwood – Eden Prairie, MN

Mid Winter Convention – PID Ross Thorfinnson & PCC Bob Jechorek

- January 8-10, 2010 at the Ramada in Brooklyn Park
- Featured Guest in International President Wilf, a great honor for District 5M-5. He will attend our Saturday Lunch and Dinner.
- Get your meal ticket orders in by the end of December
- Zone Chair Jim Cain asks that “Everyday Hero” award nominations be received by Jan. 4. Order meal tickets for your nominees. Forms on the website (www.5m5lions.com).
- Zone Chair Dave Reach reminds everyone to let him know immediately if there are any more Lions to be remembered in the Memorial Service. Please get him the information immediately. (W: 763-398-1112)

Eye Bank - Lion Brian Salisbury

- District is eligible for hundreds of Helen Keller awards. He will soon publish a list of contributions and eligibility.
- Thanksgiving for Vision was successful.
- New project by the Eye Bank – Pediatric Eye Disease Research, info pending.
- Thanks for your consideration at the Mid Winter Parade of Checks.
- Lion Bob Becker announced 5M-5 Lions have collected 7.3 million pair of glasses over the years. He collected glasses and hearing aids, passed out collection boxes, and reminds us to bring more at the Mid Winter Convention.
- Lion Wayne Harkness, President Hopkins Lions Club, announced a plan with the Timberwolves to collect glasses and hearing aids at the Wed Jan 6 basketball game. Contact Lion Wayne for details.

Leader Dog – PDG Kay Elliott

- Lion Linda McLain and her dog will be visiting. She is coming a couple days early to speak to elementary school children about blindness. Lion Kay is asking clubs for some contributions to cover an additional \$200 in travel costs. Contact Kay if your club can help.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation – PDG Tom Shinnick

- Foundation has been established. Please send your Parade of Check contributions to the Foundation.
- The IDC will no longer hold Lions funds. Do not send your checks to the IDC.

Hi-Lights From Lions All-Zone Meeting

Tuesday - Nov. 30, 2009

At Camp Edenwood – Eden Prairie, MN

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – PDG Larry Lindquist

- Gave a wonderful, concise overview of the five primary roles that LCIF plays.
- Reminds everyone to nominate a Lion from his or her club for the John Lutter award. Forms on the website (www.5m5lions.com).

Membership – Lion Bill Moore

- Lion Bill has made a coffee table to be presented to the club with the highest increase in membership at the end of the fiscal year (June 30).
- He is also making pens to be presented to anyone bringing in a new member between September 1 and December 1. Email him your name, your recruit's name, and club before December 15. Pens to be presented at the Mid Winter Convention.

Membership Retention – PDG Bernie Braegelmann

- Lost 78 Lions YTD, primarily due to relocation and economic reasons.
- Lion Jim Cain stated his club does have a program to cover the dues for a short period of time if a member is having financial trouble. He stated that you don't want to lose a good Lion when options are available.
- Lion Bernie stated we have added 61 new Lions, net loss of 17 Lions.
- Lion Roger quoted a DG from Wisconsin "Get of your ass, and ask". Suggests telling any acquaintances about Lionism, have your elevator speak ready.

New District Projects / New Business

Children's Hospital Audiology Booth Fundraising

Lion Jim Bremer – Plymouth Lions Club

- Detailed fact sheet is attached
- Zone Chair Dave Reach stated around \$7,000 has been pledged in the first week of fundraising. If we can get \$15,000 by December 15, we will apply for an LCIF grant for the remainder.
- In the true holiday spirit, Minneapolis Riverview Lions pledged \$500.

Project New Hope

PDG Bernie Braegelmann

- New fundraising project, raffling a 2010 Ford Mustang Convertible, \$20 per ticket, drawing on August 26, 2010. Contact her for tickets.

Hi-Lights From Lions All-Zone Meeting

Tuesday - Nov. 30, 2009

At Camp Edenwood – Eden Prairie, MN

Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser

DG Kevin Walsh

- At the last Council Meeting, the Governors approved a fundraiser sponsored by the Perham Lions Club.
- A Lion is riding a scooter between Moorhead and Minneapolis to raise funds for a girl with burns on over 80% of her body. Contact DG Kevin for details and look for info in the Informer.

Friendship Lions Club

Lion President Jennifer Engen

- Camp Edenwood recently had their golf cart stolen. Staff used the cart to distribute medication, etc. It was not insured.
- Raising \$2,500 for a new cart.
- Checks can be made to Friendship Ventures, a 501c3.
- For additional information, call Lion Jennifer at 952-852-0127.

Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club

Lion President Jennifer Gilbert

- The Eye Bank is turning 50 years old in 2010. To celebrate, they are collecting memories about recipients, volunteers, fundraisers, and board member experiences.
- Contact Lion Jennifer with your stories.

Attachment – Fact sheet, Children's Hospital Audiology Booth Fundraising

Children's Hospital Audiology Booth Approved District 5M-5 Lions Fundraising Project

District 5M-5 All-Zone Meeting

Monday November 30, 2009

Background Information

- The Plymouth Lions Club has received permission from District 5M-5 to solicit funds from Lions Clubs for a new audiology booth for Children's Hospital.
- Plymouth Lion Jim Bremer owns a hearing equipment company. They were recently asked by Children's Hospital in Minneapolis to help move an audiology hearing testing booth from one location to another.
- The booth was originally made and installed in 1967 (42 years old). While dismantling and reinstalling the booth, they noticed *rusted panels, holes, and other damage*.
- After reinstalling the booth, tests revealed that *the booth met minimum acoustical standards*.
- Lion Jim brought this to the attention of the Plymouth Lions Club who sponsors this effort to raise funds and purchase a new audiology booth. *The Plymouth Lions have pledged \$2,500.*
- The cost of a new booth is estimated to be \$25,000. Lion Jim is receiving bids from suppliers who are also participating in special pricing for the Lions.

Action Plan

- The timeline is rather aggressive.
 - Four months to solicit and receive funds. *Target March 2010.*
 - Two months to purchase and install the equipment. *Target June 2010.*
- An article will be in the Informer describing the need for the equipment, the costs, and how to contribute.
- Lion Chuck Fortman, Hearing Foundation Chair will be seeking the support of the Hearing Foundation.
- LCIF Chair PDG Larry Lindquist has been apprized of the effort. Because of the tight time frame we do not anticipate applying for an LCIF Grant. However, *if \$15,000 can be collected by 12/15*, a grant request could be submitted by January 1 for consideration by the International Directors in March 2010.
- At this time, we are seeking pledges from the clubs. If your club has a grant application, send it to Lion Jim Bremer. Otherwise, email Lion Jim of your support.
- Lion Jim will be holding checks made to Children's Hospital Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization.
- Checks can also be received at the Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Checks.

For additional information, contact:

Lion Jim Bremer (612-750-2370), <mailto:jim.JPBV@comcast.net>
Zone Chair Dave Reach (612-310-5534), <mailto:dreach@valgroup.net>
Plymouth President Ron Moore (763-559-8227), <mailto:ronandterrimoore@comcast.net>

Club Contributions to Lions Sponsored Activities For The Parade Of Checks

By Lion Dave Reach

This time of the year, we cabinet members and zone chairs get a lot of questions about to whom the clubs can write checks for the Mid Winter Convention Parade of Checks. We've put together this partial list of activities sponsored by our District and the name and phone number of the Cabinet Chairperson.

<p>Diabetes Cabinet Co-Chairs Lion Tom Shinnick, (763) 560-0273 Lion Diane Nokk (763) 300-6025</p>	<p>We are pleased to announce the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation has been successfully established.</p>	<p>Send your checks to: PDG Tom Shinnick, Chair 5324 Oliver Avenue N. Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 501(c) 3</p>
	<p>The International Diabetes Center (IDC) is our District's primary recipient providing Diabetes research, screenings, education, medical professional training, and publishing.</p>	<p>The IDC is no longer holding Lions Funds. Please Do Not send the IDC any additional funds until further notice.</p>
	<p>Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Specializing in children's diabetes research and treatment.</p>	<p>Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International 120 Wall Street, 19th Floor New York, NY 10005 www.jdrf.org 501(c) 3</p>
<p>Camp Courage Cabinet Chair Lion Horst Hock (763) 274-2575</p>	<p>Located near Maple Lake, MN, our District has long sponsored many activities at Camp Courage. Most recently we funded the renovation of a barn into a handicapped accessible activities center and play area. Our annual Halloween Party is enjoyed by hundreds of kids and their parents.</p>	<p>Courage Camps 3915 Golden Valley Road Golden Valley, MN 55422 (763) 520-0504 www.couragecamps.org 501(c) 3</p>
	<p>Camp Needlepoint for children with diabetes, is conducted for two weeks each August — in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association of Minnesota — serving over 375 youth with resident camp and day camp experiences. For more information contact rmartin@diabetes.org. We recommend you designate your gift for camper scholarships.</p>	<p>American Diabetes Association Minnesota 5100 Gamble Drive, Suite 394 St. Louis Park, MN 55416 Phone: (763) 593-5333 1-(800) DIABETES (342-2383) FAX: (763) 593-1520 http://www.diabetes.org 501(c) 3</p>
<p>Children's Hospital Audiology Booth Plymouth Lions Club Chair Lion Jim Bremer (612) 750-2370</p>	<p>The Plymouth Lions Club has received permission from District 5M-5 to solicit funds from Lions Clubs for a new audiology booth for Children's Hospital. <i>The Plymouth Lions have pledged \$2,500.</i> The cost of a new booth is estimated to be \$25,000. Target date is March 1, 2010 for contributions.</p>	<p>Children's Hospital Foundation c/o Plymouth Lions Club 501(c) 3</p>

Reminder – Please Forward All Checks to the Cabinet Chairperson. They will forward the check on your behalf with a cover letter including the appropriate account classification information.

Club Contributions to Lions Sponsored Activities For The Parade Of Checks

By Lion Dave Reach

<p>Lions MN Eye Bank Cabinet Co-Chair Lion Brian Salisbury, (763) 493-3002 Lion Bob Becker (763)-566-4347</p>	<p>The Lions MN Eye Bank is a great Lion's success story making a daily difference in many people's lives. The Eye Bank runs the eye tissue program in the State of Minnesota. Tissues are collected for transplant and research. The Eye Bank also funds the eyeglass program.</p>	<p>Minnesota Lions Eye Bank 1000 Westgate Drive, Suite 260 St. Paul, MN 55114 (612) 625-5159 www.mnlionseyebank.org 501(c) 3</p>
	<p>Children's Eye Clinic - You may also designate in the memo line that you wish your contribution to be used for the Children's Eye Clinic</p>	
	<p>MAC Center - You may also designate in the memo line that you wish your contribution to be used for the MAC Center for macular degeneration research.</p>	
<p>Hearing Foundation Cabinet Co-Chair Lion Chuck Fortman (763) 427-1277 Lion Dwight Maxa (952) 473-8662</p>	<p>Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation - Cochlear implants, hearing tests, infant hearing testing, hearing aids, and research are among the many important works of the Lions Hearing Foundation.</p>	<p>Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Inc. 501(c) 3 Send Checks to Chuck or Dwight Department of Otolaryngology 396 MMC University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN 55455</p>
	<p>Children's Hearing Center - You may also designate in the memo line that you wish your contribution to be used for the Children's Hearing Center.</p>	
<p>Hearing/Service Dog Cabinet Chair Lion Manny Camilon (612) 644-2292 (cell) VDG Bob Stamos (612) 702-4843</p>	<p>Hearing/Service Dog - The Lions have been supporting this program to provide trained service dogs to people with special hearing or physical needs.</p>	<p>Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota 2537 25th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55406 (612) 729-5914 www.hsdm.org 501(c) 3</p>
<p>Leader Dog Cabinet Co-Chair Lion Kay Elliott (952) 920-1905 Lion Tom Handorff (763) 420-7783</p>	<p>Leader Dog - Located in Rochester, Michigan, this Lions sponsored service trains dogs for the visually impaired. The dog recipient attends Leader Dog, receiving his/her dog and training at no personal cost.</p>	<p>Leader Dogs for the Blind PO Box 5000 Rochester, MI 48308 (248) 651-9011 www.leaderdog.org 501(c) 3</p>

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By Lion Dave Reach

<p>LCIF Cabinet Chair PDG Larry Lindquist (1-763) 389-3269</p>	<p>Lions Clubs International Foundation provides money and services throughout the world such as fighting river blindness in remote regions of the world, providing seed money for Diabetes programs, relief for natural disasters, and for national emergencies such as the World Trade Center attack. The Melvin Jones Fellow Award is given for contributions of \$1,000.</p>	<p>LCIF 300 W. 22nd St. Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 501(c) 3</p>
<p>Lions Quest / Leos Cabinet Chair Lion Bill Moore (763) 612-522-0784</p>	<p>Lions Quest brings the school, family and community together to promote the development of healthy and responsible young people by supporting social and emotional learning (SEL), character development, positive behavior and a commitment to service. Lions Quest is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍏 Comprehensive lessons 🍏 Implemented by classroom educators 🍏 Integrated into existing subject areas or taught as a stand-alone course 🍏 Executed as a nine-week mini course or over the entire school year. <p>Our Leos program has some ancillary costs associated with creating new clubs, start up money, officer training, etc.</p> <p>Checks should be made to District 5M-5 with a memo to "Lions Quest" or "Lions Leos"</p>	<p>Not a 501(c) 3</p>
<p>Youth Exchange Cabinet Chair Lion DG Kevin Walsh (952) 892-7147</p>	<p>Youth Exchange - This Lions program has students from all over the world visiting the United States and vice versa. Checks should be made to District 5M-5 with a memo to "Youth Exchange".</p>	<p>Not a 501(c) 3</p>
<p>Special Olympics Minnesota Cabinet Chair Lion Dave Reach (952) 934-3810</p>	<p>Special Olympics MN - The 5M-5 Lions have been helping Special Olympics with their Healthy Athletes program at the State Competitions at the University of MN. We incur some miscellaneous expenses that are not in the District's budget.</p> <p>Checks can be made to Special Olympics MN.</p>	<p>Special Olympics Minnesota 100 Washington Avenue S., Suite 550 Minneapolis, MN 55401 612-333-0999 or toll-free: 800-783-7732 Fax: 612-333-8782 www.specialolympicsminnesota.org 501(c) 3</p>

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Every Day Hero



Award

DG Kevin Walsh is continuing the **Every Day Hero Award** which will be presented to one member of each 5M5 Lions Club at this years Mid-Winter Convention.

Every Club is to nominate one member as the recipient of the award for their club.

The criteria for nominating a member should be:

- 1) A Lion or Lioness in good standing.
- 2) Participation in Lions club events.
- 3) Participation in community events or service outside of Lions.

We encourage every club to participate in order to get a member from your club recognized for their contributions in and outside of Lions. We want 100% participation!

From all nominees submitted, six will additionally be chosen for the **Every Day Super Hero Award** by the committee.

The Every Day Hero Awards will be presented at the Saturday evening function.

The six Every Day Super Hero Awards will be presented at the Sunday brunch.

We would like all clubs to use the form below and get their club nominee name in by Monday January 4th 2010. That is a hard deadline to provide time to print, sign and frame the certificates

You can send the form by U.S. mail or email:

**Mail to: Lion J. Kish,
5747 Twin Lake Terrace,
Crystal, Mn 55429**

Email to: Lion J. Cain, jhcain2@gmail.com

Let's get them coming in as soon as possible!



**5M5 Lions 2009-2010
Every Day Hero Award
Nomination Form**

Nominating Lions Club: _____

Address: _____

Name of Lion being nominated: _____

Reasons for Nomination: _____

What community activities did this member participate in: _____



Submitted By Lion: _____

Return form by mail or email.

Mail to: Lion J. Kish, 5747 Twin Lake Terrace, Crystal, Mn 55429

Email to: Lion J. Cain, jhcain2@gmail.com

**2010 DISTRICT 5M-5 MID-WINTER CONVENTION
Ramada Inn Minneapolis NW JANUARY 8-10, 2010**

Convention Hospitality Books

Name: _____

Lions Club: _____

Full Hospitality Book

Hospitality Book(s) @\$75.00/book # _____ Total \$ _____

Includes: Saturday Luncheon
Saturday Night Buffet
Sunday Brunch

Saturday President's Combination

Saturday President's Combination @\$55.00 # _____ Total \$ _____

Includes: Saturday Luncheon
Saturday Night Buffet

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

The International President is our guest for the weekend and will be addressing the attendees on Saturday. We expect the Saturday meals to sell out, please get reservations in early! This form replaces all previous forms, please do not use the form previously distributed earlier.

First come/first served for dining in the Grand Ballroom. Overflow Dining will be in the Garden Court with video feed.

All reservations must use this new form and be sent to the attention of:

Lion Bob Jechorek
5400 Morgan Avenue North
Brooklyn Center, Minnesota 55430

Make Checks Payable to: 5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention

Or Pay by Credit Card: (Credit card charges will be processed in December)

Name on Card: _____ Security Code: _____

Type of Card: _____ Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Card Billing Address: _____

SLEEPING ROOM RESERVATION FORM

2010 5M-5 MIDWINTER CONVENTION – January 8 - 10, 2010

RAMADA INN MINNEAPOLIS NW

6900 Lakeland Ave North, Brooklyn Park

Sleeping Room Rate \$94.00/ per night (includes tax)

Please check the dates that you will require room reservations:

Friday January 8 _____ Saturday January 9 _____

Two Double Beds Yes ___ No ___

Queen Bed Yes ___ No ___

King Bed Yes ___ No ___

Name (Please print) _____

Lions Club _____

Number of Rooms times Number of Nights times \$94.00 Total \$ _____

Please return this form by December 11, 2009 to:

Lion Bob Jechorek
5400 Morgan Ave. N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Make Check Payable to: 5M-5 MidWinter Convention

Or Pay by Credit Card: (For added security, 5M5 prefers that you register on-line at 5m5convention.info or 5m5lions.com. Charges will be assessed at time of registration.)

Name on Card: _____ Security Code: _____

Type of Card: _____ Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Card Billing Address: _____

Reservations must be made with the Committee to receive this room rate
Questions? Contact Lion Bob Jechorek by telephone at 763-560-1132 or by
email at rpjech@gmail.com

Scootin' To The Next Level



YES-That's Correct. He IS pointing toward Minneapolis. The Perham Lions have a crazy guy in their Club who has this Dream. That he can ride a 2-wheel scooter from Moorhead all the way to the Twin Cities so that a young lady can have her [Dream Come True](#)—taking her family to Paris, France. Don't you think we should MAKE THIS HAPPEN ? It can with your help. We can make this Dream a Reality !!! Please consider making a donation toward this great cause.

THE NUTS AND THE BOLTS OF THIS PROJECT — Over 230 miles

Lion Mark Schmidt will be leaving Moorhead at the end of April 2010. Pretty much riding Hwy 10 the whole way until we get to the Twin Cities suburbs. Then, arriving at the Annual Make-A-Wish Ball Saturday night, he will present the sum total of our donations to the Director of [Make-A-Wish](#) of Minnesota. We expect that this will take 4-6 days-rain or shine, snow, sleet or hail. We will keep going. We will be contacting media for coverage along the route. We hope to be staying with local Lions on our trip rather than stay at a hotel to keep our costs down. At the end of each day, we hope to have dinner with as many Lions as we can. Our goal is not only to raise money for a great cause, but to raise awareness of Lionism all along the route and to meet as many of our fellow Lions as we can. Please help us make this Wish come true. If you have any suggestions, ideas or other places we can tap for possible donations, let us know. Thank you in advance from Mark, the Perham Lions, the [Make-A-Wish](#) Foundation of Minnesota and [Taylor](#) from New Hope-our Wish Child. See the link on Taylor and her wish. If this does not tug on your heart strings (and your donations) - well, we know it will. Thank you.

Consider a generous donation to this project OR do as the [Ottertail Lions](#) are doing. They are dedicating a project with the proceeds going to [Make-A-Wish](#) Foundation. They do meat raffles as fund raisers. So, one of their meat raffles will have ALL the proceeds earmarked for this project. We think this is great way to fund this project. We will leave it up to you how you want to get us the money, we just hope you will donate to Make-A-Wish.

Please donate BY March 31, 2010—you will have plenty of time if you want to schedule a fund raiser instead of just donating money. Have some fun with it. Be creative. We know you can.

PLEASE make the checks out to : Make-A-Wish of MN (501c3)

Send the checks to : Perham Lion Steve : 34519 County Hwy 35 Dent, MN 56528
Steve@PerhamLions.com 612-363-4781

If you have ANY questions about this project, please contact [Steve with the Perham Lions](#)
Here are some links for supporting documents and letters about this Make-A-Wish project. Please review them.



Committee to Elect PCC Brian Sheehan
Candidate for International Director

Elect PCC Brian Sheehan for MD5M International Director

Seeking your endorsement as Candidate for International Director

Dear Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leo's;

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter asking for your support as I seek the endorsement to be the next candidate for International Director of Multiple District 5M.

I have been a member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, served as District Governor of 5M4 in 2004-2005 and was elected as Council Chair of 5M in 2005-2006. I believe that my extensive background in Lions, business and community service well prepares me to be an effective member for the International Board of Lions Clubs International.

Our motto has been "We Serve" and I have a strong desire and passion to serve you and our Multiple. I am a hard working and dedicated Lion of this great organization. I believe we should all be enthused to serve and to share that enthusiasm to show non-Lions and new lions what this organization is about. The strength and power of this organization is in our clubs and the great things we do and represent.

My life partner Lion Lori and our four children have grown with Lions and we are looking forward to serving you if given the opportunity.

PCC Brian E Sheehan

Lion Brian



Sheehan
Candidate for
International
Director

Committee to Elect
PCC Brian E Sheehan

PCC Keith Johnson
Chairperson

PCC Bert Nelson
Vice Chairperson



The following proposed amendments to the District 5M5 Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2010 Mid-Winter Convention.

ITEM 1.:

A CLERICAL AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE \$1.00 APORTION FOR THE MD5M INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND

Be it resolved that Article V, Section 1 of the 5M5 District Constitution be amended to read: To provide revenue to defray the expenses of each District and the Multiple District, an annual tax of ~~fourteen dollars and ten cents (\$14.10)~~ **thirteen dollars and ten cents (\$13.10)** for each club member shall be levied upon every club in the District, and shall be paid in advance by each club, except new and reorganized clubs, in two semi-annual payments as follows: ~~seven dollars and five cents (\$7.05)~~ **six dollars and fifty five cents (\$6.55)** on July first of each year to cover the semi-annual period of July 1 to December 31; and ~~seven dollars and five cents (\$7.05)~~ **six dollars and fifty five cents (\$6.55)** on January first to cover the semi-annual period of January 1 to June 30. Such billing shall be based upon the roster of each club as of the first day of July and the first day of January respectively. Tax shall be collected from the clubs in the District by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall place all said monies in an account and remit such monies due the Multiple District Council Treasurer. The annual tax of ~~fourteen dollars and ten cents (\$14.10)~~ **thirteen dollars and ten cents (\$13.10)** levied upon each club in the District for each club member shall be apportioned as follows:

- A. \$3.84 to the Multiple District Administration Fund
- B. \$6.80 to the District Administration Fund
- C. \$1.00 to the District 5M5 Convention Fund
- D. \$.25 to the Campaign Fund controlled by the Multiple District Council for the election of a candidate for an International Director or Second Vice President from this Multiple District.
- E. \$.46 to be set aside in a separate fund to be known as the Multiple District Geographical Assistance Fund, which is to be divided amongst the individual Districts in the Multiple on the basis of their respective geographical areas so that each District in the Multiple shall be entitled to receive in each year the proportion of the Multiple District Geographical Area Assistance Fund that its geographical area bears to the total geographic area of the Multiple 5M District. This fund will be used only for Membership and Retention.
- F. \$.50 Multiple District Annual Convention Fund.
- H. \$.25 to the Multiple District MERLO Training Fund (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Orientation Training)

~~I. \$1.00 to the MD5M International Convention Fund for the Lions years ending on June 30 of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.~~

Rationale:

1. The \$1.00 MD5M International Convention Fund expired as of June 30, 2009.
2. This is a clerical function only, and does not require a vote.

ITEM 2:

AN AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE TO MAKE CLERICAL CHANGES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE VOTING DELEGATES:

Be it resolved that the District 5M5 Constitution and the District 5M5 By-Laws be amended by adding Section 4 to Article VII which will read:

Section 4.

The District Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be authorized to make changes within this Constitution and By-Laws in grammar, word usage, and punctuation which neither alters the meaning nor intent of the changed section. Changes made by the action of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, pursuant to this section, shall be presented to the delegates at the next Annual Convention of District 5M5.

Rationale:

To allow more time to cover pertinent amendments.

ITEM 3.

AN AMENDMENT TO REDEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Be it resolved that Article II, Section 2 the District 5M5 By-Laws be amended by changing Section 2 to read:

Section 2: ~~First and Second Vice District Governors~~ **First Vice District Governor**

The First Vice District Governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the District Governor, shall be the chief administrative assistant and representative of the District Governor. His/her specific duties shall be, but not limited to:

~~A. Attend the regular and special meetings of the Cabinet.~~

A. Further the purposes of the Association.

~~B. Assist the District Governor in promotion Lionism in the District under the direction of the District Governor.~~

B. Perform such administrative duties as assigned by the District Governor.

C. Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors.

- D. Participate in the Cabinet Meetings, and conduct the Cabinet Meetings in the absence of the District Governor, and participate in Council Meetings as appropriate.**
- E. Assist the District Governor in the review of the strengths and weaknesses of the clubs in the District, identifying the existing and potential weak clubs and establishing plans to strengthen them.**
- F. Attend Club visitations as the representative of the District Governor when requested by the District Governor.**
- G. Oversee and coordinate the work of the District MERLO Team as the Districts' MERLO Team Leader.**
- H. Work in cooperation with the District Membership Committee, the District Extension Committee, and the District Retention Committee and assist them to reach their goals for the year.**
- I. Work in cooperation with the District Convention Committee and assist the committee to plan and conduct the annual District Convention and assist the District Governor to organize and promote other events within the District.**
- J. At the request of the District Governor, supervise other district committees.**
- K. Participate in the planning of the next year including the district budget.**
- L. Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the District Governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office as the acting District Governor until the vacancy is filled according the by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the International Board of Directors.**

Rationale:

To further define the responsibilities of the First Vice District Governor.

ITEM 4.

AN AMENDMENT TO DEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Be it resolved that Section 3 be added to Article II of the District 5M5 By-Laws as follows:
Section 3. Second Vice District Governor

The Second Vice District Governor, subject to the supervision and the direction of the District Governor, shall be an assistant in the administration of the District, and representative of the District Governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be, but not limited, to:

- A. Further the purposes of the Association.
- B. Perform such administrative duties as assigned by the District Governor.
- C. Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors.
- D. Participate in the Cabinet Meetings, and conduct the meetings in the absence of the District Governor and the First Vice District Governor and participate in Council Meetings as appropriate.

- E. Familiarize himself/herself with the health and status of the clubs in the District, review the monthly financial report and assist the District Governor and the First Vice District Governor in identifying and strengthening the existing clubs and potential weak clubs.
- F. Conduct club visitations, as the representative of the District Governor, when requested by the District Governor.
- G. Oversee and coordinate the work of the District Zone Chairs as the District's Region Chair.
- H. Assist the District Convention Committee, the District Governor and the First Vice District Governor in planning and conduction the annual District Convention.
- I. Work in coordination with the District Orientation Committee, and assist the committee to prevent the loss of clubs and members, particularly due to inactive club administration and/or financial suspension or other problems.
- J. Work in cooperation with the District Leadership Development Committee and assist the committee to develop and implement a district-wide leadership development plan to enhance the enthusiasm and capability of the district officers and members to serve effectively through utilization of the District MERLO Team and integration of the team's work with the district's leadership development efforts.
- K. Work in coordination with the District LCIF Coordinator and assist the committee to achieve the goals of the year through regular distribution of LCIF information and materials to increase understanding and support of LCIF.
- L. Work in coordination with the District Information Technology Committee and assist the committee to promote the use of the association's web site and the internet among clubs and members to obtain information, file reports, purchase club supplies, etc.
- M. At the request of the District Governor, supervise other district committees.
- N. Assist the District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and the Cabinet in planning the next year, including the district budget.
- O. Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the District Governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the offices of District Governor and First Vice District Governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said offices as the acting District Governor or acting First Vice District Governor until the vacancies are filled according to the by-laws and rules of procedures adopted by the International Board of Directors.

Rationale:

To define the responsibilities of the Second Vice District Governor.



Information on PDG Ty Abel

Lion PDG Ty is 95 years old and has sponsored 100 new members into Lionism and additionally he has organized 13 Lions Clubs over the years. He love company and cards.

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Leader Dog is sending a field representative to visit our district for our midwinter conference. Her name is Lion Linda McLean and Disney. They are coming in 2 days early to visit schools in our district. We have two schools set up to visit, and working on a third school.

The problem is our district does NOT have the extra money in the budget to cover the extra 2 nights, nor does Leader Dog.

What I am hoping for, is a few club to donate \$25 to help pay for Lion Linda's extra nights here. Total cost should be about \$200, so far I have about \$50.

Please make check payable to either Kay Elliott or District 5M5 and mail to my address 6400 Xerxes Ave So Mpls, 55423.

Thank you so much.

Lion Kay Elliott
Leader Dog Chair