

THE 5M-5 INFORMER



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Governor Kevin Walsh
Delivering Service

Hello Lions of 5M-5

I hope you all had a Happy New Years. The Lion year is half over and now it's time to really buckle down and get our goals accomplished. The Mid-Winter is right around the corner next weekend in fact January 8-10. We have a great convention planned for you. Our regular Friday night Memorial Service followed by Hospitality Rooms and all our fun and fellowship. The pool area is sold out so we should have a great gathering. Saturday starts off with a quick Cabinet Meeting followed by a Luncheon with Three fabulous Speakers including Hearing and Service Dogs and Dr. Krachmer from the U of M Lions Eye Bank. Our Key Note speaker will be International President Eberhard Wirfs. The afternoon Business session will have Speakers on Lion Projects, Hall of fame voting and Elections of next years officers. Theirs still time to get your delegates into Cabinet Secretary Lorraine lets have a full house. The Awards Buffet is set for Saturday evening with Everyday Lions Hero's hope all the clubs have some one nominated, followed by some International awards and our own John Lutter Award. Sunday Morning is the fun Brunch with our Parade of Green and the Super Hero's, Tail Twisting and lots more fun. I hope every Lion gets a chance to come for some or all of the convention. Come See What We All Do Together. Lions in Action.

As I said the year is half over and I've been to nearly half of the clubs if you would like to schedule a visit please e-mail or send in the visitation form. The district is in good shape we are holding our own on membership. We are still down 18 members but now is the time to move forward. Lets not forget the spouses and other family members that already know what we do. Let's get out and Ask Someone they are right in front of us. We have some special things coming this next half year. Lets work hard on keeping our members involved.

I look forward to finishing out the year on a high note with positive numbers for all the Clubs at the end of the year. Lets keep working hard to Move to Grow.

Yours in Service

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"The future depends on what we do in the present."

—Ghandi

5M-5 CALENDAR - 2010

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

Jan 17 - Bloomington Lions Spaghetti Dinner

**Jan 22 - Charter Champlin Park Leo Club,
Champlin Park High School**

EBERHARD J. WIRFS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Eberhard J. Wirfs, of Kelkheim am Taunus, Hessen, Germany, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization and the global leader in humanitarian and community service.

President Wirfs, an entrepreneur and retired CEO of his own company, is a pioneer in the marketing of frozen food specialties across Europe. Using as his presidential theme Move to Grow, President Wirfs plans to build momentum or movement and "grow" association membership in order to meet the increasing needs for community service around the world.

President Wirfs is an experienced and effective leader with particular strength in membership development and extension and leadership training, and in combining service and fellowship.

A member of the Hofheim am Taunus Lions Club since 1985, President Wirfs has held many offices within the association, including club president; district governor; council chairperson; faculty group leader for the District Governors-elect Seminar, which trains incoming governors; and international director. He served as CEO of the German Lions Foundation, Deutsches Hilfswerk. In addition, he systematically implemented Lions Quest, a mentoring program for young people, in Germany. He is an honorary member of the Kelkheim am Taunus Lions Club.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Wirfs has received numerous awards, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

President Wirfs and his wife, Margit, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons. Oliver and daughter-in-law, Sandra, have one daughter, Hannah-Carlotta. Marcus is married to Pauline, who is from France.

Happy New Year!



It's hard to believe the holiday's are behind us already, and we are halfway through another Lions year. It seems we just get started with everything, and before we know it, it's in the past. July kicks off new officer terms, which may bring a little anxiety, but by now, I'm sure you feel "old hat" at your duties. The summer is filled with service projects and fund-raisers, and we are all very busy.

November comes, bringing us the Thanksgiving holiday and kicking off Christmastime. With it, there always seems to be a lot of complaining, especially about how early the Christmas music starts playing, and the stores have already had holiday decorations and gifts available for several months. But it's a time we Lions step back just a little bit and take a well deserved rest to celebrate ourselves and accomplishments. Still it seems the time flies by us, and we are left scratching our heads wondering how they came and went so fast.

Now it's January, and we're preparing for our district's biggest party of the year, the Mid-Winter Convention! What a great time it will be. There's a lot of excitement this year, as we relocate to new surroundings. The response has been fantastic. More hospitality rooms, more confirmed attendance at the sessions, more rooms reserved to stay for the weekend. This is all for you. It's great to hear so many Lions will be attending part if not all of the convention. It's a time to have fun and see what your yearly efforts accomplish and affect those we help.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Voting on
Saturday**



Lion Bob Stamos
Robbinsdale Lions Club
Candidate for:
District Governor 2010-2011

Let me introduce myself. I am Second Vice District Governor Jan Cariveau from the Maple Grove Lions Club. A BIG Thank You to the Maple Grove Lions for their support.

If the name sounds familiar you probably heard it attached to Informer Editor, or Region Zone Chair, Zone Chair, 2009 International Convention Secretary, among various other titles! During my 20 some years as Lioness/Lion I have served in many capacities.

I am asking for your vote at the 5M5 Convention for First Vice District Governor for 2010-2011. I will serve you well.

Hope you are planning to attend the Mid Winter Convention. We are trying to new things and using some old. You will have fun.



Voting on
Saturday

Lioness Jan Cariveau
Maple Grove Lions Club

Candidate for:
First Vice District Governor
2010 - 2011



Project New Hope

By Lion Bernie Braegelmann

In order to expand the services of Project New Hope and help other veterans of wars they are having a fundraiser:

Win a 2010 Ford Mustang Convertible

Tickets \$20 each

Make check payable to the Lions 5M9 Car Raffle.

Send check to:

Lion Bernie Braegelmann
13119 Lake Street Extension
Minnetonka, MN 55305

I will put your name on the raffle ticket and send/give you the ticket stub or if you prefer I will have tickets for sale at the Mid-Winter Convention.

Drawing will be held August 26, 2010.

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## **Ten Commandments for Retention**

By Lion Bernie Braegelmann

1. Help each other be right – not wrong.
2. Look for ways to make new ideas work – not reasons why they won't work.
3. If in doubt – check it out! Don't make negative assumptions about others.
4. Help each other win and take pride in each other's victories.
5. Speak positively about each other, about your club, and about the organization at every opportunity.
6. Maintain a positive mental attitude no matter what the circumstances.
7. Act with initiative and courage as if it all depends on you.
8. Do everything with enthusiasm – it's contagious.
9. Whatever you want, give it away – recognition, respect, commitment, etc....
10. Don't lose faith – never give up!

Champlin Lions Club  
Dayton Lions Club

RE: Champlin Park Leo Club

Lion Presidents,

**The Leos have set the date for their Installation Ceremony, it will be January 22, 2010, Champlin Park High School, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Cost will be \$8.00 per person.**

They are going to serve Pizza and a salad with a dessert. I let them set up their own installation ceremony. Invitations will be out in the next week, I will have them sent to all clubs and put it in the 5M Informer to all members. They will be inviting their Parents also.

Presidents you will need to sign the Charter membership certificates, I will have Lion President Dusty sign half of them and Lion President Glenn the other half. You will also present them with their Leo Pins. I have asked PID Ross Thorfinnson to be the speaker that afternoon.

In the next couple of months I will be contacting the clubs and bring a couple of the Leos to your meeting along with their Advisor Jane Hansen.

I will be talking to you in the next couple of weeks as to some type of gift the clubs would like to present to the Leos.

As I get more information I will past it along to you, I know that this does not give you much time with the Holidays in between, but we will make it work.

Yours in Lionism

PDG Bucky Hartkopf

# Freeman

You're a 19 year old kid.

You're critically wounded and dying in the jungle in the Ia Drang Valley.

November 11, 1965.

LZ X-ray , Vietnam

Your infantry unit is outnumbered 8-1 and the enemy fire is so intense, from 100 or 200 yards away, that your own Infantry Commander has ordered the MediVac helicopters to stop coming in.

You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns and you know you're not getting out.

Your family is half way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and you'll never see them again.

As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day.

Then - over the machine gun noise - you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter. You look up to see an unarmed Huey. But .... it doesn't seem real because no Medi-Vac markings are on it.

Ed Freeman is coming for you.

He's not Medi-Vac so it's not his job, but he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire anyway.

Even after the Medi-Vacs were ordered not to come. He's coming anyway.

And he drops it in and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load 2 or 3 of you on board. Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire to the doctors and nurses.

And, *he kept coming back!!* 13 more times!!

He took about 30 of you and your buddies out who would never have gotten out.

**Medal of Honor Recipient, Ed Freeman, died last Wednesday at the age of 80, in Boise , Idaho**

May God Rest His Soul.

**I bet you didn't hear about this hero's passing, but we've sure seen a whole bunch about Tiger Woods . . .**



**Medal of Honor Winner  
Ed Freeman**

**Shame on the American media!**

# Bloomington Lions Club

NFL Divisional Playoff

Game Day Party

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Pizza, Appetizers, Drink Specials

Quarterly Prize Drawings

\$100 in Grand Prizes

\$6.00 or \$4.00 with a Spaghetti Dinner Ticket

Game Day Party Tickets Do Not Include The Spaghetti Dinner



Tickets Available From Any Fong's Manager



**All you can eat!**

**1st Annual Winterfest**

**Spaghetti & Meat Ball Dinner**

**Sunday, January 17th**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**at David Fong's**

**94th and Lyndale Ave. So.**

**Bloomington**

**ADULTS \$7 CHILDREN (6 - 12) \$3**

**Proceeds to Lions Activities and Charities**

**Tickets available at the door**

Call Bill at 952-941-0109 or [bkalina@hotmail.com](mailto:bkalina@hotmail.com) to order or for more info or ticket sales