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By PDG Dudley Parsons

This was the eighth Lions Clubs International (LCI) convention that I have attended, and I think it was one of the best. Many Lions will tell you that of the major trips you might take for Lions, attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is the one you should take. I would like to emphasize that although the experience at the LCI convention is **different**, it is something you should seriously consider **after** you have been to the forum. The forum provides a very significant opportunity to learn leadership skills and has speakers that are nationally known as motivators. You get to meet Lions from all over North America and get to trade ideas with them. It is a wonderful experience that should not be missed.

On the other hand, where can you go to meet Lions from all over the **World**? In Seattle, Washington, we had around 15,000 Lions from around the globe. We all marched in a parade that was the longest one on the history of Seattle. We all (well, not everyone) attended three plenary sessions in which we heard what a great organization we are.

The plenary sessions all started with some rousing music of several genres.



Shown on the left is Milton Bullock, the last living member of the original singing group, The Platters ("Only You," "The Great Pretender") At his age, he had a great voice!

Lion Judy Scruggs (spouse of President Sid Scruggs) served as the voice of the people you all helped, as she spoke of the blind who got help with vocational training, the indigent people who got glasses for the first time from a Lions sight project, the many who were fed by Lions food projects, and the children who were helped by our partnership with the Gates Foundation for water purification and measles vaccine.



**Fergus Falls High School Band.** The Fergus Falls band did a **GREAT** job in the parade today. They won first place in the parade.

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# What Do You Know, Joe?

By District Governor Joe Schlichenmeyer

As I waved goodbye to Seattle, I had some precious time to reflect. It was a three-hour flight back to Minneapolis from the Lions Clubs International (LCI) convention.



I reflected on International President Tam's theme, "I Believe." I **DO** believe in the power and compassion of Lions around the world. I know the Lions of 5M1 make a difference in our communities and I am so proud of becoming your district governor for the 2011 – 2012 Lions year. Thank you, 5M1 Lions, for giving me this opportunity.

The last ten days have been inspirational, serious, fun, and memorable. Final training sessions for the district governor elects (DGE's) of the world were held four days prior to the international convention in Seattle. In my class were districts 5M1, 2, 3 and 4; districts from Texas, Tennessee, Wyoming, Kansas, Washington, Idaho; Canada, Republic of Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Botswana, Republic of Zimbabwe, and the Republic of Zambia. With all of those districts, the discussions were very interesting.

We learned that President Tam wants to plant trees around the world. I have committed 5M1 to 50 trees, so please help me with this goal. Any type of tree planted by 5M1 lions in the next 12 months will be counted. Second Vice District Governor (VDG2) Earl Orvik will be keeping track of the trees planted, so please let him know when trees are planted by your club.

President Tam asked us for 1,000,000 trees and received a commitment for 4,700,000 trees around the world.

President Tam believes we are like family and should treat each other like family. It was like he was reading my mind. My governor's visit presentation is all about this idea. We are a large Lions family.

And finally, on the last day of training, we were exposed to the idea of courage, commitment, and action to bring vision into reality. Without action, all

we have are dreams. Ideas were discussed at length in our small training groups. This was the best part of the training, when we were able to discuss ideas with Lions from other parts of the world. It seems we are all more alike than we realize.

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, boy, did we have a parade! The mayor of Seattle told us that we Lions had the largest parade in the history of Seattle. When we marched by a Canadian multiple district waiting to join the parade, MD5M Lions started singing "Oh, Canada" and received an ovation from them. I really enjoyed marching in that parade.

In our plenary sessions we had great music and speakers. We gave a humanitarian award of \$200,000.00 to Franklin Graham's Samaritans Purse Foundation for their work in Africa. We heard from William H. Gates, Sr., about the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and listened to a fantastic keynote address from Condoleezza Rice about the value of educating our youth around the world. Then President Tam was installed followed by 748 district governors and the convention was over.

Going forward, my 2011 -2012 goals are to start two new clubs, have each club add one Lion who is less than 40 years of age, and add two female Lions. Please help me with these goals.

My first cabinet meeting will be in St. Charles at City Hall on Whitewater Avenue at 6:30 PM. Please send me your governor's visit request form found in this newsletter as soon as you can. It will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to meeting all the Lions in our district.

Our September zone meetings will have a different format. We will have only four presenters: Peace Poster, Emergency Relief, MD5M Diabetes Foundation, and Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, with a special guest speaker. The zone chairs and VDG1 Gloria Dockter, VDG2 Earl Orvik, Roy Larson, Larry Stryker, and I, worked out the format at a few meetings. We think it will be worth checking out.

- Zone 1 — September 6
- Zone 2 — September 15
- Zone 3 — September 13
- Zone 4 — September 8
- Zone 5 — September 20
- Zone 6 — September 29

*See DG Joe's travel calendar on page 4.*

## Getting There

*By First Vice District Governor  
Gloria Dockter*

I hope everyone is having a good summer so far. I know mine has been busy and, by the looks of my calendar, the rest of the summer will be just as busy.



What a Lions year we just completed! Thank you, Lions, for all your efforts in membership growth and retention; we ended the year with positive membership growth.

Vern and I just got back from attending the international convention in Seattle; included is a picture of all of the 5M1 attendees with Lions from District 356 (Korea) where the international convention will be held next year.



**5M1 Lions at the Parade.** Nine Lions from 5M1 attended the LCI convention in Seattle.

Some of the highlights, in addition to the great seminars, were the keynote address by Condoleezza Rice and a speech by Williams H. Gates, Sr., talking about the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and its partnership with LCIF to start a measles vaccination program in Africa.

International President Wing-Kun Tam's theme for this year is "I Believe." This is the attitude President Tam hopes that you and all Lions have toward our ability to change the world. Together, the 1.35 million Lions club members around the world make up the world's largest network of caring individuals. That makes us capable of great things.

Thank you for your part in the work we are doing – work that will make a difference in the lives of millions.

I am working with the GLT team in planning our 5M1 Lions Fall Forum scheduled for Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Heintz Center in Rochester. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details in the next newsletter.

### Next letter in the ABC's

**M**agic: Do Lions successes seem Magical?

How is it possible that Lions have been able to cure preventable blindness in some 3rd world countries? Is it Magic or a miracle?

How is it possible for Lions to appear as first responders to catastrophic events such as recent earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis? It must be Magic, or is it a miracle?

How is it possible for the millions of dollars to be available for grants to build hospitals, research centers and the rebuilding of schools, homes and even entire communities struck by disaster? There are funds to supply food, clothing, medicines and emergency shelters, and personnel who remain for the rebuilding efforts long after all other agencies have returned home. Magic or a miracle?

Lions have a Magical love in their heart that makes it possible for Lions miracles to happen over and over again. It is a Magical will in their spirit to reach out and help their neighbors and build strong communities.

It's Magic for Lions membership, by invitation only, to have grown to over 1.35 million members worldwide in over 206 countries and geographic areas. Extend an invitation to a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, and community leader and share the Magical feeling of service. Please don't keep these miracles to yourself or a secret. More members mean more service and less work for individual Lions. More is better---more is fun.

More Magic allows us to touch more hearts and lives and create more miracles for those less fortunate.

Lions are miracles making Magic!

Until next month...

Yours in service,  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Gloria Dockter

# DG Joe's Travel Calendar

August 1	Jungle Days — Adams
August 21	Goodhue Dinner
September 6	Zone 1
September 8	Zone 4
September 13	Zone 3
September 15	Zone 2
September 20	Zone 5
September 22 – 25	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 29	Zone 6
October 1	Hearing and Eye Bank Tour
October 2	Puppy Day at Rockwell City Correctional Facility
October 8	Lions Fall Forum — RCTC Heintz Center Rochester
October 10	Lake City Visit
October 11	Byron Visit
October 13	Winona Sunset Visit
October 24	Kasson-Mantorville Visit
October 27	Rochester 76 Visit
October 29	Thanksgiving for Vision



cruise; the funds raised were donated to the 5M1 Lions diabetes fund. Lions Charles Mills and Bruce Klein, 5M1 diabetes co-chairs, wish to thank the Goodhue Lions for their continued devotion to helping the district and the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc., with their efforts.

## Kasson-Mantorville Lions Work at Wasioja's Civil War Days

It's not every day that Kasson-Mantorville Lion members and spouses get the opportunity to see President Abraham Lincoln, with Mary Lincoln looking on. They took a quick break while working at the KM Lions food stand at the June Wasioja Civil War Days.



**KM Lions at Wasioja's Civil War Days.** L to R: Jerry Boyd, Ron Norton, Bill Kase, President Lincoln, Sharon Melquist, Jon Christensen, Marlys Shores, Lynn Knutson, Genny Hendrickson.

## Goodhue Lions Belgian Waffle Feed



**Belgian Waffles.** Pictured here is Dad's Belgian Waffle cook, cooking up the waffles and many toppings.

On June 11th, the Goodhue Lions Club was active once again in providing nourishment to the masses by serving a Belgian Waffle breakfast at the club house in Goodhue. The club members served and assisted. The breakfast was part of the Goodhue Days weekend. The weekend also included a motorcycle and classic car



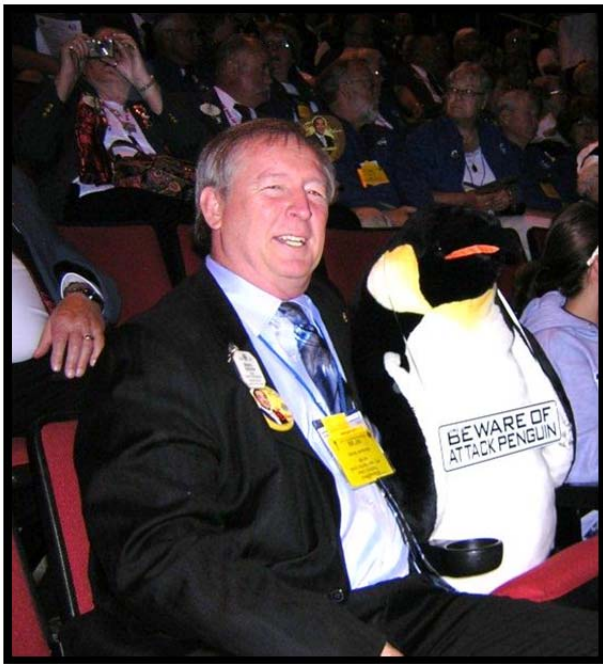
**Final Cabinet Meeting.** DG Randi Fravert hosted a picnic and her final cabinet meeting at her home in June. It is traditional that the 5M1 gavel is passed to the incoming district governor at that meeting. DGE Joe (now DG Joe!) accepted the gavel.

## LCI Convention, Cont.

Another one of the highlights of the plenary sessions was the list of accomplishments of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in the past year.

### Highlights of the LCIF Year:

- 41 million children were vaccinated against measles in the first year of the partnership with the Gates Foundation.
- \$48,527,100 was donated to LCIF this year.
- SightFirst reached a grand total of over \$415 million in this 20<sup>th</sup> year of SightFirst.
- The pediatric cataract surgery partnership with Bausch and Lomb treated hundreds of children in four countries in Africa.
- LCIF gave over \$50 million in disaster relief, including \$17 million in Japan.



**Attack Penguin!** Past Council Chair (PCC) Brian Sheehan, our candidate for international director, was given this “Attack Penguin” by Past International Director (PID) Maynard Rucks from MD5M.

Our multiple district was well represented at the convention, with approximately 90 Lions attending, and our district, 5M1, was represented by ten Lions, all but two of which are in the picture on page 3. Not shown in that picture are PDG Barb Ernster and Lion Mark, who arrived on Tuesday, after the picture was taken.

At the parade, we were unable to display “MOM,” our giant helium filled snowman balloon, due mostly to the route that had lots of low hanging trees. There was also the difficulty of transporting the balloon to Seattle and obtaining the \$300.00 worth of helium needed to inflate it.



**Snowman Balloon Substitutes.** In lieu of having the balloon, three intrepid Lions wore these snowman costumes and marched with us in the parade.

The assembly point for the LCI parade was near the famous Space Needle, a Seattle landmark. While waiting for the parade to start, we noticed that the LCI flag was flying from the top of the Space Needle.



**LCI Flag.** Made me proud to be a LION!



**Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah**

# Annual Stewartville Fall Festival

**September 17, 2011 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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Farmers market and Crafters market  
with a variety of vendors,  
musical entertainment, food and fun!



**2nd Annual Grape Stompin' Contest**



**"This is an outside event."**

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### White Cane Days

*This position is OPEN  
Please contact DG Joe if  
you would be willing.*

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Do not follow  
where the path  
may lead

Go instead where  
there is no path  
and leave a trail.

**Harold R.  
McAlindon**



If your actions  
inspire others to  
dream more, learn  
more, do more and  
become more, you  
are a leader.

**John Quincy  
Adams**



# *A Taste of Italy*



## Stewartville Morning Lions Benefit for Josh Dodd



When Josh was 5 years old, he was hospitalized for two weeks. During that time we learned that he had IGA Nephropathy, which is a form of kidney disease. At that time he was treated in an effort to stop the disease; however, the best the medicines would do were to slow down the disease, and we knew at that time he would someday need a kidney transplant.

Over the next several years Josh saw his nephrologist regularly and was hospitalized a few times. In May of 2008 we learned that Josh's kidneys showed signs of damage and that his transplant would be necessary

before he graduated from high school. In December of 2010, Josh went through testing to be approved for transplant. At this time, Nate and I went through tests to be his donor; I was the better match.

On April 11, 2011, Josh received his new kidney. Josh will have to take anti-rejection medications for the rest of his life.

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## *A Taste of Italy*

Saturday July 30, 2011, From 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

At the Stewartville American Legion

*Serving:* Spaghetti with meatballs, garlic toast, salad, and ice cream

Beverages available for purchase

*Tickets:* \$10.00 in advance/\$12.00 at the door/5 years and younger are free  
*Tickets on sale at:* Stewartville Star, C&F Video, Crossroads License Bureau, Airport View License Bureau, Anytime Fitness, and from any Stewartville Morning Lions Club member.

*Bake sale, 5:00 pm; Silent auction, 5:00 to 7:00 pm; Live auction, 7:30 pm*

To make donations toward the auctions, please call

Al Chihak at 507-533-6484

Debbie Moeller at 507-281-3904



# Congratulations to PDG Clair Mrotek and Lion Carol!



50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
Clair and Carol Mrotek  
Sunday July 24th, 2011 11:30 to 3:30  
Stewartville United Methodist Church  
Your friendship is a treasured gift.  
We request no other.

## Caledonia Lions in Action

Every year the Caledonia Lions present scholarships to deserving students in the area.



**Scholarship Winners.** L to R: Lee Grippen, Lions Scholarship chairperson, students Matt Jergenson, Sadie Lange, Molly Mullins, and Thomas Bulman, and Caledonia Lions president, Mary Pieper.

## Stewartville Morning Lions 4th of July Activity

*By Lion Ernie Moeller*

The Stewartville Morning Lions tried some new activities on this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. First there was the kiddie parade that was done at 10:30. Everyone got a ribbon and the first, second, and third place got medals. Juice boxes were handed out, as was a free ticket to use for a ride from Parties Made Simply. It was a fun, fast event that took little Lion power to do. Debbie Moeller was our chair for the event. We also had a pet parade.



**Shown at Left are some of the Kiddie Parade winners.**

# Jungle Days Registration Form

## Cedar River Golf Course

Two miles west of Adams on Hwy 56

## Adams Lions Club

August 1, 2011

4-Person Best Shot

Golf, Cart, Steak Supper, Contests

Prizes, Fun, Sun, and Friendship

\$55 Pre-registration — \$60.00 Walk-in

Meal ONLY — \$20.00

Beverage/Snack Cart

Noon Burgers and Brats

Mulligans Available (\$5 or \$5 for \$20)



Registration 10:00 A:M

Shotgun Start 11:00 A:M

Steak Dinner and Prizes 5:00 P:M

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LIONS SERVICE PROJECTS**

**REGISTER EARLY—LIMIT 36 TEAMS**

Cut here and mail -----

**DUE DATE JULY 22, 2011 (total per team \$220.00)**

Golfer #1 Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____	Golfer #2 Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
Golfer #3 Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____	Golfer #4 Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Mail Registration with payment to: Adams Lions Club  
Jungle Days 2011  
108 Lewison St.  
Adams, MN 55909



**Lion Joe Schlichenmeyer**

**District Governor 5M1**

1242 Morse Avenue  
St. Charles, MN 55972



Feel free to copy any portion of this newsletter.

## Club Request for District Governor Joe's Visit

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of meeting place: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates in order of preference: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

Time of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Social time: \_\_\_\_\_ Meal: Yes/No

If this is a joint meeting with another club, please specify the club name: \_\_\_\_\_

List any functions you would like me to do: (awards, inductions, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do I need to bring the PA system? Yes/No Podium? Yes/No

Name of club president: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

*I will confirm the date after it is scheduled on my calendar.*

Please send your request to me as soon as possible. Thank You.

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