

DISTRICT 5M3 MAY-JUNE 09 NEWSLETTER

Dedicated to Lion John Schleppenbach Jr., who died on May 25th, surrounded by his loving children and Lions friends. “John’s courageous spirit during this past year has been an inspiration to his family and the many beloved friends that mourn his passing” after he was diagnosed with ALS in 2008.

SPIRIT is “a non-quantifiable substance or energy present individually in all living things” in metaphysical uses.

SPIRIT is “the loyalty and feeling of inclusion in the social history or collective essence of an institution or group,” such as in school spirit or “I got that Lion’s Spirit” as metaphorical (symbolic, figurative) uses.

In my work with students with disabilities and their families, the following words describe my understanding of “SPIRIT IS STRONGER THAN DISABILITY.” They are: ~ Strength (empowerment of mind and body)

~Courage (its accompanying animal is the lion)

~Fortitude (is depicted as having tamed the ferocious lion)

~Character (integrity with self)

~Will (determine by choice)

~Determination (the will to risk to become the person you believe you are)

~Perseverance (resolve of the inner self to overcome barriers to a full and inclusive life)

~And a “can do” attitude in overcoming fear!!

Helen Keller’s wisdom: “I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.”

As I come to the end of my year as your District 5M3 Governor, I want thank the Lions of District 5M3 for making my year a great undertaking in meeting you and finding out about all the great accomplishments of LIONISM found in each of your clubs. A special thanks to the Past District Governors who served as my mentors and gave me advice with wisdom and a caring confidence. I would like thank my Cabinet members and their efforts to see the business of District 5M3 was being accomplished in a timely manner. To the members of my Tracy Lions Club, thank you for the support and understanding. To my wife, Lion Mary, thank you for being there each step along the way and our growth together in Lionism as a couple. **-5M3 District Governor Dan Snobl-**

District Governor (DG) Dan Snobl's Travels 2008-09

June 8	Lake Benton Lions Club Picnic at Hole in the Mountain Park
June 11	Canby Lions Club at PK Egans @ 6:30 pm
June 17	St. James Club Visit at City Lake Park @ 6:00 pm
June 22	Minneota Club Visit, at Bob Nelson's @ 505 East Lyon @ 6:30 pm
July 6-10	International Lions Convention, Minneapolis

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DISTRICT 5M3 CLUBS

July 6-10, 2009 International Lions Convention, Minneapolis

July 10-11 International Festival at the Nobles County Government Center Plaza in Worthington. Friday activities began at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday's at 11:00 a.m. Worthington Lions will be selling popcorn & candy.

Sept. 24-26 2009 USA/Canada Forum, Memphis, TN

Feb. 19-21, 2010 District 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention at Prairie's Edge Casino

March/Early April Election of new officers and preparing PU 101's

April 23-25, 2010 MD5M Convention at Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen, MN

May 1, 2010 Filing of PU 101

May 21, 2010 Special Olympics at Redwood Falls Community Center.

Club Hosts: Marshall, Milroy and SMSU Lions Clubs

District Governor (DG) Mike Appel's Travels 2009-10

June 29 – July 10	District Governors Elect Training & LCI Convention at Minneapolis, MN
July 16, 2009	Butterfield Lions – tentative
July 24-25	Council of Governors Meeting in Mankato
July 26	Youth Exchange Picnic at Mankato
August 2	District 5M3 Cabinet Meeting in Milroy at 5:00 p.m.
August 17	Westbrook Lions Club Visit
August 24	Morgan, Sleepy Eye and New Ulm Lions Club Picnic at Morgan
August 27-29	Leader Dog Center Visit in Rochester, Michigan

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR DISTRICT 5M3 LIONS INTERNATIONAL PARADE BAND

Minnesota's "Over 60 Band" will be participating in the 2009 Lions Club International Parade on July 7th representing District 5M3. Please mail donations to 5M3 Treasurer Ronne Robbins at 2166 201st ST, Tracy, MN 56175 with reference for donation for the "Over 60 Band."



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FROM U TO YOU

Please share this news from the Department of Otolaryngology and the Lions 5M International Hearing Center with your district newsletter editor, or copy and distribute it to the clubs in your district. If you have questions about the news below or regarding the Lions 5M International Hearing Center, please call Bob Nemeth at 651-484-6145, or email pdg9394@msn.com.

LIONS CHILDREN'S HEARING CENTER TO LAUNCH NEWSLETTER

In an effort to make better connections between the Lions Children's Hearing Center care team, patients, referring physicians and Lions, the Lions Children's Hearing Center (specifically Alyssa Anderson) is launching a newsletter, a virtual paper one, which will be mailed to those constituents on a quarterly basis. The first edition is due to go out in January 2009.

LIONS CHILDREN'S HEARING CENTER BUILDS DATABASE

Now that the clinical portion of the Lions Children's Hearing Center is firmly established, the LCHC will pursue the research arm by building a database of information gathered from patients. "We've had excellent response from parents who have allowed us to use their children's data," said Center director, Dr. Tina Huang. "In addition to research, we can use this data to track our patients' progress, treat and predict outcomes more effectively." Biostatisticians will help build the LCHC database.

TWO NEW DOCS HELP WITH BUSY ENT CLINIC

The Department of Otolaryngology hired two specialists to assist with the increasingly busy clinic. Dr. Samir Khariwala specializes in head and neck surgery and Dr. William Walsh is a facial plastics specialist. While not immediately associated with hearing, head and neck surgeons can correct functional problems of the ear, nose or throat, often by removing tumors. Our facial plastics docs do not focus much on cosmetic surgery, but rather on returning patients' functionality (use of ears, nose and throat) after trauma or cancer treatment, or from birth anomalies. The Department is thrilled to have these two physicians' energy, enthusiasm and expertise.

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or you can Google '5M3 Lions'

MD5M website is
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Best wishes to District Governor Mike & Lion Cherri Appel with your Lions Year of 2009-10.

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