

The Lions' Roar

News for the Lions of

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Project New Hope receives recognition



Project New Hope Co-chairman Dale Johansen, Bruce Billington and friends accepted the \$10,000 check from the FastBreak Foundation during a break in the action at a Minnesota Timberwolves game.

The first weekend in November was a busy for the Project New Hope crew. They were working at the camp Friday and had to leave to receive a check and work a booth at the Minnesota Timberwolves game.

Project New Hope was selected by the Minnesota Timberwolves as recipient of a FastBreak Foundation's \$10,000 grant. In November, the Minnesota Timberwolves honored all Minnesota military families and Project New Hope was selected as the best Minnesota project for Minnesota military families.

5M9 Governor Peter VanErp and Pequot Lakes-Breezy Point Lions Club President Laurie Dally were notified that Project New Hope was selected for filming by Lions Clubs International. LCI was up to film the Halloween retreat at the camp in McGregor. They interviewed many different Lions, participants and family members.

Project New Hope also received news from LCI, that their application for the \$20,000 public relations grant was accept-

ed at the last International Board of Directors meeting.

Lions Bruce Billington and Dale Johansen have been working hard this past year. Their efforts are being rewarded with much success.

The mission of Project New Hope is to help ease the transition of combat veterans back into family life, especially those who have been affected by disabilities or stress-related disorders.

Programs have been offered at each of Friendship Ventures' three program centers: Camp Friendship on Clearwater Lake near Annandale, Eden Wood Center in Eden Prairie and Camp New Hope. Each site has its own strengths and special features that will dictate available activities. Every site is handicapped accessible and has residence options for housing families. Most importantly, sites offer a variety of outdoor activities on or in the water and woods, enabling families to enjoy physical activities while they mentally process information or initiate conversations.

Lions Clubs International Convention

July 6 - 10, 2009, Minneapolis, Minnesota

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Host Committee has been busy identifying our volunteer needs and defining job responsibilities. We estimate over 800 volunteers will be needed to accommodate our guests. Volunteers will be needed for: Airport & Hotel Greeters; Sergeant-At-Arms; Host Information

Booth; Merchandise Booth; Parade Marshals; Interpreters; Transportation; and DGE School.

We invite you to visit our website at www.2009LionsConvention.org. The website now includes a section to register for volunteering. The navigation area on the left side of the main page has a button labeled "Volunteer Info".

Click on this to arrive at the Volunteer Home Page. You will need the "User ID" and "Password". You may complete and submit the form on-line or you may download the form and either fax or mail the form to the Volunteer Recruiting Chair. With your information, we can keep you informed about volunteer opportunities.

Please note that some of the jobs may involve certain physical requirements such as the

ability to stand for a long time, be subject to the July heat, or the ability to carry heavy objects.

THE "OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER" UNIFORM

The Host Committee has selected the blue "Snowman" shirt that many people have purchased already during Lion Ross Thorfinnson's recent election campaign. The cost is \$35. The Snowman shirt order form is included in our August-September newsletter or on the website. A few other comments about the shirts:

- The volunteer shirts must be pre-ordered using the form provided.
- The shirts will be delivered to your mid-winter convention. Your LCI Convention District Liaison will be in charge of distribution.
- The shirts must be ordered at least four weeks before your mid-winter convention in order to assure the correct number of shirts and sizes.
- The sizes ranges from Men's small to 5XL. Tall sizes are not available.

The table below summarizes the dates of the district mid-winter conventions and the shirt order deadlines.

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Mid Winter

District	Convention Date	Order Deadline
5M-1	01/30/09	01/02/09
5M-2	02/13/09	01/16/09
5M-3	02/20/09	01/23/09
5M-4	01/23/09	12/19/08
5M-5	01/09/09	12/05/08
5M-6	01/09/09	12/05/08
5M-7	01/16/09	12/19/08
5M-8	02/06/09	01/09/09
5M-9	01/09/09	12/05/08
5M-10	02/06/09	01/09/09
5M-11	01/30/09	01/02/09
5M-13	02/20/09	01/23/09
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Parade Marching Bands Wanted

If you have a marching band that you would like to recommend for the Lions Clubs International parade in Minneapolis 2009. Please contact the band director that you would like them to participate. Then get the Band Directors name, and address, or email to me ASAP so that a band application can be mailed. The marching bands usually plan one year in advance.

Thanks, Lion Keith Johnson

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“Good Vibrations”

...are in store for convention attendees this year. The International Show will feature one of the defining sounds of a generation - the vocal harmonies of the Beach Boys. A personal favorite of our international president and many Lions, the Beach Boys will perform at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Tuesday night, July 7, in what is sure to be a fun and entertaining evening for all convention attendees. From “Surfin’ USA” to “Kokomo” their songs have stood the test of time and are still enjoyed today by audiences of all ages. A complimentary ticket to the International Show is included with each convention registration.

Online Registration

Have you registered yet for the convention? It is now easier than ever to register for the convention with our online registration system found on LCI's website www.lionsclubs.org. All official hotels are in the system, you can choose your room preference and even see a picture of some of the hotels. You can now register and reserve a hotel room and receive an instant confirmation.

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Lions on Parade



Anoka Lions Club roared during the Anoka Halloween Parades. Costumed Lions danced, chanted and roared as they spread the Lions' story from their lion cage float. They participated in both Friday's Big Parade of Little People and Saturday's Grand Day Parade.

Billed as the Halloween Capital of the World, Anoka sponsors perhaps the largest parade celebrating the spooky holiday. The streets are jammed with some

50,000 spectators on the Saturday before Halloween. The mammoth parade features numerous brightly decorated floats, fire trucks, high school marching bands, and costumed characters.

It was a perfect way for Anoka Lions Club to have some fun and get some good visibility for the club and its mission.

A word from your International Director Debra Wasserman

On this chili morning in Minnesota, the heat and humidity of Bangkok seems a distant memory. Nearly five months have passed since the International Convention, where I had the honor of being elected to our International Board of Directors. We began our service by attending several club anniversaries and Charter nights in our Multiple. We were especially honored and grateful to be included in these important events. We have traveled to South Dakota and Indiana to help celebrate club anniversaries, and to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Saskatoon, Canada.

Participating in the Fall Board of Directors meeting in Maui was a warm, interesting and important experience. Here are just a few of the highlights from that meeting:

- Three countries were added to the total where Lions clubs are establishes, bring the total to 205.
- A provisional district, District 382, in the Dailan area of China was approved with a contingency that the minimum requirement of 17 clubs and 450 members is met by January 31, 2009.
- 61 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US \$2,637,211 were approved.

For other important information from the Board meeting, the Executive Summary is available on the Lions International website. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, concerns or comments.

You can expect to hear much about the Global Membership Initiative in the coming months. Please expect to be asked, and please agree to be a part of this major membership growth opportunity for our Association. All you have to do is open the newspaper to see that the world is clearly in need. Our clubs and individual Lions have the opportunity to reach out to those in our communities and offer them the chance to become everyday heroes by joining a Lions club.

As we move into the Holiday Season, International President Al's themes of "Everyday Heroes" and "Miracles Through Service," are even more appropriate. A food basket delivered, gloves or a scarf hung on a giving tree, time spent in conversation with the newest member of your club - these represent the many opportunities for service our Lions perform. Every activity has the potential to be that needed miracle to the recipient.

Steve and I plan to be at as many Mid-Winter Conventions as we can, given our travel schedule. We look forward to seeing you at one of the District Conventions or at the Multiple Convention in May. Please also continue to let us know about other special events in your District - we'll come when we are able, and we always appreciate the invitation!

I wish you the peace a caring heart brings, the joy found in service and the assurance your acts of service are bringing miracles to people in your communities and around the world.

ID Debra

Service From The Heart!



ID Debra and Steve Wasserman