



# *The Lions' Roar*

*October 2009 -- news for the Lions of MD5M*

## *Lions Fast Facts.....*

**Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization.**

We have more than 1.3 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide.

**Lions are everywhere.** We're active men and women in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

**Lions have a dynamic history.** Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

**Lions give sight.** By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. We have extended our commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts and through our international SightFirst Program, which works to eradicate blindness.

**Lions serve youth.** Our community projects often support local children and schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs, including the Peace Poster Contest, Youth Camps and Exchange and Lions Quest.

Our Leo Program provides the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

**Lions award grants.** Since 1968, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded more than US\$660 million in grants to support Lions humanitarian projects around the world. LCIF was also ranked the number one nongovernmental organization in a 2007 study by *The Financial Times*.

Together, our Foundation and Lions are helping communities following natural disasters by providing for immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and

medical supplies – and aiding in long-term reconstruction.

**Lions are active.** Our motto is "We Serve." Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities.

### *Lions from MD5M 'going' (at) to Graceland*



129 Lions from MD5M pose for this picture while attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis September 24 - 26, 2009.

### *Project New Hope Fundraiser - (Got Vroom?)*

Whether your name is Lion Sally or Lion Joe Cool, Here is your chance to Support a Program that Gives Hope and Promise to the Great Young Men and Women of our Great Country while giving you a Chance to Drive the

American Dream.

PROJECT NEW HOPE is offering you the chance to win a 2010 Ford Mustang Convertible ! In return, you will be supporting Project New Hope's expansion of it's services and Hope to Veteran's throughout the Midwest , and hopefully Nationwide.

For more information, contact Lion Margaret Van Erp, 38214 610<sup>th</sup> Av. Bluffton, MN. 56518 or call 218-385-3446

*One of 5M3's billboards from PR grant*



What an awesome Billboard! District 5M3 applied for and received a PR grant for these Billboards. Thanks to DG Mike Appel for the photos! Btw, I hope somebody fined that PDG on the right side of the billboard! lol

*Lions go to the Dogs (Leader Dog, that is...)*



MD5M group that went to the Leader Dog tour last August 27th and 28th. Pictured from left to right back row are VDG's Jenson, Radlaff, Toews spouse Lion Joanne, Stamos, Molenda, Spouse Lora Stamos, Spouse PDG Frank Leidenfrost.

Front Row Left to right DG Mike Appel, VDG Fravert, Spouse Linda Molenda, and VDG Amy Leidenfrost.

*Important Dates to remember*

October 15 - 17, 2009 MD5M Leo Forum - Camp Friendship, Annandale, MN

October 22 - 23 2009 - Vice District Governor training - Mahnomen, MN

October 24, 2009 - Council of Governors Meeting - Mahnomen, MN

October 31, 2009 - Thanksgiving for Vision - Brooklyn Center, MN

*Have you asked someone to be a Lion today?*