



# The Lions' Roar

*April 2006 -- news for the Lions of MD5M*

*Campaign news for 2nd VP*

*Candidate PID Ross Thorfinnson*

*--DG Bert Nelson, Campaign PR Chair*

## *Rally for Ross in Rochester!!!*

### Rally for Ross!

A Rally for Lion Ross Thorfinnson is being held on Saturday morning of the Multiple Convention, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Dixie band to entertain you and a silent auction to entice you. You will be able to meet Ross and his wife, Lynda, and find out more about their campaign to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President of Lions Clubs International. The deadline to donate an item for the auction is fast approaching, April 15<sup>th</sup>, but you and/or your club can still send in a form and bring your item to the convention. Please contact PDG Julie Carlblom 507-365-8073, [Julie@epmsoft.com](mailto:Julie@epmsoft.com) or Mary Ferleman 507-373-8702, [tomar73@charter.net](mailto:tomar73@charter.net) for more information on the auction.

### Oppportunity for You!

The opportunity is here for you to experience conventions on both the multiple and international level. The experience that you have in meeting other Lions from outside your hometown will stay with you always. There is still time to register for both conventions; online at ["http://www.lionsmd5m.org"](http://www.lionsmd5m.org) or ["http://www.lionsclubs.org"](http://www.lionsclubs.org). You can also ask your club president or district governor for more information.

### Support is Needed!

Lion Ross Thorfinnson is a genuine Lion and a hard worker. He would do our multiple proud to work as our International President someday in this organization. He needs your help and support to accomplish this task. Please consider going

to the International Convention in Boston and next year in Chicago. We need to show Lions Clubs International that we are behind Ross and Lynda with our endorsement. There are other multiple districts in this country that watch what we do and will follow our endorsement, so our impact is very important.

### Satisfaction Guaranteed!

Ask anyone who has attended an International Convention or a Multiple Convention and they will tell you it is a trip of a lifetime. The opportunity to visit with other Lions from around the world and to explore the host city will leave you with memories that you will treasure forever.

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### *Silent Auction items at MD5M Convention*

PDG Mary Ferleman sent me some of the items that will be on the silent auction at the Multiple District Convention in Rochester:

2 afghans  
baby quilt  
full-size quilt  
intarsia Lion  
1/2 day of sunfishing & lunch on a lake near Alexandria  
a leather vest that belonged to Ove Larson  
4 days for 4 people at a fishing lodge in Canada  
sets of snowman pins  
4 Twins tickets  
2 original watercolors by PCC Joyce Sauter  
26" x 39" limited edition print by Fernandez (Buffalo in Snow)  
certificate for building a website  
basket of items from Amana Colonies

Everyone knows April 15 is the tax deadline. Did you also know it's also the silent auction form deadline? We really would like everyone to fill out a form and send it in EVEN if you plan to bring the item to Rochester. It help to know what we have for the auction

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### *MD5M Convention News*

Don't miss out on the fun and excitement during the MD5M

2006 Convention to be held in Rochester, Minnesota Friday April 28 – Sunday April 30 2006, at the Mayo Civic Center.

Lions of Minnesota, Manitoba and NW Ontario welcome our international guest for the weekend, Past International President James Ervin. PIP James Ervin of Albany, Georgia, USA, served as president of The International Association of Lions Clubs following his election at the association's 82nd International Convention, held in San Diego, California, USA, June 28-July 2, 1999. What a great opportunity for us as Lions, Lioness and Leos, to meet, visit and hear PIP James Ervin's message during the banquet on Saturday night.

On Friday, there will be an open business meeting followed by the PDG's reception. At 8pm the Memorial Service will take place in the auditorium followed by entertainment at 9pm.

At 7am Saturday morning, there will be a breakfast buffet and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President campaign rally for PID Ross Thorfinnson. It's sure to be an exciting time for all Lions. Then, informative seminars begin at 8:30am about Campaign Sightfirst II, Lions Quest, Mission 30, Leadership/Development, Public Relations, Leo Clubs, Newsletters and Membership Retention round out the Saturday morning events.

Saturday afternoon activities after lunch in the Exhibit Hall include the business meeting from 2 – 5, cash bar prior to the banquet at 6pm. The banquet begins at 7pm, with entertainment to follow at 9pm.

The MD5M Rochester convention committee chaired by PDG Dudley Parsons have put together an exciting, fun and informative weekend for all Lions, Lioness and Leos who will be attending. For registration and lodging information, please log on to <http://www.lionsmd5m.org> and click on the 2006 MD5M Convention link on the left side of the page. There, you will find registration forms and lodging information.

*Fergus Falls Marching Band to represent MD5M at Lions International Convention in Boston this year* By PCC Keith Johnson

The Fergus Falls High School Marching Band will be "sharing the Pride" of Multiple District 5M, when they take to the streets of Boston during this year's Lions International Convention June 30 - July 4, 2006.

The MD5M Council of Governors has voted to give the marching band a \$5000.00 honorarium to march for MD5M in Boston. This is a small portion of the cost for this band to march in Boston. At a minimum it would be \$650.00 per

student with a presumed cost of \$78000.00. We are asking for donations from all Lions Clubs in MD5M to help defray expenses for these young people who will represent our multiple with a first class effort. Clubs should think at least \$50.00 to \$100.00, as a donation and more would surely be appreciated.

*Please make your check out to the **Fergus Falls High School Marching Band**, then send your donations to:*

PCC Keith Johnson  
626 Turnberry Lane  
Litchfield, Minnesota 55355-3200

Donations received as of 3/19/06:

Laporte-Benedict Lions Club, - \$100.00  
Nisswa Lions – \$500.00  
Rosemount Lions, \$100.00  
Dalton Lions – \$500.00  
Parkers Prairie Lions Club – \$250.00  
Hitterdal Area Lions – \$50.00  
Bluffton Lions – \$100.00  
Underwood Lions – \$500.00  
Underwood Lioness – \$200.00  
Elizabeth Lions - \$200.00  
Battle Lake Lions – \$250.00  
Fergus Falls Daybreakers Lions – \$319.75  
Dent Lions – \$50.00  
Cuyuna Range Lions – \$150.00  
Perham Lakes Lions – \$100.00  
Urbank Lions – \$100.00  
Dilworth Loco Ladies Lions – \$25.00  
Pelican Rapids Lions – \$100.00  
Sabin Lioness – \$100.00  
Aitkin Lions Club – \$150.00  
District 5M-1 – \$100.00  
Park Rapids Lions – \$130.00  
Whitefish Area Lion, Crosslake-Ideal Lions – \$350.00  
District 5M-13 - \$200.00 – District Governor Bill McKittrick –  
Personal donation - \$100.00 – DGE Carroll Kukowski – 5M-9  
MD5M - \$5000.00  
Lion Ross Thorfinnson Campaign - \$2000.00  
Alexandria Lions - \$300.00  
Ottetail Lions Club – \$100.00  
Burnsville Lions – \$100.00

**Total to this point \$12,224.75**

Please consider making a donation to the Fergus Falls Marching Band for representing our Multiple District in Boston at this year's International Convention.

Thank you Lions and Lioness Clubs and individuals for your support of the Fergus Falls Marching Band.



SightFirst and Campaign SightFirst II  
Save the Sight of Millions Worldwide

It's a stark fact. By the time you finish reading this page, one child somewhere in the world will have gone blind. One child goes blind every minute. Half-a-million will have lost their sight by the end of the year.

Childhood blindness is only one part of the global vision crisis. If nothing is done, experts say that the world's blind population could double from 37 million to 74 million by 2020. But Lions will not allow "nothing to be done." True to their commitment to be "knights of the blind," Lions have launched Campaign SightFirst II to prevent this tragedy. CSFII has set out to raise at least US\$150 million to continue and expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst, Lions worldwide program to combat preventable blindness.

For more information:

Campaign Sightfirst II website is [www.lions-csfii.org](http://www.lions-csfii.org)

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## *Experience Columbus at this year's USA/Canada Forum* By PCC Jack Harris, General Chairman

Experience Columbus is the theme of the area where the 2006 and 30<sup>th</sup> USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held on September 14-16. You are invited to Experience Columbus, Ohio for yourself as you attend this worthwhile Lions Club sponsored activity.

Over 1500 Lions have already pre-registered. This appears to be a well-rounded Forum with great professional and motivating speakers. The Planning Committee has worked very hard to put together an outstanding Forum and there will be over 80 seminars to enhance your Lions learning experience. The Columbus Convention Center will be the site

for the gathering of Forum attendees. It is a very large, excellent facility and will easily accommodate all of our needs in one building. There are also over 1250 hotel rooms adjacent to the Convention Center plus more economical rooms on the bus route provided for the Lions attending the Forum.

The Host Committee chaired by PDG Earl "Butch" Strawn is working hard to assure a successful Forum and is planning a dinner with entertainment on Friday evening for the attendees. On Saturday, Ohio State plays Cincinnati so there will be many people in town on Friday night. While attending the Forum, please avail yourself of the many attractions in the Columbus area.

The theme of this year's Forum is "Discover A New World of Leadership & Service" which echoes the "We Serve" theme of our 2006-2007 International President Jimmy Ross. The Forum has been structured to give you the opportunity to learn and then return to your respective Clubs inspired with better leadership skills and a "We Serve" attitude. Please take the time to attend; you will never regret being a part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!

For more information: <http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

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## *Lions charter new club at Southwest Minnesota State University*

A new Lions Club has come to Marshall, Minnesota on March 30, 2006 when 44 men and women celebrated the formation of the Southwest Minnesota State University Lions Club at the Southwest Minnesota State University Student Center Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

During the ceremony, Lions Clubs International District Governor Daryl "Barney" Olson presented the members of the new club with their official charter. The Tracy Lions and Marshall Lions Clubs, who sponsored the formation of the Southwest Minnesota State University Lions Club, were on hand to congratulate the new Lions.

"It is an honor to join you all, along with a fine group of young people, in the club to lend our hands to serve the community", stated new President, Shradda Dhungel.

Locally, the Tracy Lions and Marshall Lions Clubs have been involved with the Leaderdog Program, Diabetes, Special Olympics and other community services projects. The Southwest Minnesota State University Lions Club plans to become involved with building new accessible ramps for the Commencement Program at the University, obtaining handicapped fitness equipment for the new Fitness Center at the University, providing scholarships for students attending

Southwest Minnesota State University, taking an active part in Rodeo Day and Special Olympics' events held in District 5M3.

## *Liberty Day News Update*

During a 5-inch snow storm, PDG Jack McKernan, 5M6 Lion Clyde Hansen and 5M5 Lion Gene Hageman accompanied 9 students who made the trip from Brooklyn Center (5M5) and 10 from Farmington in 5M6 to St. Paul, MN to celebrate Liberty Day at the State Capitol. They got good experience asking people questions about the Constitution and Declaration and as one said, "I gave away almost all my Liberty Day booklets". Each group got the chance to visit their Legislators, and one of the latter made a commendation certificate for each student "For participation in the Liberty Day Program" All students were given a tour of the Capitol after their "work the audience shift", which proved difficult as there were many other groups holding programs at the same time. However, we did get the ears of several lawmakers on the way to their meetings who answered the questions and congratulated the kids on their efforts. Unfortunately the Governor was in Mississippi with our Iraqi-bound National Guard contingent and the Lt. Governor was involved in a morning long meeting and sent her regrets; however, she knew all about Liberty Day as she had appeared as a speaker for one of our Lion programs in a nearby District. All in all, the kids enjoyed their experience very much.

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## *MD5M DG's endorse PID Dennis Tichenor for election at Boston*

At the Council of Governors meeting held on March 18, 2006, MD5M District Governors endorsed PID Dennis Tichenor. for 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President, 2006 - 2007.

PID Dennis Tichenor is from Wilsonville, Oregon. If you recall, PID Dennis was our International guest at the 2005 MD5M Convention in Brandon, Manitoba.

Since serving on the International Board, PID Dennis has been in constant demand by many of the International Presidents. As chairperson and coordinator for the Worldwide Impact Program, PID Dennis' team influenced membership growth around the world and the first year started 1958 Lions Clubs.

As chairperson of three International District Governor Elect schools and Vice Chair three other DGE schools, PID Dennis rewrote the curriculum to be more relevant. His selection as

the only Lion to chair 3 schools attests to the recognition of his positive influence on our association through outstanding DGE schools.

MD5M endorses PID Dennis Tichenor for 2nd Vice President at this year's International Convention in Boston.

PID Ross Thorfinnson, will be up for election as 2nd Vice President at the International Convention, next year in Chicago.

## *Newsletter Contest winner*

Congratulations to Lion Dan Johnson, of the Gonvick Lions Club. Lion Dan correctly identified the exclamation point used incorrectly on page 4 of the newsletter. Lion Dan's name was randomly drawn from the correct guesses to win this month's prize.

For winning the March newsletter contest, Lion Dan receives a lion resin statue. Congratulations and thank you for reading The Lions' Roar MD5M newsletter.

To qualify for the random drawing of the correct guesses, you must email me back with the location of the exclamation point that is used incorrectly.

*Look for it in this issue and get your entry in today!*

Email your entry to: [atbailey@midwestinfo.net](mailto:atbailey@midwestinfo.net)

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## *Important Dates to remember*

April 28 - 30 2006 MD5M Convention in Rochester, MN  
June 30 - July 4 2006 International Convention Boston, MA

## *The Last Word*

*If you or another Lions member have or will be changing your email address, please send me an email with the change!*

VDGE Allen Bailey  
MD5M Public Relations Chair