



# The Lions' Roar

November 2006 -- news for the Lions of MD5M

## *MD5M VDG's attend seminar in Mahnomen* by VDG Allen Bailey

MD5M Vice District Governor's, their partners in service as well as MD5M Leadership faculty were on hand October 19 - 20 for Vice District Governor training in Mahnomen. We were each given a sponge pin at the beginning of our training and to be honest, it should've been bigger. Training sessions included topics on District budgets, cabinet formation, public speaking, goals and teamwork. I believe we all grew closer together as a team along with our faculty. The VDG's were also able to attend, for many of them, their first Council of Governors meeting on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to the sitting District Governors for the key to the hospitality room. It gave us the chance to visit and discuss things in an informal setting.

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## *MD5M Online Discussion Board*

There's a place online where you can contact Lions from around the Multiple District on our Discussion Board. All you have to do to access it is go to [www.lionsmd5m.org/](http://www.lionsmd5m.org/) and then double click on the Message Board icon. I heard something that other day that took me by surprise. There are 24,000 Lions in 5M, yet there are only 113 subscribers. It doesn't cost a thing to subscribe. Log on today and then subscribe to the 5M discussion board. Who knows what you'll find out? Let's all get connected.

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## *First Lady knows Jack after visit*



L to R Minnesota Hearing and Service dog graduate Marcia Fritzmeier holding Service Dog, "Jack"; Betty Kazos and First Lady Laura Bush.

"Jack" is Minnesota Hearing and Service Dogs Facility-Based Service Dog at Mayo Clinic, known locally as "Doctor Dog". Marcia handles Jack and works with him at his appointments with patients.

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## *Who are the Lions?*

Someone asked me, "Who are the Lions?" Aside from the obvious pancake flipping, spaghetti making, steak fry grilling, county fair working, vest wearing, money giving, project working, ditch cleaning and I suppose a hundred more different things that could be written here, there is one other thing that we do. I attended the anniversary celebration of the Pine City Lions Club this past month. The evening's speaker was ID Bill Hansen, who by the way is the Executive Director of Leader Dog. Anyway ID Bill's speech was full of information but the one thing that stood out was,

“What do we do as Lions?” According to ID Bill, Lions make a difference in someone’s life. Think about it. In our local communities, in our districts, and around the world. Lions make a difference in someone’s life. It could be on a grand scale through LCIF or Campaign SightFirst II or it could be to help a local family who has had a tough time due to illness or some other tragic event in their lives or perhaps a pair of glasses for a small child.

Each one of us, whether we know it or not makes a difference in someone’s life. We need to remind ourselves of that so we don’t forget that. So if someone asks, “What do the Lions do?” You can simply say Lions make a difference and then talk to them about specific things your club does. You may be talking to a prospective member.

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### *Newsletter Contest winner*

Congratulations to Lion Teri Hill of the Hector Lions Club. Lion Teri correctly identified the exclamation point used incorrectly on page 2 of the newsletter. Lion Teri’s name was randomly drawn from the correct guesses to win this month’s prize.

For winning the October newsletter contest, Lion Teri receives a stuffed roaring lion. 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@hcctel.net](mailto:atbailey@hcctel.net)

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### *Important Dates to remember*

May 18 - 20, 2007 - MD5M Convention - Willmar, Minnesota  
July 2 - 6, 2007 - International Convention - Chicago, Illinois

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### *The Last Word*

Remember, if you have an interesting event in your club and you want to share it with the rest of the Lions in the Multiple district, send me the information by email.

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

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