



# What's Cook'n in 5M2



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Lake Crystal Lion Norm Sieling has been a Lion for 50 years and was recognized by his club during the Governor's visit.



PDG Rick presented the 2008-09 Zone 5 Governor's Award to Le Sueur Club President, Brian Barnard.



Zone 2 Chair Lion Marvin Grimm inducts 3 new members at the Mayer-Watertown DandyLions meeting on October 27. Pictured are sponsor Lion Dawn Kroonblawd, Lion Marvin Grimm, new members Lions Tina Grimm, Julie Hecksel, & Heather Hanson, and sponsor Lion Bonnie Brabec.



Mayer-Watertown DandyLions and little friends get ready to provide childrens' activities at the Hanson's Haunted Barn on Saturday, October 24. Lions pictured, Tina Grimm, Colleen Ittel, Bonnie Brabec, Brenda Fritzke, Amy Hilgers, and Deb Koehnen.

# What's Cook'n in 5M2

Greetings Lions, Lioness and LEO's

Well, as promised, things just keep getting busier. All the Past District Governors have told us that it is a whirlwind and does go fast!

We just finished our 2<sup>nd</sup> MD5M Council of Governors' meeting in Mahanomen on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and also had another Global Membership Team meeting (GMT) on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We continue to have the GMT meetings to discover new ways to increase membership, not only in District 5M2 but also in MD5M.

I want to talk to you again this month a little bit about membership. It might start sounding like a broken record but it is very important to our organization. I know that many clubs are working on increasing their membership and are planning or are having membership drives. I just looked at our numbers for the month ending October 31<sup>st</sup>. Great news! You have been out there working very hard to bring in NEW MEMBERS. We now have 80 new members for this year and I want to thank you for that. Keep up the good work and continue to ask people to join YOUR Lions club. However, on the negative, our district has dropped 78 members so far this year. This is not what I was looking for but, compared with the rest of the Multiple District, I think we are holding our own. Just think, if we had not lost those 78 members, we would be showing a huge growth of members in our district. It is said that the DNR stole one of the programs that the Lions have. It is called the "Catch and Release"; we bring in one new member through the front door and we let one or two go out the back door. I looked back over the last 5 or 6 years and if we would have done a better job retaining our existing members, our district would be over 3000 Lions strong. In last month's newsletter, I had asked if each one of you would make a commitment to ask someone to join your Lions club. DID YOU ASK SOMEONE YET????? Also, before you let those Lions members go out the back door, please ask them to reconsider. Don't just let them go without knowing why. The MERLO team is there for you if you need assistance to improve your membership and retention. Please call on them if you need help. Their phone numbers are in the yellow directory that your President or Secretary has.

We are still looking to extend a new Lions club this year. Please give PID Maynard Rucks or myself a call if you know of a community or area that could be served by a Lions Club.

Some of the Zone meetings will be finished before you receive this newsletter. We are trying something new this year at the Zone meetings and, if the first Zone meeting is any indication of how the changes were received, I would call it a great success. We're having Lions in breakout groups talking and sharing ideas that work in their individual clubs. It is surprising what they can come up with. There is one idea that was mentioned at the first Zone meeting that I really like. You may hear more about this later.



**District Governor Darwin Mathwig**

The Mid Winter convention committee (Zone 5) under the direction of Co-Chairs, PDG Mike Vos and his ACT (Adult Traveling Companion) Lion Sue has been very busy. They have put together a great weekend for you. The fun begins on Friday night with the "Castaways" playing after the Necrology Service. Plan on being stranded on Gilligan's Island for the night. Everyone will be at the Mankato City Center Hotel including Gilligan, the Skipper too, the Millionaire and his wife, the Movie Star, the Professor and Mary Ann. Make plans to dress for the occasion and have a lot of fun. Who knows, there may be prizes for the best look-alikes. On Saturday morning we will have our seminars. We have an excellent line up of speakers for the convention. Please watch for details in this newsletter and others before the convention.

The morning seminars will be followed by lunch and a speaker from the Department of Otolaryngology (Hearing) at the University of MN. The business meeting will again be in the afternoon. On Saturday evening will be the Governors Banquet followed by, you guessed it, 5M2's "LIONS GOT TALENT" contest where everyone can be a star. You don't want to miss this one! On Sunday we will have a young lady born without sight as our guest speaker. Start making your plans now to attend and get your registrations in early.

District Governor Darwin and Lion Nancy.

## **"Mixing with the Governor"**

**November 23rd** - Plato visit

**November 25th** - Zone 1 - Brownton

**November 30th** - Zone 3 - Jordan

**December 1st** - Zone 9 - Albert Lea

**December 3rd** - Arlington visit

**December 4th** - Hamburg visit

**December 7th** - Green Isle visit

**December 9th** - Jordan & Jordaness visit

**December 12th** - Hutchinson & Hutchinson Lioness visit

**December 15th** - Norwood Young America visit

**December 16th** - Lonsdale visit

## Blooms and Blossoms and...More

Eunice Rucks  
Vice District Governor

Fall seems to be upon us. Sooner than most of us would like!! It is a busy time of the year for Lions with Region Meetings, Zone Meetings and planning for the coming year. Our Zone Meetings have changed somewhat this year and I think they will be beneficial to all of us.

I attended the VDG training in Mahanomen October 22nd-24th. Our training began on Thursday morning. We were excited and eager to learn as to what we were going to be doing as both VDG's and DG's. Our spouses were also in on the training. PCC Brian Sheehan welcomed us and presented us with a seminar on "Duties of the Vice District Governor". His presentation was both informative and filled with humor. This was a great start to our training!

Some of the other training classes on Thursday included building your cabinet, diversity, relationships, directory tour, negative behavior and our calendars and conventions. Wow, we made it through the first day!!

Friday began early with a fun icebreaker. Additional subjects that day included motivation, delegation, goal setting and time management, public speaking, digital cameras and we played "Are you Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?" And my team won!!

Our additional trainers included PDG Robert Vokes, CC Judy Loken, PCC Frank Loken, PDG Mary Ferleman, PCC Keith Johnson, Executive Secretary Bob Harms and DG Duaine Essig. They were all excellent and provided us with a wealth of information.

It was a great experience. I believe that the District Governors and Vice District Governors in this multiple are very well prepared to take on their positions.

On Saturday, we had an opportunity to sit in on a Council of Governors meeting. That too was a great learning experience.

My gardening tip for the month! It is a good time to plant perennial bulbs since they need to be in by the first hard freeze. How about planting some bulbs of interest into an individual in your community to become a Lion. Remember if you plant a new member now, you may have a really good member and leader in the future!

Have a good month!!

## Lions, and Diabetes, and Pigs.....OH MY!!!



Our newest sponsored project in 5M2 is the Spring Point Project. Have you ever wondered if a pig could actually save your life ?????? Research is finding out we have a lot of interchangeable parts with pigs. My program will focus on type 1 diabetes and the ground breaking, cutting edge research that is being done with pigs. Without going into too much detail and giving away all of my program, I will highlight the new research that is being done right here at the University of MN., and what it takes to get the results they need. The program will last only about 15 minutes and with my personal spin on it, will be interesting and informative for your club. And all that it will cost you is a free dinner. How cheap is that to have a program for your club meeting.

You can email me at [rrwags@embarqmail.com](mailto:rrwags@embarqmail.com), or call me at 612-701-0346 or check the directory for more info. I'll be happy to answer your questions and to set up a date for your presentation.

Lion Rick Wagener, Spring Point Project Chair

## Membership Minute

Lion Steve Wasserman  
5M2 Membership Chair

### Is Your Club Ready?

Over the last three months, I have written about **WHY** we need new members, and **HOW** we, as individual Lions, can be prepared to bring in new members. I want to shift the focus this month to some things our clubs can do to be more ready to recruit new members. Here are just a few ideas:

- **Develop a Club Brochure:** An attractive brochure can be a valuable recruiting tool. Don't know where to start? LCI has a nice layout called **Bringing Our Community Together**. Go to the LCI website and use the "Search" box (the filename is mk20a.pdf). The inside part of the layout is designed for you to put information about your club.

- **Download brochures and information sheets from the LCI Website.** There really are some pretty good membership recruitment tools available. Go to the LCI Website then click on Member Center Resources Publications Membership, and try some of these:

- **I Am A Lion**

- **Lions Make a Difference**

- **Your Family Can Make a Difference**

Or take a look at the publications available under **Leo/Youth, Public Relations, or Vision.**

- **Choose a few brochures and information sheets to use.** You know what might fit with your club and your community, then order them from LCI or get them printed on some nice paper.

- **Personalize** the publications either by adding your club contact information to the downloaded file before printing, attaching labels to the printed materials, or printing directly on flat sheets or brochures before folding.

- **Strategize:** Brainstorm ways that you can get your information out to the public. Here's a few ideas I have:

- **At your club meetings:** After a (non-Lion) presenter finishes telling about their program, tell them a little about Lionism and hand them your brochure. Have materials ready for any guests that are brought to the meeting.

- **At fundraisers:** Lay out brochures and information sheets on the tables at your pancake breakfast. Of course you should also have **club placemats**.

- **At service projects:** Tuck a brochure in the food basket; have them available at your diabetes screening; put some next to your eyeglass collection boxes!

- **At the clinic:** Provide information sheets about glaucoma, cataracts, diabetes, etc

I'm sure your club can come up with more ideas, bring all your best ones to a zone meeting or the midwinter convention, and **share!**

**Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention  
February 12, 13, 14, 2010  
City Center Hotel – Mankato, Minnesota  
REGISTRATION FORM**



Official Use Only  
Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

#1  Lion  Lioness  Leo  
 Spouse/Guest

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_, MN \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check if 1<sup>st</sup> Time Convention Attendee

#2  Lion  Lioness  Leo  
 Spouse/Guest

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_, MN \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Check if 1<sup>st</sup> Time Convention Attendee

#3  Lion  Lioness  Leo  
 Spouse/Guest

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City \_\_\_\_\_, MN \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check if 1<sup>st</sup> Time Convention Attendee

**\*\*\* The following are required in advance with registration:**

- \$15.00 Registration Fee per person (Lion, Lioness, Spouse/Guest).
- \$18.00 Registration Fee per person (Lion, Lioness, Spouse/Guest) if postmarked after February 1, 2010
- NOTE: If not pre-registered, the "On-Site" Fee is \$18.00 per person.
- Meal Payment.
- All meals include all taxes and gratuities.
- Make Checks Payable to:  
**Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**
- Mail to:  
Lion Laura Maki  
Registration Chairperson  
PO Box 785  
Arlington, MN 55307.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be directed to the Registration Chairperson Lion Laura Maki at the above address.  
**Refunds** will be sent following the convention.  
**Refund** requests postmarked:  
\*On or before January 8, 2010 - Full Refund  
\*From January 9 to January 30, 2010 - 90% Refund  
\*After January 30, 2010 - No Refund

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

1. The registration fees apply to all attendees, including non-Lions.
2. Name tags will be distributed with your convention registration materials and need to be worn in order to gain admission to all meals, activities, and seminars.
3. **This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect.**
4. Registration fee and all meal costs must be included with your registration form.

**\*\*Supper with I.D. Cabinet, Presidents & Secretaries.**

**\*\*Cost is not included in the all meal package.**

**NOTE: The All-Meal Package includes an 8% discount.**

**NOTE: No Melvin Jones Breakfast. Enjoy the breakfast buffet at the City Center Hotel.**

**MEAL REGISTRATION**

**ATTENDEES**

| #1 | #2 | #3 | MEALS                          | COST | TOTAL COST |
|----|----|----|--------------------------------|------|------------|
|    |    |    | All Meal Package               | \$55 |            |
|    |    |    | Saturday Noon                  | \$16 |            |
|    |    |    | Saturday Banquet               | \$30 |            |
|    |    |    | Sunday Buffet                  | \$14 |            |
|    |    |    | Friday, ID Neil Spencer Supper | \$12 |            |
|    |    |    | <b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>         |      |            |

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>TOTAL REGISTRATION (\$15 PER PERSON)</b> |  |
| <b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>                      |  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                          |  |

**\*\*\*Registration Includes**

1. Goodie Bag
2. Friday Night Hors d'oeuvres
3. Friday Night Music "Castaways"
4. Friday Night Necrology Service
5. All Conference Meetings
6. Saturday Night Entertainment
7. Sunday Morning Wrap-Up



**LION'S CONVENTION**  
**February 12-14, 2010**

**MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL**

Reservations will be accepted by **MAIL only**. Please complete and return this form to Mankato City Center Hotel with payment information no later than **January 8, 2010**.

Mail to:  
Mankato City Center Hotel  
c/o Lions  
101 E. Main Street  
Mankato, MN 56001  
Phone: 507.345.1234  
Fax: 507.345.1248

**\*\*One night reservations will be based on availability.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

If a reservation needs to be cancelled, you must do so by the following:  
February 9<sup>th</sup>: Full refund  
February 10<sup>th</sup>: One night charge will be applied; any other payment will be refunded.

**CONTACT HOTEL DIRECTLY TO CANCEL.**

**Special Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person(s) Sharing Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*ONLY SEND ONE REGISTRATION FORM IF SHARING A ROOM\***

\*Payment methods:  
Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Money Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card-Circle One  
Visa MC Amex Diners Discover  
CC# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (mm/yy)

**TO GUARANTEE ROOM WILL BE HELD:**

Credit card number is required  
(credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)  
**OR**  
pre-payment by check for one night of stay  
(with remaining balance due at check in)

**HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

**Arrival Date-Select One**  
\_\_\_\_ Thursday, February 11  
\_\_\_\_ Friday, February 12  
\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 13

**How Many Nights-Select One**  
\_\_\_\_ One Night Only  
\_\_\_\_ Two Nights  
\_\_\_\_ Three Nights

**Cost for Three Nights**  
\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$291.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$291.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$320.97  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$320.97

**Cost for Two Nights**  
\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$194.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$194.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$213.98  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$213.98

**Cost for One Night**  
\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$97.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$97.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$106.99  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$106.99

\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access Room Required  
(Rooms contain one king bed)

**\*\*All Rates Include Taxes**  
**\*\*Sleeping rooms have all been newly remodeled in 2009 and are now non-smoking and all rooms are equipped with microwaves and refrigerators.**

# Club News

**ALBERT LEA CLOVERLEAF** Completed World Service Day on October 24, 2009. Donated to the Moose Hospice Run.

**ALBERT LEA LAKEVIEW** Donated Beanie Babies to EMT and to Salvation Army.

**ALBERT LEA LIONS** Completed highway cleanup. Donated dictionaries to Albert Lea third graders, to LCIF for District Governor Darwin, Ecumenical Food Shelf and to Lions Eye Bank in thanks for dedicated service to Lions by a member who resigned due to poor health.

**ALDEN LIONS** Delivered Meals on Wheels.

**AMBOY LIONS** Cleaned Ditches on Hwy 169. Sang at the Mapleton Nursing home. Hosted Ron & Jean Dahlke, LCIF and Lions Eye chairs respectively, at the October dinner meeting, Donated to Friendship Ventures.

**ARLINGTON LIONS** Served lunch to 25 Sibley East J.H.S. Leos.

**BELLE PLAINE LIONS** No report attached.

**BROWNTON LIONS** Hosted Annual Youth Halloween Party - October 31st. Completed Fall Adopt-A-Highway roadside clean up. Donated to GSL Schools for the 6th grade trip to Long Lake Conservation Center located in Palisade, Minnesota.

**CARVER LIONS** Completed Kids Costume Halloween Party. Donated to Carver Fire & Rescue.

**COLOGNE LIONS** Hosted another successful Octoberfest celebration. Two lions read to pre-school children as part of a Read for the Record program. Hosted bloodmobile and collected 54 units. Peace Poster program completed with 14 students presenting their posters at October meeting.

**COURTLAND LIONS** Held Dad's Belgian Waffle fundraiser and Halloween Party for kids. Participating in Peace Poster Contest. Donated to Courtland 4-H Club.

**ELLEDALE LIONS** Installed 2 new members. Donated to local 5th graders to attend Eagle Bluff, popcorn popper to NRHEG scholarship committee. Hosted DG Darwin and Lion Nancy. Orientation chair Lion Nancy Mathwig presented a mini-orientation program.

**FARIBAULT LIONS** Completed Dictionary Project and distributed over 400 dictionaries to third graders in 8 schools within the district. Donated to Friendship Ventures.

**GLENCOE LIONS** Completed Glencoe's Fall Festival food stand and Sausage and Ham supper. PDG Lion Elvera Tretten spoke on the Eye Glasses to Honduras project

**GREEN ISLE LIONS** Completed Roast beef dinner fund raiser, antique tractor pull and Dictionary project. Donated to the Santas helpers program.

**HAMBURG LIONS** Distributed Peace Poster materials at Emanuel School. Completed dictionary project. Hosted Zone 5 Fall Meeting. Helped at Firemans S.A.F.E.R. breakfast & silent auction. Donated to a benefit for a local individual. Quest Program Chair Lions Mike & Cathleen Williams presented at Oct. meeting.

**HENDERSON LIONS** Completed Hwy. 19 Adopt-A-Highway cleanup.

**HUTCHINSON LIONESS** Helped Lions with Halloween Party at McLeod Cty Fairgrounds. Donated to the Hutchinson Library for large print books. **HUTCHINSON LIONS** Sponsored City Wide Halloween Party. PDG Cathy held an orientation meeting, including dinner, 14 Lions in attendance and 13 guests were present. Packaged 1000 bags of candy and game tickets for Halloween party.

Attended a booth in the Mall for Service Day activity, to show and tell about Lionism. Helped School nurse at Park Elementary screen 3rd & 5th graders, eyes test and hearing test.

**JORDAN AREA LIONS** Completed Game Ball. Contributed to local crisis benefit. Completed highway clean-up.

**JORDANESS LIONS** Had booth at Heimatfest. Completed dictionary project for 3rd graders.

**KIESTER LIONS** Walked ditches for "Adopt-a-Highway". Donated to diabetes walk and to Food shelf for World Service Days.

**LAFAYETTE LIONS** Gave donations for Halloween and santa days, memorial to the Eye Bank, shipping for up to 20 Operation Christmas boxes and for lighting contest winners.

**LAKE CRYSTAL LIONS** Held Spaghetti Feed for scholarships at LCWM High School. Donated dictionary's to 3rd graders at elementary school. Donated and helped with Halloween party for the children of community. Hosted Dist Gov Darwin and Lion Nancy.

**LE CENTER LIONS** Completed World Service food collection, 860# food and \$582 cash. Held Omelet Breakfast fund raiser. Provided 70+ dictionaries to the 3rd grade class. Donated to Vision Honduras Project, LCHS Student of the Quarter scholarship selection in progress.

**LE SUEUR LIONS** Donated to Cub Scout Pack 328 toward new Pinewood Derby Track and Large Print Reader's Digest to Nursing Home. Working on Le Sueur Lions Club Directory of all members.

**LESTER PRAIRIE LIONS** Held Tailgate party at high school football game. Awarded Melvin Jones Award. Visitation by Region Chair Janet Hall. Donated: to Lester Prairie Park board, Lester Prairie Community Task Force and to Friendship Ventures.

**LONSDALE LIONS** Completed Pancake breakfast.

**MAKATO KEY CITY LIONS** Started selling pies and soup. Completed Adopt a Highway project. Donated to Food Shelf. Hosted Zone chair Norma Schmitt.

**MANKATO LIONS** Donated to Sight grant.

**MANKATO SUNRISE LIONS** Completed fall clean-up of our section of highway. Co-sponsor of the Mankato Area Diabetes Walk and donated food. Checked ID's and issued wrist bands as a fund raiser at the Mankato Civic Center at an MSU hockey game.

**MAYER-WATERTOWN DANDY** Participated in Hanson's Haunted Barn in Mayer. Raised money for young man recovering from a serious car accident. Completed Highway clean-up. Hosted Zone Chair Marvin Grimm.

**MONTGOMERY LIONS** Completed Pancake breakfast. Donated to German Club Trip, 5th grade trip to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center and the Torchlight parade.

**NEW AUBURN LIONS** Donated to Haunted House party for youth and GSL After Prom party. Volunteering for Haunted House project.

**NEW MARKET ELKO WEBSTER** Held Senior Luncheon for 90+ with food, music, and bingo and also did dinner and music at local Senior Center. Held Food Shelf Drive at 4 local businesses. Distributed 400+ dictionaries to all 3rd graders in four local elementary schools. Donated to Cub Scout pack 325 for their PineWood derby, the Blue/Gold ceremony, and also funds toward their swim party. Hosted Zone Chair Harry Klenke and also had presentation by Lions Quest Chairs, Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams.

# Club News

**NEW RICHLAND LIONS** Donated to NRHEG 5th graders for scholarships for the Eagle Bluff Environmental Resources Center.

**NICOLLET LIONS** Held Pork Chop Fry. Donated to Conservation Club, Nicollet Public School for Deep Portage Trip and Nicollet County 4-H. Will purchase eye glasses for student at school.

**NORHTFIELD CANON VALLEY** Completed our Jesse James Days fund raiser. Hosted Governor Darwin Mathwig and Lion Nancy. Lion Nancy gave a short orientation presentation.

**NORTHFIELD LIONS** Donated to Project Sightfirst, Lions Eye Bank in memory of Lion Marquardt, Scholarship and Youth Bowling.

**NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA** Completed Pancake Breakfast and Membership night. Donated to Diabetes research. Hosted Diabetes Chair Roger Storms.

**NYA WEST CARVER LIONS** Held annual Wine Tasting. Purchased and distributed dictionaries for 1-3 graders in local schools. Worked and donated food to the Senior Dance. Donated to Harvest Party at St. John's School and clothes, etc. to a child in need (Children of Our Community).

**OWATONNA LIONS** No activities reported

**PLATO LIONS** Donated to Project Honduras and hosted speaker PDG Orville Trettin.

**PRIOR LAKE LIONS** Held football raffle for PLHS and food drive for World Service Day. Judged pumpkins for the scouts. Attended Thanksgiving for Vision. Donated to Lions Canine Companions for Independence, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency, Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency – Senior Dinner, ISD 719 - Halloween Party, Cub Scouts - pumpkins, Girl Scouts - fleece blankets, ISD 71 - Kids Voting and Friendship Ventures.

**SHAKOPEE LIONS** Completed Special Olympics Bowling and Fall Steak Fry. Donated to Special Olympics bowling, Scott County Mobile Health clinic, Shakopee Family New Year's Eve Party, and to Shakopee Boy Scout Troop 619.

**SHAKOPEE VALLEY LIONS** Held World Sight Day Project - fundraiser for Low Vision Group. Completed Cub Food Wagon and Derby Days Bingo. Donation to Leader Dog for the Blind.

**SIBLEY EAST SR HIGH LEOS** Had Mini Donut sales @ football games. Attended Leo Forum. Completed highway ditch clean-up.

**SILVER LAKE LIONS** Worked at Sportsmen's Turtle Soup Feed. Held Fall Brunch - profits went to family with newborn medical costs. Completed Highway Clean Up. Winsted Branch delivered dictionaries to third graders. Hosted DG Darwin who installed 2 Winsted Branch members. Donated to Silver Lake Senior Citizens, Silver Lake Senior Dining and McLeod Co. Food Shelf. Had mini- Orientation Program by Orientation Chair, Lion Nancy Mathwig.

**ST PETER LIONS** Donated to the Saints Partnership organization from St. Peter School District 508 and Nicollet County Social Services.

**STEWART LIONS** Sponsored Senior Dining.

**VESELI LIONS** Completed Lions Scrapbook Retreat. Donated to Montgomery-Lonsdale Early Childhood Coalition.

**VICTORIA LIONS** Held Halloween Party. Donated to an Eagle Scout project in Troop #337 and to City of Victoria to install irrigation system on baseball field.

**WACONIA LIONS** Completed annual Fall Ditch Cleanup. Had Nickle Dickle Day concession stand. Donated to Feed my Sheep, Friendship Ventures and to Carver Library Foundation.

**WATERTOWN LIONS** No activities reported.

**WATERVILLE LIONS** Completed Road Clean-up. World Service Day- prepared & served breakfast to Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Dictionary project completed. Donated to City of Waterville. Lion J.Webster collected 1367 pair of glasses. Diabetes Chair, Lion Arne Leen presented program on Diabetes and presented club with "The Dream Catcher" award. Inducted 3 new members.

**WINTRHOP LIONS** Completed Bingo at Good Samaritan Center Donated Dictionaries to 3rd graders at GFW Elementary School.

## What Is Old and New Again...

Sue Bowman

Second Vice District Governor

As the saying goes, all things old are new again. Old friends from high school and college are new again because of contacts on Facebook and LinkedIn. Old-fashioned values are new again as we relearn the benefits of savings and value mined shopping in a time if financial crisis. The value of humanitarian service is new again as we as a society regains our sense of gratitude.

What is old and new again for me is my employment. After many years of commuting to Mankato and Rochester, I am finally back in Albert Lea, doing what I started doing many years ago, teaching. The change will allow my "partner in service" to be my chauffeur as we travel throughout the district.

### What is old and new again in Lions?

DG Darwin has membership retention as one of his major goals. How can we help him achieve this goal? Check your club's "fun" thermometer, is it as high as in the old days? Check your club's "gratitude" thermometer, is it as high as in was in the old days? When we take a new look as our clubs, let us make sure we are having lots of fun and laughter along with the service work. Thank and show gratitude and appreciation for the time, creativity, efforts and work of our members. Members stay the course when they are having fun and feeling appreciated. Fun and gratitude are major ingredients in an old recipe for successful retention. Let's remember to keep fun in fund raising and the fun in our other Lions functions. Thank you for all you dedicated service to the Lion's organization.

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## Saturday seminar speaker

Erick D. Bothun, M.D., Assistant Professor Department of Ophthalmology Dr. Erick Bothun was born and raised near Rochester, Minnesota. He received his undergraduate degree (magna cum laude, B.A.) in Physics from St. Olaf College. He completed his medical degree and ophthalmology residency at the University of Minnesota.



Between medical school and residency training, Dr. Bothun volunteered for one year as a physician providing educational and clinical service in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, and India. Following residency training, Dr. Bothun completed his fellowship training and was on staff in the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus Service at the Kellogg Eye Center of the University of Michigan.

Dr. Bothun returned to the University of Minnesota as an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology. He has a joint appointment in the Department of Pediatrics and is the director of the Fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus at the University of Minnesota. He has received awards and honors for his service and teaching including the Plotke Award, the Reader's Digest Fellowship, and the Gault Award. Dr. Bothun has been invited to deliver lectures by organizations on strabismus, surgical management of nystagmus, and medical service in underdeveloped countries. He has served as a peer-reviewer for several journals and taught courses at the American Academy of Ophthalmology annual meetings. Dr. Bothun is a member of the American and Minnesota Academies of Ophthalmology, the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Bothun is involved in the clinical and surgical care of patients. His primary interests deal with strabismus (misaligned eyes), pediatric cataracts and glaucoma, metabolic ocular disease, surgical management of nystagmus, and retinopathy of prematurity. He is the co-director for the University of Minnesota's Center for Thyroid Eye Disease.

However, his practice provides comprehensive eye care for all children and for those adults who have eye movement disorders, as well as patients with thyroid eye disease. Patients are seen in the Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Bothun is actively involved in clinical science research in pediatric ophthalmology. He has a number of recent publication efforts in review in peer review articles. His clinical studies have involved strabismus and pediatric cataracts. His expertise is utilized as an investigator in multicenter studies including the Infant Aphakia Treatment Study under the direction of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and the Amblyopia Treatment Studies under the direction of the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group (PEDIG) administered by the Jaeb Center in Tampa, Florida. In collaborative efforts with the Bone Marrow Transplantation service and laboratories, Dr. Bothun studies the ocular complications of Hurlers disease and other related metabolic conditions.

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