

The Grape Vine

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Cindy Swanson, Duke Fiemeyer, and Jane Gulden
Courtland Lions Present Awards
 Three Courtland Lions received awards at the Lions meeting on Monday, January 9. **Duke Fiemeyer** received a Helen Keller Award. **Cindy Swanson and Jane Gulden** each received a Hearing Foundation Award.

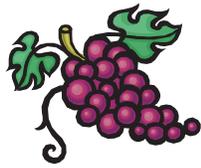


International Director Brian E Sheehan, Lion Jim More, receiving the Helen Keller Award, and President Lion Vern Bremer



Tom McCarthy and Zone Four Chair Lion Char Abbas (far right) presenting a 25-year membership chevron to Lion Arvid Melquist, and a Membership Excellence Pin to Lion Scot Kuester, who sponsored three new Lions members in 2010-2011.





Grape Vine



You Deserve a Break Today DG Sue Bowman

No, I am not sending you to McDonalds for burger, fries and a shake. It was with mixed emotions Lion Bill and I took off for two weeks in January for Grand Cayman and New Orleans, when deep down I knew I should be home dealing with Lions issues. Guess what... life went on without me!



District Governor
Sue Bowman

Sometimes as leaders in our club, we get the feeling we are indispensable, that our club can not survive without us. But honestly we would be wrong, sometimes the best things you could possibly do for your club is to take some time off and have some fun.

Building your club and providing service to your community is a great thing. It can be very satisfying and rewarding to see it grow. But, we may think that we are not expendable, and that our club will fall apart if we were not there at all times.

The truth is, however, that working day in and day out all through the year is an easy way to burn out. Burn out is not a pretty picture, it can affect mental and physical health and the worse-case scenario is loss of membership.

My advice, take some time off and relax. How about a relaxed weekend away at the Mid-Winter Convention? What a wonderful venue for recharging your Lions battery!

Lion Bill and I have spent the last 30 years enjoying a February weekend away at the Mankato Mid-Winter Convention. What a great opportunity to see Lions on a larger stage than that of our local club, to meet and fellowship with like minded Lions from 62 other clubs, to hear professional presentation on Lions topics, and to mix, mingle and dance the night away!

Certainly we have issues with membership, but I strongly feel we need to not dwell on the negative, our loss in membership, but to focus on what as Lions we have to offer.

One of the seminars I attended in New Orleans (no we did not party the whole weekend) stressed the value of intelligent marketing for business success. As I listened, I could not help but relate it to how we can effectively recruit Lions members.

The seminar was presented by Joe Bonura, CSP. He had six rules of Success, and it primarily focuses on talked to people, make calls, more calls and many more calls. I thought of Lion Ken Ervin from Amboy, he always says "just ask" when he explains how he has gotten 30 new members into Lions. When talking with potential members we need to ask questions so we know that they the person needs so we can focus our Lions sales story on what they are interested in.

"We are all born sales people. Somewhere between the time we are born and time we get our business cards printed, we forget how to ask for business. Have you seen how babies get what they want? They only want two things: a bottle of milk or a diaper change. If they were not good sales people they would die of diaper rash or starvation. Babies know how to ask and they keep asking until they get what they want."

Per Joe Bomura. Certainly we have all experienced the child wanting candy at the check out counter. The parent says no, the child counters the parent's objections, and the back and forth

District Governor Sue Bowman

Governor's Travels

Governor Sue's Upcoming Travel Events 2012

February

- 1 Blooming Prairie Club Visit
- 3 5M10 Mid Winter Grand Rapids
- 4 5M8 Mid Winter St. Cloud
- 7 Albert Lea Cloverleaf Club Visit
- 10-12 5M2 Mid Winter Convention
- 14 Cologne Club Visit
- 18 5M13 Mid Winter Shilo Manitoba
- 19 5M3 Mid Winter Marshall
- 20 Northfield Club Visit
- 22 Shakopee Club Visit

Welcome to the New Members of our 5M2 Lions Family

New Member	Sponsor
Arlington Mary Farniok Raymond Farniok Patricia M. Wilson	Laura Maki Laura Maki Carol Mayer
Lester Prairie Bonnie Suedbeck	
Lonsdale Mike Mitchell Tonia Mitchell	Scott Lowy Scott Lowy
St. Peter Michael J. Schwertfeger	James Jacobs
Stewart Jerry Anderson	Orville Trettin
Veseli Dixie Zeller	Barb Skluzacek
Waconia Scott Tomes	Robert Rehbein

it goes on until the child in most cases ends up with the candy. In the business world is called persistence.

At this writing we have a net membership loss of 35 for our district; we added 81 members, but unfortunately we lost 116 members. With the "just ask", persistent sales approach by all our members, I am confident we can turn the numbers around.

Hope to see you at the Mid Winter Convention, a great time to relax and learn.

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
First Vice District Governor



Our “winter” sure has been mild; it kind of makes you wonder what Mother Nature has in store for us for February and March.

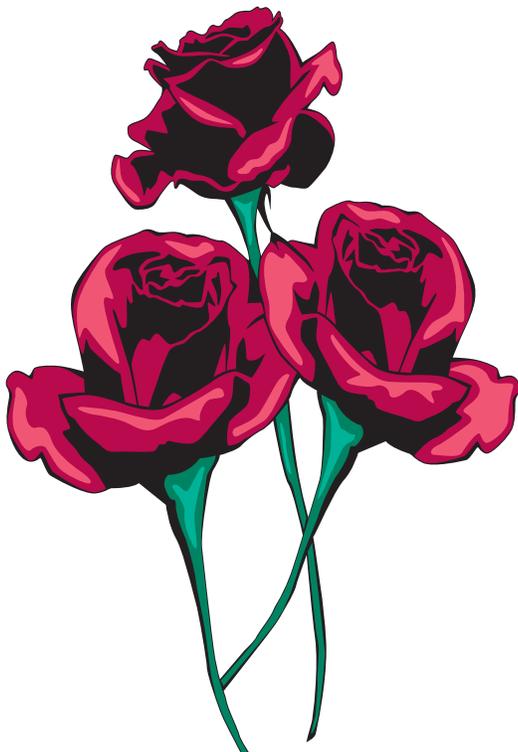
As you receive this issue, the 34th Annual 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention will be close at hand. If you have not pre-registered for the entire Convention, please consider attending on Saturday, February 11, as great informational sessions are being planned, and it's always a good time to network with members of other Clubs.

Guess what's next. Believe it or not, it's time for clubs to start thinking about Club Officer nominations and elections, especially if your club meets during the latter part of the month. If so, your Club will need to hold its election at the March meeting as club elections must be held by April 15th.

The Officer Reporting Form (PU-101) can then be completed and submitted well in advance of the May 1, 2012 due date. In the past, there have been a number of clubs which have not submitted this report on time. Let's have all of them completed and submitted on time this year!

And as long as we're on the subject of club leadership, let's make it a priority to attend the District 5M-2 Leadership Training. Watch for details in future newsletters.

Remember--Your Club's Activities Do Make a Difference in your Community, in our Country and in our World! Thanks for all that YOU do!



VOTE **LION JOAN BLANK** Candidate fo 1st Vice District Governor 2012–2013

I am half way through my year as 2nd VDG and have loved every minute of it so far!

Attending most of the Region and Zone meetings, I thought I was going to “ignite the passion” for Lions. Instead, I found that I was “ignited” by the passion of the Lions in 5M2 by their countless ways of touching people's lives. Every Club is so unique in their visions and accomplishments. It has been a humbling experience.

As 1st VDG I plan to share this energy and dedication to promote Lionism within 5M2! Please stop by my hospitality room at the Mid-Winter Convention to meet or visit with me. I look forward to enlarging my Lions family!



Lions Service

- Lions member for 22 years
- Club President/Secretary/Board Member
- Best Lion Club Position – Tail Twister
- Campaign SightFirst II Zone Chair
- Zone 4 Chairperson
- Leader Dogs for the Blind Co-Chair
- Graduate of the Lions Regional Leadership Institute
- Chaired Mid-Winter Convention
- Melvin Jones Fellow
- Helen Keller Sight Award
- International President's Award

“From The Field”

Jordaness Lions

Jordan Ornament

There are still a few 2011 Jordaness Lions Christmas ornaments available. The 2011 ornament is a nostalgic depiction of Jordan's old Broadway Street. Next year's ornament will complete the series. If interested in this ornament or ornaments from past years, please contact any Jordaness Lions.

Dictionary Project

The Jordaness purchased and distributed dictionaries to the 3rd graders in the Jordan school district. This effort is part of a nation wide project where an estimated 2,047,315 students received dictionaries in 2012 to date. These 3rd graders get very excited about their dictionaries and are very grateful for this gift. The club received many “thank you” letters from the students and some of these notes were read at the January membership meeting. These messages were a delight to read. Some of the “thank yous” displayed the necessity of this book and some students projected sheer joy with their very own dictionary. One student said he/she was so thrilled with the dictionary that it would be protected with their life! (Out of the mouths of babes!)

Bowling Fundraiser

On January 14, approximately 120 bowlers were determined to out strike, out spare or simply out bowl each other. Some of us just tried to not get gutter balls but even these attempts were celebrated! This event gathered a very diverse crowd...members of the Prior Lake Lions clubs, the Jordan Fire Department, the Jordan Lions, local businesses and many teams of families and friends. It was great to have so many people participate. There were bowlers from age 27 to 89! It would be great to have more participating Lions club next year. The committee deserves much credit for a job well done on our first bowling tournament. Everything ran smoothly and there were fabulous door prizes and raffle items. Monies raised will be donated to the Food Shelf and Lions Eye Bank. Some teams created team names and shirts for the event. Rumor has it that a possible team name and team shirt contest may be in the works for the 2013 tourney. From the “Girls in the Gutter” and “Spare Parts”.....Game On!

Hot Dogs and Basketball

The club will be selling hotdogs at Jordan High School basketball games on January 17th and 19th. Proceeds from this fundraiser assist with our scholarship program.

3rd Annual Mar Adamek and Linda Stier Chili Feed

On January 28, the Jordaness will be assisting in selling and serving food at this worthy fundraiser. This is a service project for the club and not a fundraiser. Monies are raised for breast cancer research and scholarships in memoriam of Mar Adamek and Linda Stier.

Jordan Lions Beer and Wine Tasting

The Jordaness is proud to sponsor a table at the Jordan Lions Beer and Wine Tasting event on February 2. This is a great social event and a profitable fundraiser for that other Jordan club!! Hope to see you there!

District 5M2 Convention

Many club members will be attending the Lions 5M2 District convention in February. Scuttlebutt has it that the Jordaness are busy getting ideas together to participate in this year's theme of “We are Family”!

Lenten Staple

The Jordaness will be sponsoring a Fish Dinner on March 16. Last year's dinner was very profitable and allowed the Jordaness to enhance the monetary amounts of the high school scholarships. Drive on down to Jordan and come for a great meal and some good company. We'd love to see you. Prices and times will come in next month's “From the Field” section.

2012

The Jordaness Lions hope your new year has begun with good health, happiness, lessons learned, memories from 2011 and anticipation of good things to come. Happy New Year!

Dear Lions,
I would like to share with you some exciting changes to our donation procedures that will enable us to help even more people. Many of you have shared with your Board of Trustees



and me interesting ideas for expanding giving opportunities to our Foundation. As a result, you can now choose from five general categories to designate your donations and receive Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition for each donation:

Area of Greatest Need: Donations in this category will support all program areas and allow LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent.

Disaster: Donations designated here enable LCIF to direct the funds to the areas most in need following disasters in order to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief.

Sight: Donations here seek to support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired.

Youth: Donations in this category support the Lions Quest program and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth.

Humanitarian Needs: Donations here will fund projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the [measles](#) program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

I know you will agree with me that these positive changes will help LCIF to provide aid to even more people in need around the world. These changes are effective immediately for all future donations. [Donating](#) is as easy as before - details on each program can be found [online](#).

I thank you for your continued support.
Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Winthrop Lions

Present a check for over \$1400 to representatives from Sibley County Foodshare in January. This represents proceeds from the Fall Omelet Breakfast fundraiser, together with supplemental funds for Thrivent Financial. Shown in the photo are Lions Treasurer Joe Wersal, Lion Carolyn Proehl, Yvonne O'Brien, Foodshare Board Chair, Lion Bev Bussler, Shelley Zacate, Foodshare Coordinator, Lion Doug Proehl, Lion Dave Schauer and Lion Scot Kuester.



International Director Brian E Sheehan, Lion Wm Daly, receiving the Hearing Research Fellow, and President Lion Vern Breamer

News release from the Minnesota Lake Lions.

The Minnesota Lake Lions celebrated 25 Years of Service on Wednesday January 11, 2012 with a celebration dinner at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minnesota Lake. 60 people attended the event. Minnesota Lake Lion President Vern Breamer gave the welcome. A welcome was also given by Minnesota Lake Mayor Jerri Klein. The pledge of allegiance was said and Lion Maxine Daly said the invocation. A turkey and dressing meal with all the trimmings was prepared by Jake's Pizza from Wells, MN. Dinner music was provided by Connie Roessler.

Introduction of the head table included. International Director Lion Brian Sheehan, 2nd District 1st Vice Prdesident Lion Ron Dahlke and his wife Lion Jean Dahlke, 2nd District 2nd Vice President Joan Blank and her husband Lion Kevin Blank, Minnesota Lake President Lion Vern Breamer and his wife Lion Darlene Breamer. Other special guests were mentioned.

Lion Gerald Zabel from the Wells Lions spoke on the chartering of the Minnesota Lake Lions club 25 years ago. The Wells Lions were the sponsoring club and Lion Gerald was our guiding Lion.

Lion Jim More gave some of the highlights of the 25 years that the Minnesota Lake Lions have existed. Chater



International Director Brian E Sheehan, Lion Darlene Breamer receiving the Hearing Research Fellow, and President Lion Vern Breamer

members in attendance were recognized. They were the first President Hank Gieneart, Lion William Daly, Lion Jim More.

Lion Vern Breamer gave recognition of gifts received from various clubs and Lion members. We were then entertained by Connie Roessler and Friends.

Guest speaker for the evening was International Director Lion Brian Sheehan from Bird Island, MN. Brian gave us a very energizing speech! It was full of valuable information and at the same time very entertaining.

ID Lion Brian Sheehan then presented Lion Jim More with a Helen Keller Award for outstanding service and dedication to Lionism. ID Brian then presented a Hearing Research Fellow plaque to Lion Willian Daly and Lions Darlene Breamer in recognition of their support of the Multiple Distict 5M Hearing Foundation.

Door prizes were handed out and the evening was closed with singing "God Bless America".

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



Waterville Lions observe their 67th Anniversary

The Waterville Lions Club recently observed their 67th birthday. The Waterville Lions Club was chartered in January of 1945. The club chartered with 46 members. While none of the Charter Lions are still with us, the ideals and aims of the Waterville Lions Club are alive and well. The Waterville Lions Club currently has 49 members. Over the years the membership varied from a high of 81 members in 1980 and a low of 21 in 1958.

The Waterville Lions have served their community well down through the years. And the area has greatly benefited from the actions and services they have performed. One of the first major projects, back in 1955, was the purchase of property for the Waterville Swimming Beach. The Lions purchased and installed street signs through out the City as well as furnishing house numbers for many residences in the city. Most of the playground equipment, park tables and benches as well as the park shelter building were furnished by the Waterville Lions. The City Park on Third Street in Waterville, is commonly referred to as Lions Park. The Waterville Lions also played a part in establishment of the Sakatah Lake State Park just east of town.

The local sports fields/gymnasiums have all benefited from Lions projects, with all the scoreboards being purchased by the Lions. Many thousands of dollars have been donated to the Waterville Fire Department. The Lions also assure that the popular Bullhead Days Parade will continue as they sponsor and help plan (and prepared) by club members each October at the Waterville Care Center, as well as the twice yearly cleanup project on Highway 13 south of Waterville.

The Waterville Lions are recognized as leaders in the district, having furnished three District Governors over the years. The Waterville Lions have had a least one member serving on the District Cabinet in each of the past 49 years, with a high of six members serving at one time a few years ago. The Waterville Lions have furnished the District with several Zone and Region Chairmen down through the years. The Waterville Lions Club is proud to strongly support the Lions motto **"We Serve"**.

One of the long-standing and most popular projects of the Waterville Lions Club is their tasty Turkey Dinner, which is served each year in March. This has been an on-going tradition for the club and is eagerly awaited each spring by resident of the community. Served for the first time in 1962 it has as

much a part of the Waterville Lions tradition as is the annual Bowling match with the Faribault Lions Club. This event started even prior to the first Turkey Dinner, having been first instigated in 1955. All though the Faribault Lions are the parent (sponsoring) club for the Waterville Lions, the younger club does not treat their parents very nicely having won the coveted 'Leo the Mug' trophy 2 of every 3 years!

Club President Dave Cummiskey invites all of you to come and partake of the BEST Turkey Dinner in southern Minnesota, served by the Waterville Lions Club.

Winthrop Lions



Zone Four Chair Lion Char Abbas challenges Winthrop Lions members to give one reason they joined Lions.

The Work We Do

All Lions members are aware of the great work we do throughout our nation and our world. From assistance to victims of natural disasters through LCIF, to providing service dogs to seeing, hearing and other impaired persons. From donating eyeglasses for people who otherwise would not have access to them to providing funds to fight seeing and hearing loss through the University of Minnesota.

Lions make a difference on a state, nation and worldwide stage.

But when Zone Four Chair Lion Char Abbas asked members of the Winthrop Lions Club to write down one reason they joined Lions, the responses were definitely local. Thirteen of the nineteen members present said they joined Lions to serve their community. Two others enjoyed the fellowship and getting to know people they would not otherwise have contact with.

Service and fellowship were far and away THE most important reasons people joined the Winthrop Lions Club.

As we look to strategies to build our membership, we must remember that all Lionism, like all politics, is local.

And we should take to heart the reason given by one of our members when asked why he or she joined Lions:

Veseli Area Lions



Front Row: Butch Kubes, Dixie Zeller, Nikki Kubes, Jennifer Malecha, Honorary Member Santa Claus, Barb Skluzacek, Carrie Kubes. Middle Row: Dean Rezac, Pat Rezac & Terry Rezac. Back Row: Danny Skluzacek & John Kubes

Veseli Holiday Party

The photo was taken after the Veseli Area Lions hosted their Annual Holiday Party and Santa Visit/Photo's for local area youth. The holiday event was held at the Most Holy Trinity Church basement in Veseli, MN on Saturday, December 17th @ 1:00 p.m. 80 area youth ages 10 and under were able to share their Christmas Wishes with Santa and have their photo taken. Each child received a Holiday Gift Bag from the Veseli Area Lions.



HAMBURG LIONS SPRING BINGO

Ham, Turkey, Steak & Sausage

25 games for \$8.00—door prizes after each game
Also, meat raffles throughout the evening



Friday, March 30, 7:00 P.M.
Hamburg Community Hall
Hamburg, MN
Hamburgers & Beverages available

Drawing for \$500.00 Cash
\$1.00 per chance
(need not be present for this drawing)
Proceeds used for community projects

NYA & West Carver Lions
present

Dinner & a Show!

February 18th, 2012
at the Pavilion, NYA
tickets available at
the Flower Mill and Marsden
Pharmacy

\$20/ticket, 5:30pm start
entertainment: Ken & Ken
dinner: Chef Craig



Plato Lions Club

29th Annual Spring Brunch

Sunday March 18, 2012

Serving 9 AM-12 PM
At the Plato Hall



All You Can Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Toast and Beverage

**Free Will Donations
Accepted**
With proceeds going to
Community Projects

Diabetes Screening on Site



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 **Vote for Lion Ron Dahlke
Candidate for District Governor
2012-2013**



**Member of Glencoe Lions since June 1, 1992; Perfect Attendance Award for 18 years
Member of Board of Directors- 14 years
Budget & Finance Committee Chairperson, 2003- present
Chairperson of Membership Committee-
Chairperson of Various Club Fund Raising Committees-
Club Secretary 4 years, 1996-2000; 100% Club Secretary, 1996-2000
Served as 3rd Vice President, 2000-01, 2nd Vice President, 2001-02, 1st Vice President, 2002-03
Club President, 2003-04; 100% Club President, 2003-04
Co-Chairperson, 5M-2 2006 Mid-Winter Convention Planning Committee
Zone 1 Chair person, 2005-06
Region 1 Chair person 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09
5M-2 L.C.I.F. District Coordinator, 2009 -present
International President's Certificate of Appreciation- 2005-06
Melvin Jones Fellowship Award / Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Helen Keller Sight Award- 2002,
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Progressive Helen Keller Sight Award- 2007
MD5M Hearing Foundation Hearing Research Fellow Award- 2000
MD5M Hearing Foundation Progressive Hearing Research Fellow Award- 2005
MD5M Regional Leadership Institute Graduate- Mahnomon, MN April, 2007
Senior Lions Leadership Institute Graduate- Albuquerque, NM November, 2010
Sibley County 4-H Adult Leader- 11 years
McLeod Emergency Food Shelf- Charter Board Member 1983-91; Board Chairman 1984-88
Member, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe
Married 39 years to Lion Jean Dahlke
Father of 2 sons, Jason (Jennifer) and Jon
4 Grandchildren, Tyler and Megan Siewert, Ella and Ethan Dahlke**

I appreciate your support and I "Thank You" for your vote!