

The Grape Vine



Jan. 2012



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Editor **Bill Curtis,**



Carver Lions Benefit For Andrew.

On November 14th his ophthalmologist called to give us the news. Andrew has either Stargardt's Disease or Retinitis Pigmentosa. If he has Stargardt's Disease, he will likely lose his central vision. If he has Retinitis Pigmentosa, he will likely lose

his peripheral vision. The treatments available are very limited. Unfortunately our insurance doesn't cover the cost of the tests he had done at the University of Minnesota and most likely will not cover any treatments we find. Andrew will need new glasses frequently as we transition through this period along with different assistive devices to allow him to read and learn at school.

Right now we are just trying to get used to how this journey is going to change our lives. We remain strong in our faith in Jesus Christ and welcome your prayers. We know that He is always with us and that through His grace we are strengthened!

The Arlington and Green Isle Lions worked together on this float for the Arli-Dazzle Parade held on Dec 3, 2011. The two clubs enjoyed working together on the float and it's been said it was the best lit float in the parade.



Soggy Bottom III

An 18-Hole Golf Tourney In The Snow!



Saturday, January 21

Starts at Noon

Riverside Park, Carver

300 Main Street East

Bring one golf club, hockey stick, or whatever else you would like to hit a tennis ball with. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the park. Ages 12+.

Under 18 years of age requires parent/guardian supervision.

Registration Fee: \$15.00 before January 10

\$20.00 after January 10

Includes a Soggy Bottom Stocking Cap

50% of proceeds to benefit Andrew Steines

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/andrewsight>



District 5M 2 New Members

'Month/Year: 12/2011'

COURTLAND (040298) - LIONS CLUB

Brenda J Jones (894146)

108 First St #9

Courtland, MN 56021-9762

Join Date: 12/01/2011

KENNETH L FISCHER (888761)

VICTORIA (003031) - LIONS CLUB

Scott McCelland (3488695)

3989 Valencia Lane

Chaska, MN 55318

Join Date: 12/01/2011

Matt W Bergmann (3469855)

Linda A. McNulty (3490973)

8834 Pointe Vista

Victoria, MN 55386

Join Date: 12/01/2011

GERALD SCHMIEG (1201170)

WINTHROP (042637) - LIONS CLUB

Reuben C. Rosnau (3488697)

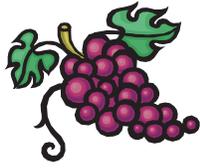
704 West 5th St.

Winthrop, MN 55396

Join Date: 11/01/2011

BERT GUSTAFSON (1024164)

Total New Members 4



Grape Vine



The State of the District

With the beginning of a new year, it is a good time to reflect on what is going well within our district and what we need to continue working focusing on. The first six months as your District Governor have passed so quickly. Lion Bill and I have had so many enriching experiences visiting our Lions clubs and meeting so many dedicated service minded, kind and generous members. I thank you for the outstanding opportunity to serve as your district governor.



District Governor
Sue Bowman

Since July, 2011 we have welcomed 67 new members into 5M2 Lions family. I personally appreciate the effort you have made to bring in new members, membership is critical to maintaining our health and vigor and enthusiasm as the world's largest international service organization. **Great job, but as a Lion sponsor also comes some new responsibilities:**

- Make certain the new member is inducted in an impressive ceremony to insure your new member takes pride in joining your club. LCI (ME22 EN)
- Make sure the new member gets a New Member Kit. LCI (NW10)
- Make sure your new member feels welcomed as he/she puts on the Lions lapel pin.
- Introduce the new member to all the club members; it may take time to learn all the names. Let the new member know who the club officers are.
- Remind officers and project chairman to provide the new member with assignments so the new member feels included and becomes an active member.
- Arrange an orientation session on Lions at the club, district and international level. Orientation programs are available through the 5M2. (check with your Zone Chair)
- Give the new member information on the clubs constitution and by-laws, your club may choose to include it in the new member kit.
- Maintain a friendly relationship with the new member so he or she feels comfortable asking any question about the club or any Lions topic, especially all the acronyms we use.
- Make it a habit to call and offer to accompany your new member to meetings at least for the first year or until you can see the member has been well integrated into your club.
- Encourage your new member to feel free to let you know of any problems or situations they may have so a solution can be found.
- Encourage your new member to voice their opinion of what they see and hear at meetings/projects/events, a new point of reference maybe healthy for your club.
- Assist your new member in developing their Lions

District Governor Sue Bowman Governor's Travels

January

- 2 Mid Winter Convention Planning Meeting
- 3-11 Cayman Islands (RR)
- 13-16 New Orleans, ADM Conference
- 16 Brownton Club Visit
- 17 Le Center Club Visit
- 20 5M7 Mid Winter, Bloomington
- 21 5M1 Mid Winter, Rochester
- 23 Northfield Cannon Valley Club Visit
- 25 Victoria Club Visit
- 28 5M4 Mid Winter Alexandria
- 30 Mid Winter Convention Planning Meeting

potential. Every Zone Chair, Region Chair, Program Chair, District Governor, International Director or International President started as a new club member. What is your new member's potential? Remember, help them to think BIG!

On the down sides, since July 2011 we have lost 82 members, 13 deceased and 69 for other reasons, such as moving from the area, drops due to lack of dues payment and drops for other personal reasons. Many reasons we have no control over, but let us all do what we can to never have a member drop because he or she feels unappreciated or unwanted. Remember We Are Family; we need to help all our members strive to be the best Lion possible.

Please review the governor's contest, my wish is to have all clubs earn the governor's award. A few activities that will benefit your club for the contest:

- Positive membership gain for your club
 - Submit a Zone Person of the Year to Lion Ron by January 15
 - Attend the Mid Winter Convention in Mankato February 10-12
 - Attend your Spring Zone Meeting
 - Plan a youth activity
 - Keep current on the Membership and Activity reports
 - Participate in the Journey for Service
 - Submit articles/pictures to the Grapevine Newsletter
 - Participate in the Tree Planting program
 - Develop a club website (help is available at the Mid Winter)
 - Review Club Excellence Award program and submit application by September 30, 2012

Best wishes for a very successful Lions year. Please call or email me or any of the cabinet members if you have questions or concerns. We are here to assist you in any way possible.

Lion Bill and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Mid Winter Convention. Thank you for all you do for Lions!

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
First Vice District Governor



First of all, I would like to issue a reminder to ALL clubs, to complete the "Zone Person of the Year" nomination form, and mail it back to me by January 15th. As this article is being written, I have only received a handful of nominations. I am positive that EVERY club has one or more persons who are deserving of the "Zone Person of the Year" honor, so please, take a few minutes to complete the form and send it back to me soon. If you need another form, please call me (320-864-5237) to request a copy.

From the monthly reports on the WMMR, it is evident that many of the Clubs in our District continue to provide much needed service to others in their communities. Santa Helpers collecting gifts for those in need; Providing fruit baskets to shut-ins; Making donations to food shelves; Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army... the list goes on and on. On behalf of those who benefit from these activities, I thank you for your efforts.

But stop for a moment...without a Lions Club in your community, what would happen? How would these projects continue? With the many hands-on projects such as those listed above, think of the effect if there were not enough Lions' volunteers, men and women like you, to do these deeds.

That is why it is important to extend an invitation to a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative to join us in accomplishing our goals. As you read this article, I know each of you have several persons in mind, who share your passion to help others. Remember, only YOU, as a Lions member, can extend the invitation to a friend and give them the opportunity to grow as you have. Make it YOUR New Year's resolution to ask at least one person NOW to be a Lion.

Again, be sure to join us for the 2012 District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention at Mankato, February 10-12, hosted by Zone 7, which will include fellowship, great seminars, food, entertainment and fun! There is still time to register, so invite your new members to join you, whether for the weekend or for only one day. Visit my hospitality room early and visit often. Lion Jean and I are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a Happy and Healthy 2012!

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!

Dinner Show at Norwood

The NYA Lions & West Carver Lions will be sponsoring another Dinner & a Show event on Feb 18th, 2012 at the Pavilion in NYA. Tickets will go on sale after the holidays at the Flower Mill and will be \$20 for the evening of great food and wonderful entertainment!

Joan's Thoughts

Joan Blank
Second Vice District Governor



Happy New Year to all Lions in 5M2

I happen to run across an article published by Times Magazine listing the Top 10 Commonly Broken New Year's Resolutions as listed below:

- Lose Weight and Get Fit
- Quit Smoking
- Learn Something New
- Eat Healthier and Diet
- Get Out of Debt and Save Money
- Spend More Time with Family
- Travel to New Places
- Be Less Stressed
- Volunteer
- Drink Less

I am going to venture that most of us have made more than one of the above resolutions in the beginning of a new year, only to find our effort had failed. I do know, however, that the resolution of "Volunteering" for all of us is one that is rarely broken if we are an active member of our Lions Club. I challenge you to think about making a resolution to ask someone else to "volunteer" by becoming a new Lions member. Even though I should be making most of the above resolutions for 2012, that is going to be my resolution for 2012 to add one new member to my Club. Will I fulfill this or break this? Time will tell.

Leader Dog for the Blind Update: Lion Shirley Hesperheide and I challenged each club that attended Zone or Region meetings to raise enough funds to purchase a Kaptan Plus GPS unit by donating to the Leader Dog Cans. Leader Dog would like to be able to give one unit to each recipient of a Leader Dog to allow that person to have even more independence and freedom in traveling.

Here are the results:

Region 1 (Zone 1, 2 and 3) \$149.18

Region 2 (Zone 4, 5 and 6) \$206.65

Region 3 (zone 7, 8 and 9) \$143.71

Total \$499.54.

Lion Shirley and I are delighted with the amount as one Kaptan Plus costs \$295. We will continue this challenge through the end of the Lions year to try to purchase 3 units.

Thanks to all who have donated!
Leader Dog Co-Chair and 2nd VDG Joan

“From The Field”

Jordaness Lions

Hats off to the many guests that attended the Jordaness Lions 22nd Annual Holiday Show that was held on November 19 at the OK Corral in Jordan. The club is very appreciate of the many local business and private enterprises that contributed to this event. This generosity is instrumental in the success of this venture. The show featured models wearing hats of varying styles and stories, a delicious lunch, door prizes, raffle chances, a silent auction and entertainment by the Jordaness Lion Singers performing a special rendition of “My Favorite Things”. It was a wonderful afternoon and a great way to kick off the holiday season. It was great to see Lions from visiting clubs! We hope you had fun!

The 2011 Jordan Christmas ornament is now available for \$8 at Iris Valley, The Vinery and from any Jordaness Lion. This year's ornament is a depiction of a historic view down Jordan's Broadway Street. This ornament is #19 in a proposed set of 20 ornaments. 2012 will be the last year that the club will do this fundraiser. It's not too late to complete or start your set. A few ornaments from previous years are available. The ornaments are a great gift idea for the special people in our lives from our children, their teachers, day care providers, postal workers, neighbors.

On Sunday, December 11th, the Jordaness Lions will be making their annual trip to play bingo and share refreshments with the residents at ValleyView. This is an event that is special to the club as we share this wonderful season with our friends at ValleyView.

Each year the Jordaness Lions are blessed to be the distributors of 100s of books, yoyos, stuffed animals, wooden toys and crayons to children. Many of these toys will be sent home with children that participate in the “Blessings in a Backpack” program, to the Jordan schools, the local Food Shelf, hospitals, family shelters and other places. This effort is dedicated to the memory of a past Jordanite. Mary Brown was a Jordan resident who volunteered many hours in private service to people. The club is allowed this opportunity because of Mary's connection to a non-profit group that provides the toys.

The Jordan and Jordaness Lions convened on December 7 for our joint

membership meeting and holiday celebration. Each club discussed business items and then shared a buffet dinner at the OK Corral. District Governor Sue Bowman spoke to the clubs about the importance of nurturing new members. There was another presentation by Susan Youngberg and her Can-Do-Canine “Bali”. Ms. Youngberg told the group about the changes that “Bali” has made on her life, both physically and emotionally.

Bowling for the Food Shelf and Lions Eye Bank. This is not your average soup bowl! This is the Jordaness Lions Bowling Fundraiser! The date is Saturday, January 14 with check-in at 2:00pm at Louisville Lanes. The lanes are located at 3020 W 133 St, Shakopee. There are 144 spots available for bowlers and pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available at Hometown Bank, Riverland Bank and Frandsen Bank or by calling 952-492-3404 or 952-492-6814. There will be prizes and raffle chances. The entry fee is \$25/bowler. Proceeds will go the Jordan Area Food Shelf and Lions Eye Bank. Get a team together from your club! Dust off that bowling ball, shake out the wrinkles of your bowling shirt and join in on the fun!

HAPPY NEW YEARS!!!

Winsted Lions Activities

Several Winsted Lions Member donated their time on Wednesday, October 19th, at the Glencoe Pla-Mor Ballroom to distribute coats to those in need. Over 400 coats were distributed to babies to the elderly, along with scarves, hats, mittens, snow pants, and boots.

The Winsted Lions put together 25 fruit baskets to go to the Home Bound within the Winsted area, and a large fruit basket went to St. Mary's Care Center for all to enjoy.

The Winsted Lion Members bring donated food and give money, every Lions Meeting, which gets donated to the McLeod County Food Shelf in Glencoe.

On October 15, several of the Winsted Lions attended the 45th Anniversary of the Silver Lake Lions. It was nicely attended by all area Lions as well. The Winsted Lions brought much laughter to their event by decorating a toilet as a gag gift, along with \$45.00 in silver dollars. They enjoyed the Winsted humor!



COURTLAND LIONS CLUB

PANCAKE, SAUSAGE, EGG



BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

ADULTS: \$7.00 CHILDREN 12 - 5: \$4.00 UNDER 5: FREE

COURTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
COURTLAND, MN

SERVING 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COURTLAND LIONS CLUB SHOULD CONTACT A LION MEMBER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Now is the time for each member to **SUBSCRIBE** to the **DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**.

The Governor would like every member to receive the newsletter. Have your club subscribe every member to this important communication.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: District 5M-2

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE

SEND \$9.00 FOR (12) ISSUES (1) COMPLETE YEAR

TO: PDG Bill Curtis

1014 Mitchell Court

Glencoe, MN 55336

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Jordaness Lions Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, January 14th, 2012
Louisville Lanes
3020 W 133rd St, Shakopee, MN

2:00 pm Check-In

3:00 pm Bowling

\$25/player

First come first serve—144 spots

**** Pre-Registration required**

**Registration forms available at
HomeTown Bank, Riverland Bank,
Frandsen Bank**

**Or call 952-492-3404 or
952-492-6814**



Proceeds benefit
Food Shelf
Lions Eye Bank
Other Community

Law Enforcement Presents



Lions across the state are looking to make a splash with the Polar Bear Plunge! In 2012, the Lions are expanding their long-standing partnership with Special Olympics Minnesota by becoming a state-wide sponsor for the Polar Bear Plunge. Last winter, Nearly 11,000 brave Minnesotans raised a record \$2.2 million this winter for Special Olympics Minnesota!

You may have heard about it on the news, read about it online, or maybe even seen a video on YouTube, but what exactly is this "Plunge" that everyone's talking about? The Polar Bear Plunge — presented by Minnesota law enforcement as part of the year-round Law Enforcement Torch Run events to benefit Special Olympics — is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by jumping into frigid Minnesota waters. It consists of 15 different events that take place across Minnesota during the coldest months of the year. From January through March, the Plunge crew travels around the state to 15 different communities with one goal in mind: raise funds for Special Olympics Minnesota!

As part of our sponsorship agreement, we encourage all Lions clubs across the state of Minnesota to get involved with the Plunge! There are a variety of ways you can get involved to help raise money for Special Olympics Minnesota and spread Lion awareness:

1. Participation in the Special Olympics Minnesota Lions Club Raffle (See SOMN Lions Raffle Instruction sheet)
2. Selling raffle tickets at Plunge sites
3. Selling food (mini donuts, hot dogs, etc.) at Plunge sites. Will work best at White Bear Lake, Maple Grove, Anoka County, St. Peter, South Metro, Minneapolis & Eden Prairie.
4. Financial contribution
5. By Plunging of course!!!
6. We're open to additional creative ideas!

2012 Dates:

Jan. 28 - White Bear Lake
Jan. 28 - Willmar/Spier
Feb. 4 - Maple Grove
Feb. 11 - Anoka County
Feb. 11 - St. Peter
Feb. 11 - Rochester
Feb. 18 - Prior Lake
Feb. 18 - St. Cloud

Feb. 18 - Duluth
Feb. 25 - South Metro
Feb. 26 - Alexandria
Mar. 3 - Minneapolis
Mar. 3 - Brainerd
Mar. 10 - Eden Prairie
Mar. 17 - Grand Rapids

Check out the Plunge website for additional information about this unique event at www.plungemn.org. If you'd like to get your club involved or have questions, contact Lion Alyssa Siech at alysa.siech@somn.org or 612-604-1255.

We hope to see you this winter!!!

Sincerely,

Lion Alyssa Siech
Development Associate
Phone: 612-604-1255 | E-mail: alysa.siech@somn.org



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ZONE 4 UPDATE

Clubs in Zone 4 was once again hard at work providing services to their communities.

Courtland Lions held its Santa Day with Santa on December 3. Children enjoyed a sleigh ride, cookies to decorate, and a bag of goodies. The Courtland 4-H also was present selling baked goods and crafts. They collected food and money for the food shelf. The Lions are also planning for a Pancake Breakfast on January 15, 2012.

Gibbon was busy with Santa Bags for youth and care center residents, Sibley County Food Shelf collections, Santa Helper Program, and Spirit of the Season program. They are a busy group!

Lafayette Lions worked with the Lafayette 4-H Group and the Citizen Bank in providing a Santa Day event for the children on December 12. They also sponsored a Christmas Lights Contest; Marlin "Buck" and Suzanne Wendorff won the contest. The Lafayette Lions also donated money for the benefit for Jil Haler.

Nicollet Lions have donated to the Santa Days programs for the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion. They had the November pork chop fry at the Conservation Club. We celebrate the holidays with a Christmas party at our December meeting with spouses and Governor Sue along with her husband Lion Bill. We will be honoring several members with rewards, collecting food for the Food Shelf, and we are using the night to invite potential new members.

The **Saint Peter** club had their annual banquet on Tuesday, November 15. We awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lions Ray Olson and Michelle Zehnder Fischer. We also recognized Lions Sam Gault Sr, Jim Jacobs and Cindi Hass with the Helen Keller award. We just completed our annual poinsettia sales fundraiser for the holiday season. We also held our annual Kids Christmas Party on December 13 where we served hamburgers to about 90 people (50 of them kids). As part of the program, magician, Michael Callahan performed to a thrilled group of children. The night ended with a visit by Santa Claus who handed each kid a goody bag with toys, etc. Many of the children were from needy families so it brought smiles to our faces to see the excitement in their eyes.

"B-1", "O-72", "I-20", "N-40" can be heard at the Winthrop Nursing Home as the Winthrop Lions play BINGO with the residents. All have a good time. The **Winthrop** Lions Club also presented dictionaries to the third graders at GFW Elementary School. On November 1, they hosted the Zone 4 meeting with all clubs in the Zone present. And, they recently inducted a new member! Way to go!

MD5M Hall of Fame

It is time to nominate a deserving Lion to the MD5M Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was establish to honor those Lions who have shown the highest level of commitment and dedication to of efforts of their Lions club, district or multiple district.

One recipient can be inducted into the Hall of Fame each year at the Multiple Convention.

Nominations must be received by District Governor Sue Bowman by January 11, 2012. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany the nomination form. Voting will be done at the business session of the Mid Winter convention.

Check the 5M2 website for more information and the official application form. The list of Hall of Fame inductees is also posted on the district web page.



Second Vice District Governor elect Joan Blank presented a Melvin Jones Award to Lion Sharon Retka.



Lion Brenda Jones new member was welcomed by Second Vice District Governor elect Joan Blank.

Courtland Lions present award; welcome new member

The Courtland Lions held its annual Christmas Party/Meeting on Monday, December 12. Guests for the evening were 2nd VDGE Joan and Lion Kevin Blank. We had a delicious meal provided by Swany's. The Courtland Lions welcomed a new member: Lion Brenda Jones. Lion Brenda is a transfer Lion from Medelia. Second Vice District Governor elect Joan presented a Melvin Jones Award to Lion Sharon Retka. A Progressive Melvin Jones Award will be presented at a later date along with two Hearing Foundation Awards and two Helen Keller Awards. We ended the evening with gifts and door prizes.



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!

Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 10, 11, 12, 2012
City Center Hotel – Mankato, Minnesota
REGISTRATION FORM



Official Use Only
 Date Rec'd _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Guest #1 Information **Select One:** () Lions () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest

Last Name	First Name	E-mail Address
Address/PO Box	Club Name	Phone #
City	State and Zip Code	() Check if 1 st time convention attendee
Check if you have received any of these awards from <u>January 2011 through January of 2012</u> (Saturday Luncheon Recognition) () Helen Keller Award () Melvin Jones Award () Hearing Foundation Award () Other _____		

Guest #2 Information **Select One:** () Lions () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest

Last Name	First Name	() Check if 1 st time convention attendee
	Club Name	
Check if you have received any of these awards from <u>January 2011 through January of 2012</u> (Saturday Luncheon Recognition) () Helen Keller Award () Melvin Jones Award () Hearing Foundation Award () Other _____		

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

- \$15.00 Registration Fee per person (Lion, Lioness, Spouse/Guest).
NOTE: If not pre-registered, the "On-Site" Fee will raise to \$20.00 per person.
- Full Meal Payment.
- All meals include tax and gratuity.
- Make Checks Payable to: **Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**
- Mail to: Lion Richard Wheeler, Registration Co-Chair
 PO Box 2175
 North Mankato, MN 56002-2175

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to the Registration Co-Chair Lion Richard Wheeler at the above address.

Refunds will be sent following the convention. Refund requests postmarked:

- *On or before January 9, 2012 – Full Refund
- *From January 10 to January 31, 2012 – 90% Refund
- *After January 31, 2012 – No Refund

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. The registration fee will 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.

MEAL REGISTRATION

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost per Person	Total
		All-Meal Package \$60.00	
		Saturday Lunch \$20.00	
		Saturday Banquet \$30.00	
		Sunday Buffet \$15.00	
		Meal Sub Total	
		Friday Supper with I.D. \$12.50** NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL PACKAGE	
		TOTAL MEAL COST	

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

TOTAL REGISTRATION (\$15.00 per person)	
TOTAL MEAL COST	
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED	

- ***Registration Includes**
1. Goodie Bag
 2. Friday Night Hors d'oeuvres
 3. Friday Night Music "City Mouse"
 4. Friday Night Necrology Service
 5. All Convention Meetings
 6. Saturday Night Entertainment:
 7. Sunday Morning Wrap up

**Supper with I.D. Cabinet, President's & Secretaries.
 **Cost is not included in the all meal package.

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Harvey Schmidke whose vision has deteriorated substantially over the past few months to the point he no longer could read, look at pictures, television, etc., thus decreasing his quality of life. The new reading machine allows him more access to the items he struggled with. Pictured, from left, are Harvey's daughter Lou Ann Dierkhising, wife Delores, Harvey and Lion President Paul Osdoba. (Submitted photo)

Owatonna Lions Club completes groups 'Pies for Eyes' fundraiser

The Owatonna Lions Club has always been involved in the community. Recently they finished their largest fundraiser "Pies for Eyes" and had an increase in funds over the prior year.

Proceeds from fund raisers like these are used to purchase eye glasses, vision equipment, hearing devices, camp scholarships for those locally attending our Lions sponsored camps, Minnesota Lions eye bank and numerous other projects.

The most recent project was the purchase of a "Reading Machine" that magnifies reading material i.e. newspaper, pictures, books, etc. for those that are visually challenged. This particular piece of equipment is rented out to needy individuals to allow them to once again stay in touch with current events and look at family pictures.

The Owatonna Lions Club meets at noon every Tuesday, September through May, at the Owatonna Eagles Club. Anyone interested in being a Lion and assisting us to serve our community is welcome to attend a meeting. You can also visit their website at <http://eclubhouse.org/sites/owatonna/> to see more information and what Lionism is all about.



Lions 5M2 Midwinter Convention
February 10 - 12, 2012
Mankato City Center Hotel

WE ARE FAMILY

Friday

Registration starts at 1:00 pm
Opening Ceremony 6:45 pm
Necrology service 7:15 pm
Social: City Mouse



Lion's
Family
Night TV

Welcome To
Friday night
with your
favorite family
TV Show

Feeling like a change - dress up as your
Favorite Family TV Show Star
Or come as you are with your dancing shoes
on and be READY
to dance the night away with

City Mouse

Saturday

Breakfast on your own
Saturday Breakfast Buffet in 101 Main Restaurant
(15 bounce back to Lions for each buffet)

Morning Seminars
The Path of the Glasses
Diabetes
Hearing Foundation
Membership and retention
Luncheon Buffet - Southern Fried Chicken
Speaker: Al Batt
Business meeting
Social
Meet International Director Dr. Gary Anderson
Banquet - Roast Sirloin
Mixer
Entertainment: Comedy team



Sunday

8:00 am Ecumenical Service
9:00 am Brunch
Sunday Program
Can Do Canines
Saying Good bye
Old Friends
New Friends

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The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of \$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by *March 1, 2012*.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

Lion Julie Nielson

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Please be aware that scholarship application are on the LITCP website