

The Grape Vine

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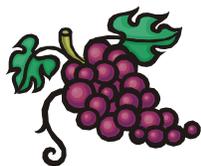
Lions Gail Skroch and Lion Cynthia Nelson as we volunteered work at the pet gate at the Renaissance Festival I for Can Do Canines.



The Ellendale Lions Club has begun their tree planting project. Our first tree was planted in memory of Lion Loren (Bud) Waage who passed away a year ago at the age of 94. Lion Bud was a charter member (1971-2010) of the Ellendale Lions Club. He was a devoted Lion and rarely missed a meeting. While spending many winters in Tucson, AZ with his wife, Betty, Lion Bud attended Lions meeting while there. His willingness to work was always evident. Lion Bud was instrumental in the tree planting project that the Ellendale Lions Club had many years ago. Many of the mature trees you see upon entering and leaving Ellendale are there because of the Lions Club and Lion Bud's help. It was only fitting on the passing of Lion Bud that the Ellendale Lions Club plant a tree in his memory. That tree grows in the same line of trees that were planted years ago with the help of Lion Bud.



Cainan Costa, Brazil with host family Diana and Duane Kroells of Hamburg.



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Gratitude the Power of Appreciation

Thank you Lions for providing Lion Bill and myself the wonderful opportunity to experience the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska. The theme of the forum was "I believe in Lion Leadership." With over 60 leadership seminars available, there was a program for everyone. President Tam message to the attendees: "Don't just think you can, BELIEVE you can"



District Governor
Sue Bowman

Mary Kay Mueller (Gratitude Guru) was one of the keynote speakers, her message to the group "What are you grateful for today? I have written about attitudes of gratitude in a prior newsletter; however, some times we can loose focus.

When we returned from Alaska, we were so grateful we had not had a killing frost and the vegetables and flowers were still alive. We had a good crop of tomatoes, and I spent several days canning (yes some of us still do that) When Lion Bill brought in two more 5 gallon pails of tomatoes the day before we were leaving for a week, my attitude of gratitude went south. I did apologize and we found good homes for his tomatoes (he is so devoted, he thinks of them as his kids)

There are so many good reasons to be grateful, but mostly because it feels so good. "You've never met an ungrateful person who was happy, nor have you ever met a grateful person who was unhappy" Zig Zigler

According to research at the University of Miami, gratitude positively affects every area of life. The study found people that keep gratitude journals had more energy, were more optimistic, were more likely to reach personal goals, had higher life satisfaction, and were more generous to name just a few.

What is a gratitude journal; simply daily writing three things you are grateful for, the catch however, everyday you need three new gratitude's, no repeats. The process keeps us in the present, making the most of our now, rather than worrying about the past or being apprehensive about the future. Let me share my today's entry with you: I am grateful to wake up without having to hear the alarm; but grateful to be able to hear; I am grateful for the car pool to Mahnomem; I am grateful for our productive garden.

So what does all this have to do with Lions? When is the last time you recognized a lion member for the good work they do for your club? Recognition for good work is an important element in retention of our membership. Members, who receive regular appreciation and praise, feel like they belong and are willing to work with increased vigor on projects and fundraisers. We all want to feel appreciated; make gratitude a habit, let your fellow members how much they mean to you.

Zone Person of the Year is a great way to recognize a deserving club member. I am asking each club to participate by submitting a nomination by January 15, 2012 to 1st

VDG Ron Dahlke. Participation is part of the Governor's Contest, but the real prize is the process of recognition. Believe in the power of Gratitude!

District Governor Sue Bowman Governor's Travels

Governor Sue's Upcoming Travel Events 2011

November

- 1 Zone 4 Meeting / Winthrop
- 2 Waseca Club Visit
- 3 Zone 2 Meeting / Victoria
- 7 Mid-Winter Convention Meeting
- 9 Zone 9 Meeting / MN Lake
- 10 Zone 7 Meeting Amboy host in Lake Crystal
- 14 Faribault Club Visit
- 14 Zone 3 Meeting / Prior Lake
- 15 Zone 6 Meeting / Montgomery
- 16 Lonsdale Club Visit
- 17 Silver Lake Lions Club Visit
- 21 Ellendale Lions Club Visit
- 22 Mayer-Watertown Dandylions Club Visit
- 28 Waterville Lions Club Visit
- 30 Zone 1 Meeting / Hutchinson

December

- 1 Arlington Club Visit
- 5 Green Isle Club Visit
- 7 Jordan Jordaness and Jordan Club Visits
- 10 Hutchinson and Hutchinson Lioness Club Visits
- 14 Minnesota Lake Club Visit
- 15 Albert Lea Club Visit
- 19 Nicollet Club Visit
- 26 Winsted Club Visit

"A note to the treasurers of the clubs

It is again time to file 990N's if your "gross receipts" are less than \$50,000. This form needs to be filed via the e-Postcard on the Website. The form is due by November 15, 2011. If your club has more than \$50,000 in gross receipts you must file a 990 or a 990EZ.

If you have any questions on this, please contact PDG Eunice Rucks at 507/964-2733."

Thanks, PDG Eunice

A Lion's View



Ron Dahlke
First Vice District Governor

What a wonderful first ten days of October, with temps 20 degrees or more above normal, the only downer being the relentless near-hurricane force winds causing an increased fire danger. With the drying weather, much of the harvest is being completed ahead of schedule.

Later this week, Lion Jean and I will be heading for Mahanomen, MN for the mandatory VDG Training on Thursday and Friday, Oct 13th and 14th. This is followed by the Council of Governors Meeting (the meeting of all District Governors in our Multiple District) all day on Saturday. This will be a very busy and a very informative week for next year's District Governors.

The Zone Meetings are in full swing, and I hope to see many of you there. I know many members gain valuable information from the networking that takes place. Plan to attend to share your ideas and also bring home some new ones.

Reminder, the nominations for Lion "Zone Person of the Year" are due to me by January 15, 2012. One of DG Sue's Governor's Goals for 2011-2012 asks that EVERY CLUB in our District submit a nominee for this award. The award guidelines will be sent in November, so start your Club's selection process as soon as they are received. If you have questions regarding the award, please contact me. Our District is very unique as no other District in MD5M sponsors such award. Also, be sure to honor your Club's nominee as your Lion "Club Person of the Year". I am anxiously waiting to hear from every Club!

At this time, Jean and I would like to wish each of you and your families, a very Happy Thanksgiving! May we pause at this time, to reflect on the many blessings we receive, and be truly thankful for each one.

Remember--Your Club's Activities Do Make a Difference in your Community, in our Country and in our World!

Joan's Thoughts



Joan Blank
Second Vice District Governor

Prison Goes to the Dogs!

One of the best kept secrets about Leader Dogs for the Blind was shared by the Lions in 5M1 recently with Lion Kevin and me. We were invited by 5M1 to join them October 2nd to visit a minimum security prison in Rockwell City, IA to view the Leader Dogs program for puppy training at the North Central Correctional Facility. Not knowing what to expect, I was blown away by the remarkable life changing program Leader Dog has put in place for the last 10 years at this prison. A dog is man's best friend, but who knew that through this program a Leader Dog has the ability to change the lives of two people coming from very different walks of life?

When Duane Brant faces his parole board next year, he hopes they see in him what he sees in the mirror every day a changed man. "Working with these dogs gives you a sense of responsibility and worth," Brandt said. "It's one of the best programs the DOC (Dept of Corrections) ever had. It's definitely a way to give something in return for a lot of misery I caused when I was young." At 19, he drove the getaway car for a robbery gone bad. A man was killed. He received life in prison. He sentence has been changed, and now, after 35 years later, he is eligible for parole.

Inmate James Nott spoke before us, a crowd of around 100 Lions and civilians, and said, "It's hard to put into words the effect these dogs have on the whole institution. The chance to know we're giving eyes back to a blind person." It was very emotional and personal when James told us that his dog, Tiny, was returning back to Michigan to Leader Dog. James tried to keep his composure as he told us how special Tiny was to him, but we could all feel his impending loss.

Leader Dogs are at the prison in large part due to the generosity of Lions Clubs, where the mission has always been to help the blind. We make our donations to this organization, not realizing the scope this program reaches. This is why we support such organizations!

Fact: The rate of recidivism (relapsing into criminal behavior) for inmate puppy trainers is ZERO! And yes, they did let me out of the prison!



VESELI AREA LIONS HAM & EGG BREAKFAST



Sunday November 6, 2011
8:30 - 11:30 am

Most Holy Trinity Church Basement
Veseli, MN

Serving Scrambled Eggs and Ham, Fresh Fruit,
Bread, Pastries, Milk, Juice and Coffee

Adults	\$6.00 (13 and up)
Children	\$3.00 (ages 5-12)
Under 5	Free

“From The Field”

Jordaness

Lions as Social Cats

On October 26, the Lions “Social Cats”, their sponsors and the board of directors will be hosting a special event for new members. This “Lion's 101” gathering will be an opportunity for new members to learn a bit about Lions history, club activities, and member responsibilities and involvement. The evening will also include a light supper and a chance to relax and visit with seasoned members.

Holiday Show

Plans and details are being finely tuned and honed in for the Lions 22nd Annual Holiday Show. Tickets are available for \$20. The event will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the OK Corral in Jordan with social time beginning at 11:00am followed by a noon lunch and then entertainment and show.

2011 Ornament

Watch for the debut of the club's 19th Christmas ornament on November 19. After the Holiday Show, the ornament will be available for sale from members and at the Vinery and Studio J. The club decided that the 20th ornament (available in 2012) will be the final ornament in this set. A few ornaments are available from previous years.

Club Visits and Meetings

The Jordaness Lions will be visiting the Prior Lake Lions on October 20. Members are also planning to attend the zone meeting on November 14 as Zone 3 Chair Jordaness Lion Wanda Breimhorst conducts her first zone meeting. We offer Lion Wanda our support and respect and she starts her year as Zone 3 chair.

Reading Machine

Thanks to the support of our patrons at fundraising events, the Jordaness and Jordan Lions have been able to purchase a reading machine for a Jordan resident.

Service Projects and More....

The Jordaness are gearing up for several service projects for this fall and winter. We will be distributing toys around the holidays, playing bingo and socializing with the residents at ValleyView and making blankets in January. Committees are formed and starting to meet for 2 possible new fundraising events. More details to follow.

Albert Lea Lions

The Albert Lea Lions started the summer helping out at the gates of the Red Power Round-up at the Freeborn County Fairgrounds June 21 through 25. Lions worked multiple shifts to earn money towards our scholarships and yearly planned donations. We earned enough money to set aside a capital improvement fund for future repairs to our bingo stand at the fairgrounds. Thanks to the Lakeview Lions for helping out on available shifts.

We held our annual Bingo fundraiser at the Freeborn County Fair from August 2 through August 7, 2011. Funds earned through bingo go towards scholarships and donations. Thanks to our bingo helpers the Albert Lea High School Band; Robotics/Supermileage Club and Ascension Youth Group. A total of \$650 was donated to those programs for all of their hard work at bingo!

Zone 4 Activities

I know Winthrop just did a 9/11 appreciation dinner for the firemen, policemen, and ambulance crews. What a great idea! Read the article in the Grapevine.

Gibbon is busy with their three gambling sites.

The next thing the Lafayette Lions are involved with is the Community Halloween Party, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30. It's co-sponsored by the Lafayette Area Lions and the LCS PROS (that's the parent-teacher arm of Lafayette Charter School) and is held at the school. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Nicollet is having a pork chop feed on October 15. They are currently painting a store front for Sue Fenske. And, they will be distributing dictionaries to 3rd graders in Nicollet and Immanuel schools. They also completed their ditch walking project.

Courtland Lions walked ditches with the Courtland 4-H on September 24. Courtland is having its Waffle Breakfast on October 16. They will be filling bags for Kids Against Hunger on October 17. And, then on October 29, the Courtland Lions will have the annual Halloween Party for kids 0-9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. On November 14, they will be hosting Project New Hope. This event will start at 7 p.m.

St. Peter Lions Club also walked and cleaned ditches for our Adopt a Highway section of roadway (Highway 99 West) on Saturday, October 8th. They also sponsored a lunch for the Bicycling Around Minnesota nonprofit organization. Watch the Grapevine for further information on this. Lions contribute about \$10,000/year to worthwhile projects such as All Nigh Graduation Party, St. Peter High School Band sponsor, Area Food Shelf, Peace Poster Contest, Regional Treatment Center Christmas Fund, a children's Christmas party, After Prom Party and eye glasses for the needy. This event is one of many projects in which the St. Peter Lions Club participates.



From the field of Albert Lea

The Albert Lea LakeView Lions held the 1st Annual "Great Eye Glass Round-up" on Saturday, October 10th. It was a cool start to the morning, but we were all excited to get this new signature project started. So at 8:30 p.m. the Albert Lea LakeView Lions were ready to start collecting eye glasses and hearing aids. Our goal was set at 1,000 eye glasses.

With 10 members working hard counting, packing and greeting cars as they drove thru we collected 792 pairs of glasses and 10 hearing aids. Even thou we didn't meet our goal we thought it was a very successful 1st time project .

Here is a picture of Lion Francis Bigaouette Sr on his 90th birthday, October 2, 2011. He arrived at his party by horse and buggy as shown here. His family and friends surrounded him the whole day. Farming, Family and horses have been his love



his whole life-not sure in which order. He is from a family of 10 children, 5 boys and 5 girls, of which 7 are still living. He grew up on a farm between Belle Plaine and Green Isle, MN and has been around horses his whole life. He raised his 6 children on a farm by Green Isle and is still farming. He joined the Lions Club in 1979 and has driven this team in many of the Green Isle Lions Ocktoberfest Parades, giving free rides afterwards. He feels that the Lions is a GREAT organization and felt very honored to receive a Melvin Jones award in 2010. He was thrilled that many of his fellow Lions attended his birthday party.



St. Peters Lions

BAM tour makes stop in St. Peter Bicycling Around Minnesota - BAM is a nonprofit organization whose focus is highlighting Minnesota communities to an ever growing bicycling audience. BAM is a four-day ride covering 60-75 miles/day with overnight stays in four host cities and is aimed at moderate to experienced riders.

The group stopped at Minnesota Square Park on Friday for lunch that was served by the St. Peter Lions Club as part of a fund-raiser for their group. The food for the self-serve pasta bar and the desserts came from the St. Peter Food Co-op. The Lions Club served approximately 300 riders/tourists.

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St. Peter Lions Club members made sure there was plenty to eat for the Bicycling Across Minnesota (BAM) tour riders who stopped in St. Peter for lunch late Friday morning and early afternoon.

Participants in the 2011 Bicycling Around Minnesota (BAM) tour made their way into St. Peter Friday morning via the Highway 99 bridge on their way to New Ulm from New Prague. Many of the riders toured around the city for awhile before stopping for a bite to eat at Minnesota Square Park.

Lions sponsor Grain Bin Rescue Safety Demonstration

The Arlington and Green Isle Lions Clubs sponsored a grain bin safety demonstration at the Arlington Community Center on Thursday night, Sept. 8th.

The presenter was Henderson Fire Chief Brandon Phillips who is a certified trainer in grain bin safety and rescue.

The Arlington, Green Isle and Henderson Fire Departments assisted.

The event included a power point presentation on safety issues and an extrication demonstration. The general public was invited. Farmers, rescue people and other interested parties were in attendance.

The two Lions Clubs plan to sponsor a farm safety day next fall.



Winthrop Lions Host Emergency Personnel

On the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York and Washington, the Winthrop Lions Club hosted an appreciation dinner for the ambulance, fire and law enforcement personnel from the Winthrop community. 32 first responders and their guests were provided with a meal, prepared and served by the Winthrop Lions Club.

After the meal, there was a brief program presented by State Representative Terry Morrow, whose grandfather and many other male relatives were firemen in the City of New York. Representative Morrow gave a very moving, personal reflection on growing up in a family of public servants and the sacrifices they make to keep our communities safe.

Winthrop Lions President Tom McCarthy commented, "When Winthrop dials 9-1-1, we have come to expect that a friend and neighbor will come to our aid. We don't often consider the time and resources necessary to become an emergency responder and maintain that certification. And we certainly don't say 'thank you' often enough."

The appreciation dinner was an opportunity for the community to recognize and appreciate the service and sacrifices these dedicated public servants give to our community.

Ten of the 32 members of the Winthrop Lions Club are active or retired law enforcement, ambulance or fire department personnel. They truly exemplify our motto: We Serve.



Robert Frisk New Richland Lions Zone 8 Lion of the Year

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Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show team, Nancy Bauman, Nigel and Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer and the winner of the game ball.

Alden Area Lions Sponsored Harlem Ambassadors Basketball

On Saturday September 24, 2011 the Alden Area Lions sponsored the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show for a fund raiser. The Alden Lions were giving away a game ball signed by all the players for a donation to Can Do Canines, an approved Lions MD5M project. They asked if the Minnesota Lake likes would help collect the donations. Lions Jim More, Matt Daly, Vern and Darlene Breamer volunteered to help. Lions Vern and Darlene are the District Co-Chairman for Can Do Canines. They were able to get Nancy Bauman from Rochester and her Can Do Canines Mobilty Assist Dog Nigel to attend the fund raiser. An added bonus was Shelly Hiemer and her Mobilty/Diabetes Assist dog Grace who happend to be in the area. During the 4th quarter, to the delight of the crowd, Nigel, a standard 3 year old poodle, drew the winning ticket out of the bucket. Nigel was raised and trained by Can Do Canines from New Hope, MN. Nancy and Nigel were one of 40 teams that have graduated from the Can Do Canines programs. Nancy has many mobility issues that cause her to be confined to a wheelchair. Nigel is there to help Nancy live an independent life by opening doors, picking up dropped items, even helping with the laundry! Nancy works as a volunteer at the Mayo Clinic. Nigel goes with her all the time even when she is a patient in the hospital.

Shelly Heimers has fibermyalgia and Type 1 diabetes. Her dog Grace was trained as a mobility/diabetes assist dog. Shelly can no longer tell when she has low blood sugars which can be life threatening. Grace has been trained to detect her low blood sugars and will alert Shelly when this happens. Grace will also get Shelly juice, or sugar tablets and or alert her husband that Shelly needs help.



RFD Barbershop Quartette with 5M-2 District Governor Sue Bowman and Lion Ken Irvine in front row.



Seven Charter members were in attendance at the Amboy 30th Anniversary. They are Wesley Bonnett, Robert Dobie, Norman Glaubitz, Kenneth Irvine and Benny Pederson.

Amboy Lions celebrated 30th Charter Anniversary

Thirty years have passed since the Amboy Lions Club was organized. They celebrated with a dinner meeting at the Presbyterian Church of Amboy on September 8, 2011.

Reverend Ainsley led them in the invocation and benediction for the evening. He was a charter member but is currently living and serving a congregation in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

Lion Ken Irvine, president introduced the guests and was the toastmaster. The pledge of Allegiance was given followed by the invocation. We sang the song, America accompanied by Harriet Bonnett.

Mr. Larry Meshka who spoke when our club was formed gave a short message.

Special guests for the evening were some members from the Mankato Lions Club, who were our sponsoring club 30 years ago.

The speaker for the evening was Lion Sue Bowman, 5M-2 District Governor. She told of the purpose of Lionism, which has our motto, to Service, and how we attempt to do this.

The Barbershop Quartette, RFD presented music and jokes that we enjoyed during the program. Door prizes were given. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by those attending. Our membership has grown from the 20 charter members to the present membership of 40.

Making it a Better Initiative in making their communities healthier

The local campaign highlights local residents who are improving the health of their communities through access to healthier foods and physical activity opportunities

ROCHESTER, Minn., Aug. 22, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- How do we make our communities better? It happens block-by-block, neighborhood-by-neighborhood: people, community groups and businesses working together and working hard to foster healthy choices and improved lives. And, while Olmsted County consistently ranks high nationwide in health and livability rankings, the individual efforts that foster these rankings go unnoticed, their good deeds unheralded.

"Healthy communities promote a culture of health and active living," said Kari Etrheim, Health Education Manager at Olmsted County Public Health. "Everyone can contribute to ensuring members of our community have access to fresh foods and opportunities to be active where we live, learn, work and play."

Making it Better seeks to bring people together to discover, celebrate and share stories of Olmsted County residents and neighbors who are working to make their communities healthier through smart food and physical activity choices. Several community members are already taking steps to make their schools, neighborhoods and workplaces healthier and are featured in local advertisements and online at www.makingitbettermn.org:

- **11 childcare centers in Olmsted County that are working to focus on physical activity for kids in both structured and unstructured settings** all as part of a new initiative that integrates movement into early learning. The expectation is that skills and attitudes kids learn now can carry over in other settings and foster healthy living in later years.
- **Members of Rochester Fire Department Station 3 decided to supplement their station wellness efforts with an increased focus on nutrition** after learning that nationwide 50 percent of firefighter deaths off duty in the past 10 years have been cardiovascular related. The result: a beautiful vegetable garden less than 100 feet from the kitchen table for all three shifts to enjoy.
- **Dover-Eyota Public Schools, which in 2011 marked its third year of its farm-to-school program**, offering fresh meats, fruits and vegetables in its school lunches that have been sourced from local farms. In addition to promoting healthier nutritional choices among students, children learn how food is grown and produced. Students also gain a better understanding of how eating locally sourced foods directly supports area farmers, some of which are relatives or friends of the students attending the schools.

Throughout the campaign, Olmsted County residents are invited to share their ideas for making it better where they live, learn, work and play. During the month of October, those that are making changes in their community, schools and worksites are asked to submit their story of how they are making it better for a chance to win prizes and potentially be featured in a new Making it Better advertisement that will debut in January 2012. For more information, visit www.makingitbettermn.org.

Communities Putting Prevention to Work in Olmsted County

Making it Better is made possible by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW), a federally-funded initiative that supports policy, systems and environmental changes to reduce obesity, a primary cause of chronic disease. Effectively addressing some of the key behaviors that contribute to obesity lack of physical activity and poor nutrition can have a significant impact on the health of a community.

Olmsted County is one of 50 communities nationwide selected to participate in the national CPPW initiative, which is being led locally by Olmsted County Public Health with guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health. The Making it Better campaign is being launched concurrently in Olmsted County and Minneapolis.

SOURCE Olmsted County Public Health

It's fun to have fun!!

22nd Annual Jordanness Lions
Holiday Fashion Show

Cats in Hats

Saturday, November 19, 2011

11:00 - 12:00 Social Hour

12:00 PM Luncheon & *Fish* Fashion Show

also Silent Auction, Door Prizes and Entertainment!!!
at OK Corral by Dangerfield's



For more information
Please call 492-2993

Tickets can be purchased from
Jordanness Lions Members
and are available at The Vinery
Seats are limited!!

tickets ^{only} \$20.00

Proceeds benefit the Lions Eye Bank and other Community projects

It's fun to have fun!!

Computer & Technology Information

At the recent Region Meetings Information was presented about the District 5M2 WebPages being updated. You can access the new web site at www.e-district.org/sites/5m2/ or if you go to the old web site you will automatically be redirected to the new one. Links have been added to access information from the previous web site as well.

Technology is a big part of many peoples lives therefore we have created a Facebook page. Find us by searching "5M2 Lions". Make sure to click "Like".

Want your club activities listed on both of these sites? Then submit the information or your poster/flyer to Laura Maki, 5M2 Computer & Technology Support, PO Box 785, Arlington, MN 55307 or email to: relamaki@frontiernet.net

Your club can also create a free web site. Details can be found at www.e-clubhouse.org if you need assistance contact Lion Steve Wasserman or Lion Laura Maki.



Project New Hope

Presentation

November 14, 2011

Courtland Community Center

7 p.m.

Bars and Juice will be provided.



Offering new hope to veterans and their families through weekend retreats.

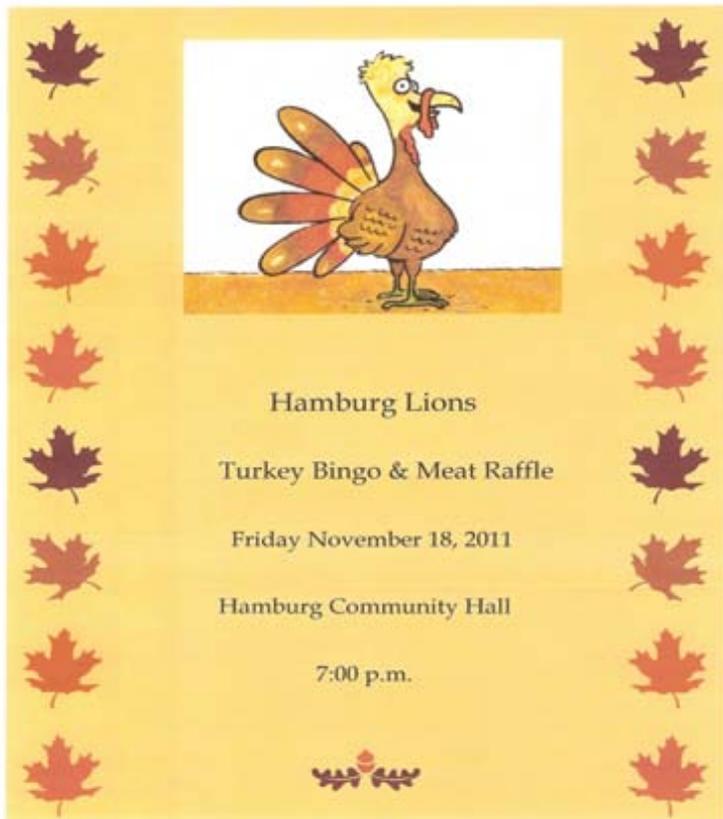
At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission: To provide veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service.

Project New Hope was founded in 2007 by caring individuals who understand that for veterans and their families, wartime doesn't end the day that soldier comes home. The effects of serving our country in the military are often felt throughout a soldier's entire lifetime, and can have an impact on each family member as well, often in ways that may be quite subtle or hidden from view.

We realize the process of healing and understanding is a vital component to life success after war. Each family member will deal with what has happened in their own way. Returning soldiers face the challenge of transition from war footing, to civilian home life. Often, it can seem as though they're in it alone, as though people expect them to pick up where they'd been, as though nothing had changed during their time away. Spouses may struggle with changes in the home, first with their soldier gone, and then to another set of changes after the return. Children may lack the maturity to independently adjust to the absence of a parent, their return, and the transitions which must take place.

No matter which era a soldier served in – Korea, Vietnam, The Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan – it doesn't matter at Project New Hope. All U. S. veterans and their families are welcome. There is no charge associated with Project New Hope retreats, financial concerns will never prevent us from offering our services to soldiers and their families.

If you or someone you know has served our country in times of war, please join Project New Hope for a weekend retreat for the entire family. Come join other veterans and their families, as we all continue on the journey. What happened before was beyond our control...what happens next, is up to you.



A Warm Welcome to the New Members of our 5M2 Lions Family

New Member

Sponsor

Albert Lea Lions:

Tammy Krowiorz
Carly J. Solland
John Szymanowski

Irene Anderson
Irene Anderson
Roger Truax

Amboy Lions

Janice Sonnabend

Dennis Sonnabend

Carver Lions

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Watertown Lions

Shawn O'Brien
Taylor Sommerfeld

John Hanley
Phil Maiers

Liberty Day Program

Liberty Day Program is a Lions-affiliated program in the United States with the objective of providing non-partisan information to students about our rights and responsibilities in this country as defined by our Constitution and Amendments.

The program began a few years back in Colorado. Even though its objective is simple, the presentations are involving in several directions. Constitution Day is September 17 and actual Liberty Day is March 16, the birth date of President James Madison, considered father of our Constitution. These are target dates to present programs in middle schools, junior highs, and senior highs. However, in Minnesota, our Lions clubs are presenting programs on any date best suited to the community and in any manner perfect for the age group - elementary or secondary.

Lion Charlie Knakmuhs and PDG Mary Spille are your chairs this year. We sincerely hope that many of your clubs will carry on the tradition of sponsoring Liberty Day programs to our young people.

We have the booklets, the patches, and the pins for the organizers. You know the program objective, but think about this: sponsoring Liberty Day program promotes your Lions Clubs. It gives you exposure. It brings camaraderie within your neighborhood as you work with teachers, the Legion, the VFW, the Scouts, government speakers, etc.

To learn more about the Liberty Day program, checkout www.LibertyDay.org. Also please do check with us and we will share some past printed programs and help you move the project along.

Lions Mary Spille(mkspille@embarqmail.com)

and

Charles Knakmuhs (jclcmn@hickorytech.net)



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Lion's Convention
February 9-11, 2012

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**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 9, 2012.

Mail to:
Mankato City Center Hotel
c/o Lions
101 East Main Street
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-345-1234
Fax: 507-345-1248

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

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you must cancel your reservation, you
must do so by the following:
February 8th: Full Refund
February 9th: One night charge will be
applied, any other payment will be
refunded.

****CONTACT THE HOTEL
DIRECTLY TO CANCEL.****

Special Requests: _____



First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: () - -
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 stay
(with remaining balance due at check in)

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that your reservations must be
received by January 9, 2012 to receive the
Lion's Convention discounted rate.

Reservations received after this date will be
booked at standard rates.

Arrival Date - Select One

____ Thursday, February 9

____ Friday, February 10

____ Saturday, February 11

Cost for Three Nights

____ One King Bed \$297.00

____ Two Queen Beds \$297.00

____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$327.00

____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$327.00

Cost for Two Nights

____ One King Bed \$198.00

____ Two Queen Beds \$198.00

____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$218.00

____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$218.00

Cost for One Night

____ One King Bed \$99.00

____ Two Queen Beds \$99.00

____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$109.00

____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$109.00

____ Handicap Access Room Required
(room contains one King bed)

*****All Rates Include Taxes**

*****All Sleeping Rooms were remodeled in
2009. All rooms are non-smoking and are
equipped with microwaves and
refrigerators.**

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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Sue Bowman
SM-2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR
PO Box 215
308 S Central
Geneva, MN 56035



Club Request for Governor's Visit
Please fill out the form and send it as soon as possible.

Club Name _____

Name and location of the meeting place _____

Dates in order of preference:

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Time of meeting _____ If social time _____

Breakfast, lunch or dinner: Yes/No
Joint meeting with another club?

Name of other club _____

Contact person: name, address, phone #, e-mail _____

List any functions you would like the governor
to do such as awards, inductions etc.

Send request by October 1, 2011

DG Sue Bowman

PO Box 215 Geneva, MN 56034

Why I Am a Proud Silver Lake Lion

Submitted by **Lion Ron Makovsky**

If one was to approach Silver Lake from the east on Hwy 7 we would immediately note the Hwy Clean Up Sign indicating that the Silver Lake Lions are involved since 1990.

As we enter the city limits we see the Silver Lake Welcome sign with the large Lions Emblem indicating the club provided for the sign and its installation. I hear tell there is another similar sign on the west end of the city.

We stop for a coffee break at Molly's and as we turn back on the Hwy we see the gorgeous Lions flower garden with both annuals and perennials.

Turning on Lane Ave. we see the fine aquatic center where Lion members contributed both time and money to the original pool as well to the present one.

Next, we notice the tennis court with the Lions emblem. Continuing towards Main St. we see the public restroom building, again a gift to the community by the Silver Lake Lions Club.

Heading towards downtown on Main St. we would see the street signs with the Lions emblem, another huge project. Were we to do this Main St. tour during Christmas time, decorations for the season would be visible, perhaps this is the second set of street decorations by the Lions.

Along with street signs, the Lions Club sold and encouraged home owners to get house numbers to compliment the street signs.

Turning off Main St. on Lake Ave. we encounter Lakeside School where many hours of selling tickets for various athletic events were done by Lion members to help with the school budget.

Down around the Lake we come upon the Lions Cornerstone Park, a delightful place to rest or enjoy the flowers and lake.

Left on Grove St. we go by the Rumrill-Tschimperle Football Field, yes, they are both Lions. We see the electric score board, compliments of the Lions. It was just recently refurbished.

We conclude our brief tour of the community with a stop at the Legion Club for a Lions Club meeting at which time, undoubtedly, a donation or two to various projects both locally as well as internationally will be voted on.

Over the 45 years, thousand of dollars have been given to various projects both from fund raisers and pull tabs.

As we look back on our brief tour, we realize that the community of Silver Lake is maybe, just maybe, a better place because the Lions were there!

**The Nicollet Lions
will be having a
Pork Chop Fry
on Saturday, Nov. 19,
from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
To Be held at the Nicollet
Conservation Club.
Everyone is welcome!**

