



# 5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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## DG MARVIN'S WOOD CUTS

What a beautiful fall we are having. At our house we have not had a killing frost yet. The middle of November and still some green plants alive and with all the moisture the lawn is green and still growing. When the other "shoe drops" are we in for a severe winter? Going to Zone Meetings and Club Visits has been nice with

the great weather. As weatherman, Paul Douglas, writes in the Star Tribune, "Winter isn't canceled, It's just running late".

Our membership is holding steady. To date at last check we have lost thru death and drops, 63 members. But on the good side, we have also gained 63 members to date. I know more new members are being added. So keep working to "Ask" prospective members to join your club. We also need to keep working on retaining our members. Keep your members involved with events and activities. Ask members not involved to become involved. Be a chair of a committee. Maybe they have an idea for a new event, but are afraid to try it because they feel it won't work. I have attended two events that were first time events for two different clubs. Both events were a big success and will be done again. As your club gains new members be sure they are mentored. Do not install them and forget them. Invite them to help with events, take a minor leadership role and make sure to make them feel welcome and a part of your club.

Last month I talked about events and speakers at the Mid-Winter Convention in Mankato. Have your registered yet? Consider doing so as I don't think you will be disappointed. This convention is for you the District 5M2 membership. There are good speakers, good entertainment and good food. Also, would like to have 100% participation in the "Parade of Green" even if you give only \$5 in each activity area. Let's be a 100% district!!

As we enter this Advent Season, Lion Evelyn and your District Governor wish you a Happy Holiday Season for you and yours. Merry Christmas.

*"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all."*

Helen Keller

## DG MARVIN'S WOODY TRAILS

- December 1 Albert Lea Clover Leaf Lions Club Visit
- 3 Arlington Lions Club Visit
- 7 Green Isle Lions Club Visit
- 8 Multiple Convention Meeting
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### PENULTIMATE POINTS



1st VDG Steve Wasserman

December is that month of the year when our thoughts often turn to giving. We want to find that perfect gift for our life partner, or our children, or our grandchildren (or maybe great grandchildren). The giving of gifts is an important cultural practice that strengthens the ties that bind us to those we love. The giving of a gift provides a joy to both the giver and receiver of the gift as both recognize the importance of each other in their lives.

In the super commercialized society in which we live, it's easy to get caught up in feeling like we have to give the latest and greatest tech gadget, the most lavish jewelry, or even the most luxurious automobile. Just watch the commercials that suddenly appear everywhere this time of year. Lions know better though. Lions have something much more valuable to give than a Lexus wrapped with a big bow.

I would like to share a quote from the Reverend Rick Warren that I believe summarizes what Lions know about giving a gift:

*"Time is your most precious gift because you only have a set amount of it. You can make more money, but you can't make more time. When you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you'll never get back."*

*"Your time is your life. That is why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time."*

Lions don't wait until December. Lions are people who give that precious gift all year long. We give our time in every service project we do. When we give those dictionaries to third graders, we are not just giving them a book. We are giving them our time as we flip pancakes to earn the money to purchase the dictionaries. We are giving them our time as we print and apply the labels. We are giving them our time as we travel to the school to make the presentation. Those dictionaries are indeed a precious gift. The same holds true for those food baskets we deliver, those eyeglasses we collect, and those highways we clean up. They are all purchased with our most precious gift, our time.

When we give that precious gift of our time, Lions receive something just as valuable in return. That gift is the joy that comes with knowing that we are truly making a difference in people's lives. We recognize the importance of both the giver and receiver as we provide dignity through service, creating harmony with all of humanity.

**2015-16 President's Theme:  
Dignity. Harmony. Humanity**



### HOWARD HUDSON - INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Howard Hudson from Santa Barbara, California was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, Jun 26 through 30, 2015.

Director Hudson is a certified public accountant.

A member of the Santa Barbara Host Lions Club since 1981, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, club secretary, club treasurer, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, and multiple district extension chairperson.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Lions Canine Companions for Independence Life Membership and Fellowship, Builder Key Award, the Senior Builder Key Award, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation and two International President's Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Hudson is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Bugles Across America, Brookmore Apartment Corp., Front Porch Communities and Services, Surgical Eye Expeditions International and the First United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara.

Director Hudson and his wife, Lynn, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two grandsons.

## MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK.



*2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig*

It is really hard to believe we are in the middle of November already! The weather has been wonderful; I even had my windows open over the weekend! We all need to enjoy this unseasonable weather and say a prayer of thanks for it since soon the white stuff will begin to fall. I have not

been a fan of winter for quite some time now and in years past would regularly complained about it to my husband, PDG Darwin. His response always was - "so why are you still living here". Well, the answer was obvious - family and friends. And that family includes the Lions' family.

It has been great once again attending the Fall Zone meetings and greeting the many Lions I have met over the years. The Zone meetings have affirmed how important each and every Lions club is to their community and I continue to be amazed at the wealth of projects and assistance you give. Thank you to the host clubs for the Fall Zone meetings and to the wonderful job done by the Zone chairs. For several of the Zone chairs it was their first ever Zone meeting as chair and each ran a smooth and informa-

tive meeting.

Our next big event for District 5M-2 will be the Mid-Winter Convention in Mankato, February 12-14, 2016. Did you know that this will be the 29th consecutive year that the convention is being held at the City Center (formerly Holiday Inn) hotel in Mankato? 5M-2 has been the only district convention to hold its convention at the same place every year. Some districts rotate depending on who the host club is; some districts rotate between 2, or maybe 3 locations within (or out of) the district. In the larger districts "up north", the rotation allows shorter travel distances for those clubs on the outer borders of these larger districts. Mankato has always been a fairly central location for 5M-2 with the hotel generally well-tuned to our needs. Based on information gathered by past Historian, Lion Ken Farrell, PDG Bill Curtis was District Governor (1987-1988) for the first convention held at the Holiday Inn in Mankato.

Mid-Winter Convention is one time a year to renew friendships and learn about what's going on in Lions! However, as we enter the Christmas/holiday season, let us all reflect on the good we do and what our communities would be like without a Lions club.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!



Cheers to District 5M2, only a -4 in Membership.

Cheers to all new members joining Lions Clubs in the past month.

Cheers to Stewart Lions for serving for 50 years.

Cheers to all Lions who attended their Zone Meeting.

Cheers to the Zone Chairs for holding interesting meetings.

Cheers to all the pancake flippers, Bingo callers and all the workers to make successful events.

Cheers to Victoria Lions for a successful 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Cheers to all who volunteered for World Diabetes Day and for Kevin Blank for all he did to organize the day.

Cheers to all the children who entered the Peace Poster Contest.

Cheers to all the children who entered the Write Off Contest.

Cheers to the Jordaness Lions for a very inspirational and informational Veteran's Day Program at Jordan High School.

Cheers to all Lions for a Blessed and Safe Holiday Season.

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# Centennial Update

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By 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Steve Wasserman. 5M2 Centennial Coordinator

## *More Good News!*

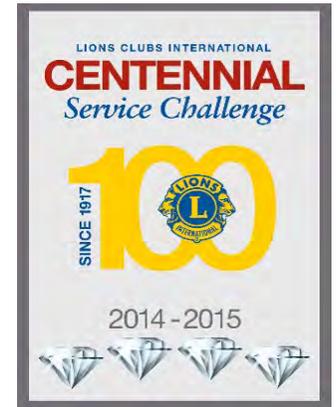
Lions of the world have now provided service to more than **57 Million** people in the four Centennial Service Challenge Areas!

Here in 5M2, the **Service** is beginning to heat up as the temperatures cool off. So far 38 clubs have reported on projects serving 81,258 people!

Special congratulations to the:

- **Chaska Lions**
- **Ellendale Lions**
- **Wells Lions**

They are our first three clubs that have reported on projects in all four areas of the challenge, and will be receiving a four diamond patch for the 2015-2016 Lions year. I'm sure that we will have many more (hopefully all) clubs earning a four diamond patch by the end of this Lions' year.



## *Save the Date!*

**June 3, 2017**

The MD5M Centennial Celebration Planning Committee is planning a **"Super Event"** for that Saturday at the Mall of America. That is also the day of the D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk, so plan to spend a full day in the metro area!

## *The 2014-2015 Banner Patches are here!*

I have been busy presenting Centennial Service Banner Patches at the Zone meetings this fall. Unfortunately, the patches did not arrive in time for the Zone 1 and Zone 9 meetings, so it may be up to the zone chairs there to make the presentation at a club visit. Be sure to get a photo of the presentation and send it to your local newspaper and put it on your club Facebook Page. You can also send your photo to me or Lion Laura Maki, and we will get it on the 5M2 Facebook Page. This is a great opportunity for publicity for your club. Be sure to mention that as Lions Clubs International approaches its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, the Lions of the world have been challenged to serve 100 million people in the areas of youth, vision, hunger, and the environment. It wouldn't hurt to get our Centennial Motto in there as well:

***"Where There's a Need, There's a Lion!"***

### CENTENNIAL SERVICE PATCH AWARDS

Zone 4 clubs received their Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patches at the Zone meeting held in Gibbon. Zone 4 had 100% participation in the Centennial Service Challenge.



*Pictured are 1st VDG Steve Wasserman, Lafayette President Lion Bob Wise, Lion Marge Richer accepting on behalf of the Winthrop Lions, Courtland Secretary Lion Mary Johnson, Gibbon President Lion Don Bentz, Courtland President Lion Charlette Abbas, Nicollet President Lion Denny Hewitt, and District Governor Marvoin Grimm, the St. Peter Lions were not represented at the Zone meeting, but did also earn a banner patch.*

Six clubs were recognized with a Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patch at the Zone 5 meeting held in Hamburg.



*Pictured (L-R) are 1st VDG Steve Wasserman, NYA West Carver President Lion Pat Clark, DG Marvoin Grimm, Green Isle Secretary Lion Haven Hawkins, Hamburg Secretary Lion Sarah Gruenhagen, Hamburg President Lion Tyler Rath, Arlington Secretary 2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig, NYA President Lion Gary Grimm, and Le Sueur President Lion Bill Ingersol.*



Zone 6 clubs received their Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patches at the Zone meeting held in Lonsdale. Zone 6 had 100% participation in the Centennial Service Challenge, as the Le Center Lions received their patch at the Spring Zone meeting last year.



*Pictured are 1st VDG Steve Wasserman, Montgomery President Lion Glenn Wondra, Lonsdale President Lion Tim Rud, Zone Chair Lion Brian Rykhus accepting on behalf of the Northfield Lions, Northfield Cannon Valley President Lion Mark Carlson, District Governor Marvoin Grimm, and Lion Lori Klein accepting on behalf of the Faribault Lions.*

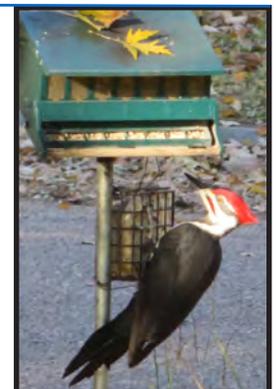


*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg from Alden Lions received the Centennial Service patch.*

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 5M2 MID-WINTER CONVENTION YET...THE REGISTRATION FORM IS ON PAGE 14.**

### PILEATED WOODPECKER

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, DG Marvin's choice for the 2015-16 bird pin is a Pileated Woodpecker. To the right is a photo taken by Jordanness Lion Wanda Breimhorst of a pileated woodpecker at her bird feeder.



## INVITE A NEW MEMBER!



### Be recognized as a... Centennial Sponsor

Thank you to the following Lions who have sponsored at least one new member in the first quarter of this year (7/1/15 – 10/31/15, according to the LCI New Member Report on MyLCI) and will be recognized as Centennial Sponsors:

- Irene Anderson, Albert Lea
- Randolph Kehr, Albert Lea
- James Broberg, Albert Lea
- Roger Truax, Albert Lea
- Kendal Skaare, Blue Earth
- Cathy Elke, Carver
- Darrel Swanson, Carver
- Cynthia Monroe, Carver
- Marvin Grimm, Carver
- Hillard Johnson, Courtland
- Scott Groth, Ellendale
- Duane Jindra, Hutchinson
- Dawn Doheny, Jordaness
- Andrea Oldenburg, Jordaness
- Glen Wiens, Lake Crystal
- Julie Factor, Le Center
- Bill Novosad, Le Center
- Sheila Liljander, Le Sueur
- Dale Sunderman, Le Sueur
- John Favolise, Le Sueur
- Tim Rud, Lonsdale
- Tami gay, Mankato
- Dawn Kroonblawd, Mayer Watertown
- Glenn Wondra, Montgomery
- Jennifer Zutz, Nicollet
- Karen Hallquist, NYA West Carver
- Jeanette Smith, Plato
- Mark Westrum, Shakopee
- Thomas Menden, Shakopee
- Matt McKeand, Shakopee
- Roxanne Yurek, Silver Lake
- Laura O'Neill, Victoria
- David Lura, Victoria
- Thomas Kaliher, Waconia
- Matt Sannes, Waconia
- Darrin Rothstein, Waconia
- Kelly Wagener, Waconia
- Jason Wagener, Waconia
- Brent Koehler, Waseca
- Michael Walters, Watertown
- Jane Cummiskey, Waterville
- George Schulenberg, Winsted
- Pam Fiecke, Winsted
- Patty Fitzberald, Winsted

While we don't get new members in order to qualify for awards, there are a number of good reasons to bring in new members. Here are three more:

- 1. New members can increase the camaraderie in our clubs!**
- 2. New members often bring in other new members!**
- 3. New members can experience the joy of serving, and you can experience the pride of giving that joy to your new member!**

The Membership Awards are a recognition that a club is healthy and growing. They also provide us with a worthy goal. The Lions listed above have set the example for us. All of our clubs would be stronger if we set a goal to join them!

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM - GLT

*PID Debra Wasserman*

By now you have undoubtedly seen the origami crane symbol our International President is using this year. Have you wondered why he chose it? Read the below story to learn why.

*"EVERY YEAR, thousands of small cranes cross over the Himalayas at an altitude of 8000m in V formation for their seasonal migration. They are known as demoiselle cranes and they are the smallest species in the crane family of birds. During the summer, they reside in the steppes of Mongolia. As winter approaches they form groups and begin their southward journey to India. At 8,000 meters, the temperature is minus thirty Celsius and the oxygen saturation is only one third of the terrestrial oxygen level. Those brutal conditions make their migration a life or death journey in the truest sense. This grueling route would be impossible for a small number of birds. By flying in a large V formation, each bird can make use of the backflow of air over the wings of the other birds in front of them and by doing so, reduce the total energy expended. The leading bird expends the greatest amount of energy so it is necessary to continually rotate new birds into the position. The demoiselle crane depends upon the cooperation and harmony of every other member of the flock. While each bird is small, every bird has great dignity."*



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada  
President, Lions Clubs International

An interesting story, don't you think? Now re-read the story considering it as a metaphor on the subject of Leadership in Lionism. Interesting, I think.

## CAN DO CANINES' LIONS: CAN DO WOOFAROO

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge.

On September 12, 2015 you showed your support! The Can Do Woofaroo Fundraising Walk and Festival was held on September 12, 2015 at Can Do Canines facility in New Hope, MN. More than 182 walkers, 86 dogs and 90 volunteer came out to the event and raise some serious assistance dog funds.

In total, we raised more than \$60,000. That's enough to fund two new assistance dog teams! Slammer's Supporters, the top fundraising team brought in \$2,218 and the top fundraising individual, Holly Fitzenberger brought in \$3,000. Wow!

Thank you to everyone who walked, pledged and volunteered. We hope to see you again next year for another great event!

In the meantime, if you haven't made it out to Can Do Canines facility (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN) consider attending an upcoming Tails to Tell Tour:

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, 11 a.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, 11 a.m.  
Saturday, February 27, 11 a.m.

Find more information about our Tails To Tell Tours at [can-do-canines.org](http://can-do-canines.org).



Congratulations to the 18 Can Do Canines teams who received diplomas on Saturday, October 24, 2015 in recognition of graduating from our assistance dog program.





## DREAM CATCHER NEWS

### MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

### "Catch the Dream" Life Without Diabetes!



[www.mnlionsdiabetes.org](http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org) [facebook.com/MinnesotaLionsDiabetesFoundation](https://facebook.com/MinnesotaLionsDiabetesFoundation)

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### Mission Statement

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (MLDF) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities.

### Foundation News

Lions, thank you for joining us and helping with World Diabetes Day! Lions across Minnesota joined in this great community service project to create awareness for people at risk for prediabetes and provide important resource information to assist people with lifestyle changes. We hope you enjoy our photos of this fun event where we also created interested in Lion memberships!



At our Midwinter Conventions we hope your Zones will be talking about what they can do to

plan for a diabetes awareness project in 2016! We know the resource people who helped with World Diabetes Day are anxious to get involved with you! Happy New Year and thank you Lions for the difference we made in the life of people with diabetes in 2015!!

### New Ulm Diabetes Walk

The Lafayette Area Lions Club from District 5M2 and the Lions Club of New Ulm from District 5M3 joined forces to hold their first annual "New Ulm Diabetes Walk" on October 10, 2015. Fifty walkers participated and over \$6,700 was raised for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation which will be used to find a CURE for diabetes.

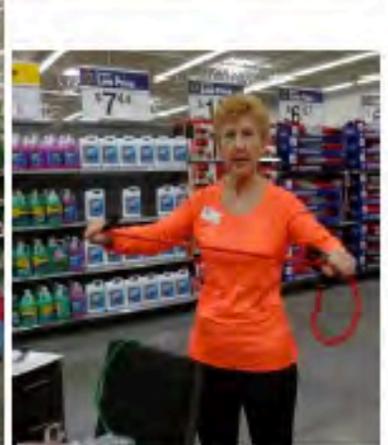
We hope that our success encourages other Lions Clubs in Multiple District 5M to hold similar events to raise money for our very worthwhile cause.



Pictured is MLDF Trustee, New Ulm Lion Bob Schirlinger, left; and Lafayette Area Lions Club President, Lion Bob Wise, right; presenting a check for \$6,685.04 to MLDF Trustee, Lion Kevin Blank, center; who is accepting the check on behalf of the MLDF.



### WORLD DIABETES DAY 2015 MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION EDUCATION EVENT





## LIONS CLUBS OFFER 'PROJECT NEW HOPE' TO HELP OUR RETURNING COMBAT VETERANS

The Lions of Multiple District 5M have adopted a new project, Project New Hope. In the opinion of many Lions, this undertaking is one of the most impressive, and necessary, projects the Lions have become involved in for years. Project New Hope was founded by caring individuals right here in Minnesota. This project has established Military Family Retreats for veterans and their families. There are several such retreats around Minnesota, and are available to all U. S. Veterans and their families.

The cost of these camps is FREE to all veterans and their families, and all meals are provided at no charge. The entire family is involved, and counseling is available to all. The effects of combat service 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.

The process of healing and understanding is a vital component to a successful life after their service. All family members, including the returning soldier, deal with what has happened in their own way. This is where the Lions hope that our camps will be of help, as counseling is available to individuals or to the family as a group. The counselors are licensed by the Veterans Affairs Association, but they are volunteers and available to all who attend the camps. An added feature is that ALL of these camps and facilities are handicapped accessible.

The established camps are: Camp Friendship, Annandale; Camp Eden Wood, Eden Prairie; Camp New Hope, McGregor; Camp Courage, Maple Lake; Camp Courage North, Lake George; Camp Vanasek, Brainerd; Inspiration Point Camp, Clitheral; Ironwood Springs, Stewartville. These Camps are all located among woodlands featuring lakes, wide-open spaces,

waterfronts, hiking trails, fire pits and most have year-around recreation opportunities.

It does not matter in which era the soldier served, starting with WWII and right on through Korea, Viet Nam and the recent wars in the Middle East. All U.S. veterans and their families are welcome at our camps. As stated, all services are free and financial concerns will NEVER prevent us from offering our services to soldiers and their families. In some cases, there are gas cards available.

All of the staff members are volunteers, and there is no administrative cost. Absolutely no cost is passed on to the attendees at these camps. As an added touch families are presented with a hand-made quilt at the end of their week end. Again, volunteers have made the quilts and donated them to the camps.

Project New Hope began its journey back in 2007, and one of the driving forces behind this newest Lions project, was Lion Dale Johansen of the Underwood Lions. Lion Dale, himself a Viet Nam veteran realized that returning veterans often need help and he has worked tirelessly toward that end. At the moment there is work taking place in other states to urge them to follow Minnesota's lead and provide much-needed assistance to our returning heroes.

Project New Hope is a most deserving project and the Lions of Minnesota ask for your help in supporting returning veterans who have risked their lives on a daily basis for us here at home. Please help the Lions Clubs of Minnesota help our returning veterans. Lion Darlene Wondra, a member of the Montgomery Lions Club, is District 5M-2 chairman of Project New Hope. You can contact Lion Darlene at Montgomery or write to: Project New Hope, 21008 Co. Hwy. 35, Underwood, MN 56586.

### Viewing Forward

*MN Lions Vision Foundation*

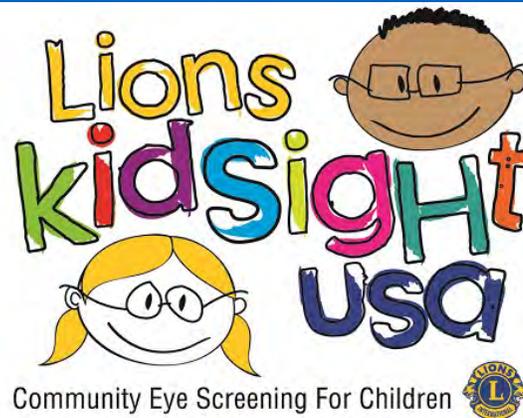


Good news for the Vision Foundation! We are honored to partner with Camp Confidence in organizing the raffle, silent auction, and live auction at Multiple Convention "Canoe with 5M2" in Mankato next April. Raffle tickets are available (yes, we will find you so that you may purchase!) and now the silent auction items are being gathered.

Club presidents have received a letter suggesting that clubs or individuals might be supportive by planning a donation. Read for details. Winter is coming - might be a good time for crafters, woodworkers, needleworkers, etc. to think about a project. We will be at Midwinter to collect what you might offer. Your donation will be pure profit for

the Vision Foundation. Each district will provide the value of two "baskets" but, as hosts, it would be cool if 5M2 could add and make this a very enticing auction. You are welcome to contact either Lion Diana or Lion Mary with questions or your planned donation. Considering ongoing needs and our pledge to equip the new surgery center, your donations are so appreciated!

Observation - this fall we have received several requests for new eyeglasses collection boxes. We always have a supply on hand. Please call/email either one of us so that we can update your supply. Happy to put clean new boxes in your communities. It was fun to see so many of you at Thanksgiving for Vision. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation reps willing to visit your clubs - dianakroells@embarqmail.com or mkspille@embarqmail.com.



1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Steve Wasserman

If you could save a child's sight with the press of a button, wouldn't you?

That's the idea behind Lions KidSight USA, a new national initiative announced by Lions in the United States. Lions KidSight USA was launched to help ensure that children between the ages of six months and six years receive vision screening and professional follow-up care when needed.

To accomplish this, KidSight USA will work with new and existing screening programs to get more handheld screening devices into the hands of Lions—and more kids in front of them.

"KidSight USA is an important national initiative that will help families protect the eye health of their children," said International President Joe Preston. "It builds on our proud history of saving sight and our belief that all children deserve to see the world clearly. With the help of Lions, we hope they will."

Lions KidSight USA wants to reach kids early because some vision problems can become permanent by age seven. But vision issues can be easily detected with hand-held screening devices that even generate the results on-site. With only a few minutes of training, Lions and volunteers can learn to screen the vision of a child. Lions in the U.S. currently screen more than 500,000 kids per year through state and local programs often known as "KidSight." Lions KidSight USA wants to expand the number of screening programs so Lions can change the lives of even more children around the country.

I am privileged to be part of the team that is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan to bring KidSight to MD5M. Working with the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, we recently purchased our first optical screener from Welch Allen, and received training on its use. We will also be evaluating the latest screener from Plusoptix. We are currently exploring partnerships with Head Start and the Minnesota Child Care Association. Look for more information in the near future as this exciting Lions project makes its way to our District 5M2 and all of MD5M!





## *Calling all Courageous and Crazy Lions in 5M2*

5M2 is looking to put together a team of 10 or more Lion “Plungers” from the district who are:

Looking to have fun!

Not afraid of a little “cool” water!

Willing to tailgate!

But most importantly, willing to help MN Special Olympics to raise funds in order to support more than 8,100 Special Olympic Minnesota athletes across the state. Wouldn't that make you feel “warm” inside?

The Polar Plunge takes place Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, in St. Peter at Hallett's Pond. The Lafayette Lions have taken part in this for many years and will take the 5M2 group “under their wings”. If we can put together a team (and wouldn't be awesome if we had some representation from each zone or club??), we would like to put a challenge out to the other districts in the multiple. If you would like to make a difference in the life of a Special Olympic athlete, please let me know as soon as possible so we can start planning!

Joan Blank, Special Olympics Co- Chair

[lionjoanblank@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanblank@gmail.com)

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# 2016 5M2 Lions Mid-Winter Convention

Brought to you by District Governor Marvin Grimm and the Lions Clubs of Zone 2

February 12-14, 2016

City Center Hotel  Mankato, MN  
(Hotel Under New Management)



## Friday Entertainment

The Tuxedo Band  Costume Contest

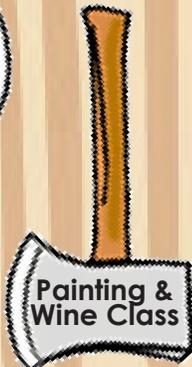
## Saturday Entertainment

To be announced

SPECIAL GUEST ★ INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR HOWARD HUDSON



HELP US SET THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR THE MOST RED & BLACK BUFFALO PLAID SHIRTS WORN IN ONE PLACE. WEAR YOURS ON SATURDAY!!



Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention  
 February 12, 13 & 14, 2016  
 City Center Hotel - Mankato, Minnesota



**REGISTRATION FORM**

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

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY** NOTE: This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect

**Guest #1 Information** Select One: ( ) Lion ( ) Lioness ( ) Leo ( ) Spouse/Guest ( ) 1st Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Need

**Guest #2 Information** Select One: ( ) Lion ( ) Lioness ( ) Leo ( ) Spouse/Guest ( ) 1st Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Need

**The following are required in advance with registration:**  
 ~ \$15.00 "Early Bird Special" Registration Fee per person  
     **Post Marked on or Before Dec 15th**  
 ~ \$20.00 Registration Fee per person **After Dec 15th**  
 ~ Full Meal Payment  
 ~ All meals include tax and gratuity  
 ~ Make Checks Payable to:  
**Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**  
**Mail to:** Lion Cindy Walters  
 1915 Waterford Circle  
 Chaska, MN 55318  
**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be directed to:  
 Lion Cindy Walters at above address  
**Refunds will be sent following the convention. Refund requests post marked:**  
 ~ On or before January 10, 2016 ~ Full Refund  
 ~ From January 11 to February 6, 2016 ~ 90% Refund  
 ~ After February 6, 2016 ~ No Refund

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION INCLUDES\*\*\***  
 1. Goodie Bag  
 2. Friday Night Appetizers  
 3. Friday Night Music "The Tuxedo Band"  
 4. Friday Night Service of Remembrance  
 5. All Convention Seminars/Sessions  
 6. Saturday Night Entertainment

Friday Night Supper with I.D. for  
 Cabinet, Presidents & Secretaries.  
 Cost is **NOT** included in the  
 "All-Meal Package" price

**\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\***

1. The registration fee will apply to all attendees, including non-Lions. Only exemptions, visiting dignitaries and invited guest speakers.
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. 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 \$65.00	
		Saturday Lunch \$25.00	
		Saturday Banquet \$30.00	
		Sunday Buffet \$20.00	
		<b>Meal Sub Total</b>	
		Friday Supper with I.D. \$15.00 By Invitation Only ~ COST IS NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL PACKAGE	
		<b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>	

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE**

" EARLY BIRD SPECIAL" REGISTRATION IF PAID BEFORE DEC 15TH ~ \$15.00 PER PERSON	
REGISTRATION IF PAID AFTER DEC 15TH ~ \$20.00 PER PERSON	
<b>REGISTRATION &amp; MEAL GRAND TOTAL</b>	



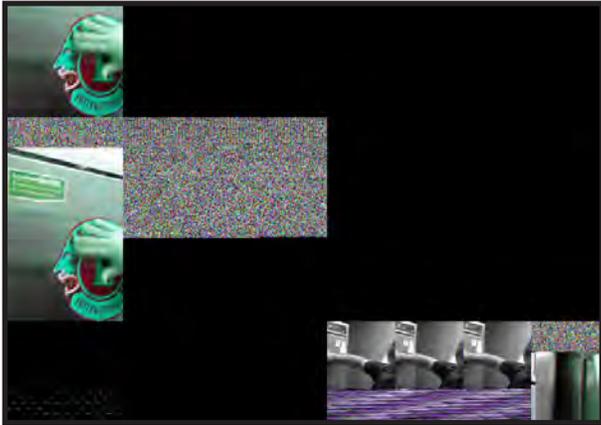
## LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES JORDAN LIONS

We had a good year financially and have made several substantial donations to area groups, including the Boy Scouts, the Jordan Food Shelf, and the Jordan Softball Association (JSA). We provided money to the Jordan Boy Scouts to buy a new trailer to haul their gear (the Lions are their chartered organization) as they have outgrown their current trailer. We purchased a new freezer for the Jordan Area Food Shelf to replace one that had died. We donated money (and future labor) to the Jordan Softball Association to build a pair of covered dugouts for one of the softball fields in Jordan. Those will be built next Spring.



Above - (L to R): Rolf Hafslund, Jerry Langsweirdt, John Diebel, Trudy Smith (Food Shelf Coordinator), Gil Hartmann, Dale Ebel, John Hennen, Todd Schansberg (all are Jordan Lions except Trudy).

Below - Donna Breeggemann (JSA) and Lion Todd Schansberg at Les Quatmann's farm when the JSA was distributing salt as part of a fundraiser.



Above - Lion Todd Schansberg applying the Lions logo to the new freezer.

## NEW ULM DIABETES WALK

The Lafayette Area Lions Club from District 5M2 and the Lions Club of New Ulm from District 5M3 joined forces to hold their first annual "New Ulm Diabetes Walk" on October 10, 2015. Fifty walkers participated and over \$6,700 was raised for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation which will be used to find a CURE for diabetes.

We hope that our success encourages other Lions Clubs in Multiple District 5M to hold similar events to raise money for our very worthwhile cause.

Pictured is MLDF Trustee, New Ulm Lion Bob Schirlinger, left; and Lafayette Area Lions Club President, Lion Bob Wise, right; presenting a check for \$6,685.04 to MLDF Trustee, Lion Kevin Blank, center; who is accepting the check on behalf of the MLDF.



### ELLENDALE LIONS



Ellendale Lions who received membership chevrons  
 Left to right: Andy Lerberg, 45 year charter member;  
 Daniel Nelson, 40 years; Allie Larson, 20 years; Millie Paulson, 20 years.

### WELLS LIONS



Wells Lions who received membership chevrons.  
 Left to right: Jerry Jensen, 35 years; Karen Brandenburg, 20 years; Bill Groskreutz, Jr., 40 years; Deb Johnson, 20 years; Bill Groskreutz Sr., 40 years.

### COURTLAND LIONS



The Courtland Lions, Immanuel Lutheran School students, and community volunteers hosted a Halloween Party for children 0 to 9 on Saturday, October 31. About 120 bags were given out.

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 5M2 MID-WINTER CONVENTION YET... LOOK ON THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR A NEW ACTIVITY YOU CAN REGISTER FOR (IF YOU ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE BUSINESS MEETING).**

### PLATO LIONS



New member installed at Plato Lions.  
 Pictured: DG Marvin, Sponsor Jeanette Smith and new member Jami Krueger.



Plato Lions received membership chevrons.  
 Orville Schrupp, 25 years and Darlene Lilienthal, 10 years.

### JORDANESS LIONS

The Jordaness Lions hosted a Liberty Day Program on November 11th at the Jordan High School. In the celebration, support, and thanks giving to our Veterans, 40+ Veterans, Brigadier General William Lieder, Sgt. First Class (retired) Scott Adams, Senator Eric Pratt, and Representative Tony Albright were in attendance and participants in the program. JHS students and local Jordan residents attended and the JHS band and choir performed musical selections during the program. It was a beautiful program and we thank all of our Veterans for their service!

District Governor Marvin Grimm and Lion Evelyn were present for the program as well.

The Liberty Day service project is something that the Jordaness Lions do every other year and a lot of planning goes into making this a memorable program for the attendees, participants, high school students, and of course the veterans.



### MORE...JORDANESS LIONS



Above: Jordaness Lions participated in World Diabetes Day and Below: Jordaness Lions dancing and singing at the 26th Annual Fashion Show.



### LESUEUR LIONS



Three new members who were inducted into the Le Sueur Lions Club at our meeting on November 17. Above - Left to right: Lion Dale Sunderman who sponsored Judy and Jerry Johnson, and Greg Grundman with his sponsor Lion Sheila Liljander.



### LESTER PRAIRIE LIONS



Lester Prairie Lions receive Membership Chevrons. Left: Charles Suedbeck - 30 year Charter member. Right: Dale Mensing - 30 year Charter member.

### WINTHROP LIONS



The Winthrop Lions Club recently presented dictionaries to 42 GFW Third Graders. Shown with the students is the Winthrop "Lion", Past President Duane Nelson. Project Chairperson, Carolyn Proehl, stated that the Lions seek to improve literacy by providing elementary students with dictionaries that are appropriate for their age.

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### AWARDS NIGHT AND NEW MEMBERS INSTALLED IN WATERVILLE



*Left - Left to Right: Lion Bob Waldschmidt, Melvin Jones Fellow; DG Marvoin; Lion Elie Stangler, Leader Dog Award; Lion John Scholljegerdes, Leader Dog Top Dog Award; Lion Marggie Jacobson, Leader Dog Award; Lion Dennis Bauer, Helen Keller Award.*

*Bottom Left - New member Todd Schwartz with Sponsor Marlys Meskan.*

*Bottom Right - New member Amy Holike with Sponsor J. Cumminskey.*



# 97th Annual MDSM Lions Convention

***Come Join us at  
the Bend in the River  
II***

***April 22,23,24, 2016  
Verizon Center,  
Mankato, MN***

***Sponsored by District 5m2  
Lions Clubs***

# Come Canoe with 5M2





Join Us at the  
**"Bend in the River II"**

97th MD5M Convention  
 April 22, 23, 24, 2016  
 Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN  
 Hosted by District 5M-2



**Registration Form**

Please print

Lion  Lioness  Leo  Guest

Lion  Lioness  Leo  Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Please specify any dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Meal	During 2015 MD5M Convention Only	Before March 1, 2016	On or after March 1, 2016	# Attending	Amount
Yes, I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals. _____					XXXXXX
Hospitality Book	USD \$90.00	USD \$100.00	USD \$110.00		
Friday night mixer	XXXXXX	USD \$15.00	USD \$15.00		
Saturday Brkfst	XXXXXX	USD \$ 20.00	USD \$25.00		
Saturday Lunch	XXXXXX	USD \$25.00	USD \$30.00		
Saturday Banquet	XXXXXX	USD \$40.00	USD \$45.00		
Sunday Brunch	XXXXXX	USD \$20.00	USD \$25.00		

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2016 Convention

Total Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registrations to: Lion Charlette Abbas  
 312 Foothills Road  
 PO Box 133  
 Courtland, MN 56021  
 paandmaabbas@hotmail.com

Convention information:  
 Maynard Rucks @ king70@frontiernet.net. or  
 Nancy Mathwig @ nmathwig@hotmail.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2016. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.



**Join Us at the Bend in the River II  
97<sup>th</sup> MD5M Convention  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Verizon Wireless Center  
Hosted by District 5M-2**

## **Hotel Information**

**Hotel Reservations can be made by calling or booking online to your hotel of choice. Rates will be guaranteed until March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 or until blocks fill up.**

Hilton Garden Inn

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center

20 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.344.1111

Rate: \$90 +tax

Mankato City Center Hotel

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center

101 E. Main Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.345.1234

Rate: \$94.99 +tax

Holiday Inn Express

3.5 miles away

2051 Adams Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.388.1880

Rate: \$99.99 +tax

Best Western Hotel

1.5 miles away

1111 Range Street

North Mankato, MN 56003

Phone: 507.625.9333

Rate: \$94.99 + tax

**5M2 LIONS' NEWS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
15TH OF EACH MONTH...**

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:  
[5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)



# Lions Environmental

## PHOTO CONTEST

### 2015-2016 DISTRICT 5M2 PHOTO ENTRY FORM

*All submissions due by December 31, 2015*

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF LION PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS CLUB OF PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special theme:** *Dignity, Harmony, Humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species*

*Please note: Only one photo will be accepted from each Lions Club in the 5M2 district*

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this photo as the official entry from my individual club. By signing below I certify the photo is an original, unaltered photograph taken by myself and I grant permission for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to use my attached photo for submission to further judging and any other showings and uses.

Club President (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**8"x10" printed submissions must be mailed to the following by December 31, 2015:**

**Lion Kate Pattison  
336 Wheeler Ave  
North Mankato, MN 56003**



## Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all Lions! Join in on 5M2's first year of involvement in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest!

We are looking for photos from all 5M2 clubs (one photo per club) along with volunteers to help judge the final submission to be sent to 5M Multidistrict!

Photographers need only snap the perfect shot and submit it by December 31, 2015 and judges need only check their email for a voting form near the start of the New Year!

Those interested in either mode of involvement can inquire to further details to Lion Evelyn Grimm and Lion Kate Pattison at [lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com](mailto:lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com)

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment.

Photos should focus on the following themes:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

Or the **Special Theme: Dignity, Harmony, Humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species**

All photos must be submitted with the form on page 20 (previous page)

# NYA LIONS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

**WHEN:** November 27-December 13<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** November 27 (10 am-7 pm)

Weekdays 4-7 pm

Saturdays 10 am-7 pm

Sundays 12 pm-7pm

**WHERE:** next to Econofoods lot in NYA

**Tree Sizes:**

6-7 foot \$35.00

7+-8 foot \$40.00

9-10 foot \$55.00

**FRESH CUT BALSAM**

**TREES !**

**PROCEEDS GO**

**BACK TO THE**

**COMMUNITY!**



## Alden Lions Club

"We Serve"

# Christmas Dinner Theatre

## Saturday, December 5

This year's program theme  
*"Angels Among Us"*

Doors open 3:30 p.m.  
Program 4:00 p.m.  
Dinner to follow, approximately 5:00 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased by November 28 and are available at Accents, and Deerwood Bank in Alden and from any Alden Lions member.

Please bring your old eyeglasses for those in need.

Supplemental funds provided by  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Freeborn County Chapter 31190

## A MORNING WITH SANTA



Enjoy a donut or roll, hot chocolate, or milk with SANTA!  
Donate a **FOOD SHELF ITEM**  
Tell **SANTA** your **CHRISTMAS WISHES!**  
Take a **HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDE**  
Receive a **GOODIE BAG** (some will have peanuts)  
Register for **PRIZES**  
**(DRAWING @ 11:00 a.m.; must be present to win.)**



**Saturday, December 5, 2015**  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Courtland Community Center



TAKE A WAGON RIDE



REGISTER FOR PRIZES



RECEIVE A TREAT BAG



TAKE A PHOTO WITH SANTA



ENJOY A SNACK



DONATE A FOOD SHELF ITEM



Jordan Lions

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

*Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee cake, milk, juice, and coffee*

**Sunday, December 13, 2015**

Adults \$7.00

Children 5 - 12 \$4.00

Family \$20.00

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Basement  
Jordan, MN

**Serving from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

*Proceeds from Breakfast with Santa support our annual Food Basket program*



## Jordaness Lions Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday January 23, 2016

Louisville Lanes  
3020 W. 133<sup>rd</sup> St. Shakopee, MN 55379 952-445-8112

1:00 pm Player check-in / 2:00 - 5:00 pm Bowling  
\$25/player (up to 6-players per lane, you do NOT need 6 players to register)

### Registration Includes

3 Games, Bowling Shoes & FUN

Proceeds benefit the Food Shelf, MN Diabetes Association  
and other Community Events/Organizations

**\*\*Bring items for the Food Shelf and receive a free raffle ticket**

### Prizes for:

Men's & Women's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Individual Scores, High Team Score & More  
Other events include: Raffle prizes & door prize drawings

Please send this registration form and fees to: **\*Up to 6 Players per form**

Lion Stacy Chalupsky, 919 Huntington Way, Jordan MN 55352

Players:

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact:

Lion Stacy Chalupsky 952-412-7026 stacyannchalupsky@gmail.com  
Lion Kelli Hollingsworth 612-849-1320 khollingsworth019@gmail.com

Please Make Checks payable to: Jordaness Lions

**Deadline for entry is December 31, 2015 - Secure your spot early, there are only 24 lanes!**

# Wine & Design Event

Join us for a fun event & stretch your creative side during the 5M2 Lioness

## Instruction, paint, canvas & wine to be provided

Only \$30 Per painter

Limited space - reserve now

Saturday February 13, 2015 (During business meeting)

Make checks payable to: 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention



Mail Check & registration to:  
Deidre Moynagh  
955 Sunny Ridge Dr  
Carver, MN 55315

Email questions to:  
Deidre\_Moynagh@Cargill.com

Number of Painters \_\_\_\_\_

Painters Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_