



# 5M2 LIONS' NEWS



NOVEMBER 2015

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## DG MARVIN'S WOOD CUTS

As I write this, it is Mid October and I have finished nearly half of the busiest month that I will probably have. We have enjoyed all the Region and Zone meetings and the club visits. There are some very busy Lions in 5M2.

My choice for the 2015-16 bird pin is a Pileated Woodpecker. Every club should have pins

available for them. This bird visits our yard during the winter, coming to our three large suet feeders. We enjoy hearing them come to the feeders, as their call is loud and you can hear them come in. The Pileated Woodpecker is the largest woodpecker in North America. They are about 16 1/2 inches long about like a large wild duck. They are mostly black with a white streak on the neck and upper body. The male has a large red cap with a small red spot on the cheek. The female has less red cap and no red on the cheek. They are a shy bird, easily spooked. They are found in wood lots, park lands and forest. A fun bird to watch as they appear a little clumsy and their flight is swooping up and down as they move about.

The 2016 Mid Winter Convention is taking shape under the leadership of PDG Rick Wagener and Lion Sandy Schneider. Friday evening, a special dinner with International Director Howard Hudson and Lion Lynn. Friday evening entertainment will be the Tuxedo Band. Also, a costume contest of the theme, wood, north woods, Paul Bunyan, etc.

I have declared Saturday as "Buffalo Plaid Shirt Day". So the uniform of the day is the Red & Black Buffalo Plaid shirt. Saturday morning will be the Seminars starting with Lion Dennis Kelly III presenting a refreshing presentation, "Who's on First? And What Does it Matter". Then Dr. Sandra Montezuma and a patient will present the bionic eye story. PCC Bruce Beck will present a lively Motivational Leadership presentation. Following the seminars will be the Write off, Peace Poster, Lions International Essay and Environmental Photo Contest presentations. Our luncheon presentation will be relaxing and humorous. This is the time when everyone should

be wearing a Buffalo Plaid shirt. Our Co-Chairs are hoping to get a picture of the most Lions wearing Buffalo Plaid shirts into the Guinness book of Records and also on the cover of the Lions Magazine or at best into the Lions magazine. Saturday evening is not finalized at this time, but there will be a banquet. A goal this year is to fill the hotel with Lions to allow the Friday evening entertainment to go a bit longer.

Club Secretaries, the Club Health reports show many clubs are not sending in monthly reports. Please make sure you report your meetings and activities every month!!

As I visit clubs, I ask how many read the 5M2 Newsletter? I am surprised at the low percentage of readers. I hope this will improve as it is your newsletter. Remember to send the editor your events, stories and pictures. This is a way to find out what other Clubs are doing and to get PR for your Club events.

Lion Evelyn and I wish all fellow Lions a Happy Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for.

*"Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless."* Jamie Paolinetti

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## PENULTIMATE POINTS



*1st VDG Steve Wasserman*

With Thanksgiving nearly upon us, I would like to take a moment to express some thoughts on gratitude. When you Google the word "gratitude", this definition comes up: "the "quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness". When stated that way, it is easy to correlate "gratitude" with our motto "We Serve!" Gratitude becomes a reason for us, as Lions, to serve our community and the world.

It's not a straight, two lane highway between gratitude and service. We don't just return kindness to those who are kind to us. Rather, it's a kind of "Pay it forward" sort of arrangement. When we provide service to those in need, we aren't necessarily expressing gratitude for anything they have done. Rather, we are grateful for all that we have, and we express that gratitude through our service to others.

We don't need to have more, or have it better than anyone else, in order to be grateful. Everyone has much reason to be grateful. Everyone can show appreciation and return kindness. Everyone can serve!

When we serve out of gratitude, some profound things can happen. The "poor and unfortunate" become "people in need". Those "suffering with blindness" become "people who are blind or visually impaired". A "disabled person" becomes a "person with a disability". These are not just semantic distinctions. They reflect a recognition of the value of the person over the hardship or need. They recognize what a person does have and can do before recognizing what they don't have or can't do. When we look at those we serve in that way, they become people as capable of being grateful, showing appreciation, and returning kindness as we are. Instead of being somehow below us, they become people who might serve alongside us. What better description of "Dignity, Harmony, and Humanity".

### DG MARVIN'S WOODY TRAILS

- November 2 Zone 3 Meeting – Prior lake
- 3 Election Day
- 9 Waterville Lions Club Visit
- 11 Zone 5 Meeting – Hamburg
- 12 Lester Prairie Lions Club Visit
- 15 Carver Lions Brunch
- 16 Ellendale Lions Club Visit
- 17 Zone 2 Meeting – Watertown
- 19 Mid Winter Convention Meeting
- 21 Jordaness Fashion Show
- 26 Happy Thanksgiving



### UPCOMING ZONE MEETINGS

- Zone 2** - Tuesday, November 17th  
Watertown Community Center  
Host Club: Watertown Lions  
Zone 2 Chair: Lion Brenda Fritzke  
RSVP by November 10 -  
brendafritzke@hotmail.com
- Zone 3** - Monday, November 2nd  
Lakefront Park; 5000 Kop Parkway SE  
Host Club: Prior Lake Lions  
RSVP by October 26th -  
Kelly\_norris44@yahoo.com
- Zone 5** - Wednesday, November 11th  
Hamburg Fire Hall, Hamburg  
Host Club: Hamburg Lions  
Zone 5 Chair: Lion Jim Spille  
RSVP by November 4 -  
pcsjwernimont@yahoo.com

## HAVE YOU WANTED TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BUT THOUGHT A YEAR EXCHANGE WAS TOO LONG? Then the Lions International Youth Exchange is for you!!!!

A student's (age 16-20) stay is only 4-6 weeks in the summer, with one week at Camp Spicer July 16-24, 2016. There are hundreds of countries to choose students from. 36 students will come to MD5M. Apply now for the one or two that will be right for you. Host Family Applications are due to your District Chair by Feb. 1, 2016.

**YOU CAN DO IT!!!**

Thank you for your continued support for the success of this International Youth Exchange Program. We're a 501c3. If your Lions Club has charitable Gambling Funds we encourage you to donate. Make checks payable to:

Lions Int'l Youth Exchange Camp Spicer.  
YE Chair Janet Hall; hall@hutchtel.net

## MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK.



2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig

As I write this article we have already completed three Region meetings as well as two of the fall Zone meetings. Four more Zone meetings are scheduled before the end of October and the remaining three will be held in November.

Hats off to Region Chairs Sandy, Lori and Paul for great meetings

with a wealth of information shared by the District chairs! I was very impressed with each of the brief but educational reports given by our District chairs. The first two Zone meetings supported the reason District 5M2 is such a great district - many, many service projects were described by club presidents for each of the clubs present with so many people served! We Serve is our association's motto and Lions serve for many individual reasons but generally not for personal recognition. However, I believe many Lions need more than the occasional "thank you" at some time during their Lions service.

The Free Online Dictionary has many definitions for the word recognition. I am choosing two of the meanings that I feel state what we as Lions are conveying when we recognize someone: definition #1 - a token of thanks or acknowledgment; definition #2 - the acknowledgment of achievement, service or merit. During the Region meetings, 1st District Governor Steve encouraged each club to submit a member for Zone Lion of the Year. Zone Lion of the Year is unique to District 5M2 and an opportunity for us to recognize a Lion within each Zone who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to service. During the Zone meetings, I am focusing on another honor for which each club can consider nominating

one of their longer term members - the MD5M Hall of Fame award. As I noted in the previous newsletter, the purpose of the Hall of Fame award is to honor those Lions and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district and multiple district and the motto of our association "We Serve".

Our clubs also have the opportunity to honor a member with various awards from our foundations such as a Melvin Jones Fellow from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), a Hearing Research Fellow for the MD5M Hearing Foundation, a Helen Keller Sight Award from the MN Vision Foundation and a Dream Catcher Award from the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation. Did you know that Leader Dogs for the Blind has a Founders Tribute that allows clubs to honor a club member? Or how about the Top Dog Award from Can Do Canines? Or a Lion of the Year award available from LCI? Let's all take time in our clubs to honor those members who have given of their time and talents to serve others.

As Joanna Fuchs writes in the poem "You've Made a Difference":

As Thanksgiving Day approaches,  
Our blessings we recall;  
The things we are most thankful for,  
We recollect them all.  
You are really special,  
In all you say and do.  
You've made a difference in our lives;  
We're thankful now for you.

Thank you for all you do for Lions, for your communities and for the greater world community?

Cheers to Plato Lions for their first annual October Fest fundraiser.

Cheers to Alden Lions for trying a new fund raiser project.

Cheers to all the successful October projects and events in all the Lions Clubs.

Cheers to all the Lions who volunteered their time for Club projects and events.

Cheers to Mankato Lions for 90 years of Lionism.



Cheers to 283 members in 5M2 who are receiving membership recognition chevrons.

Cheers to 21 new Lions who joined in September.

Cheers to Zone Chairs for planning interesting Zone Meetings.

Cheers to all the Lions that took time to attend their Zone Meeting.

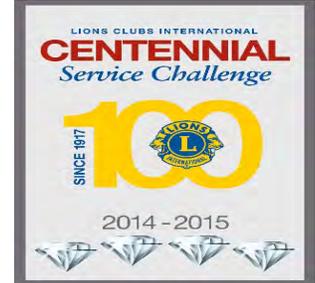
# Centennial Update

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

## Good News!

Lions of the world have now provided service to **50 Million** people in the four Centennial Service Challenge Areas. We are halfway to our goal of serving 100 million people by June 30, 2018!

Here in 5M2, 27 clubs have reported on projects so far this year. No one has qualified for the four diamond patch yet, but 4 clubs have reported on projects in three of the CSC areas, and 6 others have reported completing projects in two of the areas. As I write this article, we have reported serving a total of 20,999 people. It is truly amazing to stop and think about all of the people in need that we have helped! That's **why** we serve, and why we have a Centennial Service Challenge.



District Governor Marvin Grimm and 1st VDG Steve Wasserman presented Centennial Service Challenge Banner patches at the Zone 7 meeting on October 20. Also pictured (L-R) is Mankato President Lion Mary Peagram, Lake

Crystal President Lion Derek Hall, Winnebago President Lion Tom Hoffman, Amboy President Lion Jill Teague, Mankato Sunrise President Lion Mark Dickey, and Mankato Key City President Lion Ted Beckel. Congratulations to Zone 7 on having 100% participation in the Centennial Service Challenge for the 2014-2015 Lions year. Every club in the zone reported on a project in at least one area of the Challenge.

District Governor Marvin Grimm and 1st VDG Steve Wasserman presented Centennial Service Challenge Banner patches at the Zone 8 meeting on October 19. Also pictured is Waterville President Lion John Scholljegerdes, Ellendale President Lion Allie Larson, New Richland President Lion Helen Getskow, and Owatonna President Lion Duane Ludewig.



## PREMIER CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB



### Membership Awards

Last month I listed clubs that had inducted at least three new members since April 2015. I found out today that the reports on the MyLCI website were "giving inconsistent results", and several clubs were omitted from that list. Here is the complete list of clubs who have inducted at least three new members and are eligible to qualify as a Premiere Centennial Lions Club (providing the members remain active for at least 2 years and a day).

- Albert Lea
- Carver
- Cologne
- Le Center
- Le Sueur
- Lonsdale
- NEW
- Prior Lake
- Shakopee
- Waconia
- 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 just three:

1. New members enable us to do more service for those in need in our community
2. New members bring with them new ideas, invigorating our clubs
3. New members insure our club will continue to be able to serve in the future

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

### MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION

The MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (MLDF) is partnering with: Novo Nordisk, Walmart, American Diabetes Association, International Diabetes Federation, Stratis Health and many local businesses to present a World Diabetes Day Event on November 14th, 2015. This takes place inside 8 Walmart locations across the state of MN. See below for the location nearest to you.

In each of the stores there will be multiple stations set up to learn about different aspects of this terrible disease, including prevention and management. These will include nutritional food demonstrations, exercise ideas, kid's activities to be healthy, etc. A fun activity bag will be handed out for visiting all the stations.

As Lions you are all a part of MLDF. Our mission includes providing education on diabetes and promot-

ing healthy living. So we are asking for your help -

We are asking that each club to:

1. Send a minimum of one club member to the World Diabetes Day event nearest your community.
2. Club member/s attending should meet the resource staff at all the stations.
3. Meet the local Lions Club at the site and share ideas on promoting new Lions memberships at a Diabetes Day Event

Next year we are asking that each Zone host a Diabetes Education event in your area. Check out our first one, and then consider this a model for your 2016 service activity in your zone.

**"Unite for Diabetes - Act Today for Change Tomorrow"**



**FREE FUN GIFT BAG\***  
\*While supplies last.



The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation invites you to

# World Diabetes Day

## Saturday, November 14

**Unite for Diabetes - Act Today for Change Tomorrow**

**10 AM - 2 PM at participating Walmart Stores**

- Learn if you're At Risk for Diabetes
- Food & Exercise Demos
- Immunizations Available
- Healthy Eating
- Kid's Zone
- Free Gifts
- Fun Ways to Add Physical Activity

[www.mnlionsdiabetes.org](http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org)

#### Sponsors



**LOCATIONS:**

<b>Duluth</b> 4740 Mall Dr, Hermantown	<b>Mankato</b> 1881 E Madison Ave	<b>Bemidji</b> 2025 Paul Bunyan Dr NW	<b>Marshall</b> 1221 E Main St	<b>Brooklyn Center</b> 1200 Shingle Creek Crossing	<b>North Rochester</b> 3400 55th St NW	<b>Dilworth</b> 415 34th Street N	<b>Sartell</b> 21 Cty Rd 120
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# Global Leadership Team – GLT

PID Debra Wasserman, 5M2 GLT Coordinator

## *The Leadership Challenge*

### *Five Practices of Exemplary Leaders*

As developed by James Kouses and Barry Posner and described in their work [The Leadership Challenge](#)



#### **LEADERS MODEL THE WAY**

They create standards of excellence and then set an example for others to follow. They establish values about how constituents and colleagues should be treated. Because complex change can overwhelm and stifle action, leaders achieve small wins. They unravel bureaucracy, put up signposts and create opportunities for victory.

#### **LEADERS INSPIRE A SHARED VISION**

They passionately believe that they can make a difference. They envision the future, creating an ideal and unique image of what the organization can become. Through their strong appeal and quiet persuasion, leaders enlist others in the dream. They breathe life into the shared vision and get people to see the exciting future possibilities.

#### **LEADERS CHALLENGE THE PROCESS**

They search for opportunities to change the status quo. They look for innovative ways to improve the organization. They experiment and take risks. And since risk taking involves mistakes and failure, leaders accept the inevitable disappointments as learning opportunities

#### **LEADERS ENABLE OTHERS TO ACT**

They foster collaboration and build spirited teams. They actively involve others. Leaders understand that mutual respect is what sustains extraordinary efforts; they strive to create an atmosphere of trust and human dignity. They strengthen others by sharing information and providing choice. They give their own power away, making each person feel capable and powerful.

#### **LEADERS ENCOURAGE THE HEART**

Getting extraordinary things done in organizations is hard work. To keep hope and determination alive, leaders recognize contributions that individuals make as they strive toward a goal. And because every winning team needs to share in the rewards of team efforts, leaders celebrate accomplishments. They make everyone feel like a hero.

**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)

### GLT HOST 'TRAIN THE TRAINER' INSTITUTE

On September 11-13, 2015 at the Airport Marriott in Bloomington, MN the MD5M GLT hosted a new learning opportunity for Lions. It was the first time that a 'Train the Trainer' Institute had been offered. The experienced Faculty, Lions Bob Jechorek, Deb Harms, and Cheryl McKitrick complimented the weekend with their leadership, humor and great presentation styles.

Seventeen Lions from nine Districts in MD5M spent an amazing weekend with the faculty. The intensive training was designed with materials from the LCI Faculty Development Institute (FDI) and concluded with each participate giving a 20 minute training session they had to prepare on a specific Lions topic using all the skills they had learned. These programs are dedicated to developing and expanding the pool of skilled Lions faculty.

It all started in 2014 at one of the MD5M Global Leadership Team (GLT) meetings, Coordinator Bruce Beck posed a question to Team members, Lions Bob Jechorek, Deb Harms, Cheryl McKitrick, Earl Orvik, and Exec. Sec. Bob Harms. Did they believe that MD5M had enough 'trained' presenters/trainers in our Multiple? Very few MD5M Lions had attended LCI's FDI. They were all in agreement that there was a need for more 'trained', trainers for our Membership. The previous two years, LCI had not offered the FDI in LCI Constitutional Areas 1 & 2 which include the USA, Affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas

and Canada!

With the decision made, Lion Bob Jechorek Chaired the Train the Trainer Committee and they moved forward. Dates, location, and presentations were set and it all came together that weekend in September. The GLT Chairs look forward to having these new Lion Trainers assisting with Training in their Districts. They also anticipate the graduates will be presenters at MD5M's Leadership Forum next November 11-13, 2016 at the Shooting Star Resort & Casino in Mahanomen, MN.

5M2 had two participants receive Certificates of Achievement for completing the program, Lion Laura Maki of the Arlington Lions Club and Lion Christy Trutnau of the Jordaness Lions. Both Laura & Christy are also Regional Leadership Institute graduates. PCC Lion Bruce said of all seventeen graduates, "They worked hard, learned new skills, and delivered a training presentation for their final project! They are ready to help make your District stronger and assist with all your training needs! "



*Deb Harms and Laura Maki*



*Cheryl McKitrick and Christy Trutnau*



*Above: Faculty Bob Jechorek, Deb Harms, Cheryl McKitrick and Bruce Beck.*

# Viewing Forward

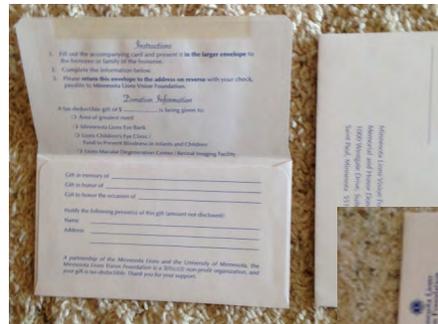


## MN Lions Vision Foundation

Happy Autumn, all! In keeping with last month's thanksgiving message, we want to share with you a great way to show your support to the Lions Eye Bank and the Vision Foundation. You see below copy of a MLVF Memorial & Honor Donations card. What a great way to honor service shown by a Lions member or to send a memorial in sympathy of a loved one or friend. The packet includes both the card to use and an envelope to mail your donation directly. Something your club or you, as an individual, might want to do!

Bonus: if, on the check's memo line, you state "credit to 'XYZ' Lions Club", your club will be given credit to its Helen Keller balance. Now, is not that cool!

OK, in all fairness to the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, we state that they have a



similar program.

MLVF cards are available from Lions Diana and Mary. MLHF cards should be available from Lions Arline and Jeff. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation reps willing to visit your clubs - dianakroells@embarqmail.com or mkspille@embarqmail.com.



## MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION TOUR



Above: Winthrop Lions Tom & Patty McCarthy try out the simulated macular degeneration glasses.



Director Diana Kroells leads a tour.

Lion Sue Vos (right) and Director Mary Spille (below) help out in serving line.



Above: Cologne Leos with Directors Mary Spille and Diana Kroells.



Above: Tour Guide Lion Carol Mayer.



Left: Jordaness Lions at tour.

# 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

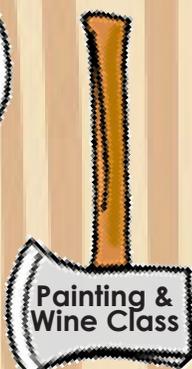
## Saturday Entertainment

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

**\*\*\*\*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**

**\*\*\*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

" 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>	

Lion's Convention  
February 11-13, 2016

**MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL**

**Reservations will be accepted by mail, fax, or phone.**  
Please complete and return this form to  
Mankato City Center Hotel with payment  
information no later than January 11, 2016.

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 10<sup>th</sup>: Full Refund

February 11<sup>th</sup>: One night charge will be

applied, any other payment will be refunded.

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

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

**\*\*Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but  
we will try to accommodate as best we can.\*\***



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 11, 2016 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 11

\_\_\_\_ Friday, February 12

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 13

**Cost for Three Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$321.00

\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$321.00

\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$348.00

\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$348.00

**Cost for Two Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$214.00

\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$214.00

\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$232.00

\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$232.00

**Cost for One Night**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$107.00

\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$107.00

\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$116.00

\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$116.00

\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access Room Required

(room contains one Queen bed)

\*\*\*All Rates Subject to 10.375% Tax Rate

\*\*\*All rooms are non-smoking and are

equipped with microwaves and refrigerators

. We will confirm your reservation by sending you a

postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not

receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us

three weeks from the date you send in your

registration form for processing. If e-mail

confirmation is preferred please include e-mail

address. \_\_\_\_\_

### LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



#### FARIBAUT LIONS DISTRIBUTE DICTIONARIES TO THIRD GRADERS

The Faribault Lions Club recently completed their annual distribution of dictionaries to every third grade student in the district. This year marks the 11th year of the project, which began in 2005. Lion Otto Luknic, who has coordinated the project since its beginning, noted that the first group of third graders to receive dictionaries are now graduated from high school and are off to college (and hopefully still using their dictionaries). The Lions distribute approximately 500 dictionaries each year to third graders in the public and private schools in Faribault, as well as those in Nerstrand and Medford. Shown in the photo

are Lions Joe Byron, John Battles, Otto Luknic, and Debra Wasserman along with a group of third grade students from Lincoln Elementary School.

This has been a great project over the years for the Faribault Lions Club. We get to go into the classroom, talk a little about Lions, and personally hand a dictionary to each student. When we see the excitement in the eyes of those third graders, we know why we are Lions! If your club would like to try the project, go to [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org) for more information, or talk to any Faribault Lion.

#### WATERVILLE LIONS

At the Region 3 meeting held at the Starlite Grill in Waseca, the Waterville Lions Club celebrated their club's 70th Anniversary by presenting a \$70 check to PDG Mary Spille, Co-chair for MN Lions Vision Foundation; Lion Kevin Blank, Co-Chair for the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation; Lion Kathleen Bleckeborg, Co-Chair for Can Do Canines; Lion Arline Richter, Co-Chair for the MN Lions Hearing Foundation and Lion Shirley Hespeneide, Chair for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Missing is PDG Rick Wagener who received a \$70 check for LCIF. Waterville Lions Club President John Scholljegerdes had the honor of presenting the \$70 checks. Congratulations to Waterville Lions for 70 years of outstanding service.



#### SILVER LAKE LIONS

Top: Helen Keller recipients - Left to right: President Lion Joyce Zajicek, Lion Joanne Kautz, Marietta Neumann, retired after 30 years as Director of the McLeod County Food Shelf, Harvey Mikolich, outstanding worker for the community of Silver Lake, DG Marvoin Grimm. Absent were Lion Gary Jerubek and Lion Bruce Bebeo.

Bottom: Progressive Melvin Jones recipients - Left to right: President, Lion Joyce Zajicek, Lion Lynn Monger Yurek, 25 year Lion and Lion Stan Horstmann, 30 year Lion. Absent was Melvin Jones recipient, Lion Nolan Johnson.



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS RECOGNIZES SHAKOPEE LIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP



Lion Craig Kinsel, Past President accepted a plaque from Mike Gottberg on behalf of the Shakopee Lions who have sponsored the Special Olympics Area 9 Bowling Tournament for fifteen plus years. The athletes, coaches and families appreciate all the volunteer hours and \$5,000 donation to make the tournament possible.

Area 9 will be looking for new sponsor(s) as redistricting is taking place due to growth in the Special Olympics program. Going forward the tournament will be held at the WOW Zone in Mankato and is typically scheduled for the first Saturday in October. If your club is interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity to work with Special Olympics athletes you can contact MD5M Special Olympics Project Chair, Lion Laura Maki at [relamaki@frontiernet.net](mailto:relamaki@frontiernet.net) or 507.381.7417 or Area 9 Volunteer Sports Manager Mike Gottberg at [mgottberg@stclaircyclones.com](mailto:mgottberg@stclaircyclones.com) or 507.381.1859.

The logo on the volunteer shirts at state tournaments this past year was: "WARNING Special Olympics is highly addictive and may be hooked for life!" This statement has proven true for so many people. Why not get involved and see for yourself.



## COURTLAND LIONS



The Courtland Lions are proud to have Lion Shirlene Hvinden as our newest member. Lion Shirlene comes to us with enthusiasm. Already she has given us each more energy to "serve" our community, nation, and world to our very best ability. **Welcome, Lion Shirlene.** Anyone interested in "serving others" is welcome to attend any of our club meetings that are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Courtland Community Center.

*Left: Charter Member Hillard Johnson sponsored new member Lion Shirlene Hvinden.*

*Right: Courtland Lions President Charlette Abbas used the "Candlelight / Blindfold Ceremony to induct new member Shirlene Hvinden.*



### Courtland Lions Club -

*Back Row: Lions Gene Reta, Dennis Schaafer, Orville Johnson, Bruce Hendrycks, Hillard Johnson*

*Middle Row: Lions Sharon Retka, Duane (Harry) Harris, Lowell Abbas, Charlette Abbas, Keith (Rusty) Christopherson, Mary Johnson, Sharlene Hvinden*

*Seated: Lions Mary Nicklay, Orville Rannow, Wally Sagmoen, Duane (Duke) Fiemeyer.*

*Not present: Lions Brenda Jones, Frank Kilabarta, Laura Grossman*

### ELLEDDALE LIONS



Doug Anderson, on left, recently became a new member of the Ellendale Lions Club sponsored by Scott Groth, on right.

### NYA LIONS

On Sunday, October 11, the NYA Lions did our dedication of the new park equipment. We have Park Committee that we started to improve our community parks. We have dedicated \$40,000 each year for a park project. This year we replaced the 1970's equipment at Friendship Park in NYA. Committee members are NYA Lions Dave Williams, Gary Bickel, Jeff Heibisen, Steve Helget and Katie Spille.



Above: Dylan Schave, Aiden Barthel, John Mackenthun, Monte Diedrick, and Max Diedrick



Left: Brent Arntz, Mayor Tina Diedrick, NYA Lion Dave Williams, NYA Lion Gary Bickel, Katie Schave, Brandon Schletty, Dylan Schave, Aiden Barthel, John Mackenthun, Monte Diedrick, and Max Diedrick

### JORDANESS LIONS

Saturday, October 10th was an active day for the Jordaness Lions club as we had members participating in two great events happening in the Minneapolis.



Lion Wanda Breimhorst represented the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation at the Diabetes Expo held at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Lions Donna Will, Sue Hovland, Christy Trutnau, Julie Beckius & Diane Hesse toured the Hearing and Vision Centers at the University of Minnesota. It is truly amazing to see the research, technology innovations, the miraculous treatments and surgeries that are being performed to serve those in need. Lions clubs across Minnesota have contributed \$30 million dollars to Hearing, Vision, and Diabetes over the years.



The Jordaness Lions, along with a few friends and family had the privilege of working one of our annual service projects last week at Feed My Starving Children. That evening, 62 boxes of food were packed and sent to children that are in dire need of nourishment. We had a lot of fun volunteering together but our real joy comes from knowing that we played a very small role in helping underprivileged children not go to bed hungry and literally starving.



## LAFAYETTE AND NEW ULM LIONS PARTNER IN DIABETES WALK

Members of the Lafayette Area Lions Club partnered with Lions from New Ulm to host the first annual New Ulm Diabetes Walk Saturday, October 10. The one- and two-mile walk began at the Civic Center on the Brown County Fairgrounds and continued on the sidewalks around the grounds.

Teams and individuals walked to raise money for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation in its efforts to find a cure for the disease.

The Wise family of New Ulm and Lafayette was instrumental in bringing the event to New Ulm. For the past 10 years, the family has participated in the ADA (American Diabetes Association) Walk in Mankato. Bob Wise, vice president of Citizens Bank, Lafayette Branch, has Type 2 diabetes while his son Matt and daughter Randi (Wise) Blackstad have Type

1. With community support, the family agreed to partner with the Lions to walk in New Ulm to take strides to defeat diabetes.

The joint effort by the New Ulm and Lafayette Lions was a unique venture across district lines in that the New Ulm Club is in District 5M3 and Lafayette Club, of which Bob Wise is president, is in District 5M2.

As a first-year venture, organizers set a goal of raising \$5,000 for research efforts of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. That goal was surpassed, with more than \$5,500 raised. The Lafayette Area Lions Club kick-started the fundraising efforts by making a \$1,000 donation at the September meeting. That check was presented to event coordinator Bob Schirlinger, president of the New Ulm Lions, at the event.



Walkers in the first-ever New Ulm Diabetes Walk headed out from the Civic Center on the Brown County Fairgrounds early Saturday morning. Between them, they raised more than \$5,500 for research to find a cure by the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation.



Adam Dorn of Medtronic, left, shared information on new breakthroughs in diabetes management with Lafayette Lions members Pam Morson, Cheri LeBrun, Mark Dick, and Steve LeBrun.



Lafayette Lions President Bob Wise, left, and New Ulm Lions President Bob Schirlinger checked details during Saturday's event.



Lafayette Lions president Bob Wise, second from left, presented the club's \$1,000 check to event coordinator Bob Schirlinger. Also pictured are Lafayette Lions Mark Dick and Ruth Klossner.

### MANKATO LIONS CELEBRATE 90 YEARS

Mankato Lions History - Monday, October 5, 1925. Twenty five men gathered at the Saulpaugh Hotel in Mankato. This was the "final organization meeting to the Lions Club of Mankato." Lions organizer, E. H. Wade presented a Dispensation signed by International President Harry E. Newman and International Secretary Melvin Jones, which granted the new club "all the powers and privileges" of Lionism pending issuance of a formal charter.

In attendance were Lions representatives from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Owatonna, and Faribault clubs.

*Right: Mankato Lions celebrating their 90th Anniversary. Lions Clubs was only 8 years old when Mankato decided to become a Lions Club.*

*Below: These are 2 of the present longest members of the Mankato Lions. On the left is Ron Beaty - 44 years and on the right Delano Finch - 47 years.*

*Bottom: Maynard Rucks, Debra Wasserman and Mary Pegram at the Mankato Lions 90th Anniversary celebration.*

There were also representatives from the Mankato Kiwanis. It cost \$1 to attend the meeting. Not only were the Mankato Lions Club founded on that night, but they also added a 26th member. They elected C. W. Hunt as the first President.

Lions International chartered the club three days later, on October 8, 1925. It was, however, several months before a formal presentation of the charter could take place. District Governor, Roy B. Marker, delivered the charter to the club during a banquet at the Masonic Temple on May 20, 1926.



*Le Sueur Lion President Bill Ingersoll handing Randy Snow, City Emergency Management Coordinator, a check to help purchase new computers for any city emergency. The old computers are from the 1990's.*

# 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





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**"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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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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



Project New Hope has a retreat coming up Dec. 4 - 6, 2015 at Inspiration Point Camp in Clitherall, MN. Please make your community veterans aware we sponsor this family retreat for them. Lion Darlene Wondra



# Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

## 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)



## COURTLAND LIONS



# PANCAKE, EGG, SAUSAGE BRUNCH



**SUNDAY, November 1, 2015**

ADULTS: \$8.00 CHILDREN 5 – 12: \$5.00 UNDER 5: FREE

COURTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
COURTLAND, MN

**SERVING 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE FOOD SHELVE  
BRING OLD EYE GLASSES & HEARING AIDS FOR RECYCLING

## Opening Day Accessory Extravaganza



Sale of "Gently used"  
Luggage, purses, scarves & jewelry



Hosted by the Alden Area Lions



Saturday, November 7

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Old City Hall  
Alden, MN

Coffee & Donuts also available



Have items to donate??? Contact:  
Bette Fulton: 507/874-3340 or Pam Koenen: 5007/383-5344

All sale proceeds donated to Lions Community Projects



## Winthrop Lions Club

# OMELET BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 8, 2015

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
5<sup>th</sup> & Brown Street, Winthrop

Serving 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7.00

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support Lions projects





**VETERANS DAY 11-11-15**

**JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL 9:00 AM**

**ALL VETERANS ARE INVITED**

The Jordaness Lions are sponsoring a Veterans Day program at Jordan High School on Wednesday, November 11 and all veterans & their families are invited to attend.

We want to show our respect to Veterans in our area for their service to our country. Brigadier General William Lieder and Sgt. First Class (Retired) Scott Adams are scheduled to speak to the veterans and JHS Students.

Sign in time will be 8:15 - 8:30 am . We will be serving beverages and a small snack.

**Please RSVP to attend before November 2, 2015**

- Shelly Habeck 952 240 6534 shellyhabeck11@gmail.com
- Connie Crimi 952 492 6522 crimicon@msn.com
- Mary Oldenburg 952 492 2822 mary.oldenburg@yahoo.com



The Arlington Lions in partnership with Arlington Liquors presents its 9<sup>th</sup> annual

**Wine & Beer**

Arlington Community Center  
Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
\$15.00 per ticket

**Purchase tickets from Arlington Liquors or Any member of the Arlington Lions Club**



**HAMBURG LIONS  
TURKEY BINGO**



*Ham, Turkey, & Sausage*

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

Friday, November 20st, 7:00 P.M.  
Hamburg Community Hall  
Hamburg, MN

**Hamburgers, Beverages & Popcorn available.**

Proceeds used for Brunch with Santa in December.  
Donate your old eye glasses for reuse in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

Jordaness Lions  
**Homespun Holiday  
FASHION SHOW**  
our 26<sup>th</sup> year

home·spun (ˈhōm, spən) adjective: simple, basic, rustic, folksy

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Ridges at Sand Creek

11:00 - 12:00 Social Hour

Noon Luncheon

12:45 pm Program

Silent Auction, Wall of Wine  
and always good entertainment

for more information call Donna Will 612 599 2646  
Tickets can be purchased from Jordaness Lions Members  
Seats are LIMITED!!  
tickets -\$20 and MUST be purchased before the event

**FREE VALET PARKING (TIPS ACCEPTED!)**

*Proceeds benefit the Lions Eye Bank, Holiday Basket Project and other Community Projects*