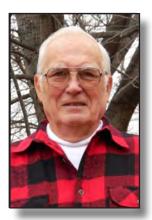
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DG MARVIN GRIMN



DG MARVIN'S WOOD CUTS

As I write this in the middle of January, our month is going by fast. Also our winter has caught up to us with winter temperatures and snow. Soon our Mid-Winter Convention will be here. The hotel has been sold out. Thank you Lions. It is great to know our attendance will be up this year. The

Mid-Winter Convention committee has put a lot of planning into our convention to make it one to remember.

Some last minute items for the Mid-Winter Convention. Don't forget to do the checks for the Parade of Green. I would like for our District to be a 100% District. To be 100%, we need to give to all the needs on the Parade of Green, even is it is only \$5 to some. Thank you for considering this.

Is there a club or clubs that are considering hosting Jungle Days for 2017? At this point, I do not know of any club interested for 2017. So please consider and be ready to commit at the Cabinet meeting. For 22016, the Jordaness Lions will host Jungle Days.

Remember to bring your club banner to the Convention. The banners will be used for the Friday evening opening session and then hung in the meeting room. Have someone ready to carry the banner on Friday evening. Also the committee is requesting a \$15 gift to be used for door prizes at Saturday noon Lunch and Sunday Brunch.

Don't forget your Buffalo Plaid shirt for Saturday morning. We want a lot of red and black plaid for our photo at the Saturday Luncheon.

Our International Director has asked if we could have some new members for him to induct. This will be at the Saturday evening Banquet. It would be great to have a few new members to induct. So bring some new members with you to the convention.

I have only six clubs that need to set a club visit for the Governor. Club visits have been going well. We have heard of many projects being done. All the clubs have been very busy. Thank you for making us feel welcome and showing great hospitality.

"I'm learning to trust the journey even when I don't understand it." Mila Bron

DG Marvin's Woody Trails

- February 3 Club Visit Blooming Prairie Lions
 - 4 Mid-Winter Convention Meeting
 - 5-6 Grandson's Wedding
 - 9 Club Visit Amboy and Gibbon Lions
 - 11–14 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention Mankato
 - 16 Club Visit Norwood Young America Lions
 - 19-21 5M11 Convention Winnipeg
 - 22 Club Visit Chanhassen Lions
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PENULTIMATE POINTS



1st VDG Steve Wasserman

It's a good thing that this is a leap year, because there is a lot going on this February, and 28 days may just not be enough. Not only is there Ground Hog Day, Superbowl Sunday, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Chinese New Year

and Leap Day, there is a lot going on in 5M2 as well.

First, there is your Zone Lion of the Year Nomination. Forms are due by February 19, so there is still time for your club to recognize one of its members by nominating him or her for this unique honor. Remember, this is a recognition, not an award. To borrow from "WorkStride" (http://www.workstride. com/the-difference-between-recognition-incentives-and-rewards): "Recognition is a discretionary act ... there is no concrete metric associated with it." Simply put, what that means is that you don't measure anything when you provide recognition, it's not a contest, no one wins (or loses), you can just decide that someone is deserving of recognition. All of our clubs have many Lions deserving of recognition. You will find the nomination form in this newsletter, take the opportunity!

The Jordan Lions are having their 13th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting Event on February 4. If you've been on Facebook, you've seen lots of great silent auction

items.

There will be a "Polar Plunge" benefiting Special Olympics Minnesota on February 6th in St. Peter at Hallett's Pond. Call or email Lion Joan Blank if you are interested. I'm sure she can still get you in!

If you're looking for breakfast on Sunday, February 7, The Faribault Lions Club will be hosting their 50th annual Superbowl Sunday Pancake & Sausage Feast. Best pancakes in town, and you can easily make it home by kickoff!

The 5M2 Midwinter Convention will be held on February 12-14 in Mankato. I do hope you will come! Come for the hospitality rooms and the Tuxedo Band on Friday night. Come for the seminars on Saturday morning. Come to be part of the Guinness Book of Records at Lunch. Come for the Business Meeting to hear PDG Larry's Parliamentary Report and to see if anyone can outdo last year's nomination speeches. Come for the banquet to hear our International Guest Howard Hudson. Come for "Marlys' Chicken Salad" at Sunday Brunch. Come to see friends you haven't seen all year, or come to make new friends. Come for all or part, but come!

And if that isn't enough, did you know that February 6 is "Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast" Day? Don't worry if you miss it though, February 11 is "Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk" Day!





Howard Hudson from Santa Barbara, California was elected to serve a twoyear 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.

MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK.



2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig

Well, the cold and snowy weather has finally arrived! Along with the cold and snow, the Mid Winter convention season has also arrived. I have had the pleasure of attending both the 5M-9 and 5M-7 conventions so far this year. Each district is unique in how they function, just as each of

our clubs is unique. The one common theme though throughout the districts and clubs is our Lions' motto – "We Serve". The service projects, fund-raisers and genuine enthusiasm for serving others are definitely in evidence during these times.

I was recently reminded how fortunate I am to have a home with heat and warm blankets during these cold nights. Earlier this week, one of my co-workers emailed our department asking for donations of blankets to help the homeless in the Minneapolis area. She explained that the shelters were unable to provide assistance to every homeless person needing it during our cold weather and the blankets would help ward off the bitter cold. The pile of blankets and quilts at her desk when I dropped off my contribution reminded me of the many ways we as Lions also serve those less fortunate through our own donations, whether monetary or through projects such as feeding the hungry.

During the upcoming Multiple District convention

in April at the Mankato Verizon Wireless Center, the Lions of MD5M will be able to band together to help with world hunger. As 1st VDG Steve has been informing us over the past months, Relieving Hunger is one of LCI's Centennial Service projects. At this time, 14 million people worldwide have benefited from Lions efforts to combat this problem. On Friday, April 22nd, the Lions of MD5M will add to this number as we partner with Food for Kidz - Steward to package food and help eradicate hunger and starvation around the world. Watch for additional information in the March and April newsletters as well on the Multiple District and 5M-2 websites.

History facts for January - The following clubs will be celebrating anniversaries during the month of February:

Chaska Lions	58 years
Ellendale Lions	45 years
Nicollet Lions	44 years
Cologne Lions	42 years
LeCenter Lions	40 years
Wells Lions	40 years
Jordan Lions	37 years
Hutchinson Lioness	32 years
Lester Prairie Lions	30 years
Mayer Watertown Dandylions	12 years
Stay warm and hope to see you at M	Iid-Winter

2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Omaha, Nebraska

Sept. 15-17, 2016

Leadership? Service? It's what Lions do!

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register now via our website: www.lionsforum.org

Centennial Update

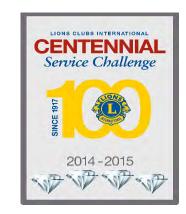
By 1st VDG Steve Wasserman. 5M2 Centennial Coordinator

Centennial Service Challenge:

According to statistics posted on the LCI website, the Lions of the world have now provided service to more than **68 Million** people in the four Centennial Service Challenge Areas!

In our district, 46 clubs have now reported on projects serving 49,536 people, slightly less than half of our 2014-2015 total of 101,040.

Seven of our clubs (Chaska, Ellendale, Jordan, Mayer Watertown, Prior Lake, Veseli, and Wells) have earned the "Four Diamond" Banner



Patches by reporting on projects in all four areas. Thirteen clubs have reported on projects in three areas. Another 12 clubs have reported on two, so a total of 32 of our 64 clubs are at least half way toward earning their Four Diamond Patch. Last year, we had 35 clubs earn the Four Diamond Patch, and we had 49 clubs report on projects in at least two areas.

MD5M Centennial Celebration:

The planning committee for the June 3, 2017 celebration at the Mall of America is looking for ideas for service projects in all four areas of the Centennial Service Challenge. I know that they want to have KidSight as one, but we're looking for good ideas for the other three. If you have suggestions, let me know and I'll pass them along!

Centennial Legacy Project:

Plan Your Legacy Project

Every club is encouraged to connect with community by completing a Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts that commemorate our Centennial and address specific needs in your community. Take this opportunity to create a lasting legacy of your service contributions and earn special Centennial



recognition by completing a Legacy Project and reporting it on the MyLCI Service Activity Report.

Visit the Centennial Community Legacy Projects page and start planning your project today!





District 5M2 Zone Lion of the Year

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives the District the opportunity to bestow well-deserved recognition on one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our Centennial Motto "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion"

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who is **not** a major officer in the club, but has earned the respect of his/her peers and community.

The Zone Lion of the Year presentations will be made during the spring Zone Meetings. The club president or person designated by the president is asked to complete this application and return it to 1st VDG Steve Wasserman by February 19, 2016.

1st VDG Steve Wasserman 530 8th St NW Faribault, MN 55021 LionSteve@charter.net

Please write a brief description of the nominee's service including such items as years of Lion service, involvement in club activities, and involvement in the community. The form must be signed by the club president. Attach a separate sheet or use the back of this form.

Nominee			
Club			
Zone			
Club President		Date	
	(signature)		

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!



PID Debra Wasserman GLT Coordinator

Here it is the first of February and we are looking at snow and feeling colder temperatures. Winter isn't feeling too long or hard....

YET! If you are wanting to stay indoors, and think of some interesting ways to pass the time. I can help!

Attend the MidWinter convention, Feb. 12-14 in Mankato: Come for the weekend or a day and enjoy the warmth of Lionism including enthusiastic and informative speakers, great hospitality rooms, good meals and the company of great Lions.

If you need to rest up after the convention, or if you aren't able to attend, consider checking out the following.

Lions Learning Center (www.lionsclubs.org Search for "Lions Learning Center"): You can learn and practice key leadership skills and learn to be more successful in your projects. If you are new to LLC, you will need to create an account. Please have your Lions Member ID number ready! It appears on your LION's magazine or your Club Secretary will have it.

Courses are categorized by four key skills:

- Leadership: Courses focused on a broad range of leadership skills to succeed as a Lion leader.
- 2. Managing Others: Courses geared toward gaining the skills to effectively create and maintain successful and productive relationships with people.
- 3. Achieving Results: Courses designed to assist in setting and achieving goals, both personal and professional.
- 4. Communication: Courses that increase interpersonal skills and success in public speaking

These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete. You can create a personal profile and keep a record of your completed courses.

Lions Webinars (www.lionsclubs.org Search for "Webinars"): An online lecture or training session presented live on the Internet, allowing Lions from around the world to learn about and discuss topics that help improve clubs and make an impact. Find webinar topics, schedules and recordings. The next live webinar will be on "Social Media as a Lions Leadership Tool", and will be presented at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 3 and 7:00 pm on Friday,

February 12. All webinars are recorded and available to watch whenever you want.

Lions University (www.lionsuniversity.org): NOTE: Lions University is offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Questions or comments about Lions University should not be directed to Lions Clubs International Headquarters, but rather to the Support page.

Through three educational program levels, Lions will enhance their knowledge and skills to better serve their community. To complete each program, Lions must complete 10 required courses, at least 5 elective classes, and complete specific leadership experiences. To complete a course, the Lion takes part in an hour long training session. These sessions are offered online on this website, through periodic webinars that are posted on this website, and through live sessions led in Districts and Multiple Districts.

Once the training session is completed, the Lion takes a simple online test to confirm their learning. Upon completion, the Lion is awarded a certificate of course completion. Lions are welcome to complete the courses that interest them in any of the programs, and in any order they wish. Credit is given toward the program that the class is under.

Check out any or all of the above and see what you want to learn more about or participate in.

Youth Camps & Exchange

YOUTH EXCHANGE

International Youth are applying NOW to come to Minnesota July 2016. They Need YOU as Host Families!!!!

To get all of your questions answered...contact your 5M2 Int'l. Youth Exchange Chair Lion Janet Hall by email: lionjanethall@gmail.com or

Cabinet Secretary Cindy Walters at 952-484-0404 or email: cjwalters@me.com.

Please include Int'l. Youth Exchange in your "Parade of Green" donations. \$400 is needed for each student to attend Camp Spicer.

If your Lions Club has Charitable Gambling Funds we encourage you to donate. Int'l. Youth Exchange Camp Spicer is a 501c3.

Make checks payable to: Lions Int'l. Youth Exchange Camp Spicer. Thank You for your generosity.



On behalf of the leadership, staff, and the clients and their families who are served by True Friends, thank you so very much Lions Clubs Inter-(LCIF) and MD5D

Lions Clubs for your dedicated commitment to the programs and services we offer for individuals with special needs from across MN.

The \$100,000 LCIF Grant that we qualified for in November 2015 will be used to support the True Friends TEAM Quest Adapted Ropes Course & Zip-line being installed at Camp Courage located in Maple Lake, MN. In addition, an accessible van will be purchased and used at this camp with monies made

available through this grant.

A plague bearing an inscription describing the LCIF financial support of this project will be dedicated at a special recognition event that will take place at Camp Courage in October 2016.

We are so looking forward to continuing our working relationship with the Lions Clubs of MD5M in 2016, and we hope that you will consider supporting True Friends through your upcoming Parade of Green event as well as at other Lions events in the coming

Please feel free to contact us anytime at:

True Friends 10509 108th Street NW Annandale, MN 55302 800-450-8376 or 952-697-2290 www.truefriends.org

MD5M SECRETARY BOB HARMS TO RETIRE

Long time MD5M Executive Secretary Bob Harms has announced his retirement as of the end of the 2016-17 Lions year. Lion Bob joined the Kingston Lions Club in October of 1990 and has been an active member ever since.

He became initially involved as a secretary when he served as co-secretary (with PCC Deborah Harms) of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Inc. which has since been renamed to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.

Lion Bob became the Executive Secretary of MD5M in 2003 and has held that position ever since. He has set an example for others to follow. In addition to his mandated Secretary duties, he has gone above and beyond in serving Lions, willing to teach classes at the DGE training session and being a representative on the Board of Trustees of the Lion MD5M Hearing Foundation, Inc.

Always willing to give, in 2012 Lion Bob undertook an unparalleled fundraiser for the Hearing Foundation by riding a lawn mower the entire length of Minnesota, from the Canadian border to Iowa. As a recipient of a BAHA (Bone Anchored Hearing Aid) Lion Bob was generous in giving of his time to tell any Lion who asked how it worked and let them try it for themselves.

In reviewing the accomplishments of MD5M Lions, it is my sincere hope that Lion Bob enters the MD5M Hall of Fame due to his unrelenting service to Lions in general and MD5M in particular. I can think of no one more worthy.

Lion Mike Molenda 2013-15 Past International Director

Cheers to all Lions in 5M2. As we visit clubs, we hear about all the great work the Lions are doing.

Cheers to the Lions Bingo Players. May they be winners and have fun.

Cheers to the clubs we visited in January. They make our visit very enjoyable.

Cheers to all the Lions who purchased a Buffalo Plaid shirt for the Mid-Winter Convention.

Cheers to all the Lions registered for the convention. City Center hotel is sold out for Friday night!!

Cheers to Cologne Lions and community help to make 2000 greeting cards to send to veterans in service.

Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation

Winter greetings, all! LIONS KIDSIGHT USA – have you heard about this and noticed the information in The Lion? Kidsight USA is a nation-wide program developed by LCI. Via mechanical devices, children can be screened in their preschool years for all sorts of vision delays and defects. Such a proactive program is comprehensive and really insures that children will not be delayed in early development because of vision problems. You might check out the website http://www.e-district.org/sites/kidsightusa for detailed information

We have been fortunate in Minnesota to have programs through our school districts and counties to have some screening done. But the potentials of Kidsight USA are technologically great. Considering this, the Vision Foundation will work directly with the MN Kidsight representatives as we proceed in progress. For starters, the MLVF has awarded an \$8,000 grant to Arrowhead Head Start in Virginia, MN to purchase the SPOT vision screener. Arrowhead serves over 400 preschoolers who will now be screened more thoroughly than the old eye chart method.

By the way, it is Parade of Green time! Always appreciating the generous donations by our 5M2 clubs. This year, if you wish, you are welcome to write "Eye Surgery Center" on the memo line of your check of you wish to specify this cause.

Together "WE SERVE" continues. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation reps willing to visit your clubs – dianakroells@embarqmail.com or mkspille@embarqmail.com.



LIONS CLUBS OFFER WEEKEND RETREATS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Lions Clubs of District 5M are doing their best to offer our returning veterans a chance to make the adjustment back into civilian life as easy as possible. This project undertaken by the Lions Clubs is known as Project New Hope. The Lions are offering Free weekends for veterans along with their family if so desired. The weekends are absolutely FREE for the Veterans and families. Counselors, licensed by the Veterans Affairs Association, are also available at no cost. There are several such camps around the state, all located among woodland areas featuring lakes, waterfronts, wide-open spaces, open areas, hiking trails, fire pits and most have year-round recreation opportunities.

When recent surveys have shown that roughly 25-30% of the homeless people in Minnesota are Veterans, something needs to be done! We Lions need to do our share and get behind this Project New Hope and at least attempt to make a difference. There is a Fundraiser, possibly District-wide, being planned for later this year. Get involved, Be involved, Stay Involved . . .

Some of the more commonly asked questions are as follows:

- Q: Do I come alone?
- A: No, bring your entire family, children are welcome. This can be a time for the entire family to regroup and reconnect.
- Q: Do I need to bring food?
- A: No, all meals are provided at no cost.
- Q: Are alcoholic beverages allowed?
- A: As this is a family event, we do not allow alcoholic beverages.
- Q: How long are these retreats?
- A: Friday afternoon until Sunday noon.
- Q: Do I have to attend all of the sessions?
- A: No, only those that you want to participate in.
- Q: What if I don't want to talk in front of a group?
- A: You don't have to. The counselors are available to talk with you 24/7. Invite one fishing, hiking, or just sit around a campfire.
- Q: What do I need to bring?
- A: Sleeping bag or blankets, pillow, towels and

- washcloths, personal items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.), prescription meds, health insurance information, fishing license, and warm clothing for around the campfire.
- Q: How large are the groups?
- A: No more than ten couples.
- Q: What if I am not married?
- A: You can bring a friend, partner, parent or sibling and of course your children.
- Q: What if I need help getting there?
- A: Contact us and we will help make arrangements.
- Q: What if I have a question that's not listed here?
- A: Contact us and we will answer any question you

For information on dates, reservations or any other questions you can write to: Project New Hope, 21008 Co. Hwy. 35, Underwood, MN 56586. You could also contact Lion Darlene Wondra, 5M-2 chairman of Project New Hope and a member of the Montgomery Lions Club.

CAN DO CANINES

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.

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is Tami Summer. Tami now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind since thanks to Hearing Assist Dog Lola. Read their story below.

TAMI SUMMER & HEARING ASSIST DOG LOLA



Tami Summer always wanted a dog. But as a hairdresser in Alexandria, Minn. she likes to keep the hair where she works—not at home. So she tabled the idea. Then one day one of her clients told her about Can Do Canines assistance dogs. Since that moment Tami's life has never been the same.

Tami from has Meniere's disease. Meniere's disease is a disorder of the inner ear that causes spontaneous episodes of vertigo along with fluctuating hearing loss, ringing in the ear and — on occasion — a feeling of fullness or pressure in the ear. At age five, Tami began having hereditary hearing issues.

"It wasn't as bad as a child but my hearing in my right ear crashed at age 18 and hasn't returned," she says.

Tami utilizes a CROS hearing aid system that transmits sounds coming into the right ear to the left side. She says it helps sometimes, but she still finds herself missing important sounds like the door bell and the telephone. The hardest sound for Tami to hear is the alarm clock. So she devised a temporary, yet ineffective solution.

"I have to rely on someone to get me up. If my husband won't be around, I have to call my mother the night before. She calls repeatedly to wake me as I usually miss up to 10 phone calls."

When she was clued in that a Can Do Canines assistance dog could alert her to sounds, she was intrigued. Even having a dog to perform one task—alerting her to the alarm clock—sounded appealing. So she applied to Can Do Canines and was paired with a three-year-old Hearing Assist Dog named Lola

The black Labrador retriever does much more than just alert Tami to the alarm clock. She lets Tami know when there's a knock at the door or the phone is ringing. According to Tami, "It improves my life 100%". She's so fast at alerting to sounds that Lola has even been given her own nickname, 'Lola Lightning.'

"Thank you for giving others something they can't give themselves. I love my Lola Lightning!"

"She was laying there the other night, just as relaxed as can be, and the timer went off on the grill," Tami says. "Lola's ears perked up and she jumped us so quick—I've never seen anything move that fast!"

Lola's response time has come in handy. In fact, it may have helped avoid a disaster. One evening while cooking, Tami thought she'd step outside for a minute to see if it would be a clear night to watch a meteor shower.

"I learned something very valuable that night" Tami says. "Lola rocks! She alerted me to the smoke alarms going off, not just once, but twice, as I ran around the house opening the windows to get the smoke out."

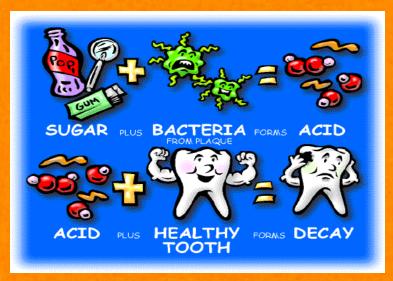
The coconut oil Tami had used to cook with had started to burn and her cooking pan had started on fire. The disaster was avoided, all thanks to Lola.

In addition to all her skills, Tami says Lola has brought "joy" and "fun" to her life. She says and that she and her husband now enjoy the outdoors more. They even had a fence installed so they could sit in the yard together and let Lola run free. Tami says, "I have a great companion to sit with me on the deck. She even helps outside by eating mosquitoes."

When asked what she would like to tell Puppy Raisers and those who support Can Do Canines, Tami exclaims through tears, "Thank you for giving others something they can't give themselves. I love my Lola Lightning!"

CAVITIES ARE PREVENTABLE

Childhood cavities can be prevented. They are caused by germs in the mouth interacting with sugars in food and drinks. You can't avoid germs or sugars, but you can limit exposure to them.



Cavities can lead to more serious health problems such as infected teeth, generalized infection, or even death.

Avoid emergency room visits for sore mouths and surgery for sick teeth.

Learn how you can help your child avoid cavities by visiting the Minnesota Oral Health Project website minnesotaoralhealthproject.com and liking us on Facebook.











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February 12-14, 2016

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(Hotel Under New Management)







The Tuxedo Band & Costume Contest

Saturday Entertainment

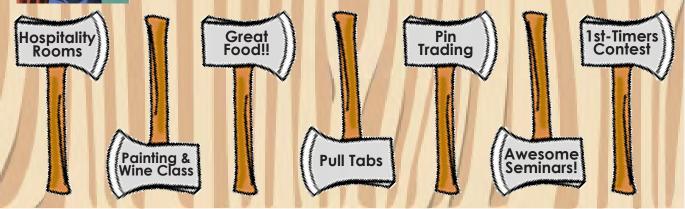
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SPECIAL GUEST * INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR HOWARD HUDSON



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

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PARADE OF GREEN (POG)

Mid-Winter Convention will soon be upon us. Has your club discussed their Parade of Green donations for 2016? District Governor Marv would like to see 100% of all clubs give something to all listed POG projects, even if it is only a token amount of \$1.00 - \$5.00. Let's all help DG Marv reach his goal!

The following are the approved Parade of Green projects. Please note that not all projects have 501(c)(3) status, which is needed for gambling funds donations. To avoid problems during an audit, gambling clubs should have checks written out exactly as noted below.

- 1. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) 501(c)(3)
- 2. Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation 501(c)(3)
- 3. MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation 501(c)(3)
- 4. Leader Dogs for the Blind 501(c)(3)
- 5. CanDo Canines 501(c)(3)
- 6. Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Diabetes funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- 7. Lions Quest
- 8. Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer 501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Youth Exchange funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- 9. 5M-2 Youth Outreach (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day and Write-Off contest)
- 10. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota 501(c)(3)

Wine & Design Event

Only \$30 Per painter

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

Instruction, paint, canvas & wine to be provided

Limited spacereserve 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:

Number of Painters_____

Painters Name(s)

Phone #

Club Name____

Vote!

Lion Steve Wasserman

Experienced

Capable



District Governor

Dedicated

Leader

Lions Service:

- Faribault Lion for 19 years
- Faribault Lions Club President 2005-2006
- Faribault Lions Club Secretary 2009-2016
- Zone 6 Chair 2007-2009
- 5M2 Technology Chair/Co-Chair 2005-2011
- 5M2 Membership Chair 2009-2010
- 5M2 Leader Dog Co-Chair 2013-2014
- 5M2 2nd Vice District Governor 2014-2015
- 5M2 1st Vice District Governor 2015-2016
- MD5M Technology Consultant 2007-2016

Lions Experience:

- 9 International Conventions
- **International Convention Seminar Presenter**
- 9 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums
- USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Seminar Presenter and Moderator
- LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute



Vote Lion Nancy Mathwig Candidate For 5M-2 First Vice District Governor

Lions Service

*District 5M-2 Second Vice District Governor 2015-2016

*20 years Arlington & Sibley East Lions Clubs (SE charter member)

*Club President (Sibley East Lions) 1996-1997, 2007-2008

*Club Secretary 2012 to present

*Zone Chairperson 2012 -2014 & 2004 -2006

*District Cabinet since 1998: Youth Exchange, Leo, Peace Poster, MERLO team: Orientation,
District Activities, and currently Historian

*MD5M Youth Exchange Co - Chair 2005 - 2008

*Chair 2011 MD5M convention

*Co-chair 2016 MD5M convention

*YE Camp Spicer staff - 16 years

*Hosted 20+YE students

*1st MD5M Lions Leadership Institute Graduate

Attended:

*4 Lions International Conventions *17 MD5M Conventions *25+5M-2 Mid Winters *6 USA/Canada Leadership Forums

*Married to PDG Darwin Mathwig (deceased) for 37 years *3 adult children - Derek, Sean & Amber

Lions Awards

*International President's Award

*3 International President's Certificate of
Appreciation

*Melvin Jones Fellow

*Helen Keller Sight Award

*Hearing Research Fellow

*Top Dog Award





Please get any memorial information to Eunice Rucks immediately for the Service of Remembrance at the mid-winter convention. Send to her email: king70@frontiernet.net.

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



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REGISTRATION FORM

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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

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

- 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	
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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
REGISTRATION & MEAL GRAND TOTAL

2016 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention

Club Delegate Roster

Form must be returned to get your voting credentials

Club Name			
Each Club receives one (1) Delegate for	or ever	y 10 members or major fraction	(5) thereof.
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YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 1, 2016 TO GET YOUR DELEGATE VOTING CREDENTIALS!!!

Lion Cindy Walters, Cabinet Secretary or E-Mail to cjwalters@me.com Mail to:

> 1915 Waterford Circle Chaska, MN 55318

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If you e-mail, be sure to include the number of club members. Thank You.

NORTHFIELD LEOS

The Northfield Leo Club sponsored and organized a program called "World War II Hometown Heroes". They invited the community to the Dec. 1, 2015 event at Northfield United Methodist Church. Nearly 60 people attended the program. The Northfield Lions Club, who sponsors the Leos, assisted the Leos at the event.

Three years ago one of the Leos undertook a project as a member of 4-H, making bookmarks for veterans from recycled materials. This Leo thought it would be a great idea to meet area veterans and came up with the idea of working with the Kids' Club at the Methodist Church to make even more bookmarks was hatched. This bookmark project evolved into the Dec. 1 program.

"When I was in 3rd grade I gave some bookmarks to Lion Ken Grisim to give out to veterans at the VFW." Said Leo member Tyler Collette. "One of the bookmarks was given to Chuck DeMann. He wrote me a letter and said, 'If there is some way I could be of help to you just give me a call.' We called him three years later and he helped!" This is how the program started. The Leos contacted 10 World War II veterans and seven were able to come and be a part of the program.

The event began with an "open discussion" format, with each veteran at a table, available for individual and small group questions and discussion. After the open discussion six of the veterans gave short presentations of their involvement in the war. The veterans participating in the event included Elizabeth "Betty Wall" Strohfus, a pilot from Faribault who served in the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP); Joe Shaw, stationed in the Pacific theater, the youngest of five brothers who all served in the war;

Chuck DeMann, a sailor on the USS Little, who survived the kamikaze attack that sunk the ship in 1945; Helen Leqve, who worked alongside Italian POWs a "Rosie the Riveter"; Fran Miller, a MP stationed at Fort Riley, KS guarding German POWs; Erling Kindem, an Army Air Corps radioman and gunner on 28 bombing missions; and Lion Cal Kuhnau, a Navy crewman on and aircraft carrier in the South Pacific.

The Leos emceed the event, personally welcoming and introducing each of the veterans and giving them bookmarks. The Leos conducted a recycling fundraiser during the summer and one of the items collected was a used US flag postage stamp. The postage stamp was used on the bookmarks, which were made of recycled cereal boxes. A Leo member wrote a personal note to a veteran on each of the bookmarks. The Leos were joined by the audience in giving a heart-felt "Thank You" to the World War II veterans, and also recognized the other veterans in attendance and thanked them for their service.

The Hometown Heroes Program was a big hit to everyone involved. The Leos were able to meet several men and women who contributed greatly to the history of our nation. Through the program they were able to improve their public speaking skills while learning from first-hand participants in one of the epic events of recent history. The Leos planned the program under the direction of Nancy Collette, a parent of two of the Leo Club members. Because of the success of this event the Leos are already having discussions about a follow-up to the event, possibly focusing on the Korean conflict.

Submitted by Lion Alice Nasby, Northfield Leo Club Advisor, (507) 645-7398, ran610@charter.net











LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES GREEN ISLE LIONS

Santa Day was held on Saturday December 12th at the Fire House. Green Isle Lions partnered with the Green Isle Sportsman Club where we handed out cookies and treats to kids in the community, they also got to enjoy a ride in one of our Fire Trucks around the town, and got to visit with Santa and tell him all about their Christmas List











This was the first year for the Christmas Stroll, we called it the "Charlie Brown Christmas". During this event we invited members of our Community to decorate a tree of their choosing and then on December 10th, 11th and 12th we opened the doors to everyone to stroll through the 25 trees and vote on their favorite. The goal of this event was to raise money for the Food Shelf. We did amazing at raising \$404 in cash and about 500 lbs of food!





These photos are from our Community Connect Dinner that was held on December 21st where we served Chile and have some homemade cookies to all that joined us. We had an amazing turn out with around 90 people including a surprise visit from Santa. The Community Connect Dinners are held on the 3rd Monday every month. This is a great way for our community to be able to come together and share some laughs!











COURTLAND LIONS



Right: Courtland Lions President Charlette Abbas with Lion Randy and Lion Brenda.

Lion Randy Jones became the Courtland Lions newest member on December 14. He is pictured with his sponsor, Lion Brenda Jones.



MANKATO CLUBS

These Lions received Membership Chevrons. From left to right: Lion John Erdahl, 20 years Mankato Lions; Lion Ron Beaty, 45 years Mankato Lions; Lion Paul Gorman, 25 years Mankato Sunrise; Lion Steve Jaeger, 30 years Mankato Sunrise; Lion Richard Wheeler, 35 years Mankato Sunrise.

HAMBURG LIONS





Congratulations Lion Carl Selchow on reaching your 100th birthday. Lion Carl is a charter member of the Hamburg Lions. Pictured with Carl are DG Marvin Grimm, other charter members, Lions Leo Pouliet, Donnie Dammann, Duane Kroells. We are sad to report that Lion Carl passed away on January 20th. Please pray for Elsa and the family as they grieve the loss of husband, father, uncle, brother.



VESELI LIONS HOLD ANNUAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Veseli Area Lions Club held their annual Kids Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Santa visited with 45 children and families, topping off the event held at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Veseli.

Seventy stockings filled with candy, toys and a \$5 gift card were given away, and Santa handed out gift bags with a McDonald gift card, prizes and candy.

The Webster Willing 4-H Club helped out with the activities, snacks and games for the kids.

The Christmas party raised \$275 and four bags of food to donate to the Lonsdale Area Food Shelf.

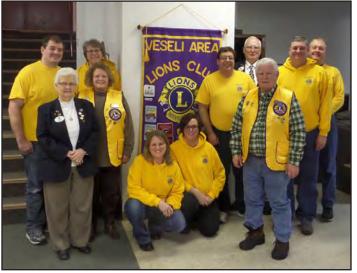


Candy Picka (center) from the Rice County Foster Program joined Lions Jenny Malecha (left) and Roxanne LaPierre at the Veseli Lions Christmas Party.

Right: DG Marvin Grimm and Evelyn and the Veseli Lions. They were able to attend our meeting and enjoy a meal.



Brooklyn Borgmeyer, 16 months old, was one of several children to visit with Santa at the Annual Kids Christmas Party.



BROWNTON LIONS



Brownton Lions received awards. Left to right: DG Marvin; Lion Jim Lindeman, Hearing Foundation Award; Lion Jeff Schons, Melvin Jones Fellowship Award; Lion Billie Diepold, Lion of the Year Award, 2014-15.



These members received membership chevrons. Left to right: DG Marvin, Lion Joe Griebie, 20 years; Lion Julie Olson, 15 years; Lion Larry Tongen, 25 years.

LAFAYETTE LIONS PRESENT DICTIONARIES TO LCS STUDENTS

The Lafayette Area Lions made a special presentation during the weekly assembly at Lafayette Charter School Wednesday, January 13. Five members of the club were on hand to present Webster's Dictionary for Students to the 14 students in third, fourth, and fifth grades.

The presentation was made in conjunction with The Dictionary Project, a national program that traces its roots to 1992. Over 26 million children have received dictionaries because people and organizations have seen the need in their communities.

The books are usually presented only to third graders but the club opted to present books to three fourth graders and a fifth grader who are new to the school this year.



Fourteen Lafayette Charter School students received their own personal dictionaries through the sponsorship of the Lafayette Area Lions Club January 13. They are, from left: Jayda Fosse, Sylas Hacker, Dylan Armstrong, Shanahan Henderson, MacKenzie Cruz, Robbie Lund, Taylor Grant, Glenn Ruehling, Gabrielle Mattison, Isabelle Miller, Skylar Hesse, and Austin Nosbush. Not pictured: Nicholes Turbes and Emma Miller. Lions on hand to make the presentation were Ruth Klossner, Clarence Maidl, Sally Webster. Stanley Youngblom, and Joe Maidl.

COLOGNE LIONS



Two new members inducted by DG Marvin into the Cologne Lions Club. Left to right: Rick Swanson, DG Marvin, Joan Takata, and Paula Stephens, sponsor.

LECENTER LIONS



LeCenter Lions received membership chevrons. Left to right: Wayne Schloesser, 25 years; DG Marvin; Greg Krenik, 25 years; Julie Factor, 10 years; Ronald Germscheid, 40 years.



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



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Hospitality Book	USD \$90,00	USD \$100.00	USD \$110.00		
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Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2016. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

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Join Us at the Bend in the River II
97th MD5M Convention
April 22nd-24th, 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 21st, 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



13th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting Event

Benefitting the Jordan Lions Scholarship Fund
- Over \$164,000 in JHS Scholarships to Date! -

Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 7:00 – 9:30 pm Ridges at Sand Creek



Sponsored By: Jordan Lions Jordan Wine & Spirits



Enjoy a variety of beers and wines with complimentary appetizers!

Silent Auction & Door Prizes

\$20 Advance Purchase or \$25 at the Door Buy your tickets from any Jordan Lion or at Jordan Wine & Spirits

We will also be collecting donations for the Jordan Food Shelf

www.beer-wine-tasting.jordan-lions.org









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 6th, 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
507-304-5265

Green Isle Lions Club's

ANNUAL

DINNER & SHOW

Saturday, February 6, 2016 Social Hour 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm Held at the Green Isle School Gymnasium

Dinner provided by *Chef Craig's Catering*Entertainment by *Craig Carlson, Comedic Magician*

\$20 DONATION PER PERSON \$1 BEER 50¢ POP

THREE CASH PRIZES: \$100, \$75, & \$50 (You need not be present to win)

SILENT AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES
(Net Proceeds for GIFD Fire Truck & Truck Equipment Fund)

Tickets can be purchased from any Green Isle Lions Member or at the CornerStone State Bank in Green Isle

Faribault Lions Club 50th Annual!







Pancake & Sausage Feast

Sunday February 7 2016



7:30 AM to 1:15 PM

Faribault Eagles Club

Donation: Adults \$7.00, Children 12 & Under \$4.00 All Proceeds go to Lions Projects

Please Bring Your Old Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids to Donate



SUPER



PANCAKE, EGG, SAUSAGE BRUNCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

ADULTS: \$8.00 CHILDREN 5 -

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 SHELF BRING OLD EYE GLASSES & HEARING AIDS FOR RECYCLING

Sponsored by the Courtland Lions



Benefit Breakfast & Silent Auction for Dan Fenske



Belgian Waffles

Free Will Offering
Take-Outs Available

Sun., Feb. 14 ~ 9 am-1 pm Berdan Center, UFC Bldg., Winthrop

east edge of Winthrop on Hwy 19

Show your Love and Support?

> Dan suffered a severe hand injury in a corn picker accident in November and can use help with expenses

Co-sponsored by Lafayette Area Lions Club and other community groups

More info on Facebook: Dan Fenske <3 Benefit



WEBBUNG:

WHEN: Sunday, March 20 2016

TIME: 8:00 am-11:30 pm

LOCATION: NYA PAVILLION

Looking to have a great Breakfast? Come have one with us. We will be serving Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce, and of course great Pancakes (including our much in demand, blueberry pancakes). Best of all, all proceeds go to projects in our community.

COST: FREE WILL DONATION-PROCEEDS GO BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY

NYA LIONS WILL ALSO COLLECT YOUR USED EYE GLASSES TO RECYCLE

WAIT CEDULE

LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Graduating Leos or sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) Youth Scholarship. One (\$2,500) scholarship is awarded each year. In 2012, the first recipient was a Leo from Pennsylvania. In 2013, the recipient was a Leo from Virginia. In 2014, the recipient was a Leo from Iowa. In 2015, the recipient was a Leo from Virginia. The 2016 recipient will be announced at our LITPC Annual Breakfast to be held this year at the Alternate Site in Denver, CO in June, 2016.

The new forms for the scholarship are available on line at www.litpc.org. There are 5 pages to be filled out along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus, you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) AND attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the club and state/province and country in which the club is located. NOTE: When writing personal essay to answer questions, the applicant may be disqualified if the statements exceed the maximum allowable words.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by MARCH 1, 2016 to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman

5M Pin Traders Club

9 101st Lane NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55448

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 763-786-8072 or bmguthrie9@g.com