



Service Blooms



November 2010

District Website www.5m2lions.org

Bill Curtis, Editor



Lion Joan Blank and Lion Shirley Hesperheide were recognized for their outstanding contribution from Leader Dog in Rochester Michigan. Picture: Joan Blank, Gov Eunice Rucks, Shirley Hesperheide.



Presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to members of the Victoria Lions Club at their meeting on October 27th. Left to Right in photo is: 2nd VDG Ron Dahlke presenting Melvin Jones Fellowship's to Lion Kevin (Chevy) Rolf, Lion Joe Schmiege and Lion Mark Lundgren.



We Serve



District Governors Approved Friendship Ventures Endorsement
and we are
Now partners serving people with disabilities in our communities

Announcing our Partnership's First Annual Project

The Month of May beginning 2011 MD5M Lions Clubs will declare a Fund Raising Project "Friendship Weekend" to support Programs and Facilities managed by Friendship Ventures. Sites include Camp New Hope - McGregor, Camp Friendship - Annandale, and Eden Wood Center - Eden Prairie.

With help and direction of Friendship Ventures, ideas and plans for Funding Raising Projects will be put in place. Planning, promotion, and publicity ideas for your club will be provided. Clubs may select their own successful fundraiser or select from a list of projects provided. Set your date in May, call us with the date, we will record your date and begin plans for promotion. You are welcome to visit and tour any of our facilities to witness our programs and how Lions have served Friendship Ventures programs in the past.

Participation and proceeds from your event to "Friendship Weekend" will add points to your Club becoming Friendship Ventures "Lions Club of the year" in your District.

You will receive a letter this November to help you plan your Project Date with lists and details of project Ideas. You may contact us anytime for more information. Also, your Mid-Winter Convention will have complete information and materials at Friendship Venture's display booth with a representative there to help you.

This project is designed to reflect a commendable partnership to serve many deserving people with disabilities in your community. Friendship Ventures will provide your Club with the number of individuals needing these complex and meaningful services in your area.

Thank You

When you need something done ask a LION.

Contact: Lions John L. Warner or Jen Engen at 952-852-0127 or 612-202-7197

Email: jwarner@friendshipventures.org

Blooms and Blossoms and...More

Lions share a long history of service. As the world's global leader in community service, we are the example of how one organization with members working together can make a huge impact.

President Sid Scruggs theme this year is “Beacon of Hope”. We need to shine a light on our service projects. Not only does it keep the community informed of what we do, it is a great membership tool!

He has suggested that we do the following Global Service Action Campaigns:

-August was The Most Creative Youth Program Activity

-October was Outstanding Service to the Blind or Visually Impaired (by a club or district) submit report via WMMR by December 31, 2010

-January is Best Hunger Relief Program or Activity (by a club or district) submit report via WMMR by March 31, 2011.

-April is Best Environmental Project (by a club or district) submit report by WMMR by May 15, 2011.

The Beacon Awards will be presented at the 2011 Lions Clubs International Convention in Seattle, Washington for the best Global Service Action Campaigns.

Membership is always a large key to how many service projects we can do. I ask all Lions to propose one new member this year. All you need to do is take a few minutes, take inventory of your close friends, family members, and business or professional associates, identify those you would like to have as a fellow Lion, and then ask them to join.

Tell them what we do for our community, our youth, and for others less fortunate than ourselves. Tell them that we think they would be a good Lion.

As I am writing this as Zone Meetings will have started. Our emphasis at these Zone Meetings will be on retention. Hope to see a lot of you there!

Just a note, on two of the pictures in last month's Newsletter, the captions were incorrect. The picture of 1st VDG Sue Bowman and the picture of PID Maynard Rucks were each speaking at the Membership night in Alden, not at the USA Canada Forum.

It is time to put my garden to “bed”. Remember, we can't put our Lions garden to bed.



District Governor Eunice Rucks

We need to continue to cultivate it, with new members and working together with our current members on projects and fundraisers.

I am going to leave you with this quote. “We are not asked to be Lions to be served, but to serve.”

Until next month,

District Gov. Eunice Rucks

Governors Travels November

- 1** Zone 3 Meeting New Prague
- 3** Zone 7 Meeting Mankato
- 8** Waterville Governors Visit
- 9** Zone 1 Meeting Stewart
- 10** Minnesota Lake Governors Visit
- 11** Zone 2 Meeting Cologne
- 15** District Convention Meeting - Lonsdale
- 16** Zone 8 Meeting Blooming Prairie
- 17** Waseca Governors Visit
- 18** Stewart Lions Governors Visit
- 22** Plato Lions Winsted Lions Governors Visit
- 23** Owatonna Lions Governors Visit
- 30** Zone 4 Meeting - Layfayette

Attitudes of Gratitude

Sue Bowman, VDG

When I think about all the blessings God has given me, certainly good health, love of family, and employment (close to home) are at the top of my list. But also on the list is the Lions family I have known and come to love over the past 30 years. We can accomplish powerful things when we work together, with the WE SERVE attitude.

What a great response there has been so far at the Zone meetings to the leadership initiatives of DG Eunice and the MERLO team. Whether you are a new or a seasoned member, I hope you are learning from the retentions presentations. I want to thank you for your participation in the active table discussions and the exchange of ideas regarding membership growth and retention. The MERLO team consists of the following:

Membership---Lion Steve Wasserman
Extension ---- PID Maynard Rucks
Retention ----Lion Jeffrey Williams
Leadership and Team Chair---Lion Brian Thies
Orientation---Lion Nancy Mathwig

DG Eunice, the MERLO team, Region and Zone Chairs, 2nd VDG Ron and I are available to assist with any of your club growth, retention, and vitality needs.

November is a time of thanksgiving and also a special time to remember our Veterans. As Lions, we can help our returning veterans feel part of the community by encouraging them to become Lions. What a Win Win when we have veterans join our organization. Lions can give the veteran a sense of community, however, the veteran has so much he or she can give the Lions organization. Being in the field of employment counseling, I am always looking at people in terms of their skill sets. The skills of the veteran are many, but to list just a few:

Ability to learn new skills
Strong leadership skills
Teamwork
Efficient performance under pressure
Respect for procedures
Integrity
Triumph over adversity

It will not be long before we will be thinking of gift giving ideas for friends and family this holiday season, please consider the gift of Lion membership. Just ask! Thank you Lions for all you do. We Serve!

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
Second Vice District Governor

What a wonderful October, except for the near-hurricane force winds on the 26th and the 27th. With the beautiful weather, most of the harvest has been completed, as well as much of the fall tillage.

The Zone Meetings are in full swing, with an emphasis of member retention. Of the meetings I was able to attend, it was great to capture the energy of the members in their groups, discussing what has (or has not) worked in their Clubs. I know many gained valuable information from the networking that occurred.

I also realized that, basically, most Clubs already have the "tools" that they need to carry out successful membership recruitment and/or retention. With the exchange of information with other Clubs, they are now able to "sharpen" those "tools" and put them to good use. Thanks to the entire MERLO Team for these presentations.

Be sure to register for the 2011 District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention at Mankato, February 11-13, which will include fellowship, great seminars and entertainment. I will be seeking the position of 1st Vice District Governor at the Business Meeting on Saturday, February 12th and I ask for your support.

Also, remember to participate in the Parade of Green. The Clubs in our District have been very supportive of the programs that are represented, and I know that every dollar of every donation received, is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the Parade of Green, please contact DG Eunice, 1st VDG Sue or myself.

I hope to meet and greet many of you during the Convention, so be sure to stop by my hospitality room!

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

Remember--Your Club's Activities Do Make a Difference in your Community, in our Country and in our World! Thanks for all that YOU do!



We Serve

Club Activities

Albert Lea Cloverleaf - Completed Service Day Projects, picked up seniors for coffee and rolls Donated \$1560 to Can Do Canines.

Albert Lea LakeView - Ushered at local theater, delivered meals to Senior Building, helped with ice cream social at nursing home, donated food to local pantry, donated for cancer auction fundraiser.

ALDEN - Held membership night and added 15 new members.

Amboy - Donated time to drive for local resident for cancer treatment. Lions sang at local nursing home. Donated to food shelf.

Arlington - Completed Faith Adelman benefit.

Belle Plaine - Donated dictionaries to 3rd graders at Belle Plaine schools. Donated to Faith Adelman benefit, Camp Needlepoint, Camp Courage, Camp Confidence, Belle Plaine Public Schools, 3 Environmental Learning Center Scholarships.

Blooming Prairie - Donated to Pheasants Forever.

Brownston - Halloween Party on Sunday October 31, donated to National Dig Pink volleyball fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness. Donated to Brown Baseball Association.

Carver - Completed Halloween Youth Party/Food Shelf Drive, \$500 Scholarship to local youth. Fall Highway cleanup, Donated to Carver Volunteer Fire Department.

Chaska - Did highway cleanup.

Cologne - Installed rain garden at Benton Lake Gardens, collected Peace Posters.

Courtland - Had Dad's Belgium Waffle Breakfast, Kids Halloween Party, Bar Bingo and donated to American Diabetes Camp.

Ellendale - Gave dictionaries to schools, \$250 to students to attend Eagle Bluff Environmental Center \$500 to NRHEG for Senior Scholarship.

Faribault - Completed dictionary project, donated to Can Do Canines, MD5M marching band at LCI convention, Fairbault Emeralds Dancelike.

Glencoe - Gave dictionaries to 3rd graders, had Dad's Belgium Waffle Breakfast for handicapped individual and purchased used van for her. Donated to Lions Quest books for school and Glencoe Brewers Baseball Association for new lights for park.

Green Isle - Had joint fundraiser project with Arlington for Faith Adelman.

Hamburg - Completed dictionary project, worked providing beverage serving for Community hall event. Donated to Faith Adelman benefit, Central School Community Ed for book for preschool students and Eye Bank.

Hutchinson - Did Halloween party, helped Cedar Mills Lions with pork chop feed fundraiser, packed candy bags for Halloween party.

Jordan - Worked bloodmobile, finished game Ball for High School Athletics, road cleanup, Donated to Sheriff's Youth Fishing Jamboree.

Jordaness - Gave dictionaries to students in school. Worked car cruise and Heimatfest. Donated to Jordan Fields improvements and Amer. Asst. Dogs.

Lafayette Area - Halloween party at Lafayette Charter School.

Le Center - Had omelet breakfast, dictionary project ditch cleanup, Donated to Can do Canines, large remodeling project and chamber sign.

Le Sueur - Completed 50th Anniversary Celebration. Donate large print Readers Digest to Nursing Home.

Lester Prairie - Completed high school football tailgate party.

Lonsdale - Completed adopt-a-highway cleanup, pancake breakfast.

Mankato - Served chili at Mankato Diabetes walk, donated to sight grants.

Mankato Sunrise - Club did ID and wrist band stations at hockey games at Mankato Civic Center, club was co-host sponsor to the Mankato Area Diabetes Walk, club conducted a cleanup of highway, Donated to Diabetes Association.

Mayer Watertown DandyLions - Worked at Hansen's Haunted Barn, completed dictionary project, completed Adopt-A-Highway.

Minnesota Lake - Gave out 12 Walmart gift cards to flood victims, did road ditch cleanup, donated to Maple River East Elementary organization, 250 toy wood carts to MN Lions Children's Hearing Center, MN Lake Area Food Shelf, Wells Area Food Shelf, Lions Hearing Foundation and Jr. Achievement Program.

Montgomery - Completed Pancake breakfast fundraiser, donated to music program at Montgomery Lonsdale school sponsored the plan the "Lion", donated to torchlight parade, Thanksgiving meals.

New Auburn - Had roast beef dinner, donated to local group putting on Halloween party for all children in area, donated to Sibley County Santa's Helpers.

Nicollet - 12 Members clean ditches, 3 members attended Lions Eye Bank Tour, donated \$4,135 to elementary school field trips, \$1,000 to Nicollet Fund Drive, \$200 for Lions Benefit.

Northfield Cannon Valley - Finished our back to the 50's night fundraiser, donated to local food shelf.

Norwood Young America - Completed membership night, \$500 to Central Wrestling Club, \$100 to Curious Kids for purchase of books.

NYA-West Carver - Held wine tasting, donated to dictionaries for 3rd graders, Project Community Connect and Curious Kids.

Owatonna - donated 70 \$35 gift cards to flood victims from LCIF.

Plato - Donated to Vision Honduras, PDG Orville Trettin spoke on Vision Honduras.

Prior Lake - Held football raffle at PLHS, held food drive at Village Market, judged pumpkins for scouts, donated to Scott Carver Dakota CAP agency, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Shakopee - Did Shakopee Kids Voting, Completed special Olympics bowling, steak fry Honor student of the month, donated to Shakopee girl scouts, St. Francis Medical Center, Smiles for Christmas, purchased glasses for student in Shakopee.

Silver Lake - Completed fall brunch, highway cleanup, Co-hosted meet the candidate night, donated to Starkey's Hearing Foundation and McLeod County Food Shelf.

St. Peter - Donated to South Central Cooperative to support spelling bee, gave Walmart gift cards to flood victims, donated to LCIF. Completed St. Peter Lions Sweepstakes drawing.

Stewart - Do meat raffles. Sponsored Senior Dining for one week.

Victoria - Did Halloween Party, donated to Eagle Scout Project, Boy Scouts Troop and Cross Country meet.

Waconia - Paid postage to send care packages to local personnel. Completed fall ditch cleanup. Had Nickel Dickel Days food stand. Donated \$500 to local marine in Afghanistan.

Waterville - Distributed dictionaries, had pork chop dinner, pie sale, homecoming parade with Lion car, World Service Project at Good Sam Home, donated to Le Sueur County Red Cross, youth baseball, Conference Leadership Center and CRWP.

Wells - Donated to Diabetes.

Winsted - Worked at Warm Coats for McLeod County, passed out dictionaries for third grade.

Winthrop - Bingo at local library donated to Youth Lego League through Community Ed. Lion Deb harms and Lion Donna Wolter - Project New Hope Chairs spoke.

Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 11, 12, 13, 2011
City Center Hotel – Mankato, Minnesota
REGISTRATION FORM



Official Use Only
 Date Rec'd _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

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

Last Name	First Name	E-mail Address
Address/PO Box	Club Name	Phone #
City	State and Zip Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if 1 st time convention attendee
Check if you have received any of these awards from <u>January 2010 through January of 2011</u> (Saturday Luncheon Recognition) <input type="checkbox"/> Helen Keller Award <input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Jones Award <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Foundation Award <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

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

Last Name	First Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if 1 st time convention attendee
	Club Name	
Check if you have received any of these awards from <u>January 2010 through January of 2011</u> (Saturday Luncheon Recognition) <input type="checkbox"/> Helen Keller Award <input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Jones Award <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Foundation Award <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

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

- \$15.00 Registration Fee per person (Lion, Lioness, Spouse/Guest).
NOTE: If not pre-registered, the "On-Site" Fee will raise to \$18.00 per person.
- Full Meal Payment.
- All meals include tax and gratuity.
- Make Checks Payable to: **Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**
- Mail to: Lion Bruce Lieske, Registration Chairperson
 PO Box 162
 Lonsdale, MN 55046

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to the Registration Chairperson Lion Bruce Lieske at the above address.

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

- *On or before January 7, 2011 – Full Refund
- *From January 8 to January 31, 2011 – 90% Refund
- *After January 31, 2011 – No Refund

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. The registration fees apply to all attendees, including non-Lions.
2. Name tags will be distributed with your convention registration materials and need to be worn in order to gain admission to all meals, activities, and seminars.
3. **This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect.**
4. Registration fee and all meal costs must be included with your registration form.

MEAL REGISTRATION

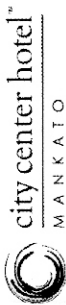
Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost per Person	Total
		All-Meal Package	\$55.00
		Saturday Lunch	\$20.00
		Saturday Banquet	\$25.00
		Sunday Buffet	\$15.00
		Meal Sub Total	
		Friday Supper with I.D. \$8.00** NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL PACKAGE	
		TOTAL MEAL COST	

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

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

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

**Supper with I.D. Cabinet, Presidents & Secretaries.
 **Cost is not included in the all meal package.
 NOTE: The All-Meal Package includes an 8% discount.
 NOTE/NOTE: No Melvin Jones Breakfast; eat on your own.



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First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 State: () / _____ Phone: () - _____
 Name of Person(s) Sharing Room: _____

Only send one registration form if sharing a room

Payment methods:
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 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)

MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

Reservations will be accepted by MAIL only.

Please complete and return this form to Mankato City Center Hotel with payment information no later than January 7, 2010.

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 9th, Full Refund
 February 9th - One night charge will be applied, any other payment will be refunded.

CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO CANCEL.

Special Requests: _____

Marching Band

The MD5M District Governors and the 1st Vice District Governors are requesting that each Club support the Fergus Falls, MN marching band on their trip to the International Convention in Seattle, Washington on July 5, 2011. Our goal is \$15,000 to help the marching band with expenses. We are asking each Lions club to donate \$50 for the marching band. Checks should be made out to MD5M Marching Band Fund.

The Fergus Falls Marching Band, 115 young marchers strong will lead our delegation for the International Lions Convention in Seattle. The marching band will appreciate your donation.

PCC Keith Johnson
 MD5M Parade Consultant
 626 Turnberry Lane
 Litchfield, Minnesota

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Arrival Date - Select One
 Thursday, February 10
 Friday, February 11
 Saturday, February 12

Cost for Three Nights
 One King Bed \$291.00
 Two Queen Beds \$291.00
 King Bed w/ Sofa \$320.97
 Poolside w/ Two Beds \$320.97

Cost for Two Nights
 One King Bed \$194.00
 Two Queen Beds \$194.00
 King Bed w/ Sofa \$213.98
 Poolside w/ Two Beds \$213.98

Cost for One Night
 One King Bed \$97.00
 Two Queen Beds \$97.00
 King Bed w/ Sofa \$106.99
 Poolside w/ Two Beds \$106.99

Handicap Access Room Required
 (room contains one King bed)

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

MD5 Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame award is to honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

There will be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors. If the candidate is a PDG, he or she should have qualifications above or beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in MD5M, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in MD5M at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone or District.

There will be a nomination fee of \$150 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee will be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction will be sent to MD5M and will be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Mid Winter Convention.

Each individual District will annually hold an election at their Mid Winter Convention to determine the candidate (s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor will have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election.

All nominations will use the standard form, no others will be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination will not be considered.

MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

(October 2003)

District _____

Date _____

Nominee:

Name _____

Address _____

Club _____

Sponsor:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Club _____

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service Family Work – length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects. Attach additional sheet if more room is needed.

Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Mid Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.

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Eunice Rucks
5M-2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR
35493 226th Street
Henderson, MN 56044



A BIG
THANK YOU

To every club and lion who participated in "Name a Puppy Darwin" campaign. AND a special thanks to 5M9 who held a Chinese Auction at their fall Mini-forum and raised enough money to complete our crusade. Puppy Darwin is now at home with his puppy raisers in.... 5M2! What a surprise to have him in his own District! For those who wish to still donate, please direct your contributions to "Name a Kennel". The money is desperately needed so Can Do Canines can increase the number of service dogs available. The waiting list for a service dog for an Autistic child is years! Make a difference! Be part of the change by sending contributions to:

Can Do Canines
9440 Science Center Dr
New Hope MN 55428
Be sure to earmark your check with
"Your District"



Puppy Darwin & Nancy Mathwig



We are pleased to Announce: Puppy Darwin! Along with IPDG Kevin 5M-5, Lion Nancy Mathwig, Darwin's trainer, and Can-Do-Canines Executive Director Al Peters.