



What's Cook'n in 5M2



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Bill Curtis, Editor



PDG Mary Ferleman was presented with the Al Jensen Award at the MD5M Convention in Mahanomen, MN with Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson and Past International Director Maynard Rucks making the presentation.



Zone 4 Lion of the Year: Lion Joe Maidl - Lafayette & Area Lions was presented the plaque by VDG Eunice Rucks.



Zone 3 Lion of the Year: Lion Jeff Kubesh - Jordan Lions was presented the plaque by VDG Eunice Rucks.



Zone 1 Lion of the Year: Lion Doris Schrupp - Plato Lions was presented the plaque by VDG Eunice Rucks.

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So far no clubs are on track to win Chili for their club in the Governors Spring membership drive. (36 new members in April) The good news is that you have until June 15th to get those new members signed up. I just looked at the report ending April 30th and we are in pretty good shape, but we can do better and I know we will. We have 201 new members for the year and 184 dropped members. Most of the dropped members were listed as dropped in GOOD STANDING. Just imagine where we would be if we could have kept all those that resigned in GOOD STANDING!

As I stated last month, things are really slowing down for Nancy and me as we near the end of my term. I cannot tell you how much we have enjoyed the visits to each club. We have discovered that every club is unique in their own way and that every club has their own way of doing things. The passion the clubs and members pour into their projects is unreal. I know that so many of you have raised thousands and thousands of dollars for Lions Club International. So far this year, the clubs in 5M2 have donated \$57,000.00 dollars to LCIF. That is the highest dollar amount in the Multiple District. You should be so proud of yourselves as individuals Lions members and members of a Lions Club. It is unbelievable the amount of dollars that go into high school scholarship for graduating seniors. Your commitment to the youth of your community will never be forgotten. Hopefully, when these students enter the working world after their continued education, they will remember that the Lions were there to help them. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO AS LIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!!!!

You still have time to sign up for the 34th Annual USA/CANADA Leadership forum September 23-25 in Milwaukee, WI. Contact PDG Rick Wagener for more information.

We continue to plan the MD5M convention that will be held in Mankato April 29-30 and May 1, 2011. If you are interested in helping, please drop me an email so we can get you involved. dmathwig@hotmail.com

Now for the BIG NEWS this month! I want you to plan on attending the Charter Night Banquet for the newly chartered Winsted Lions Club. The Charter Night is planned for May 25th at the Blue Note Ballroom in Winsted. They have been working very hard for the past 15 months to become a Lions club. Let's give them a Great Big 5M-2 Welcome! DG Darwin and Lion Nancy



District Governor Darwin Mathwig

District Governor Darwin Mathwig has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He is home and you can call him at 507-964-5765.

To keep you up to date on his health condition, he created a CaringBridge website. You can follow his progress and show your support.

Visit his website in two easy ways:

1. Visit his CaringBridge website by visiting the link below.
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/liondarwin>
2. Enter his website name, liondarwin, at www.CaringBridge.org.



Lions Denise Liefke & Harry Klenke manning the 5M-2's 2011 MD5M Multiple Convention pre-registration table at the recent Multiple Convention in Mahanomen, MN. 5M-2 is hosting the MD5M Convention in Mankato April 29, 30, May 1, 2011.

Blooms and Blossoms and...More

Eunice Rucks
District Governor Elect

Spring has arrived and with all of the Zone Meetings over, we hope all of you who attended have gained something from the meetings. It is always fun to see Lions from your own Zone and hear what club projects they have been doing. At this time of the year it is particularly interesting to me to hear about the scholarships that are being given by the Lions each year to deserving high school students.

Students will remember for many years the generosity of the Lions with these scholarships. We hope that this will certainly encourage them to perhaps become future Lions and of course future leaders in their communities.

We also have completed our officers training which I once again believe is so very important to the well being of a club. Good leadership is instrumental in growing a club and maintaining a good healthy club. I hope those of you who attended the Vice President's training, which was new this year, found it very beneficial. We truly appreciated all of your attendance at all of the sessions.

"Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit", Napoleon Hill. Have you expended all the effort you can to make your club projects a success? If you have, then you are aware of the reward that comes with knowing you have completed the job and you have therefore received your reward. Remember, it is a good time of the year to take a look at your club projects, to review the ones you have and look at new ones.

This is my favorite time of the year. I am assessing my flowers in my garden and deciding which of them need to be divided so that I can share them with family and friends, just like I like to share my Lionism with family and friends.

My parting quote for the month, "It's a dream until you write it down...then it's a goal". Author unknown. Let's all make goals for ourselves and our clubs.

Congratulations Chaska Leos!

The past two months have been very successful as we got new members and we finished our 5 events in which committee leaders took charge and lead their committees we signed up for. We had a bake sale (selling puppy chow), root beer float sale, Drawing/Essay contest, Volunteer event, and food can drive for the food shelf.

On May 8th we will be buying at Target the teachers supplies that staff has requested with our rootbeer and puppy chow proceeds. At our last Option C meeting I brought treats to celebrate our success! Now, we will be splitting into two big groups: fundraising and volunteering. We have committee leaders for each one. We want this to be BIG and be a community event rather than just a CHS event. I have sent out an email to all Leo's monthly for updates and what not. We will soon be volunteering at the soup kitchen for Sharing and Caring Hands.

We keep encouraging students to join (not too late) and to participate. I passed out little rewards (candy bars) for committee leaders and did a little trivia for Leos club. I was wondering when Leos club can do the road cleanup now that we have nice weather out! I can send out the information to all Leos. I would greatly appreciate it. Have a great day!

Esther Lee



We Serve

Have you asked someone today to become a Lion?

If not – why not

MEMBERSHIP

Has your membership been declining in recent years? Your recruiting of new members may not be the fault. You could be doing a great job of recruiting but a terrible job of retention! There are three reasons that a club can lose members and they are death, transfer and drops. You can't do anything about deaths and you should encourage transfers when applicable. So let's take a long hard look at drops.

Why are they dropping? Are they being mentored? Is your club strong as in the 6 basic characteristics on the opposite page? Are there cliques? Are one or two members running the club with no feedback by other members allowed?

Members need to be involved and they need to be part of the decision-making process in your club. They don't want to be bored with the same projects or because your club meetings are dull and meaningless. They want to feel they are contributing and are a part of the club. They want to be proud they are a Lion as each of you should be. There is a mentoring program available through Multiple District 19 web site. **Use it**

Club News

ALBERT LEA CLOVERLEAF Completed Radio Daze. Made donation to Journey for Service.

ALBERT LEA LAKEVIEW Attended Zone Meeting. Donations to food pantry and to Journey for Service.

AMBOY LIONS Completed ditch cleaning. Sang at the Winnebago Nursing Home. Donated to Journey for Service, Ashlyn Bennett Benefit and Compassion Child. Packed a box to send to our adopted soldier.

BELLE PLAINE LIONS Lions sponsored Belle Plaine City-Wide Cleanup. Collected and delivered food to local food shelf.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE LIONS Completed ditch clean up on Hwy 30. Lion Member competition at a local organization donation to a local group. Donated to Journey for Service.

BLUE EARTH LIONS Donated to Habitat for Humanity, Post Prom Party and Journey for Service.

BROWNTON LIONS Completed Spring Adopt-A-Highway roadside clean up and sandbox fill. 3 Members attended the Spring Zone Meeting in Lester Prairie. Donated to Brownton Police Dept. for the Child Safety & Drug Education Program, Shalon Werner, a participant in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk, Brownton Women's Club to purchase 3 bikes for the annual bike-a-thon and Annual Minnesota Lions All Star Baseball Game.

CARVER LIONS Held Easter Egg Hunt. Worked Bloodmobile. Donated to Journey for Service.

CHASKA LIONS Donated to Chaska Library, Ridgeview Clinic, Chaska High Scholarship and Chaska Touch-a-Truck.

COLOGNE LIONS Hosted bloodmobile. Had Spring Cleanup at Lions Park. Nine members visited the Watertown Lions Club. Contributed to Hospital Foundation, Eye Bank, LCIF and Camp Needlepoint. Purchased 20 U.S. Flags to display throughout City of Cologne. Program Chair Presentations on Eye Bank and LCIF.

COURTLAND LIONS Held Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch. Held Bar Bingo on 3 Saturdays. Donated to Journey for Service.

ELLEDALE LIONS Donated to Childrens Eye Bank for Minnesota All Star Baseball tickets, NRHEG After Prom Party, Journey for Service, Multiple district fund for 2011 and to Lion Dr Thompsons work in Nepal.

GLENCOE LIONS Held Spring brunch. Donated to: send local student with Diabetes to Camp Needlepoint, two Boy Scouts for their Eagle Scout projects, help sponsor the Glencoe Days Fireworks and to GSL Schools to send 8 students to the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference in California.

GREEN ISLE LIONS 20 members attended the Eye Bank/ Hearing Foundation tours and also toured the Can Do Canine building. Sold beer at a local rodeo event. Donated to the Journey for Service, Lions All Star Baseball Tournament.

HAMBURG LIONS Donated to: Ami McPadden Miller benefit, Carver County Library System & to Camp Needlepoint. PDG Mary Spille & Lion Nancy Swiggum from West Carver Lions visited to talk about a collaborative effort with 3 other clubs & Southwest Eye Center to help provide eye glasses to students in surrounding schools who are unable to purchase them on their own.

HENDERSON LIONS Hwy. 69 Spring cleanup completed. Spring cleanup and raking of Bender Park. Donated to New Country School for Spring Formal and to City of Le Sueur soccer program for 12-16 yr. old girls.

HUTCHINSON LIONS Completed pancake breakfast fund raiser for Birchwood Hospice. Donated to Food Shelf and Journey For Service.

JORDAN AREA LIONS Helped sponsor Easter Egg Hunt. Did diabetes screening at community expo. Donated to Diabetes Walk for Cure. Helped sponsor student in Minnesota Select Basketball.

KIESTER LIONS Completed Adopt-a-Highway project.

LAFAYETTE LIONS Completed Jackpot Junction Day and Easter Egg Hunt. Donated to Journey for Service, Lion's Quest, Nicollet Co. Sheriff Dept for kids books, Can Do Canines and Lafayette Rec. Board. Program Chair Presentation on Lion's Quest.

LE CENTER LIONS Held Kids Easter Egg Hunt. Completed 3 miles of Highway Ditch cleaning. Donated to Le Center Summer Rec program.

LE SUEUR LIONS Had Retail & Business Expo Food Stand and Pioneer Power Swap Meet Food Stand..3. Hosted 14 Green Isle Lions for their Inter-Club Visit. Donated to Le Sueur Parks & Recreation for soccer goals for U14 & U16 Girls Soccer program. Had one of our Lions Members, just back from a year in IRAQ with the Red Bulls, do a program for us on his experiences in IRAQ.

LESTER PRAIRIE LIONS Completed 3rd Grade dictionary project and Easter egg hunt. Donated to Camp Needlepoint, youth mission trip, school field trip fund and to help send local student to Int Bowl for Future Problem Solvers.

MANKATO LIONS Sold food at Pioneer Power Swap Meet. Donated to Junior Achievement.

MANKATO SUNRISE LIONS 6 club members attended the Lions tour of the U of MN. Worked at Lions food stand at Pioneer Power Swap Meet. Donated to family weekend program for families of kids in south central MN who are deaf or hard of hearing. Donated to Journey for Service and to Mankato Area high schools Graduation Celebrations.

MAYER-WATERTOWN DANDY Donated to Journey for Service and Watertown-Mayer Elementary School Carnival.

MONTGOMERY LIONS Donated to Close-up Washington D.C. Trip for German Club, St. Johns

Club News

Youth League, Mobilize Montgomery to Sponsor Horseshoe tournament, Montgomery-Lonsdale Track Meet and Lions All Star Baseball Tournament.

NEW AUBURN LIONS Held annual Easter Egg hunt.

NEW MARKET ELKO WEBSTER Ditch cleanup completed. Spring Fling brunch held. Established three athletic scholarships in honor of Arlene Simon to help needy students pay for activity fees for sports participation in Northfield, Lakeville South and New Prague. Gave three \$1000 scholarships to community youth.

NEW RICHLAND LIONS Held Pancake Breakfast. Donated to New Richland Area Community Endowment Fund and Journey For Service.

NICOLLET LIONS Completed Ditch clean-up. Donated funds for flowers in the park and for transportation costs for summer swimming lessons.

NORTHFIELD CANON VALLEY Had annual spaghetti supper. Donated to Journey for Service and to Trinity youth mission trip.

NORTHFIELD LIONS Completed Lions Radio Days on KYMN Radio.

NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA Held Pancake Breakfast. Cash donation made to local youth who is ill. Donated to two local schools for Prom activities and All Star Baseball program. Program Chair Presentations by Lion Ron Dahlke on LCIF and Lion Jean Dahlke spoke on Eye Bank.

NYA WEST CARVER LIONS Held Senior Dance at NYA Pavilion. Donated to Relay for Life, The Harbor (Assisted living in town) to fund "Mum's for Mom's" program.

OWATONNA LIONS Hosted National Honor Society Students at an Achievement Banquet at Owatonna High School. Presented plaques to students and honored their achievements.

PLATO LIONS Collected 57 units at Blood Drive. Served about 250 people at Spring Brunch. Donated to: B.P.A. (Business Professionals of America, Friendship Adventure and Lion's All-Star Baseball. Program Chair Presentation on LCIF.

PRIOR LAKE LIONS Collected items for Bridging / city clean up. Conducted highway clean-up on April 20. Donations to: Senior Scholarships – Class of 2010, Susan G. Komen Foundation – Cancer Walk, Girl Scouts – Recharter & Awards, Cub Scouts – Recharter, ISD #719 – Educator of Excellence Award, Laker Athletic Booster Club – Boys LaCrosse, ISD #719 STARS Program – Scholarships and American Diabetes Association. Had club presentation on Driver's training/safety.

SHAKOPEE LIONS Gave donation to Magnifying Abilities. Four members attended the training session in Mankato.

SHAKOPEE VALLEY LIONS Hosted Spring Zone Meeting. Donations to Journey For Service and All Night Graduation Party.

SILVER LAKE LIONS Completed St.Patrick's Day Parade and Pork Chop Feed, Sausage Supper and Highway Cleanup, Visited New Auburn Lions. Donations to GSL BPA Club, Journey for Service, DQ Run, Western Warrior Junior Olympic Volleyball Team, and Presbyterian Church to send campers to Clearwater Forest Camp.

ST PETER LIONS Visited Lafayette Lions Club. Donation to Can Do Canines.

STEWART LIONS Sponsored Senior Dining, Easter Breakfast and Kids Party. Donated to: MD5M 2011 Convention, GFW After Prom Party and Buffalo Lake/Hector After Prom Party.

VESELI LIONS Held presentation on Lions Quest.

VICTORIA LIONS Held Easter Egg Hunt. Completed Highway Cleanup. Donated to Journey for Service.

WACONIA LIONS Completed Spring Ditch Clean up.

WATERTOWN LIONS Held Sportsman Dinner. Completed storage facility upgrade. Donated to: Super Mileage Club, BPA Natl Leadership, Cub Scouts Pack 209, Lions Quest and Journey For Service. Hosted one 2 Chair Marvin Grimm.

WATERVILLE LIONS Competed Goat Raffle, Ditch Clean-up and Annual Turkey Dinner. Had Foreign Exchange Students Program from 6 countries. Set up Lions table at Ladies Expo. Donations to: Waterville-Elysian Food Shelf, Hardship, WEM After Prom Party, Journey for Service, City Fire Truck and Youth Baseball.

WINTRHOP LIONS Competed Omelet breakfast. Donated to Kids Against Hunger, Journey for Service and food for bloodmobile workers and donors.

Presidents and Secretary's:

- Remember to fill out the 100% Secretary form and sent it to District Governor Darwin by 6/15/10. Form was in your 2009-10 Secretary's packet or available on the 2009-10 Secretary's CD.

- The President's Excellence Award is due to LCI by 9/30/10 and needs to be signed by DG Darwin. Form is available on the LCI website by searching President Excellence Award.

- Did you know the meaning of Passion in District 5M2 is Lions Cathleen and Mike Williams as they promote the Lions Quest program?

- Did you also know that Lion Cathleen actually went to a Zone meeting without her date book?

News from the American Diabetes Association

With this early spring I'm sure everyone is getting ready for Mother's Day, Fishing Opener, and summer vacations besides weddings, graduations, and "those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer"! Put away those jackets and mittens and get out the shorts, sun screen, and mosquito repellent!

Before you take off for those summer haunts though, I wanted to tell you about some exciting activities the American Diabetes Association will be sponsoring in the upcoming months. Our calendar includes:

- Tour de Cure (bicycling event)
May 22 Rochester
June 5 Twin Cities
- Camp Sioux (Park River, ND)
Session 1 6/6 6/11
Session 2 6/13 6/18
- Camp NeedlePoint (Hudson, WI)
Session 1 8/15 8/21
Session 2 8/22 8/28
- Camp DayPoint (Hudson, WI)
8/16 8/20
- Step Out (walk event)
9/25 Twin Cities
10/2 Brainerd, Mankato, Stillwater
- EXPO Minneapolis
10/9

We encourage you to invite your clubs to participate and/or to volunteer for the Tour de Cure and Step Out events. We can use help with marking the routes, setting up & working a rest stop, registration, distributing water, etc. For more information, go to www.diabetes.org/tour or www.diabetes.org/stepout and click on the city/state.

Camp is just around the corner. If you haven't ever been to camp to see how your donations are used, consider coming for a visit this summer. Visiting during the week works the best. Spend the late morning taking a tour of camp, have lunch with the campers, and talk to them about their experiences at camp. You will see how special diabetes camp is for the children who attend. If you can't visit, consider a donation to help a camper who can't afford the fee for camp. If you'd like to attend or want more information about making a donation contact Chris Schaefer at 763-593-5333, ext. 6592 or email at cschaefer@diabetes.org.

Our last event of the 2010 year is our EXPO. This will be our 7th annual EXPO at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Over 8,000 people attend each year to get information, listen to speakers, participate in fitness demonstrations, talk to diabetes specialists, and to receive free screenings. The EXPO is free to attendees. In the past we have had Lions sponsor buses from their communities to the EXPO, volunteer to work at the EXPO, and attend the EXPO at

Participants to get more information about pre-diabetes and diabetes. Go to our website, www.diabetes.org/expo, for more information. If you would like to sponsor a bus from your community, please contact Chris Schaefer at 763-593-5333, ext. 6592 or email at cschaefer@diabetes.org. We can provide you with more information on how to do it and we will also add you to our website.

Call if you have questions about the American Diabetes Association or its activities. Now, go out and have a great summer!

HAMBURG LIONS CLUB & HAMBURG FIREMANS ASSC.

ANNUAL ZUMMERFEST
Hamburg Bi-Centennial Park
June 18, 19 & 20, 2010

Friday:

Food Stand Opens 4:00 P.M.
Youth Baseball Games
Classic Car Show
Music by Blurred Vision 8:00P.M.
(no cover charge)

Saturday:

Food Stand Opens 9:00 A.M.
Youth Baseball Games
Sheephead Tournament
Horseshoe Tournament
Tractor & Truck Pull & Antique
Tractor Show
R.&R. Pro Wrestling

Sunday:

Food Stand Opens 11:00 A.M.
Pork Chop Dinner
Horseshoe Tournament
Kids Pedal Pull
Hamburg Havoc Demo Derby

City Wide Garage Sales, Thur. Fri. Sat.



PDG Mary Ferleman was honored at the Past District Governors Banquet on April 23, 2010 in Mahanomen, MN by being presented with the "CAP" Award. This award is given by the PDG's for continued outstanding achievement in Lions at the club and district level after being a District Governor. Mary has shown over the years that she has portrayed leadership skills and has assisted and encouraged others to continue in service.

New Members April 2010

Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions Club
Dennis Hamberg

Albert Lea Lakeview Lions Club
Cynthia Olson

Amboy Lions Club
Jack Ritter

Carver Lions Club
Joanne Weygand

Chaska Lions Club
Jay Rohe

Glencoe Lions Club
Collette Ingenthron
Kris Ingenthron

Kiester Lions Club
Diana Brooks
Jeanne Brooks

Lafayette & Area Lions Club
Rick Davies

Le Sueur Lions Club
Wilard Brosz

New Richland Lions Club
Curtis Peterson

Northfield Lions Club
Douglas Schetnan

Norwood Young America Lions Club
Mark Schneider

Winthrop Lions Club
Beverly Bussler

The Heat Is On

Sue Bowman
Second Vice District Governor

Everyday on my work email I get a "Simple Truth" motivational email from the Simple Truth founder, Mac Anderson. A few days ago I had gotten a message about "The Extra Degree". It was a concept I really had never thought of, and realized it was a concept worthy of sharing with my Lions family. Here is the idea...

- At 211 degrees...water is hot.
- At 212 degrees...it boils.
- And with boiling water, comes steam.
- And steam can power a locomotive.
- And, it's that **one extra degree** that...
- Makes all the difference.

These past weeks I have been blessed with the opportunity to attend many of the district zone meetings. At the zone meeting DG Darwin talks to the clubs about the membership goals needed per club to reach his 100 plus district membership growth. As I listened, I keep hearing in my mind the story of The Engine That Could, the childhood story of motivation I am guessing most of you remember. As the little engine attempts to go up the steep hill, when all the other engines said, "no way", he repeats "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can" and as the little engine reached the top of the hill says, "I know I can, I know I can, I know I can".

You may be saying, fun story Lion Sue but what has that got to do with me and my Lions Club? How can we reach **the extra degree** with membership growth and retention? How about making our members feel part to the Lions team with a welcome and smile, a thank you, a good to have you here, a great idea, recognition in the club newsletter, etc, etc. Help your members to feel part of the "We Serve" team, I'm guessing they will stay with you. It just takes an "**extra degree**". Good luck! Turn up the heat!

"Mixing with the Governor"

May 17: 2011 5M2 Mid Winter meeting

May 24: Cabinet Meeting

May 25: Winsted Charter night

June 8: 2011 MD5M Convention committee
(tentative)

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District Governor Darwin Mathwig and Lion Nancy at the head table at the Banquet at the MD5MD Convention at Mahnomen, MN April 24, 2010.



Newborn Hearing Screening: The Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide newborn hearing screening program in 1999 with more than \$417,000 in Lions contributions and a matching grant from LCIF.



Hearing Aid Loaner Bank: The Hearing Foundation established the Lions Hearing Aid Loaner Bank providing free hearing aids to infants and children who are newly identified with hearing loss, while their parents and medical team implement a treatment plan.



Lions Children's Hearing Center: was created in 2005 to focus on the complex needs of deaf and hard of hearing children in MN and the Upper Midwest; uniting research, education, family support and a multidisciplinary clinic devoted to addressing all aspects of pediatric hearing loss.



Research: The MD5M Hearing Foundation is dedicated to supporting cutting-edge research into hearing loss and bringing future medical ideas to fruition by providing the space, equipment and seed money necessary to cultivate promising ideas.



District Governor Elect Eunice Rucks and PID Maynard Rucks at the head table wearing their Blue District Governor Jackets for the first time at the Banquet at the MD5MD Convention at Mahnomen, MN April 24, 2010.

The MD5M Hearing Foundation, would like to thank all of you for your past contributions and ask for your continued support of our mission to provide hope to children diagnosed with hearing loss.



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