



Zone 6 Lion of the Year Marv Grundhoefer from the Northfield Lions Club. Presented by Governor Sue Bowman and First Vice District Governor Ron Dahlke.



Zone 3 Lion of the Year, Lion Hedy Joachim from the Jordan Jordaness Lions Club with District Governor Sue Bowman and First Vice District Governor Ron Dahlke.



Governor Sue Bowmen visits Prior Lake Lions Club



Governor Sue Bowman visits the Lester Prairie club.



Governor Sue Bowman visits Veseli Area Lions Club



DG Sue Bowman

Finish Strong

How do you know when we have a successful club? The answer will vary from member to member and club to club, but every member can promote a healthy successful club through a



District Governor Sue Bowman

personal legacy. What is your Lion Legacy? Long range planning for membership growth is needed, that is, we need to ask ourselves who is going to replace me in Lions when I pass and who is going to be around to grow the Lions organization. As Lions, I strongly feel we all need to sponsor a minimum of two members, again one to replace ourselves and one to grow the organization. What a wonderful Lion Legacy knowing the good works started in Lions will continue.

International Director Brian Sheehan has an article regarding membership in this newsletter; please take the time to read it. ID Brian is one of our very own from MD5M, representing us with passion, enthusiasm, unstoppable energy, wit and creativity. He is evaluated on district membership growth of his multiple. We need the help of all our members to reach positive membership growth.

Please share your membership growth ideas with each other, set membership growth goals and focus on an action plan to make it happen. There is definitely work to be done, at this writing the membership in 5M2 is a negative 42. We have three more months in the Lions year, I believe we can have positive membership growth with the help of each club and each member focused on the goal.

Certainly positive numbers look good in a report, but the most important benefits from membership growth come from the new members. New ideas, energy, insights, creativity, friendship are just a few of the benefits of growing our Lions Family.

In the remaining three month in the Lion year we must move the membership issue to the front burner so our Lions Family can continue to grow and prosper.

Twenty nine of our sixth three clubs have either positive membership growth or membership has remained steady. Congratulation on your success! I believe with can finish strong with your help we can add more members than we drop to equal positive membership growth.. Thank you for all you do for Lions. If you want help with your membership campaign please check with your zone chairperson, your district membership chair, PID Maynard Rucks or yours truly.

District Governor Sue Bowman Governor's Travels April

2	Zone 2 Meeting Waconia
3	Zone 4 Meeting St. Peter

4 Wells Club Visit

9 Zone 9 Meeting Albert Lea 10 Zone 1 Meeting Glencoe

11-13 Journey for Service

14 GMT/GLT Meeting St. Cloud

17 Zone 8 Meeting Waseca

18 Winnebago Club Visit

19 Mankato/Mankato Key City Club Visit

23 Montgomery Club Visit 24 LeSueur Club Visit

25 Zone 5 Meeting Hamburg

26 Travel to Hinkley

27-29 MD5M Multiple Convention Hinkley

30 Leadership Training Mankato

Welcome to the 5M2 Lions Family

New Member Sponsor

Albert Lea

Eric Olson Randy Kehr

Blooming Prairie

Bruce Doerhoefer Jeff Gwilt

Glencoe

Karen Bradley Shellie Gurnther

Hamburg

Patrick Hegseth Leo Pouliot

New Richland

Robert Wenzel Bob Battenfield

Norwood-Young America W Carver

Judy Maas

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Scott Deadrick Jeffrey Schultz

Waterville

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Winnebago

Neil Royer Harold Nelson

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke District Governor Elect



Joan Blank
First Vice District
Governor Elect

Joan's Thoughts



Spring is in the air! The robins and the geese have returned. As a matter of fact, I've already swatted my first mosquito for 2012! Before long, fields and gardens will be planted and lawns will need to be mowed.

Since spring is the season of NEW growth, it also can be a time to revitalize our Clubs with NEW ideas, NEW officers, and NEW members.

April, will indeed, be a busy "Lions" month with Zone Meetings, the MD5M Multiple Convention at Hinckley on April 27-29, and our District 5M-2 "COOL" event scheduled for April 30th at the City Center Hotel in Mankato.

If you have a member who is not a leader in your Club, please invite him or her to attend the 5M-2 "COOL" event. This single event could serve as the initiative for that member to become more involved in your club, and more willing to accept a club leadership position in the future.

April 30th is the fifth Monday of the month. Since there are no regular club meetings scheduled for the fifth Monday of any month, I do expect that EVERY Club be represented.

Also, a reminder that PU-101's should be completed as soon as your Club elections are completed. Be sure to update/correct any e-mail addresses for those individuals as this information is used in the MD5M Directory, and correct information is vital to ensure quality communication.

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!

Attention Club Secretaries

Club elections are due in April for the 2012-2013 club officers. Send to District Governor Sue Bowman (PO Box 215, Geneva, MN 56035) a copy of the PU101 which you need to complete for Lions Club International.

The PU101 is available electronically at the WMMR website. If you choose a paper hard copy, you can print if from the WMMR site. Whether it is done on paper, or electronically for Lions Club International, please also send a copy to District Governor Sue Bowman.

The MD5M Directory has gone totally electronic, so it is essential that the correct information regarding names, address, phone numbers, and email address be supplied. If your newly elected president, secretary, treasure or membership chair does not have an email contact, please consider using another member's contact information.

Please also be diligent in reviewing your member's phone numbers, address and email and make the necessary updates.

Please contact District Governor Sue Bowman if you have questions. It is imperative to the smooth operation of our district that the information is accurate and received by May 1, 2012.

Thank you for all you do for Lions!!

Changing of the Guard

March and April are busy months for most Lion Clubs in our district as they are busy seeking Lions to fill officer positions for their Club for the 2012/2013 Lion year. Any new officer position comes with a small amount of uncertainty as to what is expected from his/her new role and where to find the necessary information needed to perform the responsibilities effectively. To successfully fill a ballot is no easy task for many Clubs, but I am here to let you in on a secret.....there are great resources out there for any Lion who is willing to "step up to the plate" and take on a leadership role. Not only is there a wealth of information and training you can tap into, but along the way you will GAIN a wealth of new knowledge. Who doesn't want to be smarter?

The first resource is the **2012 MD5M Multiple Convention**. The fun starts on Friday, April 27th and winds up Sunday, April 29th. This is held at the Grand Casino Convention Center in Hinckley, MN. This convention provides an exciting opportunity for you to learn more about Lionism, the Lions Organization, and what Lions can do for our society. But most importantly, it will give you an opportunity to meet Lions from throughout Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario.

Following on the heels of this convention is **5M2's COOL Training** on April 30th. See Lion Ron's article for more information on that.

If you want to broaden your horizons on the Lions International level and travel at the same time, then the **USA/Canada Lions Forum** just might be the ticket. This will take place September 13 -15 in Tampa Bay, Florida. The mission of this forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

If the above events do not fit into your busy schedule, then your resources are only a click away on the Internet. Below are to all the information you will ever need to know about Lions:

http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m2/index.php - 5M2 http://lionsmd5m.org/ - MD5M

<u>http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php</u> - Lions International

I love looking checking out these websites as I always learn something new and can access whatever information or forms I need. A very sincere thank you to all the Lions who will be taking on leadership roles for the coming year.

WATERVILLE LIONS

TURKEY DINNER APRIL 15, 2012

WEM SCHOOL CAFETERIA

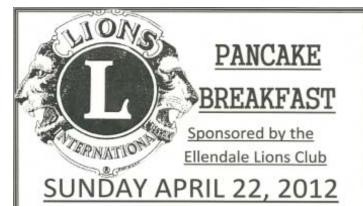
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Adult Ticket \$ 9.00 Children Ages 6-10 \$ 5.00





PROCEEDS GO TOWARD COMMUNITY PROJECTS



8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
ELLENDALE COMMUNITY BLDG.

COST: \$6.00

AGES 4 & UNDER: \$3.00

Serving

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, milk & coffee

All proceeds go to Lions Community projects.

SPRING IS TREE PLANTING TIME

Greetings Lions, International President Tam has as our world service project this year a tree planting project with hopes of planting as many trees as possible worldwide. So far nearly seven million trees have been planted by Lions club members around the world. United States Lions club members have planted nearly 271 thousand trees. If your Lions club has not performed this service project, now is a great time to get a tree planting project going. Earth Day is April 22nd and Arbor Day is April 27th.

To start a tree planting project appoint a project committee that can develop a well thought out program. The committee can work with community leaders and other service organizations to share information and the physical labor of tree planting to accomplish your goal. You can also get friends and family to help with tree planting. Tree seedlings and saplings are available from many sources in your town or county. Publicize your project before, during, and after completion highlighting the relationships that lead to a successful Lions tree planting project that benefits everybody in the community.

Be certain to register your tree planting project in your Club's Lions Club Service Activities Report at www.lionsclubs.org in order to get the number of trees you planted included in the District 5M2's total number of trees planted before May 15, 2012. District Governor Sue has pledged to plant 650 trees in our District. That is about ten trees per Lions club. The top 100 tree planting clubs in each constitutional area will receive a plaque and be mentioned in the Lions magazine and on the Lions International website at the end of IP Tam's year in office. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help your Lions club. I can be reached at p_stahler@msn.com

Lion Paul Stahler, Public Relations

Lions Children's Hearing Center

D-Feet Hearing Loss SAVE THE DATE: June 9, 2012

D-Feet Hearing Loss Fundraiser Walk

Event held at the Beautiful University of MN Landscape Arboretum

Exploring Lions Pride Your



2012 MD5M Convention



It's time to get your reservations in for the 2012 MD5M Multiple Convention!

The Princeton Lions Club of 5M-8, hosts for the 2012 MD5M Convention have put together an exciting, informative, and entertaining convention for the Lions of MD5M.

The fun starts on Friday, April 27th and winds up on Sunday, April 29th with a morning brunch.

This year's event is being held at the Grand Casino Convention Center in Hinckley, Minnesota. Hinckley is located off Interstate #35 between Duluth and Minneapolis. Driving time to Hinckley from Winnipeg, MB is about 8 hours, from Thunder Bay, ON about five hours, Moorhead about 4 hours, and Mankato about 3 hours.

Full convention packages are priced at US\$110 per person. Individual meal pricing is available.

There is a wide-range of hotel accommodations available at the Grand Casino Hotel. Daily room rates range from \$55.20 to \$80.10 for standard rooms, and Jacuzzi or Spa suites range from \$78.40 to \$161.10. Taxes are extra.

There is a RV park available and within walking distance of Convention Center. In addition, a shuttle will transport RV participants to the Convention Center.

Full convention information can be found on the MD5M web site at www.lionsmd5m.org .

The convention provides an exciting opportunity for you to learn more about Lionism, the Lion Organization, and what Lions can do for our society. But, most importantly, it will give you an opportunity to meet Lions from throughout Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario and share your experiences as a Lion.

The Annual Business meeting encourages you to become more aware and engaged in the functions and leadership of the multiple district.

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Sid L. Scruggs III

Seminars feature a specialist in voice and airway disorders; a Lion who utilizes low vision aids, and a resource who enables Lions Clubs to develop e-club options.

The Saturday evening banquet affords you the opportunity to hear the message from LCIF Chair Lion Sid Scruggs III who is also the Immediate Past President of Lions International!

veteran who lost his legs in a roadside bombing and tells his story in a book

Still Standing: The Story of SSG John Kriesel.

Friday and Saturday evenings wind up with a time to relax, meet and mix with fellow Lions and enjoy the entertainment.

One thing for certain, you are guaranteed a great time.

Register today!!!!



Lion Ken Irvine and Lion Richard Schultz

Amboy Lion Receive Special Hearing Fellow Reward

Richard Schultz, a member of the Amboy Lions club, recently was named, "A Year 2011 Lions 5M Hearing Research Fellow." Richard has demonstrated his support for hearing and hearing-related issues through his service, leadership and commitment for the hearing-related programs sponsored by the Amboy Lions Club. As a Lions Hearing Research Fellow, Richard and His Club, help make it possible for people with impaired hearing to live with the hope that research will provide more and better care for people that have hearing-related issues.

Congratulations Richard!

At a recent meeting of the Amboy Lions Club a summary of the work that the Club continues to be involved was reviewed. In addition to project involving hearing-related issues, the Club actively supports research programs for diabetic-related issues, gives generously to research on sight disabilities, provides funding for reading glasses for individuals with sight-related issues (especially for children in the local schools) and supports the area food shelf. Additionally, the Amboy Club provides assistance to various local projects and supports events in the local area.



Peace Poster Contest

It is PEACE POSTER PLANNING time! Now is the time to think about the 2012 Peace Poster contest. The theme for 2012 is

"Imagine Peace". Peace Poster kits are available now. Lion's Clubs can get a Peace Poster kit either from <u>The Lion</u> magazine order form, or from

http://www.lionsclubs.org online. One Peace Poster kit is required for each school. Lions Clubs can enter one poster for each school participating.

The best way for Lions Clubs to start is by appointing a Peace Poster chairman and asking school art teachers **now** if they would like to participate in the Peace Poster contest. Art teachers are planning their fall classes and can include the Peace Poster theme in their curriculum. Inform the teachers of the Peace Poster theme, rules, conditions, and deadlines. Occasional reminders are a good idea to check on the students' progress toward completing their posters on time.

Lions Clubs need to collect and judge their own Peace Posters by the end of October. Publicizing local Peace Poster winners in the newspaper with a picture and article is a great way to raise awareness and get the community involved in Lions activities. Prizes and certificates for the winning students are also nice rewards for the students' achievements.

5M2 Lions Clubs must send their winning poster from each school to Lion Sheila Stahler by November 15^{th for} District 5M2 judging. The winning poster will then be sent to the Multiple 5M Council Chairperson by December 1st judging at that level. Please do not send any posters to the District Governor because of the strict time frame.

Our goal is increase participation in 2012. In 2011 Lions Sheila Stahler and Janet Knakmuhs received 33 posters from 22 Clubs. The contest is a perfect opportunity to reach out to the students in the community and give them a chance to show how important peace is to them.

If any club needs assistance, Lions Sheila Stahler (stahlers@hotmail.com) and Janet Knakmuhs (jclcmn@hickorytech.net) are happy to help.

Lions Sheila Stahler and Janet Knakmuhs, Peace Poster Co-Chairs



Tree Project Project Deadline Fast Approaching

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit" Nelson Hendeson "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now". Chinese Proverb "A seed hidden in the heart of the apple is an orchard invisible". Welsh Proverb

One million trees planted world wide during this Lions year is the goal of our International President Wing-Kum Tam. To date nearly 7 million trees have been planted worldwide. As District Governor, I pledged 650 trees planted in 5M2, but in retrospect, I believe we can plant twice that number, if not more. In practical terms, 650 trees equates to one tree for each four members. Planting trees can be a club or individual project, but the activity must be reported in the Service Activity in the WMMR system so make sure your club secretary knows of your individual tree planting activity.

Caring for our environment is an important part of President Tam's Extension of Service program. Trees help the environment, but there are also other benefits to planting trees. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also reduce soil erosion, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Planting trees in our neighborhood really is one of the best things you can do for our local environment.

Any one can plant a tree. It is a very visible and hands on way for all of us to make a difference. It is also a great community collaborative project. Please make tree-planting a part of your club's service projects this spring. Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation agency for trees, Arbor Day Foundation, or local nurseries. Tree planting could be a collaborative project with the Boy Scouts, Pheasants Forever, or school groups like FFA or Leo Clubs.

The spring is a great time to plant trees; the soil is warm, but no oppressive heat. Set up a committee and evaluate your community and let's get some trees growing! Keep a count of the trees your club planted; report the count on the LCI web site, the site is also a resource for more information regarding the Million Tree project. You can also produce your own "I Planted a Tree" button and certificates from the artwork on the site

Tree planting is a great public relations opportunity for your club, certainly a gift that keeps on giving. . Please contact Lion Paul Stahler for some great promotional ideas.

Please have all your tree planting projects reported in the Service Activity Report section in the WMMR by May 1, 2012. All clubs participating in tree planting will receive a specially designed banner patch once the activity is reported in the WMMR system.

"Trees outstrip most people in the extent and depth of their work for the public good"
Sara Ebenreck, *American Forests*

Chillin' with the International Director



Lion family, have you asked someone to be a Lion this year?

If you haven't - would you please? You as lions know the feeling and satisfaction you get from serving your communities and the world. Wouldn't you like to invite someone to share those

same feelings? We all know that this is the best organization in the world but we need each and every one of you to help, starting within YOUR club. Would you please make a personal commitment to yourself to bring this up at your next club meeting? I'd like to encourage you to have a discussion on how you can reach a positive net growth by the end of the year. It is not about just getting someone to join your club for the numbers, it's about getting quality members, that you think would be a good Lion to share in the same passion you have as a Lion. At the same time this will make your Lions family larger, and brings new ideas and additional help for your club. Re-ask that person you asked in the past. Now might be a better time for that person to join. Set a goal as a team and strive to achieve the glory of that goal together.

If you have asked and have been successful at getting a new member for your club I applaud you, but your job is NOT done. The job of a sponsor is one of the most important commitments and honors you will ever have as a Lion. Your job is to retain that new member, to make sure they continue to come to meetings and to share in ideas and assistance within your club for a Lion lifetime. Statistics have shown that we lose over 50% of our new members in the first three years of their membership. Don't let your member be one of those statistics. It's easy to ask members but harder to keep them. Our International President has asked us to treat our members like family and they will be here for a lifetime. If they do leave, make sure to ask them why and share that with your club, so your club can adjust and will become a better club for it.

I want to thank you for all you have done, for all that you are doing and for all that you will do for this organization. We are all one large family that loves serving our communities and elsewhere for those in need of our service.

With your help we can have every club in the district have a net positive growth this year. How great would that be!! Please be a part of that success and bring this up at your NEXT club meeting.

Every day is a great day when you are a Lion!! .Lion Brian E Sheehan – ID MD5M

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2012 5M-2 Journey for Service Schedule PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR YOUR TIME TO MEET THE JOURNEY.

The 5M-2 Lions Journey for Service will be conducted April 11-12-13. The following are date, time and location for each Lion, Lioness, Leo Club. If your contact person has not been confirmed with Lion Jack Webster, please contact him as soon as possible.

Lion Jack Webster. 220 Herbert Street N. Waterville, MN 56096 - 507-362-4328

WEDNESDAY, APRIL11

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Faribault 8:00 am	Perkins Restaurant	Blue Earth 1:30 pm	Country Kitchen
Waterville 8:25 am	Lake Region LIFE	Winnebago 1:45 pm	Royer Plumbing
Waseca 8:45 am	McDonald's	Minnesota Lk 2:15 pm F	randsen Bank&Trust
Owatonna	Profinium Bank	Amboy 2:40 pm	Bottom's Up Café
Blooming Prairie 9:40 am	City Center Offices	Lk Crystal LN 3:05 pm	Kevin's IGA
Ellendale 10:00 am	Lerberg's Grocery	Lake Crystal 3:25 pm	Best Western Inn
New Richland 10:20 am	Star Office	Mankato 3:25 pm	Best Western Inn
Albert Lea 10:55 am	McDonald's	Mankato KC 3:25 pm	Best Western Inn
Albert Lea CL 10:55 am	McDonald's	Mankato SR 3:25 pm	Best Western Inn
Albert Lea LV 10:55 am	McDonald's	St. Peter 3:45 pm	Nicollet Cnty Bank
Alden 11:15 am	Newspaper Office	Nicollet 4:05 pm	Ron's Pine St Cafe
Wells 11:30 am	City Hall	Courtland 4:25 pm	Alliance Bank
Kiester 12:05 am	First State Bank	Lafayette 4:55 pm	Citizens Bank
		Gibbon 5:15 pm	D's Pit Stop

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Winthrop 7:45 am S	Sisters Coffee Shop	Glencoe 1:15 pm	Bump's Café
SE Leo 8:10 am	Gaylord Jr. High	Plato 1:30 pm	Plato Home Center
SE Sr High Leos 8:35 am	Thomas Hardware	Hamburg 1:45 pm	
Arlington 8:45 am	Thomas Hardware	Norwood/NY 2:05 pm	Klein Bank
Green Isle 9:00 am	Cornerstone Bank	NYA/W. Carver 2:05 pm	Klein Bank
New Auburn 9:40 am	Post Office	Watertown 2:30 pm	Security Bank
Brownton 10:00 am	Security Bank	Mayer/Wtown 2.30 pm	1 block S on Main
Stewart 10:15 am	City Hall	Victoria 2:50 pm	Klein Bank
Hutch Lioness 10:45 am	Kamrath Chrio.	Waconia 3:10 pm	
Hutchinson 11:45 am	125 S Main St.	Cologne 3:30 pm	
Silver Lake 11:00 am	Pat's Café	Carver 3:50 pm	
Winsted 11:25 am F	Road House Hwy 1	Chaska 4:05 pm	Community Bank
Lester Prairie 11:35 pm	Comm. State Bank	Shakopee 4:25 pm	Laurent Bldg
		Shak Valley 4:25 pm	Laurent Bldg
		Prior Lake 4:50 pm	Velishek Auto

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Jordan	8:00 am	McDonald's	Montgomery	. 9:40 am	Fred's Parking Lot
Jordaness	8:00 am	McDonald's	Veseli	10:00 am	Brewster Bar & Grill.
Belle Plaine	8:20 am	B Plaine Co-op Tire	Lonsdale	10:20 am	City Park
Henderson	8:45 am	Henderson Rd Housel	NEW	10:50 am	New Market Bank
Le Sueur	9:00 am	Herald Office	Northfield	11:25 am	Lions Riverside Park
Le Center	9:25 am	Brad's Home Plate	Northfield CV	11:25 am	Lions Riverside Park

Winsted Lions Sponsor WriteOff Contestant

Allison Christensen is the 2011-2012 winner of the Winsted Lions WriteOff Contest. She is a senior at Holy Trinity Catholic School and the daughter of Paul and Renee Christensen of Lester Prairie. President George Schulenberg awarded her a check for \$25.00. Each essay was judged for originality, content, organization and style and given points with 10 being the highest number of points a contestant could receive. Allison received a 10 on her essay from the Winsted Lions whom selected her essay. Allison then submitted her essay to the Zone level where she also won first place. Her essay then went onto the Region level where she won first place as well. She then moved onto the District level. Allison and her parents were invited to the Mid-Winter Convention held in February at Mankato, Mn. The Winner of the Region level is asked to read his/her essay at the Mid-Winter Convention. Unfortunately, she wasn't the winner but she had a good experience and enjoy her time with the Winsted Lions Club.

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