

# The Grape Vine



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Editor **Bill Curtis,**

## DR. GARY ANDERSON INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Gary Anderson will be our International Director guest at the 5M2 Mid Winter Convention in Mankato at our February Conversion.

Dr. Gary Anderson, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Director Anderson is a Doctor of Optometry and the owner of Anderson Eye Care.

A member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and council chair. He also served as CSFII district coordinator, chair of the 2007 USA/ Canada Forum Grand Rapids Host Committee, twice a member of the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee and has participated in 22 Lions vision missions to Central and South America, India and Serbia.

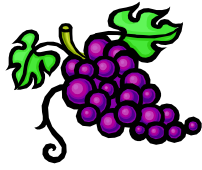
In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Henry Voet Grand Rapids Lifetime Achievement Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Humanitarian Award, the Grandville and Betty Cutler Leadership Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Ken Lautzenheiser Fellow Award, the S.A. Dodge MD-11 Distinguished Service Award, 10 International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's



Leadership Award and two International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Anderson is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Optometric Association and the Michigan Optometric Association.

Director Anderson and his wife, Cheryl, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and two daughters, all of whom are Lions and whose spouses are Lions. They have one grandson. Director Anderson's brother, father and mother-in-law are also Lions.



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## Give the Gift of Happiness

Are you making your Christmas gift list and checking it twice? The Lions of 5M2 are a gift Lion Bill and I appreciate more and more with each club visit. It truly is a gift to have the honor of meeting so many active, service minded, friendly, and gracious Lions. Thank you for attendance at the fall region and zone meetings. Lion Bill and I are look forward to seeing you at the Mid Winter Convention at the Mankato City Center Hotel February 10-12. Please come and be ready for lots of new ideas, to learn more about Lions, have tons fun and connect with your Lions family from though out the district.



District Governor  
Sue Bowman

What about those gift lists? If like me, you often find it bit over whelming trying to come up with for the perfect gift, let me help. I had an epiphany last night as we were driving home from a club visit. Give to the loved ones on your list the gift of Lions Club membership. Truly a gift that will bring long lasting happiness...

Studies show that volunteering time, money and energy boosts happiness; when we are involved in issues we care about we are happier and healthier, have fewer aches and pains, show fewer signs of mental and physical aging, and even live longer. Who would not want those benefits for a dear friend or family member, and all for just \$30 (\$15 if it is a family membership)? Great gifts do not need to come from the mall!

As Lions, we know first hand helping others brings us happiness. The Happiness Project author Gretchen Rubin says "Be selfless, if only for selfish reasons" is one of her favorite happiness paradoxes.

Your friend or family member may think giving back is a stretch time-wise, but remind them volunteering enables personal growth in unexpected ways. We tend to be happier when we are learning something new, sharing information, making something better or fixing something, et cetera. Lions clubs have a wide variety of service and fundraising projects, so many opportunities for growth, something for everyone.

Lions volunteering allow us to build and strengthen relationships with others; a strong bond with other people is an essential key to happiness. Being a Lion opens a whole new avenue of friendships that is truly priceless gift.

Give the gift of Lion membership; share the volunteering experience, which translate into happiness from personal growth, personal satisfaction and friendships. That is a gift too huge for any box.

Thank you for your dedication to "We Serve". Please share the gift of happiness that comes from service with your friends and family, they will thank you! Have a happy and cheerful holiday. "The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up"... Mark Twain

## District Governor Sue Bowman Governor's Travels

### December

- 1 Arlington Club Visit
- 2 Open House TCM Commodities
- 4 Past District Governors Dinner
- 5 Green Isle Club Visit
- 5 Mid Winter Convention Planning Meeting
- 7 Jordan Jordaness and Jordan Club Visits
- 10 Hutchinson and Hutchinson Lioness Club Visits
- 13 Albert Lea LakeView Lions Christmas Party
- 14 Minnesota Lake Club Visit
- 15 Albert Lea Club Visit
- 19 Nicollet Club Visit
- 20 Winsted Club Visit
- 21 Henderson Club Visit

### January

- 2 Mid Winter Convention Planning Meeting
- 3-11 Cayman Islands (RR)
- 13-16 New Orleans, ADM Conference
- 16 Brownton Club Visit
- 17 Le Center Club Visit
- 20 5M7 Mid Winter, Bloomington
- 21 5M1 Mid Winter, Rochester
- 23 Northfield Cannon Valley Club Visit
- 25 Victoria Club Visit
- 28 5M4 Mid Winter Alexandria
- 30 Mid Winter Convention Planning Meeting



## ALion's View

**Ron Dahlke**  
First Vice District Governor



As this article is being written, most of the Fall Zone Meetings have been completed. It has been great to see many of you attend these important meetings to share your Clubs' activities and also to network with others.

I would like to remind ALL Clubs in 5M-2 to select a Lions "Club Person of the Year", and forward the nomination to me for "Zone Person of the Year". Since this activity is included in the Governor's Contest, DG Sue did send the nomination form and information to all Club Presidents in early November.

I know that EVERY Club has a deserving individual worthy of this recognition.

Please send your Club's nomination form to me by January 15, 2012. With the holidays coming up, it is easy to put things off, so do it this month. I am proud that District 5M-2 is unique, being the only District in Multiple 5M to have such recognition.

Be sure to register for the 2012 District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention at Mankato, February 10-12, which will include fellowship, great seminars and entertainment. I will be seeking the position of District Governor at the Business Meeting on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and I ask for your support and your vote.

I hope to meet and greet many of you during the Convention, so be sure to stop by my hospitality room! If you have never attended a Mid-Winter Convention, please consider being a "first-timer" this year. Or, if you've not attended recently, it's time to re-new the Mid-Winter Convention experience.

Also, remember to have your Club 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 Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Joan or myself.

Also at this time, Lion Jean and I would like to wish each of you and your families, a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! May your travels be safe as you gather with family and friends.

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

## Joan's Thoughts

**Joan Blank**  
Second Vice District Governor



### I Believe

One can't help but notice that the weather has turned colder, the newspapers have tripled in size due to sale flyers, the traffic is a bit more congested, the stores are packed with cranky, pushy people and Christmas music, and the news is dominated by stories about what else? shopping. It is that time of year again: The Annual Holiday-Themed Mass Consumption Month!

Actually, the "month" is incorrect. It seems the Christmas shopping season is stretched a bit further each year to boost sales. Some have said they have heard Christmas music playing in the stores before Halloween! Could it be possible that down the road we will be Christmas shopping in July? How do we find the true meaning of Christmas when we are constantly bombarded by the media that lead us to believe that that if you find that perfect gift (most likely made in China) the gift receiver's life is complete!

I have had the most wonderful opportunity to witness the true meaning of Christmas during the months of October and November. These are the months designated for Zone meetings. Zone meetings are scheduled as a means of networking with the other Clubs in each zone and to listen to the activities and ideas of each individual Club. I have to admit, that after working a full day, rushing home to pick up Lion Kevin and then dashing off to arrive at a Zone meeting on time, I was sometimes tired and cranky by the time I arrived at the meeting. But a strange thing happened at every meeting. By the end of each meeting, I was energized and truly inspired. I listened to each Club review their fundraisers and their outreach into the community. I came away each time simply amazed at how much each Club can accomplish, whether the Club has 20 members or 100 members.

I believe each of the Clubs in 5M2 know what the true meaning of Christmas is and their gift giving is continuous year-round. I believe people in each of the Clubs' communities have benefited, and are grateful, for the gifts of time, money and friendship. It is heartwarming to hear the stories of giving back time and time again. I believe that the spirit of Christmas lives in the heart of each Lion 365 days a year, not just in December.

Now that makes a life complete!

I wish every Lion in our District a very warm and blessed Christmas.



# Happy Holidays



**Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention**  
**February 10, 11, 12, 2012**  
**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	( ) Check if 1 <sup>st</sup> time convention attendee
Check if you have received any of these awards from <u>January 2011 through January of 2012</u> ( <b>Saturday Luncheon Recognition</b> ) ( ) Helen Keller Award    ( ) Melvin Jones Award    ( ) Hearing Foundation Award    ( ) Other _____		

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

Last Name	First Name	( ) Check if 1 <sup>st</sup> time convention attendee
	Club Name	
Check if you have received any of these awards from <u>January 2011 through January of 2012</u> ( <b>Saturday Luncheon Recognition</b> ) ( ) Helen Keller Award    ( ) Melvin Jones Award    ( ) Hearing Foundation Award    ( ) 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 \$20.00 per person.
- Full Meal Payment.
- All meals include tax and gratuity.
- Make Checks Payable to: **Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**
- Mail to:                      Lion Richard Wheeler, Registration Co-Chair  
    PO Box 2175  
    North Mankato, MN 56002-2175

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be directed to the Registration Co-Chair Lion Richard Wheeler at the above address.

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

- \*On or before January 9, 2012 – Full Refund
- \*From January 10 to January 31, 2012 – 90% Refund
- \*After January 31, 2012 – No Refund

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

1. The registration fee will 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    \$60.00	
		Saturday Lunch       \$20.00	
		Saturday Banquet    \$30.00	
		Sunday Buffet        \$15.00	
		<b>Meal Sub Total</b>	
		Friday Supper with I.D. \$12.50** NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL PACKAGE	
		<b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>	

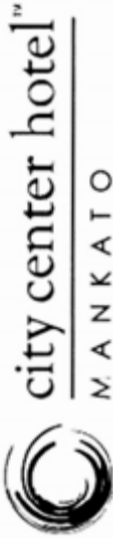
**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE**

TOTAL REGISTRATION (\$15.00 per person)	
TOTAL MEAL COST	
<b>GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	

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

\*\*Supper with I.D. Cabinet, President's & Secretaries.  
 \*\*Cost is not included in the all meal package.

Lion's Convention  
February 9-11, 2012



**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 9, 2012.

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 8<sup>th</sup>: Full Refund  
February 9<sup>th</sup>: One night charge will be  
applied, any other payment will be  
refunded.

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

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

**HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

Please note that your reservations must be  
received by January 9, 2012 to receive the  
Lion's Convention discounted rate.

Reservations received after this date will be  
booked at standard rates.

**Arrival Date – Select One**

\_\_\_\_ Thursday, February 9  
\_\_\_\_ Friday, February 10  
\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 11

**Cost for Three Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$297.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$297.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$327.00  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$327.00

**Cost for Two Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$198.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$198.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$218.00  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$218.00

**Cost for One Night**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$99.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$99.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$109.00  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$109.00

\_\_\_\_ 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.

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

**\*Only send one registration  
form if sharing a room\***

**Payment methods:**

Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Money Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card – Circle One

\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_\_ Diners \_\_\_\_ Discover

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ - - - - -  
Exp Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy)

**TO GUARANTEE ROOM WILL BE**

**HELD:**

Credit card number is required  
(credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)

OR

Pre-payment by check for one night stay  
(with remaining balance due at check in)

# “From The Field”



Pictured above Front Row: Alex Schipper (2nd place), Justin Biren (1st place) & Mariah Hager(3rd place), Back Row: Lion John Kubes, Chairperson, Lion Jennifer Malecha, President & Kiersten Shetka, Holy Cross Art Teacher.



## NRHEG (Ellendale) STUDENT ADVANCES IN LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Sadie Mortenson, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Ellendale (NRHEG) Grade School has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Ellendale Lions Club.

Mortenson's poster was among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The 11 year is from New Richland. The poster was selected by a panel of judges for its originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the contest theme, “Children Know Peace”. The judging took place on November 2, 2011.

Allie Larson, Lions Club President said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at the NRHEG (Ellendale) 6<sup>th</sup> grade. “It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions.”

“Mortenson's poster will advance to face stiff competition through the district, multiple district and international rounds of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner,” Larson said.

One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

“Our club is cheering for Mortenson as her poster advances in the competition and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world,” Larson said.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.35 million members in 45,000 clubs in 206 countries and geographic areas. In addition to its efforts toward promoting world peace and conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world.

## Veseli Area Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

Thirty two Holy Cross School students participated in the Lions Peace Poster Contest. Justin Biren was awarded first prize. When Justin was asked to describe peace through his poster he said, “My peace poster shows that everyone is equal. The dove and earth are very detailed and the kids around the earth show that they are equal because it looks a lot like a kid would draw it. Even though there is some kid and adult like stuff in the poster, we are all equal to each other.”



Pictured above: Front Row: Lion John Kubes, Lion Barb Skluzacek, Lion Dan Skluzacek. Back Row: Lion Jeff Kubes & Lion Jennifer Malecha

Members of the Veseli Area Lions Club participated in the Webster Harvest Days Parade on Sunday, August 28th. The Veseli Area Lions constructed a parade float this past summer to represent them in local area parades.

## MD5M Hall of Fame

It is time to nominate a deserving Lion to the MD5M Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established to honor those Lions who have shown the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their Lions club, district or multiple district.

One recipient can be inducted into the Hall of Fame each year at the Multiple Convention.

Nominations must be received by District Governor Sue Bowman by January 11, 2012. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany the nomination form. Voting will be done at the business session of the Mid Winter convention.

Check the 5M2 website for more information and the official application form. The list of Hall of Fame inductees is also posted on the district web page.

## Gibbon

**'Tis the Season to be . . . GIVING**, and that is just what the Gibbon Lions Club has been doing. Monies they make through their three pull tab sites and bingo site, is used most generously. They donate to many areas of need in Gibbon and Sibley County. Just some of the areas are Library Reading for the winter and summer programs, Miss Gibbon, school field trips, and Youth Baseball. They also re-roofed the park shelter and added new steps.

What is most important now is getting ready for the Christmas Holiday thus, the Spirit of Giving! The Gibbon Lions are involved with getting the **Santa Bags** ready for the Santa Day. They also assist with the **Santa Helper Program** with Sibley County Social Services. This program collects toys, necessities, and other types of gifts for those less fortunate. Currently they are looking for gifts for older children who often do not receive anything for Christmas. The Lions also make sure the residents of the care facilities in Lafayette and Fairfax receive Santa Bags!

The **Sibley County Food Shelf** also benefits from the hard work of the Gibbon Lions Club. They not only collect food, but also donate money for this worthy organization. Again, the Lions see the need and step up to the plate.

And, last, but not least, the Gibbon Lions are involved with the **"Spirit of the Season"** program that is sponsored through the ECSE organization. Each child in this program receives a toy along with much needed necessities. A bag of groceries is also given to provide a Christmas dinner for each family. Currently the ECSE organization is working with 18 families who cannot afford to buy gifts for their children (that includes 47 children). Without this program, these children would not receive a Christmas gift let alone a good Christmas meal.

The Gibbon Lions Club makes a big difference in the lives of so many. They truly believe that every day is -- **'The Season to be . . . GIVING!**



## Jordaness Lions Bowling Fundraiser



Saturday, January 14th, 2012  
Louisville Lanes  
3020 W 133rd St, Shakopee, MN

2:00 pm Check-In  
3:00 pm Bowling

\$25/player

First come first serve—144 spots  
\*\*Pre-Registration required

Registration forms available at  
HomeTown Bank, Riverland Bank,  
Frandsen Bank

Or call 952-492-3404 or  
952-492-6814

Proceeds benefit  
Food Shelf  
Lions Eye Bank  
Other Community



## 11 A LIONS MEAT RAFFLE

"WE SERVE"



WHEN: Every Sunday

TIME: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

WHERE: The Pour House Bar-Elm Street,  
Norwood

DETAILS: \$1.00 per chance to win a package of  
meat from A&M Meats worth \$15.00. Ten raffles  
each day. Win some meat and help your community  
too, all proceeds go back into the community!



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## Jordaness

### Priming for the Holidays

In December, members from the club will be hosting our annual bingo social at ValleyView. This is a fun time that we get an opportunity to socialize with the residents; enjoy a few yummy treats and try our luck at bingo.

Also, in December, the club will be distributing toys to hospitals, shelters, schools and other groups in the area during the Christmas season. These toys are generously donated to our club from members of the Mary Brown family. Mary Brown was a Jordan resident who volunteered many hours in private service to people. The club is allowed this opportunity because of Mary's connection to a non-profit group that provides the toys.

The club has added another service project in December. Members will be making tied fleece blankets that will be donated to a women's shelter. This project has been dubbed "Cuddles for Cubs" and is a small show of support for women transitioning to new lives.

### Peace Poster Contest

Several elementary students from St. John the Baptist parochial school participated in the Lions Peace Poster contest. The creative compositions were judged at the Lions board meeting on Nov.2. The winner selected from St. John's is Zach Schmit. Zach's drawing will be submitted for further competition at the zone level of our organization. In addition to creating his poster, Zach was asked for his personal quote on peace. He responded, "For kids, peace comes naturally. That is why if we want world peace, we must turn to kids."

Well said!

### New Fundraiser

The Jordaness are planning a new fundraiser to ward off the winter blahs in January. The club will be hosting a bowling tournament on January 14.. More details will follow in next month's column but get your team together now and join in the fun. Watch for advertising on this new event. The tournament promises healthy competition, tasty treats, prizes and raffle items.

## A Warm Welcome to the New Members of our 5M2 Lions Family

<b>New Member</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>Amboy</b> Iris Stevens	
<b>Faribault</b> Jody Telschow Ken Trebelhorn	Connie Telschow Norma Musel
<b>Glencoe</b> Eric Harpel	Ronald Dahlke
<b>Hutchinson</b> William Korpela	Francis Mott
<b>Lonsdale</b> Jenni Wenstad Justin Wenstad	Bruce Liske Bruce Liske
<b>Mankato Sunrise</b> Teresa Focht	Karen Sandersfeld
<b>Minnesota Lake</b> Mark Miguet	
<b>NewMarket-Elko-Webster</b> LeRoy Anderson	Phil Cleminson
<b>Shakopee</b> Rob Dufresne	Chris Brinkhaus
<b>St. Peter</b> John Hall	Herbert Chilstrom
<b>Silver Lake</b> Bruce Bedo	Ronald Yurek
<b>Veseli</b> Brent Johnson Shelly Johnson Janine Flaherty	Jennifer Malecha David Flaherty
<b>Victoria</b> Hilton Frye Matt Bergman Charles Schmidt	Todd Triethart Todd Triethart Lawrence Freiberg
<b>Waseca</b> Diane Beckman Chuck Brenner Brian Dagan Paige Whitney	Neil Fruechte Neil Fruechte Neil Fruechte Neil Fruechte