



Service Blooms



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Bill Curtis, Editor



DG Eunice and PID Maynard at the USA Canada Forum in Milwaukee, that took place on September 23, 24 & 25th.



Congratulations to the Alden-Area Lions on a job well done!

On September 16th the Alden-Area Lions held a membership night. It was following a plan called "The Ohio Plan" developed by a club in Ohio. The plan had a specific agenda. The idea is to give the guests a good view of Lions at all levels in a short amount of time.

The Plan was successful and that evening 15 new members were signed up. The presentations were presented by Lions members from the club and District Officers. All of the presentations were short and brief but very informative.

If your club would be interested in using this presentation please contact District Governor Eunice Rucks and she will be happy to get the information to you.

Pictured in the photo above are Rev. Wendy Anderson of the Alden Lions and Ron Theusch the President of the Alden Lions club.



PID Maynard Rucks speaking at the USA Canada Forum in Milwaukee.

Blooms and Blossoms and...More

One of the purposes of Lions is to encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, also to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors. Isn't that what we are all about? Don't we want to serve the less fortunate in our own communities? In keeping with the motto of "We Serve," with emphasis on the "We", is there something more WE CAN DO to serve our fellow man in our local communities as well as the international community?

One of the best ways we can serve our community, whether it be local or international, is to multiply our efforts and leverage our time and talent? There is very little we can do alone, as we are limited by time and circumstance as individuals. But as a group of like-minded men and women, we have within us, the leveraged power of "we", and the wherewithal to accomplish great and worthwhile goals for our communities.

One of the best ways we can leverage our time and talents is to bring in more like-minded individuals to our clubs. And so it is that I ask that you propose a friend or associate for membership in our common cause of service to mankind. Perhaps we should ask two friends or associates for membership in our great cause during this Lion's year.

Many of us are afraid to ask someone to join us for fear that we will hear "no.". Sales people refer to this as call reluctance. We just do not want to fail, so we do not try. But in reality "no" is just a part of the journey to "Yes". The law of probability tells us we will succeed if we persevere. So just keep trying!!

We just returned from the USA Canada/Forum. It is always fun to see friends and learn something new. The speakers were great and leave one with inspiration to continue our motto "We Serve."



District Governor Eunice Rucks

Governors Travels

October 2010

- 4 Ellendale Visit
- 5 Northfield Cannon Valley Visit
- 7 Lake Crystal Visit
- 14 Albert Lea Visit
- 16 Council of Governors Meeting - Mahnommen
- 18 Mid Winter Convention Meeting
- 20 Multiple Convention Meeting
- 21 Prior Lake Visit
- 22 Le Sueur Lions 50th Anniversary
- 25 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Ney Center, Henderson
- 26 Mayer-Watertown Dandyions Visit
- 27 Zone 5 Meeting NYA Pavilion



We Serve

Back To School

Sue Bowman, VDG

"Now I know my ABC's, tell me what you think of me".... As children we probably all sang the ABC's jingle and beamed with pride as we surely impress our parents with our new linguistic skill. With the first few months as your VDG under my belt, I feel like I am back in school, this time learning the ABC's of Lions.

Since July, I have several wonderful opportunities to learn and grow as a Lion. In July I attended the Global Membership Team (GMT) training, presented by PCC Brian Sheehan. PCC Brian's question: Can we end this year with a plus membership". The answer of course is an enthusiastic "YES WE CAN"!!! As you know, last Lions year 5M2 ended with +16. I know we can do it again, especially when we keep in mind all Lions are members of the GMT, we all have a stake in the future of our club, district and multiple.

The following day, July 24, the VDG were invited to attend the Council of Governors meeting and observe how the current governors take care of the business within the multiple. My image of the "Council of Governors" was almost as formidable as robbed and wigged judges, but happy to report, the Council of Governors are hardworking, friendly, dedicated Lions who wear blue suit jackets. In the evening, the Youth Exchange students from around the world prepared a native foods banquet for their host families, district governors and guest. Each student also gave a brief talk on their home country. The exchange students were very interesting, it was a fun weekend.

My August outing was to the Leader Dog for the Blind Training Center in Rochester Hills, MI. For years I heard Lion Shirley and Lion Joan enthusiastic talks about the wonderful facility and training at the Leader Dog campus, but like the old saying, wow, you have to see it to believe it. What a fabulous experience to see and hear firsthand how individual lives have been enriched, independence and confidence gained because of the mobility the Leader Dog affords the blind.

September 23-25 is the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The forum promises to be another great Lions learning opportunity, with great speakers and seminars. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the forum and am especially looking forward to reconnecting with the 5M vice districts governors and others I met at Leader Dog training. Such great people we meet in Lions! We learn so much from sharing ideas.

October 14-16 Lion Bill and I along with the other 5M Vice District Governors will continue our training in Mahanomen. We are truly blessed to have a group of very dedicated Lion instructors to guide, direct, and teach us. It's great to be back in school! Until next time.....

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
Second Vice District Governor

As I write this article, two Region Meetings have been held with good representation of the Clubs in those Regions. Attendees have been "meeting and greeting" the Cabinet Chairpersons, scheduling Club visits, and picking up program information to take back to their Clubs.

Equally important is the networking and the sharing of information with members of other Clubs. Thanks to all who were able to attend their Region Meeting and who did schedule Cabinet Chairpersons to visit their Clubs in the coming months.

With the heavy rains on September 23-24 in much of the area, many residents of our District were severely affected. Widespread rainfall caused serious flooding, particularly in New Richland, Owatonna and Faribault, with many households displaced.

An Emergency Grant of \$10,000 has been received from Lions Clubs International Foundation (L.C.I.F) which will be distributed immediately to those in need. It's gratifying to know that LCIF grants are available for such situations.

Just another reminder, the Lions WriteOff Project has been announced by Project Chair Lion Jim Spille. If your Club has not participated in the past, contact Lion Jim at 952-467-2137 home, 952-913-3776 cell, or jimspille@embarqmail.com to get more information. Your local Club would be responsible to select a winning essay and to provide a local award to that person, whose essay would then be entered in the Zone Contest.

Also, watch for details of the 2011 District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention at Mankato, February 11-13. DG Eunice and the Convention Committee from Zone 6 are planning a great weekend. Plan now to attend!

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!

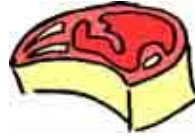
Club Activities

Hutchinson Lioness - Worked at McLeod County Fair and Taste of Hutchinson, Sold Kettlekorn At Taste of Hutchinson – donated \$125 for glucometer for diabetic student



We Serve

Shakopee Lions Club Fall Steak Fry



Friday October 29, 2010
Knights Event Center Shakopee
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Steak Dinner \$10.00
Shrimp Dinner \$10.00
Steak/Shrimp combo \$13.00
Children's Chicken Strip Dinner \$3.00



**Proceeds to Benefit
Loaves & Fishes**

For further information, or to make a direct donation to the Shakopee Lions Club, call (952) 709-5005

The COURTLAND LIONS invite you to

All you can eat Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch

Serving: Waffles, Sausages, Flavored Syrups and Beverages



Sunday

October 17, 2010

At the Courtland Community Center

Serving from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Adults: \$6.50 in advance: \$7.00 at the door
Ages 6-12: \$4.50 in advance: \$5.00 at door
Children aged 5 & under eat free

Carry outs available

Same as eating in

Advance tickets are available at the Alliance Bank in Courtland or from any Lions member.



HAMBURG LIONS THANKSGIVING BINGO

TURKEY, STEAK, HAM, SAUSAGE

Friday, November 19, 2010 7:00 P.M.

Hamburg Community Hall

Meat raffles throughout evening

hamburgers, snacks & beverages available all evening

Drawing for a 32" HD TV
need not be present for this drawing

Club Activities

Albert Lea Clover Leaf - Donated \$150 to Hospice Relay for Life

Albert Lea Lakeview - Worked at Food Pantry

Alden - Had recruitment dinner Sept. 16, gave dictionaries to 3rd graders

Amboy - Worked at Amboy Arts & More Festival and Bike Ride. Donated \$500 to 8th grade trip to Eagle Bluff, \$40 to Compassion Intl. and \$100 to local food shelf.

Belle Plaine - Lions sponsored Belle Plaine Homecoming Pizza Night

Brownston - Worked McLeod Cty Fair tickets, Did ditch cleanup, Donated to Children's Halloween Party, Worked Oktoberfest

Carver - Completed successful Steamboat Days

Cologne - Purchased books for pre-schoolers

Ellendale - Held Beaver Lake Cabin Tour

Faribault - Labeled 500 dictionaries for distribution

Gibbon - Donated \$250 to Can Do Canines, Spirit of Season, Mages benefit

Glencoe - Had hot dog stand at Kahnke Tree Farm auction, donated \$5400 for used van for lady

Green Isle - Hosted Region Zone Meeting, gave horse drawn carriage rides at Oktoberfest, Food wagon at tractor pull, worked state fair ticket booth

Hamburg - Worked Hamburg National Night Out, Worked steak fry with Hamburg Hunting and Fishing Club, worked two weddings serving beverages

Hutchinson - Cedar Mills Pork Chop Feed Helpers, Distributed dictionaries, Liberty Day – Hutchinson Area Schools, Taste of Hutch Schools Arts & Crafts, Donated diabetes supplies.

Jordon - Worked at Heimatfest Food Booth and Parade

Kiester - Completed Farming of Yesterday Gate, did Adopt a Highway, donated to Diabetes Foundation

Lafayette & Area - Had annual hog and corn roast, donated \$1000 to Lafayette Community Fire and Ambulance – donated \$1000 to Monica Magers family benefit

Le Center - Donated to Le Center Sign and Legion Remodel Project

Le Sueur - Distributed dictionaries, donated \$1500 to food bank, Held recruitment picnic

Lester Prairie - Donated \$1200 to City of Lester Prairie for Community Projects

Lonsdale - \$500 donated to L/M Redbird CC Meet

Mankato - Three sight grants

Mankato Sunrise - Worked food stand at Motocross event-donated 650 pair of eyeglasses

Mayer Watertown Dandy Lions - Watered flowers in Watertown

Montgomery - Donated dictionaries to Montgomery 3rd graders, Zone Chair spoke at meeting

New Market-Elko-Webster - Cleaned road ditches, Worked state fair booth, Conducted Gun safety class, Worked blood drive, worked spaghetti dinner

Nicollet - Donated \$400 to ECFE Halloween Party

Northfield - Did Meals on Wheels, Donated to Operation Backpack, Friends of Library, Completed Campaign Sightfirst Two obligation

Northfield Cannon Valley - Donated \$150 to Trinity Youth Program-Donated food to Northfield Food Shelter

Norwood Young America - Handed out water at local Cross Cty Meet-Donated to St. Johns Harvest Fest And Title One Family Fun Night

NYA-West Carver - Did dictionary project, donated \$100 to Harvest Festival

Plato - Donated to \$100 Eagle Scout and \$100 to Strobel Fund

Prior Lake - Did highway cleanup, Had info stand at Fall Community Fest, Held football Raffle at PLSH, donated to Prior Lake Wrestling Club, Stress balls for teacher, Cub Scout Pack, LCIF Pakistan Flooding, St. Michael Catholic Church, ISD#719

Shakopee - Donated \$6,000 to Cap Agency Food Shelf, \$5,000 Special Olympics, \$1,000 to Scott Cty Mobile Health Clinic, \$1000 to Kids Voting

Silver Lake - Worked midway concessions at state fair

St. Peter - Sold beverages at Rock Bend Music Festival

Stewart - Sponsored Senior Dining, Sold Tickets at State Fair Concessions, Donated to Girl Scout Troop in Buffalo Lake

Victoria - Worker concessions at Volksfest, Held Gold Tournament, Did Hwy 5 cleanup

Waconia - Fall Golf Scramble, Fall Trap Shoot, had Nickel Dickle day food booth

Winsted - Sold tickets at State Fair, Hosted Region 1 meeting

Winthrop - Had Jackpot Junction Fundraiser, Leader Dog Committee Chair spoke at meeting

Can Do Canines™

ASSISTANCE DOGS



On July 4, 2010, 5M2 IPDG Darwin Mathwig lost his battle with cancer. IPDG Darwin meant a lot to many not only in his District but in the Multiple. His passion for LCI was one that every Lions member should experience. He had a number of special projects he was involved in, and he was especially fond of “Can Do Canines”. It is for this reason that MD5M along with Can Do Canine are working together to “**Name a Puppy ‘Darwin’**” project. To name a puppy costs \$2,500. We already have \$1,000 so we need help in accumulating \$1,500 more. Please send your donations to:

Can Do Canines
9440 Science Center Dr
New Hope MN 55428

Be sure to earmark the check as: “***Name a Puppy Darwin***” also add this to the left hand corner of your envelope so your money is directed properly. Be sure to add your club name on the check so your club will receive credit for club incentive programs.

Don't wait! Get your donations mailed in as soon as possible so we can:

Name a Puppy- “Darwin!”



2011 Regional Lions Leadership Institute

The 2011 Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be held at the Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahnomen, MN, April 7-10, 2011.

There is an experienced faculty and in need of 72 participants! It is the intention of the Institute that each participant be an emerging leader in their district.

Applications can be gotten from District Governor Eunice Rucks. There will be (6) participants from each district. If there are additional applicants, they will be put on a waiting list.

A \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, a buffet breakfast on Friday, a banquet on Saturday evening, and a box lunch on Sunday. Room costs and additional meals are not included. A \$100 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI for \$10,000, will be given to each participant that competes the program.

By December 1, 2010 all student applications should have been received by the District Governor.

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Now is the time for each member to **SUBSCRIBE** to the **DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**.

The Governor would like every member to receive the newsletter. Have your club subscribe every member to this important communication.

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NYA Lion President Todd Karels Receives Award

On Tuesday, September 19, NYA Lions President Todd Karels received the Membership Key Award from Lions International. This award is presented to members who bring in new members to the Lions Club and the members are current for at least 1 year. "President Karels has been a tremendous supporter of Lions International, NYA Lions and our community and we are proud to have him as a NYA Lions member" says Membership Chairman Dave Williams. "Lion Karels is always there to help the community and the club with his support, dedication, professionalism and camaraderie." Thanks for the great work Lion Karels.

Lions International is dedicated to helping the community through projects and donations. Lions Clubs throughout the world do projects to make the world and their communities better. All proceeds go back into the community as donations and sponsorships. NYA Lions help the community through donations, projects and support. They do fundraisers to generate funds to give to the community such as scouts, sports, community projects, food shelf, and much, much more.

ANNUAL
GLENCOE LIONS CLUB
Sausage/Ham Supper
Please bring a food item for the Food Shelf 

Lions Original Sausage Recipe, Ham
Scalloped potatoes, corn, applesauce, bars, coffee & milk

BANQUET STYLE
Pla-Mor Ballroom, Glencoe, MN
All You Care to Eat
Thursday,
October 28, 2010
Serving 4:31 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Collection boxes will be available for your used eye glasses & hearing aids.

TICKETS
Advance Adult \$8.00
At Door - \$8.50
Child - \$4.00 (4-10)
3 and under FREE

Take Out Meals Available
Take Out Parking Near Door

ADVANCE ADULT TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:
FRANKLIN PRINTING, HITE ACE HARDWARE,
& FROM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS

Proceeds to be used toward Community Projects.

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VDG Sue Bowman speaking at the USA Canada Forum in Milwaukee.



Friendship Lions Club



We Serve Partners serving people with disabilities in our communities



Pancake Breakfast

October 23, 2010 - 8:00 to 11:30

LOCATED AT

Camp Friendship

10509 108th St. NW ~ Annandale, MN

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Fresh Fruit

Juice and Coffee

All you can Eat

Children 5 & under \$3.00 ~ \$7.00 per person at door

Proceeds to support Lions projects, Lions Leader Dog, & FV Scholarships



Now Partners serving people with Disabilities in our communities



Congratulations 5M2 Prior Lake Lions Friendship Ventures Club of the Year award winner

The Resolution to Support Friendship Ventures Mission has already seen an impact by support from many clubs that have not supported us in the past.

We are thankful that Friendship Ventures has been added to the list of Support for Non-For-Profit Corporations.

Our Mission: To enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities, their families and other caregivers, by providing services that educate and support individuals in achieving their highest level of self-worth, independence and participation in the community.

Our Facilities

Camp Friendship - Annandale * Eden Wood Center - Eden Prairie * Camp New Hope - McGregor



The Sundry Sisters; Maggie, a camping participant sitting on Annie, her sister's Lap. Annie has been a nurse at Camp Friendship for 4 years and enjoys her time with her sister Maggie while at camp. All parents and caregivers are comforted with the quality of our nursing staff on duty during the busy camping season. Not only watching over her sister's care, Annie is diligent and careful passing medications, caring for scrapes, bug bites, etc. that may occur during the exciting days and nights at camp. And Maggie, she simply enjoys the facilities and the merriment and new found friends.

Challenges

The incidence of autism, or autism spectrum disorder, as it is formally known, is rising. At the present, 1.5 million Americans have some form of autism, but because the disorder appears to be growing at a rate of 10 - 17 percent each year, it is anticipated that four million Americans will be affected by autism in 10 years.

The increasing numbers also affect Friendship Ventures as more parents seek services for their children with autism. Because of that, program staff has looked at how to best serve this growing population. Many participants with autism have been well served throughout the years in our traditional programs. Others require more specialized services, so we're working to better address some unique characteristics of autism.

Ask us for a presentation, 5, 10, or 20 minutes, to learn how you can participate and serve. Lions John L. Warner and Jen Engen, Friendship Lions jwarner@friendshipventures.org 612-202-7197 anytime or 952-852-0127 jguliyengen@friendshipventures.org