

# The 5M-2



# FIRE UP



December 2013

[www.5M2lions.org](http://www.5M2lions.org)

Editor **Bill Curtis,**

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5M2



### Mankato Sunrise Lions Awards Night

Back Row: DG Joan and Lion President Carol Brady  
Front row: Lion Creighton Wersal MJF recipient; Lion Pam Kind, New Member; Lion Dennis Sandersfeld, MJF recipient and Lion George Wisnewski, Lions Hearing Research Fellowship Award recipient.



The Jordaness Lions hosted an outstanding Veterans Day Program at the Jordan High School auditorium on Monday, November 11th. Guest of honor was Brigadier General William L. Lieder.



The DG Team at the Cologne Mardi Gras fundraiser. Who is the imposter?



Lafayette Lions with Peace Poster participants.

# Happy Holidays





# Joan's Journal

Joan Blank  
District Governor



District Governor  
Joan Blank

## Christmas Blessings

For the last two months the tires on our car hardly get a chance to cool off before Lion Kevin and I are on our next Lion adventure. The District Governor's schedule can be grueling. One could be overwhelmed or one could be inspired. If you know anything about Lion Kevin and I, you would guess that after 3 Region meetings, 9 Zone meetings and 25 club visits and functions, we always come away inspired and grateful for each Lion we meet and every Lion project or fundraiser we hear about or attend. Here is a short review of what we have seen or experienced in the last two months:

**C** – caring, compassionate, considerate **Lions**  
**H** – hardworking, hours of volunteering, helpful **Lions**  
**R** – reaching out, remarkable, responsible **Lions**  
**I** – imaginative, important, impressive, interesting **Lions**  
**S** – sharing, service oriented, selfless **Lions**  
**T** – teamwork, tireless, trustworthy **Lions**  
**M** – magnificent, mighty, mischievous **Lions**  
**A** – astounding, ambitious, afire **Lions**  
**S** – smiling, sunny, super, smart **Lions**

Lion Kevin and I are so fortunate to meet and know so many great Lions. We wish our Lions family a most blessed Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. We wish each and every one of you a great new year of service and dreams fulfilled. Happy New Year!!!

DG Joan and Lion Kevin

## Can Do Canines

Give to the Max Day starts at 12:00 am on Thursday, November 14th! A day for Minnesotans to come together and support local non-profits.

Give to the Max Day is an opportunity for you to help Can Do Canines provide assistance dogs to people who need them. Currently, there are over 180 people waiting for the gift of freedom, independence and peace of mind.

Thanks to the generosity of The Harmon Foundation, all contributions made to Can Do Canines starting at 12:00 am on November 14th will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000!

Every gift made on November 14 helps our chances of winning a \$1,000 Golden Ticket! By partnering with GiveMN, an online giving website for Minnesota nonprofits, Can Do Canines will have 25 chances to maximize your gift on Give to the Max Day!

Here's the really exciting part: At the end of Give to the Max Day, one donation from across Minnesota will be randomly selected for a \$10,000 Super-sized Golden Ticket!

We hope you'll join us by including Can Do Canines in your Give to the Max Day plans this year!

Give to the Max Day is November 14  
Schedule your gift today!

p.s. Be a part of the excitement online by sharing on Facebook and Twitter.

## Honoring Lions and the Gift of Insight



All Minnesota Lions and Lioness are welcome to attend a reception honoring the Lions and Lions family members who have donated their eyes to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank. Photographs and stories of donors will be displayed, and the afternoon will include refreshments and a short program.

A special tribute will be paid to PDG Lion Darwin Mathwig (5M2) and AJ Salisbury, son of Lion Brian Salisbury (5M5), 2012 Betty Walen Outstanding Volunteer Award winner. Both Darwin and AJ donated their eyes to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, and they are being honored on the Donate Life America float at the Tournament of Roses Parade in January 2014. Their florographs (likenesses in flowers) will be on display at the reception.

Sunday, December 15, 2013, 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.  
McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota  
200 Oak Street SE - Minneapolis, MN 55455  
Kindly RSVP to 1-866-887-4448 or mader005@umn.edu

## District Governor Joan's Jaunts

- Dec 1 PDG Christmas Party- St. Peter
- Dec 2 Green Isle Lions
- Dec 5 Arlington Lions
- Dec 7 Hutchinson Lions & Lioness
- Dec 9 Waterville Lions
- Dec 11 Jordaness and Jordan Lions
- Dec 12 Lester Prairie
- Dec 15 Lions Eye Bank Donor Reception
- Dec 16 Nicollet Lions



## Presidents:

Don't forget to schedule a visit with your District Governor at your earliest convenience in order to reserve the date you want. You can call me at 507-304-5265 or email me at



Merry Christmas





## HARRY'S CORNER



**Harry Klenke**  
**First Vice District Governor**

The Fall Zone meetings have come to an end. I was happy to see so many Lions attend the meetings and here of some of the good things they are doing for their communities. The Zone Chairs all did a fine job of organizing and leading the meetings. They brought in good guest speakers and had good group discussions. They all understand that the Zone Meetings are a chance for all of us to share ideas and concerns. I hope all that attended could see the value of the Club Excellence Process or as it is known as CEP. This program could help a Club that has concerns to work through them. The facilitators at these sessions are there to guide your people through the ideas that you have. They are not there to make decisions for your Club, because it is your Club. As was said at the Zone Meetings if you have questions about CEP contact GLT coordinator Past International Director Debra or GMT coordinator Past International Director Maynard and they will come to your meetings or get you more information. The Host clubs for these meetings did great jobs. They all did things a little different. They had many different and fun things planned for the meetings. The tail twisting was always interesting and quite often informative. When they asked questions about the Lions Magazine or the FireUp Newsletter it made me think I need to keep reading, because I didn't know all the answers. I always feel really welcome when I am at these meetings and really enjoy watching fellow Lions having fun.

What I spoke about at these meeting for those who were unable to attend I spoke about recognition. I spoke of installing Officers, which in a sense is a form of recognition. You are recognizing these people for their willingness to come forward and lead your Clubs. Some people are reluctant to step forward, but they need not be worried because leaders before them will always be there for you. That is what is great about Lions they always help each other along the way. That goes back to our Motto "We Serve". We know about all the awards we give out like Melvin Jones and Helen Keller, but we a lot of times we forget about the "Zone Lion of the Year" This award is unique to District 5M2 as we are the only District that presents this award, it is one of a kind. All clubs have people who are deserving of this award. I will be sending out the information about this award to all the Club Presidents or Secretaries this month. The nominations will need to be mailed to me by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 2014. I am looking forward to reading about all the good things these Lions have did in their communities.

In continuing on the topic of recognition, do not forget the people in need in your communities and the world during this holiday season. Lion Loretta and I would like to wish you all a "Merry Christmas" and a great New Year.

## MARVIN'S COMMENTS



**Marvin Grimm**  
**Second Vice District Governor**

Greetings to December, a month of seeing family, eating and not to forget shopping. Something I don't get into very well.

It was an inspiring day at Thanksgiving for Vision. The University Doctors presentations on research and what is developing with vision leaves one in awe. It amazes me at what can be done to save ones vision and give vision to those who may be losing their vision. The talks after lunch by those that have received care to restore their vision, left the room with many tear filled eyes. It was truly a great day. The Region and Zone meetings in 5M2 have been great. Many potential leaders were witnessed being leaders in their zones. As clubs reported their activities, it showed why members are excited about being Lions. Many "feel good" opportunities were offered. This also is a draw for new members.

One can learn a lot from visiting these meetings. It will give you a new look at ideas and activities that other clubs are doing. So when there is a chance for you to extend yourself, do attend another club as a visitor or attend your zone meetings. Just do it, you will be the winner.

I have been mentioning that District Governor Joan is looking for nominations for the "Hall of Fame". Each club should have some Lion member who has demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their Club, Zone, District and Multiple and to the motto "We Serve". One per district will be inducted at the multiple Convention in April at Jackpot Junction in Morton, MN. Nominations and a fee of \$150 must be received by Governor Joan 30 days prior to the Mid-Winter Convention. The form for nominations is on the District web site. Those not selected will get the \$150 returned. Lets have a winner from District 5M2.

Another opportunity is for each club to nominate a person that is an outstanding Lion for the Zone Lion of the Year. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Harry will be sending a letter to club presidents noting this. You need to have nominee information to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Harry by February 15, 2014. Lets have each zone have a "Zone Person of the Year". Those not selected, could be your Club Person of the Year.

How about Mardi Gras in Minnesota???

Have you registered for the Mid-Winter Convention yet? I know it's the Holiday Season, but February 7,8,9, 2014 will come up very fast. Also there is an early bird special if you register by December 15, 2013. Forms for registration and hotel reservations can be found on the District web site or in the "Fire Up" newsletter. Friday evening will have special music by the Tuxedo Band with Mardi Gras theme. So get your masks and hats ready.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift: that's why they call it the present." Eleanor Roosevelt



Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention  
 February 7, 8, & 9, 2014  
 City Center Hotel - Mankato, Minnesota



**REGISTRATION FORM**

Official Use Only  
 Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY NOTE: This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect

Guest #1 Information Select One: ( ) Lion ( ) Lioness ( ) Leo ( ) Spouse/Guest

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	( ) Check if 1st time convention attendee

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

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	State/Zip:
City:	State & Zip:	( ) Check if 1st time convention attendee

The following are required in advance with registration:  
 ~ \$10.00 "Early Bird Special" Registration Fee per person  
 Post Marked on or Before Dec 15th  
 ~ \$15.00 Registration Fee per person After Dec 15th  
 ~ Full Meal Payment  
 ~ All meals include tax and gratuity  
 ~ Make Checks Payable to:  
 Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention  
**Mail to:** Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg  
 67194 County Road 46  
 Alden, MN 56009  
**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be directed to:  
 Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg at above address  
**Refunds will be sent following the convention. Refund requests post marked:**  
 ~ On or before January 7, 2014 ~ Full Refund  
 ~ From January 8 to January 31, 2014 ~ 90% Refund  
 ~ After January 31, 2014 ~ 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. 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 \$21.00	
		Saturday Banquet \$29.00	
		Sunday Buffet \$15.00	
		<b>Meal Sub Total</b>	
		Friday Supper with I.D. \$12.00 By Invitation Only - COST IS NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL PACKAGE	
		<b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>	

\*\*\*REGISTRATION INCLUDES\*\*\*  
 1. Goodie Bag  
 2. Friday Night Appetizers  
 3. Friday Night Music "The Tuxedo Band"  
 4. Friday Night Service of Remembrance  
 5. All Convention Seminars/Sessions  
 6. Saturday Night Entertainment "Crazy Airwaves"

Friday Night Supper with I.D. for Cabinet, Presidents & Secretaries.  
 Cost is **NOT** included in the "All-Meal Package" price

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

" EARLY BIRD SPECIAL" REGISTRATION IF PAID BEFORE DEC 15TH ~ \$10.00 PER PERSON	
REGISTRATION IF PAID AFTER DEC 15TH ~ \$15.00 PER PERSON	
<b>REGISTRATION &amp; MEAL GRAND TOTAL</b>	

Lion's Convention  
February 7-9, 2014

**MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL**

Reservations will be accepted  
by **MAIL or FAX only**. No reservations will  
be made over the phone.

Please complete and return this form to  
Mankato City Center Hotel with payment  
information no later than January 7, 2014.

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 5<sup>th</sup>: Full Refund

February 6<sup>th</sup>: One night charge will be applied,  
any other payment will be refunded.

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

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

**\*\*Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but  
we will try to accommodate as best we can.\*\***



**HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

Please note that your reservations must be received  
by January 7, 2014 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 6  
\_\_\_\_ Friday, February 7  
\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 8

**Cost for Three Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$315.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$315.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$342.00  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$342.00

**Cost for Two Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$210.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$210.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$228.00  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$228.00

**Cost for One Night**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$105.00  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$105.00  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$114.00  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$114.00

\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access Room Required  
(room contains one Queen bed)

\*\*\* All Rates Include Taxes

\*\*\* All rooms are non-smoking and are  
equipped with microwaves and refrigerators.

We will confirm your reservation by sending you a  
postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not  
receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us  
three weeks from the date you send in your  
registration form for processing.

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)





## Wells Lions install new Members

In November the Wells Lions extended invitations to about 100 residents inviting them to an informational meeting on Lions. We were hoping for a bigger turnout than we got, but of the 4 people who accepted 3 were installed on November 20<sup>th</sup> as our newest members. Lion Rick Baird was their sponsor. Many invites who could not make the November meeting continue to show interest and many more were introduced to Lions and many of the Wells Lion's projects. Pictured above is President Chuck Brooks installing new members Pam Baird, Donna Skinner, and Don Skinner along with sponsor Rick Baird. The Wells Lions have a total of 4 new members so far this year.

## New Lions Cup

2013 is nearing an end but a lot of exciting times are still ahead. In 2014, I am very pleased to lead a new project for 5M-2. Many of Lions in 5M-2 watch the PGA and play a round or two throughout the summer months. At the end of every season of the PGA one golfer is awarded the FedEx Cup for being the best golfer of the year. A number of our clubs host golf tourneys throughout the summer months. In an effort to increase participation at these events and to help build a stronger District I asked the District to approve the Lions Cup. The Lions Cup will go to the Club with the highest point total at the end of the each year and will be awarded at the Mid-Winter Convention. Points will be earned by participation and position of finish at Lion sponsored golf tourneys in 5M-2. At the Mid-Winter Convention in February I will rollout more details on the Lions Cup while a number of Clubs have already informed me of their tourney dates I am certain I don't have them all. If your club is hosting or thinking about hosting a golf tourney please let me know. My goal is to have a complete list by the Mid-Winter Convention to give to all Clubs. I will also need a few recruits to help me with the tabulation, coordination and updating of standings for the Lions Cup. If any Clubs want me to speak at their Club or Zone meetings please let me know as well. For any questions or to volunteer yourself to this project please call me at 612-710-2107 or email me at radahs71@msn.com. Lion Chris Lund, Hamburg Lions

THE SHARING/GIVING TREE  
FIFTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013  
5:00 – 7:00 PM  
KIESTER AMERICAN LEGION  
SPONSORED BY KIESTER LIONS

MENU: SPAGHETTI, SALAD, GARLIC TOAST AND BARS  
FREE WILL DONATION

Nonperishable items will be accepted for the Kiester Pantry

## Make Your Mark

The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank has partnered with LifeSource (an organ recovery organization) and the American Donor Services ( a tissue recovery organization) to develop a curriculum which will be distributed at no cost to driver's education instructors throughout Minnesota. Minnesota law mandates that 30 minutes of every driver's education classroom training be devoted to teach Minnesota's young drivers about organ, eye and tissue donation. Funding for this project is from Minnesota's You and \$2 donation education fund. Be sure to make your mark when renewing your driver's license to make a \$2.00 donation to this important cause. MN Lion's Eye Bank staff, Lions Joni Altenhofen, Lion Natalie Buckman and Lion Sara McFee worked on this collaborative project.



WANTED

BY  
MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION, INC.  
Funding for Diabetes Research

Let's "SADDLE UP" Lions and organize your POSSE!! Give your posse a fun name and we'll list your posse on our MLDF website in the following categories:

 Buy 25 tickets (\$250) = Ranch Hand	 Buy 50 tickets (\$500) = Cowboy	 Buy 100 tickets (\$1,000) = Deputy
 Buy 200 tickets (\$2,000) = Sheriff	 Buy 500 tickets (\$5,000) = Marshal	

Buy 1,000 tickets (\$10,000+) = Judge

REWARD

"CURE FOR DIABETES"





# Match Strikes!

If you would like to give a Lion a "spark" of recognition, please submit his/her name and the reason why to wfcurtis@embarqmail.com or lionjoanblank@gmail.com or leave a message at 507-304-5265. My hope is to full this page up each month. Thanks.

Match Strikes for the month of December:

**Lion Mike Chromie** – Jordan Lions – for volunteering to be the coordinator for the Zone 3 Fall meeting and doing a nice job getting it organized. Submitted by Lion Todd Schansberg.

**Lion Steve Harter** – Arlington Lions – for being chosen the SW MN Principals Association – Principal of the Year. Lion Steve has been an active member of the Arlington Lions for many years, participating on projects as his busy school responsibilities allow. Lion Steve is the Junior High principal at Sibley East Schools, Gaylord campus. Submitted by Arlington Lions Club.

**Lion Wendy Mays** – Minnesota Lake Lions – for chairing the Peace Poster contest for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Submitted by Lion Darlene Breamer

**Lion Debra Ramsley** – Minnesota Lake Lions – for chairing the Minnesota Lake Lions Santa Candy Bag program. Submitted by Lion Darlene Breamer.

**Lion Sally Roesler** – Minnesota Lake Lions – for chairing the Minnesota Lakes portion of the Sharing Tree Program. Submitted by Lion Darlene Breamer.

**Lion Dawn Navara** – Wells Lions – for chairing the Community Sharing Tree Program that involves partnership between the Wells, Minnesota Lake and Kiester Lions Clubs and communities. Submitted by Lion Darlene Breamer

**Lion Connie Crimi** – Jordaness Lions Club – for chairing the Veterans Day program at Jordan High School. Submitted by Lion Wanda Breimhorst

**Lion Shelly Habeck** – Jordaness Lions for also chairing the Veterans Day Program at Jordan High School. Submitted by Lion Wanda Breimhorst.

**The Chaska Lions Club** – for purchasing 50 raffle tickets for the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation.

Submitted by Lion Kevin Blank.

**Zone 6 Lions** – for purchasing 25 raffle tickets at the Zone 2 meeting for the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation. Submitted by Lion Kevin Blank

Way to go 5m-2! We are in the positive!		
	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	2,445	2,440
Added Members	9	88
Dropped Members	13	87
Closing Balance	2,441	2,441
Net Gain/Loss	-4	1
<b>Worldwide</b>		<b>1,368,79</b>

## Hamburg Lions Club Pancake Brunch



Sunday, January 19, 2014

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Hamburg Community Hall

Hamburg, MN

Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs,  
Apple Sauce, Beverages

**Proceeds "Going to the Dogs"**

**(Leader Dog & Can Do Canines)**

### **Attention: First Timers at the 5M2 2014 Mid-Winter Convention**

Now is the time to start planning your fun-filled and educational weekend at the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the City Center Hotel in Mankato, Minnesota.

You will be able to enter a contest for 1<sup>st</sup> Timers. The packet you will receive asks you to obtain signatures from district officers of the clubs and the district as well. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet lots of people and find out more about your Lions' District.

If you receive the most correct signatures you will receive one paid full meal package and free registration to next year's convention. The second place winner will receive one free registration for next year's convention.

There will be a short meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Timers that will be held immediately following the Service of Remembrance on Friday evening. Hope to see you there!

Start planning your weekend for the 2014 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention!

PDG Eunice Rucks, District Activities Chair





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## Thank You Lions

At this time of the year we are reminded of the generous support from individual Lions and Club support from Clubs in District 5M-2. We would like to extend a very warm thank you

for supporting the important work the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation is doing. Your support has made it possible for us to continue **touching lives with hope**. That hope lights the way for patients today and the cures of tomorrow as we continue our dedication in restoring the gift of sound through research, equipment and clinics.

### ♦ Lions Children's Hearing Center ♦ Lions 5M International Hearing Center ♦ Lions Voice Clinic

In 1999 the Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide newborn hearing screening program. Early diagnosis and treatment is key to young children as statistics show that children diagnosed and treated for hearing loss by the age of 6 months will have the ability to progress with speech at the same level as their normal hearing peers.

We hope you will help us continue the important work we are doing at the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation by supporting us at your mid-winter conventions and Parade of Green donations. **Thanks again for your support!**

**David Thoen - U of M Human Islet Recipient** (speaker at Mid-Winter Convention) For the past two summers Thoen has led his sons, Reese (left) and Riley (right), on a Boundary Waters canoe trip—a vacation he couldn't have considered before his transplants.

For roughly a decade, up to five times a month, Dave Thoen had diabetic seizures while in the middle of a conversation, in the car, and even while sleeping. He never knew when one might strike, and his family and friends had to help him in sometimes life-threatening situations. For type 1 diabetics like Thoen, the body mistakenly destroys insulin-producing islet cells in the pancreas and can't properly regulate blood glucose. Like some diabetics, Thoen suffered from hypoglycemia unawareness, a complication in which he did not experience early signs of dangerously low blood sugar, such as sweating, dizziness, and extreme hunger—he'd just have a seizure or lose consciousness. Fortunately, Thoen was eligible to participate in the University of Minnesota's human-to-human islet cell transplantation clinical trial at the Schulze Diabetes Institute (SDI). While islet transplantation remained experimental since the 1970s, recent clinical trial outcomes have made huge gains. Now, diabetes physicians and researchers—as well as patients like Thoen—view islet transplantation as a cure for diabetes.

## PARADE OF GREEN

Can Do Canines*	LCIF**
Leader Dogs for the Blind**	MD5M Lions Hearing
Foundation**	MN Lions Diabetes Foundation**
5M2 Diabetes – Funds stay in 5M2	
MN Lions Vision Foundation**	5M2 Youth Exchange/Youth Camp
5M2 Youth Outreach (Peace Poster, Liberty Day, Write-Off)	
Lions Quest	

\*\* Indicates organizations having a 501(c)(3) status

To alleviate any potential problems with donations to any projects with \*\*501(c)(3) status from Gaming Accounts, please have the check written **EXACTLY** as shown above. If not completed in this manner, an audit by Minnesota Gambling Control at the Club level may show discrepancies, needing additional time-consuming explanations, etc.

## Sign Up For Mid Winter Convention!

