



Service Blooms



December 2010

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Bill Curtis, Editor



Presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from DG Eunice Rucks to Lion Lois Pinske of the Plato Lions.



Arden Severson receiving his Leadership Award from Nancy Mathwig at our Fall Zone meeting in Stewart on November 9th, on behalf of her late husband, Past District Governor, Darwin Mathwig. This Leadership award was given because IPDG Darwin Mathwig had a plus membership growth for his year." Lion Arden Severson received it for 2009-2010 in recognition for his leadership as the Guiding Lion for helping the Winsted Lions Club get established as their own club.



Plato Lions immediate past president Harlan Wilkens being presented the Membership Ginkgo Growth Award for 2009-2010 by DG Eunice Rucks, because of membership growth in the club.



We Serve

Blooms and Blossoms and...More

Greetings:

Winter is arrived and the Christmas Holidays are almost here!

We are nearly through with all of our Zone Meetings. Thank you to all of the clubs that hosted and all of the Lions that attended these meetings and took part in them. And a special thank you to our Zone Chairs for putting the meetings together.

Our discussion topic this year was "Retention" and there were many new ideas. Merlo Retention Chair Lion Jeff Williams will be compiling these ideas and you will be receiving them at the Spring Zone meetings. Thanks to Jeff also for doing all of this hard work.

This is the **Season to Serve**. The fall and early winter seem the time that we as a community and especially as Lions are asked to serve, give a little more of ourselves and our bounty for the betterment of the community. It starts at Halloween when children's parties are popular and "trick or treaters" are welcomed.

Then comes Thanksgiving when the needy and less advantaged are treated to a holiday dinner, hosted or supported by Lions members and clubs.

Again, at Christmas the need to assist the poor, the homeless, the unaided becomes more transparent and again the Lions, together with their fellow service organizations rise to the needs with food, clothing and toys.

Lions keep the holiday spirit of "giving" alive everyday and everywhere. What greater gift to give, than a hand up when the need is there. Winston Churchill said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

I haven't met a Lion yet, who doesn't have a life overflowing with gratitude for being able to meet the needs of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

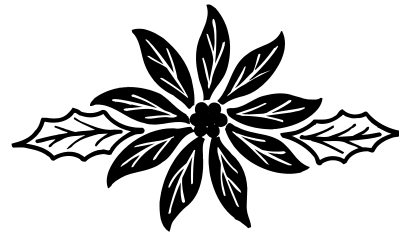
And remember to ask a friend or family member to join this wonderful organization so that we can further meet the needs of our fellowman.

Just a reminder if you have not registered for the Mid Winter Convention on February 11-13, be sure to do so. It will be a good time!

Happy Holidays to you all!
DG Eunice Rucks



District Governor Eunice Rucks



Happy Holidays!
From Governor Eunice
and the 5M2 Cabinet

Governors Travels

December

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The Gift List

Sue Bowman, VDG

We are truly a shopping society. As a child in rural St. Peter I grew up with "shopping" as a once year adventure to the metropolis of Mankato in August for school clothes shopping. It was a very special time spent with my sisters and mother. We would plan all summer for our big day out, and conclude the day of shopping with a trip to the Mankato Dairy Queen. I guess I have never lost my excitement of shopping (I even enjoy going grocery shopping). Although, as a "seasoned adult", I no longer take in the "Black Friday" experience, I still love the adventure of shopping. As a responsible adult, with shopper with list in hand, I am in pursuit of the perfect gift. With the SALE signs every where, what a challenge to stay focused. My gift list includes relatives, friends, co-workers, church family, a couple neighbors, and several of our business associates.

"The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart." That was the Helen Keller quote that came to mind while I was taking a shopping break and sipping on a glass of Pinot Grigio. What gift could I give that would keep on giving through out the years. My gift to those special people on my list is the gift of Lions membership. With a small gift, I included my card, "Be My Guest" for a Lions dinner meeting.

What a great SALE gift!

MY very favorite week of the year is Thanksgiving. First, because I love to cook and entertain, which I do, and secondly I really enjoy the extra days at home. This year, in anticipation of being elected district governor, I spent a bit of time organizing the Lions materials accumulated over the years. Through the process, I had run across a presentation given by PDG Mary Ferleman. She spoke on shopping and the significance of SALES and with her creative thinking, tied it to Lions.

Let me share it with you.

S=Strength, that is energy, tenacity, nerve and fortitude.

A= Attitude of all areas of life, it is #1. Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.

L= Labor, Everything worth doing is worth doing well.

E= Experience, our different backgrounds have many threads of commonality that hold us together.

Share the gift of Lions membership with those on your gift list!

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
Second Vice District Governor

The Rooster.... With the 2011 District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention coming up fast, I would like to get some clarification of "The Rooster Incident" at a Mid-Winter Convention some years ago, years before I became a Lion.

For you more recent Lions, a Rooster somehow appeared at a past Mid-Winter Convention Hotel and I would like to get the full details.

No, I am not condoning the Mid-Winter to be a gathering place for barnyard animals, but I just think everyone now could benefit from the fun that was provided by "The Rooster Incident" that year.

I would appreciate anyone (or everyone) who has first-hand (or second-hand) knowledge of the "The Rooster Incident" to let me know exactly what happened.

For example:

- 1- What was the year and the location of "The Rooster Incident"?
- 2- Who invited the Rooster? I'm sure the statute of limitations has expired,
so immunity to prosecution can be declared.
- 3- What happened to the Rooster?
- 4- Please share any other memories of "The Rooster Incident" you have.
- 5- Or share any comments or opinions you have regarding "ALions View."

Please respond to me prior to December 27th, either by:

e-mail: rjdahlke@embarqmail.com

phone: 320 864-5237

regular mail: Lion Ron Dahlke, 308 20th Street West, Glencoe, MN 55336

Is there a prize for providing the information? I don't think so, but that could change. I hope to share some of the responses in next month's article.

I know you are asking yourselves, "Doesn't Ron have anything else he could write about?" Yes, but as I mentioned above, I have heard variations of "The Rooster Incident" and would like to clarify the situation, and I also will have an idea of how many Lions are reading my monthly article.

Again, be sure to register for the 2011 District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention at Mankato, February 11-13, hosted by Zone 6, which will include fun, fellowship, food, great seminars and entertainment. Also, please consider entering "Lions Have Talent II."

Also at this time, my wife 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.

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

Albert Lea - Donated \$150 to VFW. Distributed dictionaries.

Albert Lea Clover Leaf - Completed Service Day project of rides for Nursing Home Residents, served them coffee and rolls. Donated to Red Cross.

Albert Lea Lakeview - Delivered senior meals, volunteered at food pantry. Completed soup and Pie fundraiser. Donated to food pantry and Salvation Army.

Alden - Upcoming parade Nov. 2. Attended ribbon cutting ceremony at A-C School
Lions donated to this project.

Arlington - Had wine tasting event. Donated \$2500 to Arlington Ambulance Association for CPR unit.

Belle Plaine - Donated food baskets to local food shelf.

Blue Earth - Donated dictionaries to 3rd graders. Participated in Peace Poster Contest. Donated to local food shelf, Blue Earth Area Mentors, Blue Earth Educational Foundation and Giving Tree.

Brownton - Sponsored Hospice tree lighting ceremony. Sponsored meat raffles. Donated to the Write Off Contest and GFW Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Fund.

Carver - Completed pancake breakfast. Donated \$50 to Fergus Falls Marching Band. Had Diabetes Chair, Anna Wickenhauser speak.

Chaska - Donated to Chaska Fire Dept. Paid for 3 eyeglass exams.

Cologne - Installed Christmas lights. Donated to Camp Needlepoint and local wrestling club.

Courtland - Completed Dads Belgium Waffle Breakfast. Donated to Lions Quest, Brown Co. Food Shelf, Nicollet Co. Food Shelf, Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams spoke on Quest.

Ellendale - Did Peace Poster contest. Held Liberty Day. Placed donation cans around Town for needy at Christmas.

Faribault - Completed Peace Poster Contest. Furnished eye exams for glasses for 2 students. Donated To Mn.Lions Eye Bank, Faribault Emerald Dance Line, Can Do Canines, MD5 Marching Band, Piestany Lions Twinning Project.

Gibbon - Purchase candy and gave money to Santa's Anonymous.

Glencoe - Bused tables at Pizza Ranch for tips. Held annual Sausage Supper. Held food shelf drive at Supper. Completed Peace Poster contest. Donated to Lighted Holly Days Parade, Vision Honduras project.

Lion Shirley Hespenheide, Leader Dog was Speaker.

Green Isle - Helped ring bells for Salvation Army. Donated turkeys to Good Samaritan Home. Donated \$250 to Santa's Helpers and \$250 to Vision Honduras.

Hamburg - Had turkey bingo and meat raffle, did Peace Posters, completed write-off. Donated to Lions Hearing Foundation. Received a donation of 4 umbrellas for tables Lions had donated at Park in memory of deceased Lion.

Henderson - Donated \$500 to Henderson Chamber of Commerce, Had Quest Program Chair speak

Hutchinson - Donated to McLeod Cty Food Shelf, Aveyron Homes, Franklin Home for Girls. Sponsored Halloween Party

Jordan - Completed football game ball. Donated to High School Basketball.

Jordaness - Had fashion show Nov. 20. Did World Service Project – played Bingo. Donated to Can Do Canines in memory of PDG Darwin Mathwig, donated to all night graduation party and to back packs.

Lafayette & Area - Donated \$1000 to Connie Portner Benefit, \$300 to each church for crisis fund

LeCenter - Did Holly Daze Parade. Donated to local food shelf.

LeSueur - Selling Christmas trees. Donated to Youth Opportunities, Friendship Ventures, MD5M Marching Band, H.A.V.E.. Completed Peace Poster Contest.

Lester Prairie - Did dictionary project. Donated \$50 to MD5M Marching Band, treat bags at the Community Christmas party.

Lonsdale - Completed pancake breakfast. Donated \$250 to Trondhjem for Thanksgiving. Dinner and to Project New Hope.

Mankato - Donated to two sight grants. Donated to ECHO Food Shelf building fund.

Mankato Key City - Sold pies, donated to Echo Food Shelf Building Fund and Thanksgiving

Mankato Sunrise - Did bell ringing at Cub Foods. Hosted Zone Meeting.

Mayer Watertown Dandy Lions - Distributed 180 dictionaries to 3 different schools. Held Peace Poster Contest.

Minnesota Lake Set up and bought Christmas tree for Lions Sharing Tree. Completed Peace Posters. Distributed 12 gift Cards for LCIF \$10,000 flood grant. Walked ditches.

Club Activities

Donated to Can Do Canines, additional gift cards for flood victims. Lion Nancy Mathwig, Activities Chair and Dist. Gov. Eunice Rucks and PID Maynard Rucks were guests.

Montgomery - Donated to Montgomery Library Association and Special Olympics.

New Auburn - Collection for Santa's Helpers. Took in 840 lbs of aluminum cans, joint project with 4-H.

New Market-Elko-Webster - Donated to Thanksgiving Outreach Nov. 22-24, completed Senior Luncheon with music and bingo at the Ranchero for 90 guests. Gave dictionaries to 3rd graders, donated to Special Olympics, field improvement to local youth/adult baseball field, Wishing Wheels fundraiser and groceries to food shelf.

New Richland - Completed distribution of Flood Relief Cards. Donated \$500 to New Richland Flood Relief.

Nicollet - Completed Pork chop fry. Donated to Nicollet Cty 4-H banquet, to summer swimming lessons, donated to bike helmet program. Lion Donna Wolter spoke on Project New Hope.

Northfield - Had Annual Scotch Doubles Tournament – Eye exam and glasses for kids. Lion Steve Wasserman spoke at Oct. Bd. meeting on membership

Northfield Cannon Valley - Collected food for food shelf. Finished peace poster.

Norwood Young America - Christmas Tree Sales began Nov. 26

NYA-West Carver - Participated in Write Off. Completed Peace Poster. Donated to IPDG Darwin's Puppy donation. Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams spoke for Quest.

Owatonna - Participated in Middle School Veterans Day Program. Completed pie sales for Eyes Fundraiser. Held Comedy Night Fundraiser for Diabetes. Had Lion Sue Bowman, Hearing Foundation and Darlene and Vern Bremer, Can Do Canines speak.

Plato Completed blood drive. Donated to GSL Close Up - \$100, Fergus Falls Marching Band - \$50, Central, GSL and Lester Prairie - \$100 for after prom party.

Prior Lake - Did meat raffles. Staffed kids voting. Completed WriteOff and Peace Poster.

Shakopee - Completed kids voting, donated Teddy bears to local hospital, Senior Holiday Party. Worked with Shakopee Bloodmobile.

Silver Lake - Provided bartenders for Silver Lake Sportsman Turtle Feed. Sponsored Write Off, Peace Poster, donated to Silver Lake Thanksgiving Dinner, Silver Lake Winter Fest, Can Do Canines Name a Puppy Darwin, Fergus Falls Marching Band. Silver Lake Sports Aeration Program, GSL Close Up Program.

St. Peter - Had Fall Banquet for the St. Peter Lions. Donated \$55 to Michael Bennett For Land/Air expenses involved in obtaining a Leader Dog. \$150 to Holiday Sharing Tree.

Stewart - Sponsored senior dining for one week. Packed pallets of Kids Against Hunger boxed meals. Donated to Vision Honduras and Fergus Falls Marching Band.

Veseli Area - Completed fall brunch. Distributed dictionaries. Donated money to Lonsdale American Auxiliary for Holiday Care Packages for soldiers.

Victoria - Donated \$2000 to Cap Agency, \$500 to ARC, \$250 to Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, \$300 to Peace Poster Contest

Waconia - Paid to ship care packages to current military personnel.

Waterville - Had bingo. Completed Pork Chop dinner. Donated to Santa Anonymous and WEM School Projects.

Winthrop - Completed bingo at local nursing home. Did omelet breakfast.

Hutchinson Lioness - Donated and shopped for the McLeod County Christmas Project

Go to Mid Winter Convention

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*Touching Lives
Everyday
...With Hope*



Hope is realized the first time a deaf child hears the sound of a parent's voice. Hope is renewed whenever a hearing-impaired adult can return to a sound-full and active life. Each time the wonder of sound is restored, we **Touch a Life With Hope**.



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



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

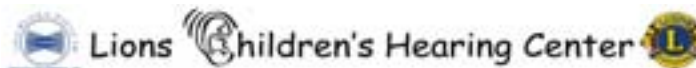


Lions Children's Hearing Center: was created in 2005 to focus on the complex needs of deaf and hard of hearing children in MN and the Upper Midwest; uniting research, education, family support and a multidisciplinary clinic devoted to addressing all aspects of pediatric hearing loss.



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

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



For appointment or referral:
866-523-2134 • 612-625-7753 (local) • 612-625-2101 (fax)
www.ent.umn.edu/ent/lions/home.htm

PANCAKE BRUNCH

Sponsored by

Hamburg Lions Club

Sunday, January 16, 2011

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Hamburg Community Hall
Hamburg, MN

Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs,
Apple Sauce, Beverages

Adults	\$7.00
Children 5 – 12	\$3.00
Children 0 – 4	Free

Please donate old unused eye glasses and lens.

Proceeds go to Campaign Sightfirst II



Le Sueur Lions in attendance for our 50th year celebration on Oct 22nd.

Lion's Convention
February 11-13, 2011

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 7, 2010.

Mail to:

Mankato City Center Hotel
c/o Lions
101 East Main Street
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-345-1234
Fax: 507-345-1248

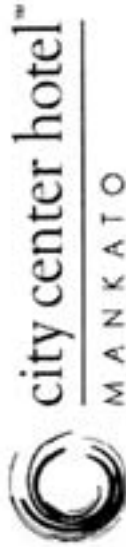
***One night reservations will be based on
availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you must cancel your reservation, you
must do so by the following:
February 8th: Full Refund
February 9th: One night charge will be
applied, any other payment will be
refunded.

**CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY
TO CANCEL.**

Special Requests: _____



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____ Friday, February 11
____ Saturday, February 12

Cost for Three Nights
____ One King Bed \$291.00
____ Two Queen Beds \$291.00
____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$320.97
____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$320.97

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____ One King Bed \$194.00
____ Two Queen Beds \$194.00
____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$213.98
____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$213.98

Cost for One Night
____ One King Bed \$97.00
____ Two Queen Beds \$97.00
____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$106.99
____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$106.99

____ Handicap Access Room Required
(room contains one King bed)

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equipped with microwaves and
refrigerators.

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form if sharing a room***

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Eunice Rucks
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Lions Have Talent 2

The Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M2 are invited to show us your stuff by performing at the

Mid Winter Convention Talent Show.

It will occur poolside,
Saturday, February 12
after the banquet.

Dance *Skits*

Register by: February 1st
Lion Lori Klein
Call:
612-790-7911
Email:
Lion.lori@yahoo.com

Sing

Standup Comedy

Prizes Awarded



JUDGE HAYNES H. TOWNSEND
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Midwinter Convention International Director

Judge Haynes Townsend, from Dalton, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian and multiple district leadership chair. He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including three Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, six International President Certificates of Appreciation, two International Leadership Awards, an International President Award, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Director Townsend is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Townsend is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

Director Townsend and his wife, Donna, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.