



# Service Blooms



April 2011

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Bill Curtis, Editor



Zone 2 Lion Of The Year Award was presented to Tony Eshleman of the Waconia Lions from District Governor Elect Sue Bowman.



Zone 5 Lion of the year award was presented to Randy Baum of the LeSueur Lions from District Governor Elect Sue Bowman.



Left to right: Lion Donna Townsend, International Director Judge Haynes Townsend, Dalton Georgia. 5M2 District Governor Eunice Rucks and Past International Director Maynard Rucks at the 2011 5M2 District Convention in Mankato.



Lion President Jim More and Joan Blank Leader Dog Chair inducted Bob Sonnek as a member of the Minnesota Lake Lions Club. Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer were his sponsors.

# Blooms and Blossoms and...More

## Greetings:

Spring has arrived and it is time for new beginnings. We need to continue to grow our clubs so we can continue to do all of the good things that Lions like to do.

"5M2 receives the Lions International Award for Membership Growth! Membership is the number one priority in 5M2. Every member of this District has asked someone to become a new member and they have all accepted the invitation!" Now, I need to wake up from the dream and tell you the reality of the situation.

Membership NEEDS to be one of the priorities of a club. Each member does need to ask someone to join. Membership numbers showing positive growth would be wonderful to realize. It will take each Lion to make this happen. The only way it will happen is if someone is asked to become a Lion. As you read this, are you saying, "Yes, I should ask Joe/Mary. I will do it tomorrow". If so, that is the wrong thing to say, if you are thinking of asking them, pick up the phone now. Don't wait!!

Another area that I would like to touch on in this column is the difference between Administrative Accounts and Activities Accounts (some call it General Account). Financing the activities of a Lions Club requires careful planning. A Lions Club has two major accounts. One for projects and one for administrative expenses. The Administrative Account is financed by the club members. The Activities Account is financed by fundraising projects with a broad base of community support. 100% of the net income from public fundraisers must be allocated for community service projects.

Public support is sought, and given, with the mutual understanding that funds raised from the public must be used for public benefit and for the specific purpose for which the public was asked to contribute if it was so advertised.

While it is permissible to transfer funds from the Administrative Account to the Activities Account, it is NOT permissible to transfer funds (or any percentage) from the Activities Account to the Administrative Account.

Nearly all clubs in the District are following the two fund rules. If your club has not set up this type of account system, it would be in the best interest of the club to get started on it. If any help is needed on this, please give me a call.

There are many lunches, brunches and other activities coming up in the next few months. Why not get out and patronize your fellow Lions and enjoy all of the good food that is out there. It is always fun to visit other club activities and other Lions. I know they appreciate it!

See you at Zone Meetings, DG Eunice Rucks



**District Governor Eunice Rucks**

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## Governor's Travels April

- April 6 Sibley East Jr High Visit
- April 7 Zone 7 meeting - Mankato
- April 12 Winnebago Breakfast Visit
- April 12 St. Peter Lunch Visit
- April 12 Zone 1 meeting Silver Lake
- April 13 April 15 Journey for Service
- April 18 Zone 3 meeting - Jordan
- April 19 Zone 6 meeting - LeCenter
- April 25 Officers Training Mankato
- April 26 Zone 4 meeting - Courtland
- April 27 Victoria Visit
- April 28 Zone 9 meeting Blue Earth
- April 29-May 1 Multiple Convention



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## The Bird's The Word,

### Sue Bowman. DGE

Retirement has been great; it affords me time for long walks in the sunshine and cold wind and observation of nature's promising signs of spring, the return of the Canadian geese being one.

So why is it geese and other large migratory birds fly in a V formation.....because it is too hard to fly in an S position..... just kidding. Scientists who have studied V formation flight have shown the birds fly this way for two reasons.

First, it conserves their energy by allowing the birds to glide more often. Each bird flies slightly above the bird in front of him, resulting in a reduction of wind resistance and heart rate, compared to birds flying alone. The reduced air resistance of the V shape formation allows the geese to fly 71% further than if they flying alone.

The second benefit to the V formation is that it is easy to keep track of every bird in the group because of the unobstructed field of vision, allowing the flock members to see each other and communicate while in flight. The birds function more efficiently in a group working together.

The bird at the head of the V is working the hardest by being the first to break through the air resistance to flight, thus the bird leaves slightly smoother air behind for the other birds. The geese share the lead, as one tires, it drops back in the formation and another takes its place.

What can we learn from the geese? Humans, like geese were created to work together and to support one another. When we encourage each other and support our leaders we can accomplish amazing things. "Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much" Helen Keller.

How is the V formation working in your Lions Club? The most strenuous position in the V is the point. Are you willing to take your turn at accepting the leadership positions in your club? It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks; we do not want to "burn out" any Lion member. The geese share a common destination, which is understood by each. When a fresh goose rotates up to the leadership position, no time or energy is lost traveling in the wrong direction. July 1 new officers will take the point position in your club. We should respect and protect each other's set of skills, capabilities, talents and resources. Geese flying in formation "HONK" to encourage those in front to keep us the speed. As Lions, we need to

## A Lion's View

### Ron Dahlke

Second Vice District Governor

Spring is in the air! The robins and the geese have returned. Before long, fields and gardens will be planted and lawns will need to be mowed.

The longer than usual winter weather has taken its toll on the mental health of our local inhabitants, but we can and we will rebound fast. With a few days of above normal temperatures and some gentle warm spring rains, everyone will soon forget the routines of shoveling snow, scraping windshields and dressing in Arctic apparel.

With the return of daylight savings time, more grilling will take place, and along with spring outdoor sports events, "busy" will be the simplest way to describe life in 5M-2. April will indeed, be a busy month with the New Officer Training on April 25<sup>th</sup> and the hosting of the MD5M Convention in Mankato on April 29, 30, and May 1.

Both events will be informative and helpful for all members. If you have a newer member who is not a Club Officer, please invite him or her to attend the Officers Training. This single event could serve as the initiative for that member to become more involved and more willing to accept a nomination for a club office in the future.

With Zone Meetings in full swing, it is always great to hear of the various functions and events that are being sponsored by Lions Clubs all across District 5M-2. Be sure to support neighboring Clubs in their fundraising efforts. I know it is greatly appreciated.

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!

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make sure our "honking" is encouraging, and when it is, productivity increases.

Geese teach us we can accomplish more when we work together. Individual talent, as impressive as it may be, will only be multiplied when it joins forces with others.

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HONK HONK!!!

REMEMBER **APRIL 25**....PLEASE ATTEND, A TERRIFIC TRAINING EVENT



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# 5M2 Leadership & New Officer Training

Monday, April 25, 2011

City Center Hotel, Downtown Mankato

- 5:30 p.m. Registration
- 6:15 p.m. Opening
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:15 p.m. Break-out Sessions
- 9:00 p.m. Approximate Finish

All New Officers are encouraged to attend. There are break-out sessions for incoming Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Tail Twisters and Lion Tamers, and Membership Committee Members. Vice President training will include "how to run a meeting".

Cost \$16.00 per person

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Please RSVP by Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to

Lion Brian Thies at 612-756-1315 or [roseco@frontiernet.net](mailto:roseco@frontiernet.net)

Please indicate Club Name and number of attendees as well as which session they will be attending so we can ensure that there will be adequate materials.

President     Vice President     Secretary  
 Treasurer     Tailtwister & Lion Tamer     Membership

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 MDM 5M 2011 Convention  
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## Looking out for others

Wayne May of the Key City Lions and Ron Beaty of the Mankato Lions unload some 22,000 pairs of glasses brought to Mankato by area clubs this past weekend during the service organization's District Midwinter Convention. The glasses, which were collected at drop site in the 12-county area, will be sorted and eventually shipped to Third World countries for distribution.

**Henderson Lions Club  
 Spaghetti Feed**

**Henderson Community  
 Building**

**Sunday - May 1, 2011  
 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Adults....\$7.00  
 Children ages 5-10....\$4.00  
 Children under 5....free**

Proceeds to benefit Sauerkraut Days Activities

# Lions, LCIF Providing Disaster Relief in Japan

Following the largest earthquake in Japan's history, Lions in Japan provided disaster relief, while our Foundation mobilized more than US\$5 million to support immediate and long-term relief efforts. Lions in Japan themselves are working to raise \$3 million, coordinating relief efforts via social media and using the Japan Lions Office in Tokyo as their emergency relief headquarters.



## SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**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.**



Lions  Children's Hearing Center 

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

# Club Activities

**Albert Lea** - Donated to food shelf, school calendar, YMCA and memorial for Lion Dave Simpson

**Albert Lea Clover Leaf** - Completed Radio Daze Fundraiser. Donated rolls to local Moose club and Moose Club auctioned off for fundraiser.

**Albert Lea Lakeview** - Volunteered at Community Food Shelf. Delivered Senior meals. Worked at Red Cross Bloodmobile. Delivered meals on wheels. 2 members went on VOSH mission trip to Peru. Donated to ecumenical food pantry.

**Amboy** - Sang at Nursing Home. Donated to Compassion International and payed balance on a hearing aid for young boy.

**Arlington** - Had table at Tour of Tables, gave \$500 to St.Paul's Lutheran Playground, \$300 for youth for Youth Exchange trip to Norway.

**Blue Earth** - Donated \$200 for Habitat for Humanity.

**Brownton** - Completed Fish Fry. Donated to Brownton Summer Enrichment Program. Tim Orth Foundation Brownton Summer Rec. and GSL After Prom.

**Carver** - Completed dictionary project. Did sandbagging on our regular meeting night to raise levee. Provided food and beverage for workers. Donated for MD5M convention.

**Chaska** - Donated to LCI for Japan Relief Fund.

**Cologne** - Worked at a school pancake breakfast.

**Courtland** - Bar Bingo Saturday Afternoon. LCIF donation for Japan.

**Ellendale** - Donated to after prom party. Shared medical equipment in community.

**Gibbon** - Donated to Youth Basketball. Donated to Summer Reading. Donated to LCIF.

**Glencoe** - Had information booth at Glencoe Expo. Bused tables at Pizza Ranch.

**Green Isle** - Held annual sausage breakfast. 12 members attended zone meeting. Donated to food shelf, digital community sign and GI Fire Dept for purchase of Auto Pulse Machine.

**Hamburg** - Donated cash and food to Southwest Carver Food Shelf. \$50 to Multiple Dist. And \$100 to Yaeck Benefit Silent Auction.

**Henderson** - Donated to Sibley County Foodshare, American Legion Baseball.

**Hutchinson** - Working with West Elementary

School, 12 REDCAT Audio Systems, Donated to Food Shelf.

**Jordan** - Completed Fish Fry. Memorials for Jordan Food Shelf.

**Jordaness** - Did two hot dog feeds.

**Kiester** - Had Valentine's Dinner for Two. Donated to Parade of Green, Keister for a Cure and Keister Library.

**Lafayette & Area** - Had pancake and waffle breakfast. \$1000 to MS Walk, \$1500 to area churches. 12-\$500 scholarships, \$50 to MD5M.

**LeSueur** - Collected eyeglasses. Setup and took down bloodmobile. Donated to After prom Party. Donated to Multiple Convention, Cub Scouts and glasses for needy highSchool student.

**Lester Prairie** - Donated \$4000 to City of Lester Prairie for Athletic Field Renovation. \$500 to McLeod County Food Shelf.

**Lonsdale** - Donated \$300 for LCIF.

**Mankato** - Donated to Junior Achievement – Mankato Graduation Party.

**Mankato Sunrise** - Volunteered at concert at Mankato Civic Center. Donated \$120 to ISD #77 for Family Get Away weekend for deaf and hard of hearing children and families.

**Mayer Watertown DandyLions** - Hosted Zone meeting. Donated to after prom party.

**Minnesota Lake** - Donated two \$1000 scholarships, \$2,000 to Dollars for Scholars, \$300 to South Center Services Family Night.

**Montgomery** - Unloaded food shelf twice this month.

**New Market-Elko-Webster** - Had Lion/daughter dinner for 55 Lions. Donated to MD5M convention for support of prizes and raffles. Donated to New Prague man for eye surgery.

**New Richland** - Donated to High School After Prom Party. Hosted Zone meeting.

**Nicollet** - Donated to St. Peter Food Shelf.

Northfield Cannon Valley - Collected books for African Library. Donated to after prom party.

**Norwood Young America** - Donated for 5K Fun Run. Donated \$250 for Sheephead Tournament at Stiftungsfest.

**NYA-West Carver** - Hosted Zone 5 meeting at NYA Pavilion Donated Quilt to Convention Raffle. Donated for playground equipment from fundraiser.

**Plato** - Donated \$20 to GSL B.P.A.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**Prior Lake** - Participated in 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bed race for Bridging. Donated to Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Scholarship-\$750. Scott County Volunteer Recognition Breakfast-\$250 Cub Scouts Pack \$480. \$6000 Scholarships (Prior Lake High School) St. Michaels Catholic Church-\$678.

**Silver Lake** - Participated in St.Pat's parade, cleaned and dusted cases at GSL Lakeside, Donated to Silver Lake Summer Rec.program, MD5M Raffle, McLeod Co. Food Shelf.

**Stewart** - Sponsored senior dining. Donated to McLeod, Renville and Sibley County Food Shelves.

**Veseli Area** - Had Beer Bash fundraiser. Spring Scrapbook Retreat. Donated to Parade of Green and eyeglasses.

**Victoria** - Had pancake breakfast.

**Waconia** - Working on upcoming benefit for local Afghan Veteran.

**Waterville** - Donated \$500 to Senior Dining. Donated \$385.58 to new welcome sign for Waterville.

**Winsted** - Put up flyers for Lucas Morang for Hearing Foundation Fundraiser. Donated to Diabetes Foundation and Leader Dog.

**Winthrop** - Volunteered at Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging. Donated to Kids Against Hunger.

**Hutchinson Lioness** - Two members helped clean out house of family of five who have to move due to a foreclosure.

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## What's a Signature Activity?

District and club officers can designate a service activity as a "Signature" Activity. (The definition of a Signature Activity is an activity that is popular, important and possibly recurring within the club or district.) Once an activity is designated as a Signature Activity, club officers will be able to select the activity from the Add New Activities page, simplifying the service activity reporting process.

Lions Club International President Sid Scruggs has encouraged all clubs to have Signature Activities.

## Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is founded by the Lions Clubs of Minnesota and their dedicated volunteer members who are strongly committed to improving the lives of people with diabetes by raising funds and collaborating partners to do diabetes research, diabetes education, and sponsor preventative health activities that provide a caring and valued community service while helping to find a cure for diabetes.

### Sprint Point Project

Spring Point Project is producing a sufficient supply of pigs to serve as islet donors for diabetic patients ultimately leading to a cure for diabetes.

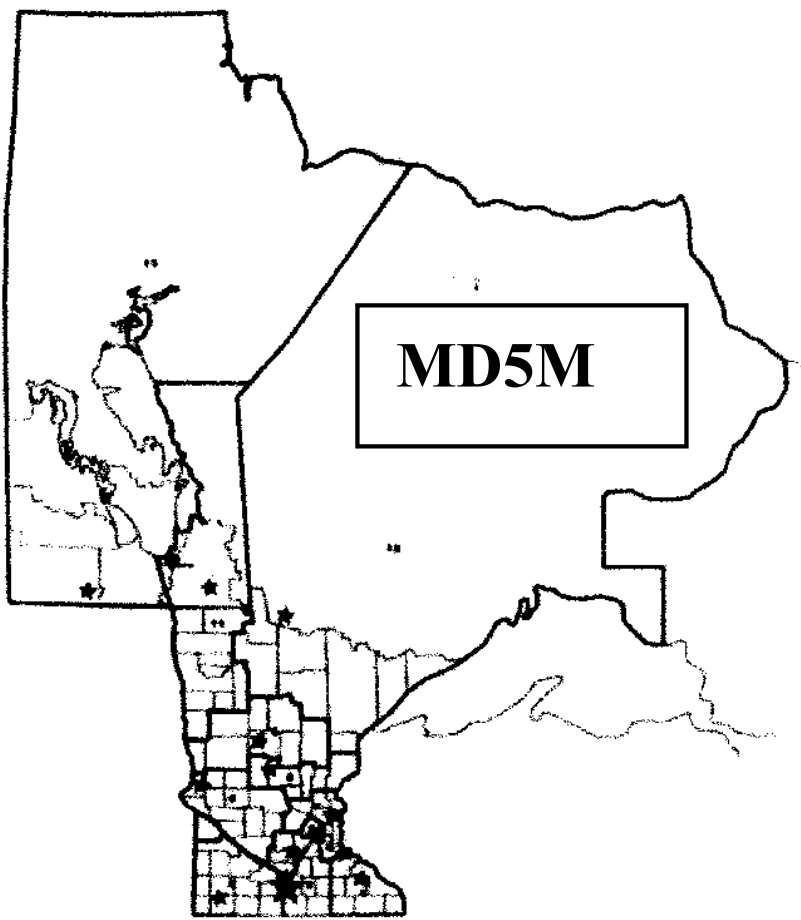
Founded in Minnesota in 2004, Spring Point Project was born out of a grassroots effort to help make porcine islet transplantation a viable solution for diabetes patients in particular, the tens of thousands of people with difficult to manage diabetes. Its nonprofit status brings stability and control over all aspects of the project, and fits with the goal of bringing unprecedented research data toward a clinical application in a speedy and cost-effective manner.

### Pigs on the Move

Spring Point and the Lions are working together to prepare a Lions Club International Foundation grant to fund a dedicated Spring Point Project animal transport vehicle. In the past, we've contracted out their animal transport service. However, now that they are fully populated and working with the University of Minnesota to supply all of their ongoing studies (including the final preclinical study). The time has come to bring this capacity in-house. They are working with the Lions to fund a vehicle to safely and humanely transport their animals. The vehicle must be inspected and approved by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. It must be able to be completely cleaned and disinfected. It must be temperature and humidity controlled with an air filtration system dedicated to animal transport. They are hoping to fund this addition in a timely manner and, at the same time, provide the Lions with recognition for our on going support.

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