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**Mankato and Mankato Key City
Lions Club Visit**



Mission to Honduras 2012

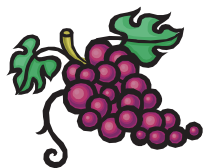
The team placed over 2,800 pair of eye glasses on the citizens in some very poor communities located in the rough it mountains near the El Salvador border. The eye glasses were from the Wisconsin Lions Foundation were some of our glasses that were given at Mid Winter were processed. Peace Lion Orville Trettin



Governor Sue Bowmen visits Winnebago Lions



Governor Sue Bowmen visits with Montgomery Lions



Grape Vine



DG Sue Bowman

Finish Strong

What a wonderful experience being district governor for the great Lions of 5M2! April was very busy and rewarding. The highlight for April was the Journey for Service. Lion Jack Webster was a fantastic chauffeur for Lion Bill and me, getting us on time and safely to the 67 Lions and Leo Clubs in the district. Thank you for meeting us and for your generous donations. This was Lion Jack's 22 year as Journey for Service Chair! Again this year Lion Jack has a picture of your club's Journey for Service participation, which could be used as a club public relations opportunity.

Thank you for your attendance at the spring zone meetings, we had nearly 100% club participation. The zone meeting is such a great venue for meeting your extended Lions family members and learning and having fun together. Your new club officers hopefully took the opportunity for the COOL training and are preparing for a successful year of membership growth and continued and expanded service to the community and Lions programs.

Finish Strong..... We have two months left in the Lion year to move our membership in the positive column. New member bring new ideas, energy, insights, creativity and friendships, just a few benefits of growing our Lions family. In turn, the new member gains new knowledge, has leadership opportunities, has the joy and personal satisfaction of providing community service, again to name just a few benefits.

Make a list of the people you would like to recommend to your club for membership and pass it on to your membership chairperson. Your referrals could come from any number of places like the following:

- Classmates/Colleagues
- Friends/Neighbors
- Relatives/Spouse
- People I Work With
- People I know Through Hobbies
- University Supporters Alumni
- School Staff/Faculty
- People Who Benefit From Lions Programs
- Corporate Leaders
- Community Leaders
- Churches (Clergy, Parishioners)
- People I Know From Other Clubs

With any Lion event or project as well as any community event your club participates in, set up an information booth or table as part of the activity. The table or booth should have information regarding Lions, your Lions club, its activities and membership applications. Consider promotional items that could be handed out by members who also talk about what Lions do and how a person can become part of the



District Governor
Sue Bowman

District Governor Sue Bowman Governor's Travels May

- 7 Mid Winter Convention wrap up meeting
Mankato
- 8 Gibbon Lions Club Visit
- 15 Chaska Lions Club Visit
- 17 New Auburn Lions Club Visit
- 21 5M2 Cabinet Meeting St. Peter
- 22 Albert Lea LakeView Lions club meeting
- 23 Dinner with the Dist. Gov. Geneva (Winner of
Zone 9 Hearing Foundation raffle)

organization. Having friendly and knowledgeable attendants at the booth or table representing the Lions Club will be very beneficial in presenting a positive image and increase the club's chances of gaining new members.

Lions leave our clubs for any number of reasons over which we have no control. However, please never have a member drop for reasons which we do have control. It is every Lion's responsibility to help each member feel welcomed, needed, appreciate, a benefit to the organization and a member of the Lions Family. When we treat our members like family we retain them, and the new members assure continued growth of Lions Clubs International.

Let's finish the year strong! **N.O.W. (no other way!)**

Welcome New Members to the 5M2 Lions Family

New Member	Sponsor
Albert Lea Cloverleaf	
Michael Dettle	Tom Wentzler
Faribault	
Gordy Kosfeld	Debra Wasserman
Green Isle	
Shanda Dukes	Francis Bigaouette Sr.
Allan Holasek	Francis Bigaouette Sr.
Judy Holasek	
Danna Lemke	
Hamburg	
Stephanie Hegseth	
Jordan	
Dennis Coan	Charles Wermerskirchen
St. Peter	
Daniel Buendof	Kermit Swanson
Veseli	
Roxanne LaPierre	Barb Skluzacek
Victoria	
David Lura	Brian Krause
Waterville	
Diane Gomberg	Eleanor Stangler
Winnebago	
Steve Malchow	Harold Nelson

A Lion's View



Ron Dahlke
District Governor Elect

April proved to be a very busy month for our District, with the completion of the Zone Meetings, the MD5M Convention at Hinckley and the "COOL" (Club Officer Orientation Leadership) Event. Many thanks to all who were involved with the planning for these events and the presentations for these events, and thanks to those who took time from their busy schedules to attend.

The "COOL" Event was well attended and the information presented was well received by those in attendance. Incoming officers and club members should now have the necessary information to begin preparing for the 2012-2013 Club Year, yet I do know that questions may arise. Please feel free to contact DG Sue or myself with any situations that you or your Club may have, and we will get answers to you.

The Spring Zone Meetings were well attended and it was very gratifying to hear of all the activities the Clubs have participated in and also, the plans for upcoming events. Congratulations to the "Lion of the Year" Award winners from each Zone and to each of the nominees. It was a very difficult task to select only one individual in each Zone from the many deserving Lions that were nominated. I do hope that every Club in each Zone will nominate a deserving individual for next year's Award.

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!

Joan's Thoughts

Joan Blank
First Vice District
Governor Elect



Marketing of Your Club

On April 14th, DG Sue Bowman, DGE Ron Dahlke, 2nd VDGE Harry Klenke and I joined a group of Lions from all 12 districts in the MD5M Multiple to attend a Global Membership Team/Global Leadership Team training in St. Cloud. We learned a wealth of information about how we must all work together in our efforts to bring in new members, retain the members we have and to develop leaders within each of our clubs. One of the resources given to us was ways to promote your Club through various media sources. It is often said that Lions are the best kept secret in some areas. I would like to share with you just some of the ideas given at our training:

- **Press Release** – Samples for various Club events can be found at the LCI website. Many of the releases are designed to let you plug in the detailed information without your Club having to write the entire press release. Otherwise, you can use these releases as examples that will guide you in creating your own personalized press release.
- **Newspaper Articles** – By making regular submissions to your local paper, your Club will gain exposure in the community. This exposure will offer your Club greater opportunity for membership recruitment and retention, as well as better attendance to your Club events/projects.
- **Posters/Flyers** – Whether the posters or flyers are used to publicize an upcoming Club event/project or are being utilized for membership recruitment, your Club should develop and distribute them throughout the community. Make sure to take note of the public bulletin boards or local shops that display community posters. Be sure to keep a list of these boards.
- **Club Newsletters/Church Bulletins** – If your Club has a monthly newsletter, you could print additional copies and place them in local restaurants, clinics and other meeting places. Your Club can also see about possible submission to your local church bulletins to promote your events.
- **Radio Spots** – check with your local radio station to see if there are opportunities to run radio spots/ads, be a part of the community calendar or for interview opportunities for your upcoming Club events or projects. The LCI website has samples of free public service announcements spots that could be run by the local station to help promote Lionism.
- **Club websites** – Don't forget to develop and maintain a Club website for your Club. LCI has simple ways through the E-Clubhouse feature on its website for your Club to have a website. If you need help in this area, please let me know and I will find the resources for you.
- Other suggestions included public or cable Access Television, Bus Benches, Pizza Delivery Boxes, Restaurant menus and counters.

If your Club has a unique way to market your Club, please let me know and I would be happy to share this with the rest of our District. Don't be afraid to "toot your own horn" when you are involved in the community. Thanks for letting others know about Lionism through whatever channels you use.

Attention Club Secretaries

Club elections were due in April for the 2012-2013 club officers. Send to District Governor Sue Bowman (PO Box 215, Geneva, MN 56035) a copy of the PU101 which you need to complete for Lions Club International.

The PU101 is available electronically at the WMMR website. If you choose a paper hard copy, you can print it from the WMMR site. Whether it is done on paper, or electronically for Lions Club International, please also send a copy to District Governor Sue Bowman.

The MD5M Directory has gone totally electronic, so it is essential that the correct information regarding names, address, phone numbers, and email address be supplied. If your newly elected president, secretary, treasure or membership chair does not have an email contact, please consider using another member's contact information.

Please also be diligent in reviewing your member's phone numbers, address and email and make the necessary updates.

Please contact District Governor Sue Bowman if you have questions. It is imperative to the smooth operation of our district that the information is accurate and received immediately.

Thank you for all you do for Lions!!



Ron Dalke First District Governor presents Zone 1 Lion of the Year, Lion Sue Wagener from the Winsted Lions Club.



Zone 5 Lion of the Year Lion Lou Longhenry from the Henderson Lions Club award presented by District Governor Elect Ron Dalke and District Governor Sue Bowmen



Zone 4 Lion of the Year, Lion Joe Wersal from the Winthrop Lions Club award presented by District Governor Elect Ron Dalke and District Governor Sue Bowmen



The 5M2 Zone 9 Lions meeting was held on Monday, April 9, 2012, at Crescendos in Albert Lea MN. The event was hosted by the Albert Lea Lions. At the meeting the prestigious 2011-2012 5M2 Zone 9 Lion of the Year Award was presented to Albert Lea LakeView Lion Arline Richter. Presenting the award is District Governor Elect Ron Dahlke, Lion Arline Richter and District Governor Sue Bowman.



District Governor Elect Ron Dalke and District Governor Sue Bowmen present Zone 8 Lion of the Year to Lion Charles Espe from the New Richland Lions Club

A Time for Growing

April is the beginning of the growing season in many parts of the world and a perfect time to add to our spectacular success in the Million Tree Planting Campaign. Checking the map at the LCI Web site will show that Lions in 98 countries have contributed to the campaign's great success. I am always inspired by the ingenuity and dedication on display in the photos and stories accessible there.

Planting saplings that will grow into sturdy trees is also a reminder that no living thing thrives without proper nurturing. Be sure to nurture the new members of your club by providing an effective orientation and involving them in the Lions Mentoring Program as soon as possible.

April 22 is also the worldwide celebration of Earth Day



BACK ROW: Alex Harmening, AJ Lassas, Matt Wiederhoeft – Class Vice President, Logan Kirtz, Dylan Stein. FRONT ROW: Lions President Char Abbas, Hailey Hulke – Class Treasurer, Meghan Lewis – Class Secretary, Emily Skrien – Class President, Jasmyn Stolt.

Raising money for class trip

On Sunday, March 25, the 7th and 8th Graders from Immanuel Lutheran Church helped the Courtland Lions serve a Pancake/Egg/Sausage Breakfast. The Courtland Lions President presented the class with a donation of \$126. The class also received \$25 in other donations.

The students will be putting the money towards their annual 7th/8th graders class trip in May. They are hoping to raise enough money to go to Duluth.

and the scheduled date for the Protecting Our Environment Global Service Action Campaign. It is not too late to join this global effort! The LCI Web site offers a planning guide and project ideas to help get your club involved. Many of these ideas can be implemented quickly but will pay big rewards for your community. They may also pay big rewards for your club through the positive media attention they may attract.

Tree Planting

Check.....Are You On The List?

For your club to be recognized for your tree planting program, your club secretary must register your activity in the WMMR activity section Protection Our Environment. The clubs with tree planning projects registered as Protection Our Environment are listed below:

Carver • Ellendale • Green Isle • Jordan • Minnesota Lake Nicollet • Norwood Young America/West Carver • Prior Lake • Veseli

The governor's goal is to have at least 50% of the clubs participating in this project. However, to be recognized, your club must properly record the activity. If you have as a club, or individual member, participated in the tree planting program, please get it reported in the WMMR activity section under Protecting Our Environment!

Please have all your tree planting projects reported in the WMMR Service Activity Report section under Protecting Our Environment by May 20, 2012. All clubs participating in tree planting will receive a specially designed banner patch once the activity is reported in Protecting Our Environment, If your club tree planting project was entered in a category other than Protecting Our Environment, it needs to be resubmitted for the district to get the tree credit and the club to get the banner patch.

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Cycling for Leader Dogs

Most of us probably had a "back to school" assignment as children where we were asked to write about, "What I did over my summer vacation?" This fall, La Center, Washington school superintendent Mark Mansell will have plenty to talk about if he was asked to complete the same assignment.



He is planning on riding his bicycle from Portland, Oregon across the country all the way to Portland, Maine or approximately 3,500 miles. "I enjoy challenges and I love to learn", Mansell said. "Given the chance to attempt something like this is a very special opportunity that is extremely exciting."

Putting in the miles is just part of the challenge Mansell is putting before himself. He is also a member of the La Center Lions Club and has decided to raise money for Leader Dogs for the Blind. "Given the time commitments of my job, I have not really been able to participate in many Lion's functions beyond our local community. When my school board gave me a two month sabbatical, I jumped at the idea of working to support Leader Dogs", Mansell said.

The goal is to raise at least \$35,000 in order to help someone in need to receive a service dog. To achieve this goal, Mansell (with the support of his home club and interested clubs along the trip route) will work to secure nearly 1,000 sponsors as part of a "penny per mile" for Leader Dogs effort. All donations of \$35 or more will receive a *Cycling for Leader Dogs* vest pin commemorating this solo cross-country bicycle trip. To meet our goal, we will need to secure 1,086 individual "one penny per mile" sponsors

Lion Mark and his Team have created a blog (www.CyclingForLeaderDogs.org) so people can easily follow his journey and donate.

A few ways Lions can show their support:

- [Become a Cycling for Leader Dogs Sponsor](#) with a \$35 donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind.
- Bike along with Mark for a short while.
- Cheer him on as he passes through your community.
- [Email him at mansell.lacenter@gmail.com](mailto:mansell.lacenter@gmail.com) if you would like to host him overnight.
- Share this with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Leader Dogs for the Blind



A Case of Mistaken Identity?

It seemed like a good idea at the time ... helping out a new charity who needed a friend.

Since 1964, Friendship Ventures has been providing camp services to children and adults with disabilities. Over the years, the organization enjoyed growing into a provider of not only camp, but respite and travel services.

So when veteran-focused Project New Hope needed an ally, Friendship Ventures was there to help. As the new charity began the process of applying for non-profit status, the camp organization stepped in to serve as the fiscal agent, something a friend would do. It's in the name after all.

Who could have predicted the confusion that would follow? Friendship Ventures operates three camps; Camp Friendship in Annandale, Camp Eden Wood in Eden Prairie and Camp New Hope near McGregor.

So Camp New Hope is assisting Project New Hope. The names are just too close - and nowhere is it more clear than in the conversations at the recent Lions District conventions. The Lions and Friendship Ventures share a long and meaningful history, and there are Lions who are not shy about speaking their minds. Clubs have been unsure of where and how to direct the donations. Some even thought that writing a check to one would benefit both.

The attempt to help has turned into case of mistaken identity. Friendship Ventures believes in helping veterans, but in addition to (not instead of) helping the 3,000 children and adults with disabilities that we serve each year. The confusion has cost our organization some key funds. The people who will feel these effects the most are the youth and adults with disabilities.

We are growing, so your continued support is vital to the people we serve in your communities. Our concern is that donations previously directed to Friendship Ventures to help these children and adults are being lost in the shuffle. This comes at a time when more and more families are facing the challenges of caring for a loved one with disabilities.

Don't let a case of mistaken identity rob individuals with disabilities of these valuable services.

Measles

Lions Clubs International has established itself as one of the world's leading non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the ongoing effort to promote health for all and to eradicate preventable diseases. In the past two decades, SightFirst projects have preserved or restored healthy vision for hundreds of millions of people in all parts of the world. Lions diabetes awareness and screening programs have helped keep millions of adults healthy and active.



Now, LCI is engaged in another epic campaign that, this year alone, will safeguard the health of 157 million children by providing vaccines against measles. Measles, nearly eradicated in some parts of the world, remains a serious and widespread threat in places where there are few doctors and little medicine. In fact, 450 children die each day from its effects including pneumonia and encephalitis.

Lions commitment to health for all and especially our traditional concern for the well-being of young people make it imperative that we act. Through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative Lions have joined the worldwide Measles Initiative, a collaborative effort of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Foundation, UNICEF, American Red Cross and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Lions mission in this powerful alliance is to raise US\$10 million for LCIF to fund vaccinations that cost approximately US\$1 each. We are fortunate to have a powerful partner in this effort. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged US\$1 to Lions Clubs International Foundation for every US\$2 raised by Lions, up to US\$5 million. Therefore success in reaching our US\$10 million goal will result in US\$15 million for this life-saving effort. I cannot think of an effort more consistent with our organization's position as a leader in world health preservation and with our traditional concern for young people. It has my enthusiastic support. With more than US\$1.2 million raised, we are making headway toward our goal and I thank all who have made this possible. I also ask Lions clubs everywhere to make One Shot, One Life a part of your fund raising plans and ask individual Lions to give generously to this important Lions effort.

MN Lions Vision Foundation

When a Lion's member makes any donation to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, especially "in honor" or "in memory" of someone, you can help your Club by putting your Lion's Club name in the memo line or on the upper right hand corner of the check.

The treasurer of the MLVF will credit your club with the donation. This dollar amount will then be added to your Club's donations to the MLVF and help your Club reach the \$1000.00 for a Helen Keller Sight Award.

If you have any questions, please contact PDG Marlys Meskan at 507-362-8403 or Lion Jean Dahlke at 320-864-5237. Thank you for your continued support.



The Enthusiasm of Women in Your Lions Family

By Wing-Kun Tam
International President

We all know that maintaining the positive membership momentum that Lions Clubs International has achieved over the past few years will require bringing more women into our Lions clubs. But doubling the number of women in your club this year - is that possible?

Yes, it is and in the latest edition of Family and Women's News, First Vice District Governor Karen Sell, District 21 B, Tucson, Arizona, USA, offers no fewer than 50 dynamic and effective strategies for doing just that. Number one on her list may be the simplest and most effective:

"Ask every woman to bring in one more woman. They already know women - sisters, friends, neighbors, co-workers, daughters - who would be great Lions."

Doubling the number of women in your club is not only possible, it is desirable. The women of your club bring a level of talent, dedication and compassion available from no other source. Adding to their numbers can propel your club toward a new level of service toward your community and the world - and that is what a Lions club is all about.

Increasing the number of women in our clubs is a part of the larger My Club, My Family effort. When members invite spouses, sons and daughters living in the same household to join their Lions club, those family members will pay no entrance fee and pay only half of the international dues. Clubs can get the youngest family members involved and develop future Lion leaders by sponsoring a Lions Family Club Program or Leo club. Thank you for all you do.



HAMBURG LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Hamburg Lions would like to invite you to play in their golf tournament. If you're not interested in golfing, please consider becoming a hole sponsor. Thank you for supporting the Hamburg Lions.

Friday June 1st, 2012

Glencoe Country Club, Glencoe MN

12:00 registration, 1:00 shot Gun Start

\$40.00 per person (member of Glencoe Country Club)

\$55.00 per person (non-member)

includes Golf, cart and meal.

e-mail registration by May 25th to:
Joel Franck 952-237-7057

jfranck@embarqmail.com

**All proceeds are used
for community projects.**

Can Do Canines

Hi District Chairs, I am forwarding information that I received from Can Do Canines to keep you informed on the events happening there. Please inform as many of the Lions in your district as possible that we can give them an opportunity to help fund our very important program. We are getting close to the end of the year and are hoping that we have most of the clubs in our various districts support this opportunity to help someone that is in need as we continue to live our Lions motto "WE SERVE" Thank you for everything that you have done this year for Can do Canines. It is greatly appreciated! Hope to see many of you next week at the Multiple convention in Hinckley. Pete Kleingartner
MD5M Can Do Canines Chair



Jordaness Lions

Our Club and Community Events

The 2012 Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Jordan Lions, the Jordaness Lions and the Jordan Jaycees, has come and gone. There were close to 400 happy hunters eager to find their own treasure. The event lasts all of about 8 minutes but is worth the effort.



The Jordaness had an exhibit at Celebrate Jordan on April 1. This is a good time to talk "Lions" with visitors and folks sign up for our Lions' sponsored city wide sale.

The Jordaness received an invitation to hold our April Board meeting at the new Oak Terrace in Jordan. Oak Terrace is a senior community center for independent seniors, persons requiring assisted living and for persons needing memory care. It was a special treat for us.

The City Wide Garage Sale is slated for May 5. The \$10 fee will provide advertising and a map of the participating sales. Sign up for the sale can be done at Celebrate Jordan. Registration forms are also available at the Jordan Government Center or on line at jordannews.com. Monies from this fundraiser support our high school scholarship fund.

The Jordaness made a \$500 contribution to the Jordan Community Food Shelf this month.

The club has adopted a city flower bed again this year. It will be nurtured and loved!

Our community was rocked on April 1 when several Jordan families were involved in a tragic accident. Our club sent a \$1000 to a fund to assist these families.

Lions Stuff

4 Jordaness enjoyed a fabulous tour of the Lions Hearing Center, Lions Eye Bank and Lions Voice Clinic at the U of M in April. It really is a gift to see fundraising money at work. These research and treatment centers are beyond "state of the art" facilities.

Winsted Lions hosted Benefit

The Winsted Lions Club Hosted a Free will offering Pancake Breakfast for the Jason Eberhard and family on March 25th at the Blue Note Ballroom in Winsted. Jason died as a result of a single car accident, leaving her with five children under the age of nine. The fund raiser was a huge success, serving over 300 guests of all ages. Donations for the Silent Auction was greatly received - 105 items. The guests also contributed extra donated money to the family as well. It was a heart warming day for the Becky Eberhard and family and to those who participated at the event.



Courtland Lions President Charlette Abbas presents a "Progressive Melvin Jones" Award to Lion Eugene Retka.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the backbone of LCIF, providing 70 percent of the foundation's revenue. A recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is awarded to

those who donate US \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others. Melvin Jones Fellows receive an attractive lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

Melvin Jones Fellows who make additional US \$1,000 donations to LCIF, or in whose name US \$1,000 donations are made, become part of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Progressive program. Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows are awarded a new lapel pin and congratulatory letter for each subsequent US \$1,000 donation. (The first lapel pin is a one-diamond yellow gold pin. For each US \$1,000 donation thereafter another diamond is added to the pin.)

Lion Eugene "Gene" has demonstrated his willingness "To Serve" through his leadership and inovative ideas. The Courtland Lions are pleased to be able to present Lion Gene with this special award.



Courtland Lions President Charlette Abbas presents a check for "Journey for Service" to 5M2 DG Sue Bowman.



Lion Jack Webster traveled with the 5M2 DG Sue Bowman to the 69 Lions, Leos, and Lioness Clubs to collect money to be

donated to Cabinet-approved health-related projects. The largest share of the funds collected have been used for sight and hearing programs. The program started in 1986 as "Journey for Sight", but was changed to "Journey for Service" in 2002. Assistant Gambling Manager Rusty Christopherson and Lion Bill Bowman were also present at the presentation.

Thanks! Charlette Abbas, Courtland Loins President

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1st Annual Craft Brew Fest To Be Held June 23 in Winnebago



The 1st Annual Craft Brew Fest is scheduled to be held June 23, 2012 in Winnebago, MN. With over 25 breweries scheduled to be in attendance the event will be the largest such festival in Southern Minnesota.

Sponsored by the Winnebago Lions Club Craft Brew Fest is a daylong event with something for everyone. Starting at 3pm and going until 6pm attendees will be able to sample from over 50 different beers from the various breweries. From 6pm through and into the night there will be a beer garden where people can buy by the glass some of their favorite craft brews.

Live entertainment will be provided throughout the day. Calamity Jean will be entertaining attendees with their mix of vintage pop and folkie Americana music with The Tomb Stone Trio providing a hillbilly/rockabilly mix. Food vendors will be available all day serving up brats, hamburgers, taco in a bag, and more.

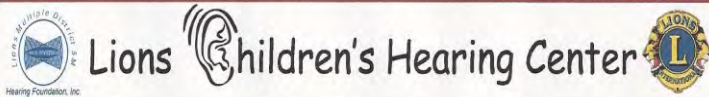
Some of the breweries scheduled to attend include national names such as Samuel Adams, Lagunitas, and Sierra Nevada. Minnesota breweries include Mankato Brewery, Brau Brothers, and Schells. Soda and water will be provided for attendees as well.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (if available), and Designated Driver tickets are \$5. Tickets can be ordered at www.craftbrewfest.com. More information including a full list of breweries is also available on the website.

For more information contact Austin Bleess at the City of Winnebago 507-893-4774 or email contact@craftbrewfest.com.

Albert Lea Lions

Albert Lea Lions completed roadside clean-up. We participated in Parade of Green and Journey for Service. We donated to the Ecumenical Food Shelf. Donated \$342 to "Feed the Pig." We hosted the Spring Zone 9 Meeting at Crescendo in Albert Lea. We distributed over 300 dictionaries to third graders in Albert Lea Public and private schools.



The 5M Hearing Foundation is having a busy year. We are proud that the Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic was able to open this fall, and is currently fully operational and running on a full schedule. March set in motion the first of our several fundraisers. **De-Feet Hearing Loss is a walk at the beautiful MN Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, scheduled for Saturday, June 9th.** A visit to our website, www.5mhf.org, will provide all the details on how to register, pledge, donate, or bid on silent auction items...and even how to participate as a virtual walker. Clubs, and/or individual Lions are urged to register online, collect pledges online, and then come out and walk with us – for free - free admission, free parking, and free registration for all; plus a free T-shirt to participants with \$25 in pledges. The Hearing Foundation and those suffering with hearing loss need your support. Please visit our website, and join Lions from around the multiple for this exciting event which will offer a day of beauty, fun, food and fellowship as we walk to **De-Feet Hearing Loss**.

