



What's Cook'n in 5M2



February 2010

District Website www.5m2lions.org

Bill Curtis, Editor



Minnesota Lake Lions working on one of their Christmas projects. Fill Santa Bags for Santa Claus Days.



Joint project of Arlington and Green Isle Lions participating in the 1st Annual Arli-Dazzle Parade.



Minnesota Lake Lions in action. Lion Darlene Breamer helping to hand out Santa Bags that the Minnesota Lake Lions had filled.



We Serve

What's Cook'n in 5M12

You should receive this February Newsletter a few days before the 32nd annual Mid-Winter convention. If have not yet signed up, you still have time to do so before the convention begins on Friday February 12th. We look forward to seeing many of you there and will miss you if you don't show up. If you can't make it for the whole weekend, please consider coming on Saturday for the informational seminars. We have **new guest speakers** scheduled and **new topics** the have not been presented at our convention in the past.

“IF YOUR CLUB WISHES TO DONATE FUNDS TO LCIF/HAITI RELIEF AND HAVE NOT DONE SO YET, PLEASE BRING THOSE CHECKS TO THE CONVENTION. WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL PARADE AT THE SUNDAY MORNING BRUNCH FOR THESE EARMARKED DOLLARS.

If you have already made your checks out to LCIF and want that money to go to Haiti relief, earmark them in the memo.”

As of the writing of this newsletter (January 24,2010) we took a real nosedive with membership in January. We had twice as many members dropped as we had new members. As I have said in the past, I can understand if you need to drop a member for non -payment of dues. In talking with a number of clubs, they kept paying dues for members for years in hope that they will eventually pay. Once a member gets behind in dues, it is very difficult to catch up, especially if it's been ongoing for a couple years. We have a large number of members **resigned in good standings**; these are the ones we need to keep. These are the ones you need to have that **one on one** talk with. Find out what it will take to keep them as members. Maybe times are tough and money is short. Let them know that it is not required to have a meal with membership. (Some club dues include meals and if they miss the meeting, they still pay for the meal) Maybe they can only attend meetings and work on projects instead of being there for the meal also. Their presence at the meetings and projects is more important than having a meal together. Find ways to make it easier to be and stay a Lion.



District Governor Darwin Mathwig

I would like to send out a message to those clubs in larger communities that have a large membership in one club. (You know who you are). Please take a look at adding a new club to your community. If you take a good hard look around your community, I think you could come up with enough members to start a new club. It will add more value to the community and would also give you more Lions in your community to work on projects that will benefit others.

For all of you that are planning to attend the Mid-Winter convention - be prepared to have a good time. Nancy and I look forward to your attendance and participation.

As I have said in the past, I recognize many faces but I'M NOT SO GOOD AT REMEMBERING NAMES.. Please take time to introduce yourselves to us at the Convention. I would ask that you have the same courtesy for International Director Neil Spencer and his Adult Traveling Companion, PDG Donna.

District Governor Darwin and Lion Nancy

"Mixing with the Governor"

February 22 - Montgomery visit

February 24 - Shakopee visit

February 25 - Local club (Arlington) BOD meeting

March 3 - Blooming Prairie visit

March 4 - New Richland visit

March 9 - St. Peter visit

March 11 - Lester Prairie visit

March 14 - Veseli visit

March 15 - Glencoe visit

March 19 & 20 - Council of Governors

Blooms and Blossoms and...More

Eunice Rucks
Vice District Governor

It's 2010 and the holiday season is behind us. Where do we go from here? In case you haven't heard, there is a whole lot more to celebrate in the second half of the Lion's year. The glass is filling but now quite full.

As I am writing this column and I am listening to the news, we are hearing about the Haiti earthquake. What tremendous devastation in an already desperately poor county. Building after building collapsed in the quake, tens of thousands died. It spared neither poor nor powerful, the president of Haiti was homeless. The country of Haiti has 9 million people and 54% live on less than \$1 a day.

We as Lions should be proud that the Lions responded immediately to the Haiti earthquake. A \$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant was awarded to support immediate disaster relief efforts. At the time of this writing, Lions Hope for Haiti has already mobilized more than \$350,000. Lions of the world are responding generously and quickly to the LCIF designated fund for this disaster.

Lions whose collective response to disasters in this country and beyond is a source of the Lions' pride, by belonging to the greatest service organization in the world.

As I look out onto my "buried under the snow" flower bed, I see all of the flowers resting for the winter. However, we as Lions can't ever just rest as we continue to hear of needs all over the world. It is absolutely necessary that we continue our efforts to help those who have had these tremendous misfortunes. We can do this by adding new members to help raise more funds to meet these needs.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention!

Yours in Lionism



NYA LIONS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The NYA Lions welcome their newest members Lions Kermit Moe, Tina Fredrickson and Todd ParPart. NYA Lions are happy to welcome their new members and are excited to add their skills, enthusiasm and talents to our organization.

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

If you are interested in NYA Lions please contact Dave Williams @ 952-467-3885 or check out our website at www.nya.5m2lions.org or facebook at Norwood Young America Lions Club.



Pictured left to right is Sponsor Lion Dave Elling, New Lion Kermit Moe, New Lion Tina Fredrickson, Sponsor Lion Janice Meyer, New Lion Todd ParPart, District Governor Darwin Mathwig and NYA Lions President Chuck Venske.

The Lions motto is "We Serve"

New Members January 2010

Amboy Lions Club

Craig Kranz

Blooming Prairie Lions Club

Matt Braaten

Le Center Lions Club

Matthew Helgersen

Matthew Steffen

John Traxler

Northfield Cannon Valley

Lions Club

Margaret Pesheck

Northfield Lions Club

Janice Krause

Gregory Pierce

Veseli Lions Club

Beth Bentson

Jason Bentson

Al Novak

Terry Rezac

Troy Rezac

Waterville Lions Club

Allen Benson

Annette Benson

Club News

ALBERT LEA CLOVERLEAF Donated to American Legion Honor Guard. Hosted Vern & Darlene Breamer for Hearing Dog presentation.

ALBERT LEA LAKEVIEW Volunteered and donated at food pantry. Presented 2 Helen Keller Sight Awards. Purchased glasses for 2 students.

ALDEN LIONS Delivered Meals on Wheels.

AMBOY LIONS Completed Adopt a soldier, monthly package to be sent to a Minnesota soldier. Held singing at Parker Oaks Nursing Home.

BELLE PLAINE LIONS Judged and helped at the Belle Plaine Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby. Sponsored Family Sledding Party. Transported goods and supplies to a Twin Cities distribution center for shipment to Minnesota military families. Helped with local Bloodmobile.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE LIONS No activities this month.

BLUE EARTH LIONS Held annual Pancake Brunch fundraiser. Held annual Pancake Supper at the St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center and served pancakes, sausage's, and drink to the residents of the rest home. Donated to St. Luke's Activity Fund. Had Leader Dog presentation by Roger & Shirley Hesperheide.

BROWNTON LIONS Donated to Haiti Disaster Relief.

CARVER LIONS Donated to family of deceased club member, Paul Kerber. Hearing Foundation presentation by program chair Lion Mike Vos.

COLOGNE LIONS Contributed funds to LCIF for Haiti relief.

COURTLAND LIONS Made additional donation to Vision Honduras.

ELLEDALE LIONS Held Liberty Day program and Peace Poster contest. Donated to local school scholarship.

GIBBON LIONS No activities this month.

GLENCOE LIONS Donated to Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and to McLeod County Alliance for Victims of Domestic Abuse Bowl-A-Thon. Sponsored GSL schools sporting events on KARP radio.

GREEN ISLE LIONS Donated to Friendship Ventures, Noahs Ark, Sibley East schools. Had Leo member James Maki report his experiences on a recent youth exchange trip to Norway.

HAMBURG LIONS Held annual pancake brunch. Provided beverage service for Fireman's Dance & served midnight breakfast. Completed Write Off project & awarded the winner.

Donated in memory of deceased member, Lion Elmer Kroells to Campaign Sight First II, MN Eye Bank & Children's Eye Bank, and to LCIF. Presentation by LCIF Chair Lion Ron Dahlke.

HENDERSON LIONS Donated to LSH Post Prom and to Youth Opportunities.

HUTCHINSON LIONESS Attended Lester Prairie Lions Club meeting.

HUTCHINSON LIONS Hosted Lion Jerry Wohler who gave a presentation on Camp Confidence Learning Center. Made a monetary donation to Confidence Learning Center.

JORDAN AREA LIONS Held benefit fundraiser for disabled former member. Completed food basket program.

JORDANESS LIONS Worked at 2 hotdog feeds. Donated to earthquake victims.

LAFAYETTE LIONS Donations to Special Olympics for polar plunge, New Ulm Diabetes Education and Parade of Green. Zone Chair Denny Hewitt visited and encourage our service and to get new members.

LE CENTER LIONS Donated to Le Center United Fund, Santa Anonymous, Holiday Dinners and Eyeglasses. Hosted District Governor Darwin.

LE SUEUR LIONS Collected 107 Pair eyeglass & 79 pair Sunglasses. Donated to LCIF for Haiti Relief. Allocated proceeds from Wheelchair Basketball as follows: Le Sueur/Henderson Activities, Le Sueur Food Shelf, Leader Dogs for The Blind and Courage Center. Program Chair Presentation by Lions Mike & Cathleen Williams on Quest Program.

LESTER PRAIRIE LIONS Help with Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Completed 3rd Grade Dictionary Project. Donated to Kids Against Hunger.

LONSDALE LIONS Donated to city skateboard park/rink.

MAKATO KEY CITY LIONS No activities this month.

MANKATO LIONS Donated 79 pounds of food to ECHO food shelf from Mankato, Key City, and Sunrise Lions joint Christmas party. Two sight grants to patients of Open Door Clinic.

MANKATO SUNRISE LIONS Staffed a concert event at the Mankato Civic Center.

MAYER-WATERTOWN DANDY Hosted District Governor Darwin.

MN LAKE LIONS Completed Mankato Toy Show Setup/Fundraiser. Donated to Maple River School for Dollars for Scholars Program and to Hearing Impaired Family Getaway.

Club News

MONTGOMERY LIONS Completed Scrapbooking Fundraiser. Unloaded Food Shelf Truck. Donated to LCIF Haiti Relief Fund.

NEW MARKET ELKO WEBSTER Completed Bullhead/Sunfish Fry at Leo's. Held Lions Christmas Party with 34 Lions and guests attending. Donated to LCIF Haiti Relief fund. Donated to Coins for Kids' to support a child in our community with cancer. Supported local baseball teams by purchase of fundraiser dinner tickets.

NEW RICHLAND LIONS Donated to New Richland Girl Scout summer activity.

NICOLLET LIONS Hosted DG Darwin Mathwig and Lion Nancy at potluck supper with significant others in attendance. Donated to Nicollet Friendship Days Fireworks Fund, for Bike Helmets, to student scholarships, to Project New Hope and Spring Point Project.

NORHTFIELD CANON VALLEY Collected 190 pair of eye glasses.

NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA Donated monies to fundraiser for local youth.

NYA WEST CARVER LIONS Donated to Journey for Service.

PLATO LIONS Completed Blood Drive. Donated to McLeod County Alliance and McLeod County Food Shelf.

PRIOR LAKE LIONS Visited Belle Plaine Lions Club. Held basketball raffle. Donated to: Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota, International Hearing Dog, Inc., Lions Multiple 5M Hearing Foundation, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank – Children's Eye Clinic, Lions Club International Foundation, Leader Dog for the Blind, Lions Youth Exchange, Prior Lake Wrestling Tournament , Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Boy Scouts Venture Crew, Boy Scouts Rechartering, and Girl Scouts Cookie Rally Kick-off.

SHAKOPEE LIONS Donated monies to Haiti and to Youth Firearms Safety.

SIBLEY EAST SR HIGH LEOS Sold mini donuts at wrestling meet. Held Annual Leo Bowling Party.

SILVER LAKE LIONS Held VOSH Program by Lion Jan Cartwright. Donated to Connect Care/Blizzard Blast, Lions Football Sponsorship and to Diabetes(in memory of Lion Karen Eckstein).

ST PETER LIONS Donated to St. Peter High School Post-Prom Party.

Club News

STEWART LIONS Held Spaghetti Dinner. Donated eye glasses for a child in the community.

VESELI LIONS Welcomed 5 new members into the club.

VICTORIA LIONS Sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive.

WACONIA LIONS Donated to Haiti relief. Hosted District Governor Darwin.

WASECA LIONS No activities this month.

WATERTOWN LIONS Worked concessions during Vintage Snowmobile Show and Swap in Waconia.

WATERVILLE LIONS Donated to: Youth baseball, 3 medical hardships, City of Waterville fire truck, family hardship, equipment for autistic child and family fire hardship.

WINTRHOP LIONS Hosted zone chair, Denny Hewitt.

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

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

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"Soaring with Lionism in 2010"

91st Multiple District 5M Convention
April 23, 24 and 25, 2010
Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center
Mahnomon, Minnesota
Hosted by the Elizabeth Lions Club



**HANDS ACROSS
THE BORDER**

Registration Form

Please print

(See back for More Information and to Enter Additional Registrants)

Lion Lioness Leo Guest Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ District: _____

City: _____ Club Name: _____

Prov/State: _____ Telephone: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Indicate any special needs you have: _____

Hotel Room rate \$74.95 plus tax (check in 3 p.m. ~ check out 11 a.m.)

Room Code will be provided with confirmation of full Hospitality Book. Registrant must arrange for their room using room code. Seasonal camp grounds closed.

Hospitality Book includes Friday Social, Saturday breakfast, lunch banquet and Sunday brunch.

| Meal Plan Options | | | |
|---|--------|--------------|-------|
| Item | Number | Cost | Total |
| Hospitality Book (Received BEFORE March 1, 2010) | | USD \$98.00 | |
| Hospitality Book (Received ON March 1, 2010 or later) | | USD \$110.00 | |
| Hospitality Book, Leo's | | USD \$75.00 | |
| Friday Social (snack, cash bar, music) | | USD \$10.00 | |
| Saturday Breakfast | | USD \$8.00 | |
| Saturday Luncheon (meal) | | USD \$22.00 | |
| Saturday Banquet (meal, cash bar, entertainment) | | USD \$60.00 | |
| Sunday Brunch (meal) | | USD \$24.00 | |

Total Submitted _____

Make checks payable to: Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention

Mail registrations to: Elizabeth Lions MD5M Convention
P.O. Box 1037
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-1037

Telephone Information:
218-739-9244 or 218-739-9582
E-mail: dlholt@prtcl.com

Credit cards will not be accepted - cash or checks only please - checks preferred.
Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2010 - \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESOTA LIONS E-CLUB FORMS

By Lion Dave Reach, District 5M-5 Special Olympics
Coordinator

Since 2001, the Lions of District 5M-5 have been working with Special Olympics Minnesota at their summer Olympic games Health Athletes program. Through a Core 4 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Opening Eyes program has helped thousands of Special Olympic Athletes get eye screenings and eye glasses during the games.

Over 100 Lions Clubs throughout Minnesota have supported Special Olympics Minnesota financially and with their time and talents. Lions have sponsored, volunteered or provided other supportive services to assist their Local Teams and Regional Games.

We are now pleased to announce the formation of the **Special Olympics Minnesota Lions E-Club!** They have 25 members at the time their paperwork was submitted. We expect between 50 and 75 members by Charter Night on Friday April 16, 2010 (Place to be determined). The club is comprised of SOMN staff, athletes, family members, coaches, friends, and other interested people wishing to support the Special Olympics mission.

Their membership lives in all portions of the State of Minnesota. Being an E-Club, members are not locationally restricted in order to attend an electronic meeting.

We are encouraging our Lions to:

- Invite anyone interested in becoming a Charter Member of the Special Olympics Minnesota Lions E-Club to contact Lion President Mike Kane or Membership Chair Bill Fish at the email address below.

- Consider becoming an "Associate Member" of the Special Olympics Minnesota Lions E-Club. We hope every Lions Club in Minnesota will have a liaison that follows the activities of Special Olympics, particularly in their areas!

- Invite our Special Olympics Minnesota Lions E-Club members to become "Associate Members" of your local clubs. We can arrange the introductions. I have spoken to several new Lions who are excited to be accepted into community service with Lions!

- Attend the Special Olympics Minnesota Lions E-Club Charter Night! More information regarding the time and place in the Minneapolis area will be forthcoming.

Three Day Cruise

Sue Bowman
Second Vice District Governor

I am really looking forward to the Mid-Winter Island Getaway. Even though we will be in Mankato, the warm friendships, sunny smiles, tropical drinks, and enlightened programs will transport us from the cold, ice, fog, and gloom of winter into a fun filled island party. It is not too late, come on board for your three hour cruise to Mankato.

What a great opportunity to make new friends and catch up with old friends and learn about what the Lions are doing throughout the district. Please stop by my hospitality room where you will be served by "Ginger" and company. Lion Bill and I were busy this summer making garden treats for you. Since it is my birthday on Friday, we will also have birthday goodies. It will be a great weekend to meet, socialize, learn and share ideas with the energetic fun loving, dedicated Lions of 5M2. See you in Mankato for an Island Getaway!

NYA & WEST CARVER LIONS



STEAK FRY

WHEN: Friday, February 22, 2010

TIME: 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

WHERE: Willkommen Park Pavillion-NYA

COST: \$12.00

Includes steak or chicken breast, baked potato, coleslaw and bread

Cash bar available



All proceeds will be donated to the NYA Food Shelf

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The Hopkins Noontime Lions
are proud to announce the

Charter Night Celebration of the Special Olympics Minnesota Lions Club

When: Friday, April 16, 2010

Where: To Be Determined

Social hour: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Call to order: 6:45 p.m.

Cost: To Be Determined

Please **RSVP** to Lion Kay Ellio at lionke1206@hotmail.com or 952-920-1905;
Lion Colleen DeMars at 5m5lioncolleen@gmail.com; Lion Nancy Paradeise at
paradeisen@somn.org or 612-604-1264.

RSVP by April 9, 2010

Please join the celebration of the addition to the Lions' family!



**Special Olympics
Minnesota**
Be a fan...



HAMBURG LIONS

HAM, SAUSAGE, STEAK & TURKEY

BINGO

also meat raffles throughout the evening



Friday, March 26, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

Hamburg Community Hall

Hamburg, MN

Hamburgers & Beverages available

Drawing for ¼ beef at end of evening
(need not be present for this drawing)

NYA LIONS FURNITURE DRIVE



**NYA LIONS WILL COLLECT GENTLY USED FURNITURE FOR
MARY'S WISH. MARY'S WISH GIVES FURNITURE TO
NEEDY FAMILIES!**

Mary's Wish
"Simple Acts of Kindness"

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010

TIME: 8:00-12:00

**WHERE: CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PARKING
LOT, Norwood-Young America**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.NYA.5MLIONS.ORG
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