

# Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show

The Alden Area Lions are planning a big event for Sat. Sept.24, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Alden-Conger School in Alden, MN. We are hosting a Harlem Ambassadors Basketball On this evening, the Show. Harlem Ambassadors will be taking on the Alden Lions All-Stars for a night of unforgettable highflying leaps, slam dunks, and fantastic family entertainment. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults and seniors and \$6 for students age 15 and under. We also have discount 20-ticket packs available for \$160. Admission at the door is \$2 more than the advance price. Concessions will be available, including hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, and chocolate malts, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Gymnasium seating will open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from any Alden Area Lion or by calling Pam at 507-383-5344 or Ada at 507-265-3720.

Please fill out the form and send it as soon as possible.

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the meeting place Dates in order of preference:

Time of meeting\_\_\_\_\_ If social time \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast, lunch or dinner: Yes/No Joint meeting with another club?

Name of other club\_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: name, address, phone #, e-mail

List any functions you would like the governor to do such as awards, inductions etc.

Send request by October 1, 2011 DG Sue Bowman PO Box 215 Geneva, MN 56034



### Changing of the Guard

District Governor, what a respected title. I pray I can live up to expectations of the title for the dedicated Lions of 5M2. Lion Bill and I are off to Seattle for the official "title transfer": District Governor Eunice to Immediate Past District Governor Eunice: District Governor Elect Sue to District Governor Sue. We all thank



IPDG Eunice for her outstanding service to our district. Her strength, courage and leadership have taught us much.

As you may know, each incoming district governor has the opportunity to design a personal pin. It is just that, personal, no rules and formats to follow, but a personal statement the governor wants to share with the district. When I look at all the district governor pins I have collected over the years, all are different; many related to the governor's occupation or avocation, they are an artful memory lane of those who came before me.

My governor's pin is circular with a shaft of wheat and a cluster of grapes. The circle is the universal symbol of unity. The wheat shaft represents bread, the gift of life; the grapes represent the good food of the vine, which is our "We Serve" good works. personal level, the wheat and grapes symbolize good food, good wine and the circle represents hospitality and fellowship.

Our newly elected President of Lions Clubs International is Dr. Tam; his theme for this year is "I Believe".

As your newly elected district governor, I believe first and foremost Lions should be fun and welcoming. Just as the wheat and grapes are a symbol of hospitality, I believe all are members should feel welcomed and part of our Lions family from day **ONE**. I believe the sense of belonging is a critical element to membership retention. One of my goals is to reduce membership loss by 40 or about 20%. This is totally realistic, we need to remember to appreciate and acknowledge the service of our members.

President Tam wants us to believe in club members. The strength of the Lions organization lies within our clubs, and our members form the basis for our clubs. We need to make developing our membership a priority. We do this through effective member orientation, member involvement from day one; having our club leaders listen more and speak less, and by developing lasting relationships and bonds through service, treating each other as family.

I believe goals are the seeds of our success, we become

only what we plant. The quality of our harvest is a direct reflection of the quality of our seeds, which is the day to day decision we make. What do you envision as your Lion's legacy? Think BIG, not just what is reasonable. Will it be a cluster of grapes or a VINYARD; a wheat shaft or AMBER WAVES of Grain? Think big when it comes to your goals, the size of your ambition does matter. Quality seeds (goals) equal quality harvest.

I believe the wheat shaft and grapes are symbolic of a bountiful harvest of service and caring that is within the reach of each Lion member. I believe the grapes and wheat also represent the collective team effort of the Lions clubs o 5M2. Helen Keller said it best;

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much". I believe, together we are one.

As you establish your goals for the year, please review the Governor's Goals, Governor's Contest and the Governor Team Excellence Award Application. If you have questions or concerns, I am only an email or phone call away.

Lion Bill and I are looking forward to meeting you in the months ahead.

## **Governor's Travels**

### July

1-3	District Governors	Elect	Training	Seattle.	WA

4-8 International Lions Convention Seattle, WA

9-10 Tour Seattle / red eye flight home

11 Courtland Club Visit 12 Lafayette Club Visit

14 Alden Club Visit / Install Officers

18 Winthrop Club Visit GMT Meeting/Mankato

22 23 Council of Governors Meeting

26 Albert Lea LakeView Lions

June 23 Special Olympics

July 5-9 Seattle International Convention

Deadlines for newsletter articles, photos etc. Must be in by the 20th of the month. Email Bill Curtis wfcurtis@embargmail.com

## A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke First Vice District Governor



Greetings Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 5M-2. I am greatly honored to serve as your 1st Vice District Governor for 2011-2012; I will be working closely with DG Sue and 2nd VDG Joan to keep District 5M-2 a Leader in Lionism.

## Happy New Year!

No, I'm neither six months late nor six months early. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of a "brand new" Lions year. Just as we pause on January 1<sup>st</sup> to personally reflect, it is equally important for each Club to reflect on the activities for the past Club year and chart a course for the coming year to:

- Continue those projects and events that were successful,
  - Take action to improve those that were not so successful,
  - Consider a new activity or community project,
  - Determine if membership goals were met
  - Decide what can be done to recruit new members and to

retain the members you have,

- Review if all reports were completed on time, and
- Take action to eliminate missed deadlines in the future.

Club Presidents and Vice Presidents -- If your Club's course needs a correction, NOW is a great time to seek guidance from the District Governor or the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, the Global Membership Team (GMT) or the Global Leadership Team (GLT) All are ready to help you improve. If we don't have the answers to your questions, we will get them for you.

Remember--Your Club's Activities Do Make a Difference in your Community, in our Country and in our World!





What a joy it is to be contributing to the 5M2 newsletter as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in Robbinsdale, MN and have always felt a calling to serve others as I had an older sister, Jan, who was developmentally disabled. Jan's struggle through life taught me the values of empathy, compassion, patience and serving others with disabilities. I married Kevin in 1980 and moved down to Nicollet to "live on the farm" (strictly hobby). I began a career in banking and was transferred from Mankato to St. Peter. There I was asked in 1990 to become a Lions member in the St. Peter. Lions Club. I had no clue at that time what the Lions Club was about or how being a Lion would impact my life and actually define who I am. Lions to me is very personal. How could I envision 21 years ago that my sister, Jan, would be a camper of Friendship Ventures, an organization that many Lions donate to? How grateful am I that Lions help sponsor Project New Hope, as I have a son, Jared, who just got out of the Army, but spent a year over in Iraq. He may not need this organization's service now, but what a relief to know there is help out there if needed. Who could foresee that my daughter, Becky, would be in a relationship with a single father who has a son with autism and has applied for an Autism Assistance Dog through Can Do Canines. I find it amazing that through Lions I have all these excellent resources to draw from. I do have another son, Kyle, who just graduated from St. Cloud State. It will be interesting to see what Lions sponsored organization his path may cross! I have since changed careers and work for Capstone Press, a children's educational book publishing company in Mankato. Everyday I deal with "fact or fiction" and the fact is, I am still passionate about giving back with the work and projects we all do through Lions. Fact is, I am excited for this new adventure as 2VDG with DG Sue and VDG Ron. Fact is, LIONS ROCK!

## Governor Sue's Contest 2011-2012

Winning Clubs will be awarded the Governor's Personal Banner Patch

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□Club has reported **activities** and **membership** on LCI

WMMR web sight

Club representation at:

☐ Region Meeting

☐ Fall Zone Meeting

☐ Spring Zone Meetings

☐ Mid-Winter Convention

### At least five of the following are required:

□Club submitted district newsletter article: club news / project / Proud Lion

□ Club has conducted Community Service Needs Assessment (MK9AEN)

□Club has conducted a written exit survey for any/all dropped member(s)

□Club has 100% participation in the Parade of Green

□Club has participated in Journey for Service

□Club has participated in tree planting project

□Club has a website ("e-Clubhouse" template available Www.lionsclub.org )

□Club has participated in at least two youth activities:

☐ Peace Poster

□Write Off

□ Advisor for a LEO Club or sponsor new LEO Club

☐ Youth Exchange host family

☐ Sponsored Liberty Day program

☐ Sponsored Quest in the school

□Other community based youth activity

## PLATO LIONS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 12, 2011

12 Noon - Registration

1:00 PM Shot Gun Start

## @ The Glencoe Country Club

\$50.00 per person (Glencoe club member)

\$60.00 per person (non Glencoe club member)

4 Man Scramble

Entry fee includes cart, dinner & prizes

Registration Fees after August 1, 2011 will be \$15.00 more per person

TO REGISTER

CONTACT CODY @ 320.296.9495

All Proceeds go to local projects



The ribbon cutting at the Children's Eye Clinic was accomplished by Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation Board Chairperson, PDG Lynn Farley, and two young Eye Clinic patients who are being treated for Albinism, a genetic disorder which affects vision.

# Ribbon Cutting for U of M Clinics held on June 7

The Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic and the Minnesota Lions ENT and Hearing Clinic were formally opened with ribbon cutting ceremonies on June 7.

Both clinics are located in the Park Plaza Building, 701 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, with the ENT/Hearing Clinic on the Second Floor, and the Eye Clinic located on the Third Floor.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

We invite you to the 13th Annual VICTORIA LIONS

\$100 per Golfer includes Green Fees Cart, Dinner and Prizes

Registration due August 22, 2011

18 hole Four-Person Team Scramble

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Mail Entry To: Kevin Rolf 8085 Narcissus Street Victoria, MN 55386

I am not able to play, but would like to support the Lions with a donation \$25 n \$50 n \$75 n \$100

The Victoria Lions Club was chartered in 1966 and has a rich history of service to our community and humanitarian service. Today, about 80 members work together to serve our community in a multitude of ways.

Funds raised by the Victoria Lions have been used to purchase parkland in Victoria, build sporting fields and park shelters, and have supported youth recreation programs for many years.

The Lions have also supported incividuals in need, food shelf programs, the Red Cross, eyeglass collections, Habitat for Humanity, disaster relief programs, various programs for the blind, and much more.



Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m.

Dinner following at approx. 5:30 p.m.

Free refreshments on course

#### REGISTER EARLY

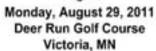
Teams registered and paid by August with are entered in the early bird drawing.

> For more information, call Kevin or Jeff 952-443-2385 or 952-443-4002

The Victoria Lions could not do all of the community enhancements and serve the humanitarian needs of the less fortunate if we didn't have the support of businesses and individuals in our area. We appreciate very much the support we have received over these many years for all of our fund. raising efforts, and we hope that we have earned your trust and confidence in using these funds wisely and compassionately.

> Your participation and contributions do make a difference in the lives of those we serve. To the Lions, "We Serve" is not only a motto, but a philosophy and our reason for being.





\$100 Registration fee includes green fees, cart and dinner

www.victorialionsclub.com



### SPONSORSHIP **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### GOLD (Tournament Benefactor) \$800

- includes registration for 4 golfers.
- Recognition at awards dinner as a host-benefactor of the sournament.
- Display sign at prominent location.

### SILVER \$400

- Include registration for 2 golfers.
- Listed as a tournament sponsor.
- Recognition as a silver sponsor.

#### BRONZE \$100

- Listed as a fournament sponsor.
- Recognition as a bronze sponsor.
- Tee Box Sporsorship.

I would like to be a sponsor.

□ Bronze C Gold ☐ Silver Sponsorship Due By Aug. 16th

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For more information, call 952-443-2385 or 952-443-4002

Make checks payable to: Victoria Lions Club

Mail checks & registration forms to: Kevin Rolf 8055 Nurcinous St. Victoria, MN, 55386





## **Club Activities**

Albert Lea Lakeview - Worked at ecumenical food pantry; delivered senior meals; volunteered atLibrary book store & hospital. Worked at Red Cross bloodmobile; sold tickets & worked at Cloverleaf Lions flight breakfast. Worked at National Red Power Roundup

**Alden** - Three A-C graduates receive scholarships. Did meals on Wheels and workedat local food shelf.

Amboy - Completed road ditch cleanup. Worked Brat Stand. Installed TV at Amboy library, Volunteered at Red Cross Blood Mobile. Donated to Maple River Early Childhood Development program, sang at Mapleton Nursing Home and donated to Compassion Child International.

**Arlington -** Donated to local amateur baseball team

**Blooming Prairie** - Donated to Ironwood Spring **Blue Earth -** Had Installation of Officers Banquet. Lions Secretary Dean Vereide awarded a Melvin Jones and Lions Joe Tempel and Dan Beckendorf awarded Helen Kellers.

**Brownton** - Donated 5 scholarships to area seniors. Donated to Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer Walk and Danielle Hill Brown Senior Nutrition Site.

**Carver** - Did roadside cleanup. Had spring pork chop dinner. Donated \$3000 to LCIF.

**Chaska** - Worked Taste of Chaska. Donated 3 scholarships to Chaska High School.

**Cologne** - Worked the Fill the Hill event to generate community support of the local amateur baseball team.

**Courtland** - Donated to New Ulm Medical Center Cancer Expansion. Donated to Cambria Township Fireworks.

**Ellendale** - Held Community cookout for local food shelf and collected 218 pounds of food. Sold flags. Borrowed out medical equipment as needed – Served rolls and coffee to honor guard on Memorial Day.

**Glencoe** - Worked at Glencoe Days Celebration. Delivered fruit to Long Term Care. Hosted Music in the Park. Had PDG Rick Wagner install officers and speak on Spring Point Project.

**Green Isle** - 9 members helped with Memorial Day program setup. 250 people attended this event.

Hamburg - Worked at Golf Scramble. Worked beverage service at two private parties. 31

members worked at Summerfest. Donated \$500 for School district Summer Reading Corp for Kurios Kids preschool. DG Eunice and PID Maynard were guests and install new member and new officers.

**Henderson** - Worked concession stand at softball field.

**Hutchinson** - Completed tractor pull June 17&18. Donated to Birchwood House and Meals on Wheel. Had Diabetes speaker.

**Jordon** - Gave 10 \$1000 scholarships. Club completed CPR and deFib training.

**Jordaness** - Gave Scholarships and donated \$300 to food shelf.

**Kiester** - Helped with track meet. Held awards banquet and donated to Naeve Health Care Foundation.

**Lafayette & Area** - Donated \$1200 to Lafayette City Band and \$200 to Project New Hope.

**LeSueur** - Had Golf Classic. Donated to Children's Hearing Foundation, Book Buddies, Habitat For Humanity, Camp Needlepoint, LSH High School Sports Program, Legion Baseball, LeSueur 5K Run, Project New Hope.

Lester Prairie - Completed Spring Theater Outing, Donated \$200 to American Cancer Soc., \$300 to Project New Hope, \$300 to Adult Training & Habilitation, \$100 to Susan Koman Cancer, \$120 to Lester Prairie City Police Dept.

**Mankato -** Three Mankato clubs held their annual joint picnic.

Mankato Key City - Did adopt a highway. Worked Pioneer Power Concession.

**Mankato Sunrise** - Worked at the Hairball Concert. Donated \$750 to the Patterson Family to help with costs from eye surgery for family.

**Minnesota Lake** - Zone Chair Jim Broberg spoke on distribution of eye glasses in Peru.

**Montgomery** - Uploaded food shelf twice this month. Donated to Camp Winnebago.

**New Auburn** - Donated to Paisley Lindemann's family for hospital care.

**New Market-Elko-Webster** - Had pancake breakfast. Strana Senior Brats Cookout

**Nicollet** - 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Ron Dahlke installed club officers. Donated \$3,928.75 to Nicollet Public School for elementary field trips. Donated \$1000 to City of Nicollet Public Schools for elementary field trips. Donated \$30 to Nicollet's Hope Run/Walk Event.

Northfield Cannon Valley - Shipped over 1000

books to village in Africa for their library. Installed officers and two members received Melvin Jones Awards, Lion Ray Ozmun and Lion Lori Phelps. Donated to Rice Cty 4-H exchange program for their trip.

**Norwood Young America** - Gave \$500 scholarship. Donated to Relay for Life, 2 baskets for auction. \$100 to Reading Core Program. \$250 to Josh Lord Cancer Benefit.

**NYA-West Carver** - Did Classic Thunder Car & Bike Run. Donated \$500 to Community Ed for their Reading program.

**Plato** - Had burgers in the park. Completed installation of officers. Installed new member. Donated to \$1000 West Metro Disaster Team. Gave \$50 to Brian Gatz Benefit.

**Prior Lake** - Collected eyeglasses. Hosted 5 scholarship recipients at dinner meeting.

**Shakopee** - Completed Shakopee Lions Softball Tournament, OHEC fishing event for local youth, Presented seven Helen Keller awards. Presented three scholarships to graduating seniors. Presented Student of the Month award. Donated to New Options, Dr. Donald Doughmann Eye Foundation, Centeral Family Early Childhood Programs, Big Brother/Big Sister, Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women.

**Silver Lake** - Donated \$1000 to Silver Lake Pier Project, \$40 to McLeod Cty Food Shelf, Held Bike-A-Rama with Silver Lake Police Department. Planted Flower Garden.

**St. Peter** - Donated \$100 to the Third Annual Night to Unite.

**Stewart** - Sponsored Senior Dining for 1 week. Donated to Project New Hope, to BLHS School Music and Ag Program and Food for Kidz Vision Honduras.

Veseli Area - Donated scholarship.

**Victoria** - Donated \$1000 to Ridgeview Foundation. \$782 to Victoria Fire Dept.

**Waconia** - Did ditch cleanup. Had year end banquet. Donated \$5000

**Waterville** - Worked Bullhead Days. Ongoing bingo. Donated \$6000 in scholarships. Donated to Kids Bingo prizes, WEM Reach Program, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Mike Davis Scholarship-Golf, Bought Lions Magazine for school.

**Winsted** - Had Super Value cookout. Did pancake cancer benefit for McKay Fiecke-\$1,900.

Winthrop - Bingo at local nursing home.

**Hutchinson Lioness** - Worked on tractor pull. Had installation of officers. Donated \$275 to 4 Paws for Ability in Joey Hruby's name.

## Governor Sue's Goals 2011-2012

To achieve a net positive membership growth.

To reduce the membership drops by 40; reduce Governor's body mass by

30 lbs.; reduce Adult Traveling Companion's body mass by 30 lbs.

To never miss an opportunity to compliment or to say something encouraging to someone.

To have all clubs in all 9 Zones submit a nomination for Zone Lion of the Year.

To remind all clubs to be careful with criticism and liberal with praise, to build up member, to treat each other as family.

To charter one new Lions Club.

To organize a minimum of one new LEO Club.

To have an "Open Door" policy for any members / clubs to express opinions and insight.

To have tons of fun and meet hundreds of new Lion family members.

To arrive at and return home from each Lions function in one piece, (i.e. no accidents).

To have each member in 5M2 proud and happy to be a member of the Lions Family.

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### **Peace Poster Contest**

Now is the time to think about the 2011 Peace Poster contest. The theme for 2011 is "Children Know Peace". Peace Poster kits are available now. Lion's Clubs can get a Peace Poster kit either from The Lion magazine order form, or from <a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org">http://www.lionsclubs.org</a> online. One Peace Poster kit is required for each school. Lions Clubs can enter one poster for each school participating.

The contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15, 2011. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 1997 through November 15, 2000.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster is prohibited. Do not fold the poster. The poster will be rolled and sent in a mailing tube. The Peace Poster kit contains other rules and conditions. On the back of the winning posters that will be sent to be judged, the student must have their name, birthdate and a quote on peace. It saves time when you are ready to send in the poster. Each winning poster submitted to be judged must have a Winner Sticker (found in the kit) filled out and attached to lower right-hand corner on the back of their winning poster. Lions Sheila and Janet will be happy to answer any questions or visit your club.

The best way for Lions Clubs to start is by appointing a Peace Poster chairman and asking school art teachers now if they would like to participate in the Peace Poster contest. Art teachers are planning their fall classes and can include the Peace Poster theme in their curriculum. Inform the teachers of the Peace Poster theme, rules, conditions, and deadlines. Occasional reminders are a good idea to check on the students' progress toward completing their posters on time.

Lions Clubs need to collect and judge their own Peace Posters by the end of October. Publicizing local Peace Poster winners in the newspaper with a picture and article is a great way to raise awareness and get the community involved in Lions activities. Prizes and certificates for the winning students are also nice rewards for the students' achievements.

5M2 Lions Clubs must send their winning poster from each school to the Peace Poster Chairperson Lion Sheila Stahler by November 15<sup>th</sup> for District 5M2 judging. The winning poster will then be sent to the Multiple 5M Council Chairperson by December 1<sup>st</sup> for judging at that level. Please do not send any posters to the District Governor because of the strict time frame.

Our goal is increase participation in 2011. In 2010 we received 29 posters from 22 Clubs. The contest is a perfect opportunity to reach out to the students in the community and give them a chance to show how important peace is to them.

If any club needs assistance, Lions Sheila Stahler (<u>stahlers@hotmail.com</u>) and Janet Knakmuhs (<u>jclcmn@hickorytech.net</u>) are happy to help.

Lions Sheila Stahler and Janet Knakmuhs, Peace Poster Co-Chairs

