



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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DG MARVIN GRIMM



DG MARVIN'S WOOD CUTS

Jungle Days 2015 is history. Thanks to all that participated. It was a great day, humidity and temperature was great. A beautiful club house and a rolling hills course. Thank you to the three Mankato clubs for doing an outstanding job of hosting. Only thing missing, more teams in the tournament. The Jordaness Lions

will be hosting the 2016 Jungle Days. The course is not named yet. Let's all put it in our minds and get a team together to support Jungle Days. Jordaness Lions will do a great job of hosing.

Our District has a couple of Anniversaries coming soon. Lake Crystal Lions Club will celebrate their 70th Anniversary on September 2. On October 1, the Mankato Lions Club will celebrate their 90th Anniversary. Let's all support and congratulate these two clubs.

What is your passion and commitment to Lions? Remember our motto is "We Serve". Are you involved with Lion's activities and projects? What is your leadership involvement with Lions? Are you willing to hold an office or be a project chair? Are you involved in your community? There are a lot of opportunities to step up your involvement and there is a lot of training available to advance your Lions involvement. In your club, district and community. The Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, MI in September, The Lion Leadership Institute in 2017 are two excellent opportunities to advance your skills. For more information, see one of the Governor team members.

The Region and Zone meetings are coming up. Please try to have club officers represented at these meetings. Also encourage members to attend. See what is available for programs at your club meetings. This is a good time to visit with Cabinet chairs about a club visit to present a program. I encourage clubs to set a date for the Governor to visit your club.

Let us bring Dignity to others through Humanitarian Service.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Mother Teresa



Passing the gavel:

PDG Harry Klenke and DG Marvin Grimm at the Jungle Days Cabinet Meeting.



DG MARVIN'S WOODY TRAILS

- September 2 Visit Waseca Lions
- September 3 Lake Crystal 70th Anniversary
- September 8 Region 1 Meeting Waconia
- September 13 Carver Steam Boat Days Parade
- Sept. 15-21 USA Canada Forum; Grand Rapids, MI
- September 22 Region 3 Meeting at Waseca
- September 24 Multiple Convention Planning Meeting
- September 27 Carver County Lions Picnic
- September 28 Visit Northfield Lions at noon
Visit Faribault Lions
- September 29 Region 2 Meeting at Faribault



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PENULTIMATE POINTS



1st VDG Steve Wasserman

As you read this article, Lions are in the midst of Children's Dignity Week (August 30 - September 5). Lions all over the world are following International President Jitsuhiro Yamada's call for Dignity, Harmony, Humanity by conducting service projects focusing on engaging our youth and providing dignity through service. Hopefully, your club had or is having a successful project in recognition of Children's Dignity Week. I believe that opportunities like this can enhance the harmony among the Lions of the world. They also give us an opportunity to tell the members of our community that we are part of a worldwide organization that can work together to accomplish great things for humanity.

Our next opportunity to participate in a Centennial Service Event will be "Worldwide Week of Service in Sight" (October 4 - 10). Dr. Yamada is asking the Lions of the world to join together that week to affirm our commitment as "Knights of the Blind", by contributing to a project to eliminate preventable blindness, restore or improve the sight of people in our communities, or extend dignity through service to those people who are blind or visually impaired.

I recently had the opportunity to witness first hand a program that provides dignity and increased independence to people who are blind. Debra and I visited Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan with my fellow First Vice District Governors over the weekend of August 7-9. We flew to Detroit on Friday afternoon, spent all day Saturday at Leader Dog, and then flew home early Sunday morning. We all came away very impressed with the knowledge and dedication of the Leader Dog staff, and very enthusiastic about supporting their programs.

As you probably know, Leader Dogs is in the middle

of a Canine Development Center Renovation Project. They have asked the Lions to raise \$3 million of a \$14.5 million project to upgrade their facilities. The main reason they are doing this is to be able to provide a lower stress environment for their dogs. Yes, puppies can get stressed out by being transferred from the loving home of a puppy raiser to a kennel. And a stressed out puppy may become an excitable dog. People who are blind increasingly travel on airplanes, work in offices, live in urban environments, and use public transportation. The Leader Dog of the 21st century needs to be more adaptable and calmer. When the renovation project is complete, Leader Dogs will be able to provide more dogs that will better meet the needs of the modern person with a visual impairment.

If your club is looking for a way to participate in "Worldwide Week of Service in Sight", you might consider making a donation or a pledge to the Leader Dogs for the Blind Canine Development Center. Not only is it an opportunity to earn the second gemstone on your 2015-2016 Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patch, it is an opportunity to provide Dignity through service to Humanity.



1st VDG Steve with Leader Dog Winston.

UPCOMING REGION MEETINGS

Region 1 - Tuesday, September 8th
Island View Golf Course, Waconia
Host Club: Waconia Lions
Region 1 Chair: Lion Sandra Schneider
RSVP by September 4 -
iamnotmartha@embarqmail.com

Region 2 - Tuesday, September 29th
Elks Lodge, Faribault
Host Club: Faribault Lions

Region 2 Chair: Lion Lori Klein
RSVP by September 18 -
liondebra@charter.net

Region 3 - Tuesday, September 22nd
Starfire Grill & Event Center, Waseca
Host Club: Waseca
Region 3 Chair: Lion Dr. Paul Gorman
RSVP by September 15 -
diane.beckman@hotmail.com

MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK.



2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig

As I write this article I look at the calendar and realize it's already the middle of August. Labor Day is just around the corner as is the end of summer activities and the beginning of the new school year for most Minnesota communities. As school begins and routines change for many, our Lions clubs

will be busy getting back into their own routines of fall activities and ongoing projects.

A few of the upcoming Lions fall activities to consider are the Region meetings in September and the Zone meetings in October and November. The three Region meetings are your opportunity to meet the program chairs and find out everything you always wanted to know about these Lions programs through personal contact and displays. It's also an opportune time to schedule a speaker for your upcoming meetings. The agendas for the Zone meetings are set by the Zone chairs and may include a speaker or discussion sessions or something pertinent to your zone.

The Region meeting is also the time of year that clubs receive their packet of "bird" pins from District Activities chair, PDG Eunice Rucks. Pins are distributed to each club to use as they choose and also available for sale to those of us who enjoy collecting pins. For 37 years the district pin has been a tradition in District 5M-2. Since Buzz Knudsen was District Governor during 1979-1980, each Governor has chosen a bird to display as the district pin for his or her year. Typically the bird chosen has been different than any others preceding it, although we have had two mallard ducks - one standing and one sitting in water. In 1984-1985, District Governor Dean Steiner had the mosquito on his bird pin. The mosquito is one of the more difficult pins to find if looking to complete a collection. Sometimes an official Lions pin trader will have one for sale but even the pin traders have difficulty finding a mosquito pin.

Look for the bird pin quiz in this newsletter and see how many you can identify. *Hint - for help, go to the district website at www.5m2lions.org and look under Historian.

Throughout my twenty years as a Lion I have seen many, many different pins in all shapes and sizes and for many different events - club pins, youth exchange pins, convention pins, district governor pins, award pins and more. Multiple District 5M has a snowman pin that changes yearly to depict the upcoming International convention. I'm eager to see what the 2015-2016 pin for Fukuoka Japan is like.

A third hat I am wearing this year is co-chair with PID Maynard Rucks of the MD5M Convention in Mankato in April 2016. The convention committee is working diligently on plans for the convention and will be asking for the help of all Lions in 5M2. Please give it some consideration! More information will be presented at the Region meetings in September.

Reminder to all club secretaries - When completing your monthly activity report (WMMR), don't forget to take credit for those activities that fit into the Centennial Service Challenge categories of: Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting Our Environment. If you have questions on the above, please feel free to contact either myself or 1st Vice District Governor Steve for assistance or check out the LCI website at www.lions-clubs.org and click on Lions 100.

HOW MANY OF THE BIRD PINS CAN YOU IDENTIFY AND MATCH WITH THE CORRECT DISTRICT GOVERNOR?

District Governors: Rick Wagener, Mary Ferleman, Bill Curtis, Buzz Knudsen, Arden Severson, Maynard Rucks, Bill Ritter, Darwin Mathwig, Marlys Meskan, Joan Blank

Birds: Cardinal, Red Winged Black Bird, Owl, Bald Eagle, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, Downy Woodpecker, Gold Finch, Trumpeter Swan, Canadian Honker, Blue Bird

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 3. 7. 10.
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Centennial Update

By 1st VDG Steve Wasserman. 5M2 Centennial Celebration Chair

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion!

What a great Motto for our Centennial. For nearly 100 years, Lions have been seeing needs in their communities, and meeting those needs. As we approach our Centennial Celebration, I hope that you are finding opportunities to use that motto. I also encourage you to go online to <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/toolbox/logos.php> and download the new Centennial Logos to use on your project flyers and other publicity. This new Centennial Logo really captures the **"WE SERVE!"** spirit of Lionism and calls attention to our 100 years of service.



It's our 100th Birthday, let's ROAR about it!

INVITE A NEW MEMBER!

Be recognized as a Centennial Sponsor

Congratulations to the following Centennial Sponsors who brought in new members from July 1 through August 15 (as recorded on the MyLCI website):

- Irene Anderson, Albert Lea
- Roger Truax, Albert Lea (2 new members)
- Cathy Elke, Carver
- Dawn Doheney, Jordaness
- Andrea Oldenburg, Jordaness
- John Favolise, Le Sueur (2 new members)
- Dale Sunderman, Le Sueur
- Tim Rud, Lonsdale (6 new members)
- Glen Wondra, Montgomery
- Roxanne Yurek, Silver Lake



If your club has not yet ordered new member kits for this year, now would be a good time to do so. The new kits come with the special Centennial New Member Pin and Certificate, as well as the Centennial Sponsor Pin and Certificate. You will definitely want to have these on hand!

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

PID Debra Wasserman, District 5M2 GLT Coordinator



Check out these online independent, at your own pace, opportunities. No matter how long or short our Lions Service is, there are always things to learn.

In the Lions Learning Center (<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/lions-learning-center/index.php>) you will find courses categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

Leadership: Courses focused on a broad range of leadership skills to succeed as a Lion leader.

- Introduction to Lions Leadership
- Writing your Personal Mission Statement
- Creativity
- Mentoring
- Promoting Innovation
- Managing Change
- Servant Leadership

Managing Others: Courses geared toward gaining the skills to effectively create and maintain successful and productive relationships with people.

- Coaching
- Conflict Resolution
- Delegation
- Effective Teams
- Member Motivation
- Valuing Member Diversity
- Team Motivation

Achieving Results: Courses designed to assist in setting and achieving goals, both personal and professional.

- Setting Goals
- Decision Making
- Managing Meetings
- Providing Community Service
- Time Management

Communication: Courses that increase interpersonal skills and success in public speaking

- Effective Listening
- Public Relations
- Public Speaking

In addition, there is a link to find webinar topics, schedules, and recordings.

The Lions University (<http://www.lionsuniversity.org/>) provides Year-Round Training provided by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

As a Lions Club leader, you understand that building

strong communities through volunteer service is our objective. The Lions University program is about making sure that you have the skills and resources to meet this objective.

Through three educational program levels, Lions Leaders will enhance their knowledge and skills to better serve their community.

To complete each program, Lions must complete 10 required courses, at least 5 elective classes, and complete specific leadership experiences. To complete a course, the Lion takes part in an hour long training session. These sessions are offered online on this website, through periodic webinars that are posted on this website, and through live sessions led in Districts and Multiple Districts.

Once the training session is completed, the Lion takes a simple online test to confirm their learning. Upon completion, the Lion is awarded a certificate of course completion. Lions are welcome to complete the courses that interest them in any of the programs, and in any order they wish. Credit is given toward the program that the class is under.

- **Bachelor's Program:** This program allows Lions to develop the skills necessary to lead a vital Lions Club. Courses are directed to the skills needed to be great club leader.
- **Master's Program:** This program focuses on giving support to clubs through district leaders. This program is aimed at District Level leaders: District Governors, Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs, District Committee Chairs, Certified Guiding Lions, and other leaders that are ready to foster quality clubs in their District.
- **Doctorate Program:** This program focuses on skills needed to be a training facilitator for adult volunteers. In effect, Lions who have completed the Doctorate Program are prepared to be great trainers of other Lions.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
15TH OF EACH MONTH...**

Submit your club events and

Lions program articles to:

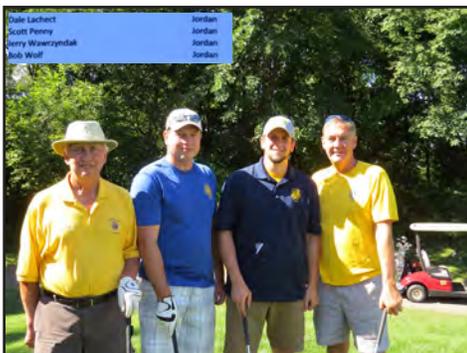
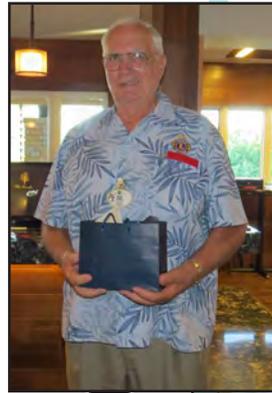
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District 5M-2 Jungle Days

2015 Golf Tournament

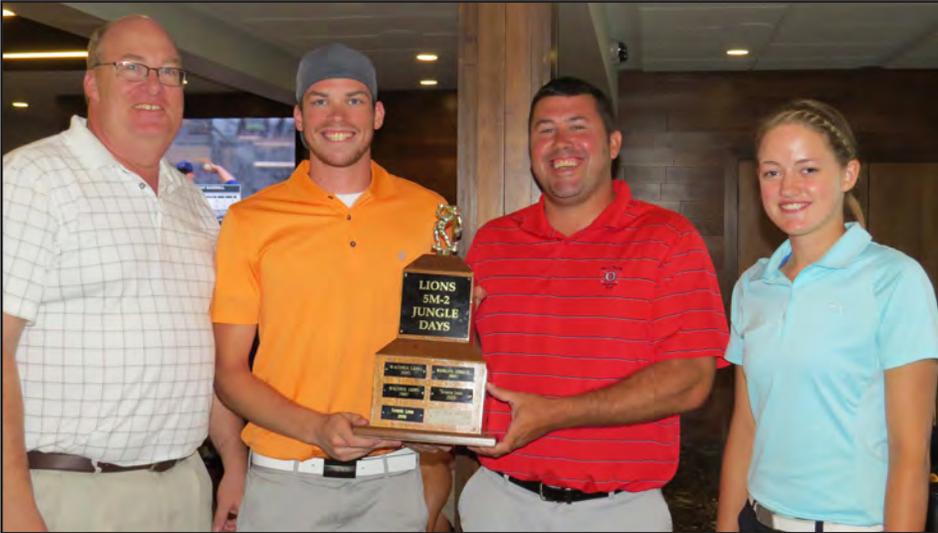
18 hole Best Ball Tournament

Monday, August 3rd, 2015



Shoreland Country Club, St Peter, MN

Hosted by :
Mankato Lions
Key City Lions
Sunrise Lions



Bruce Gruenhagen
Richie Kroells
Tyler Rath
Chris Lund
Hamburg
Hamburg
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Hamburg



Keith Christopherson
Wayne Stolt
Bruce Hendrycks
Gene Retka
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Carl Ogren
Les Pettis
Gary Schafer
Tom Lindmeyer
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Viewing Forward



MN Lions Vision Foundation

Greetings, Lions all! As we settle into autumn and plan our year ahead, we think Lions causes and programs. Attached are two pictures taken recently at the Lions Eye Bank. A cornea is being prepared for either transplant or research. Our Eye Bank is one of the nation's most well known. As you see by the nameplate attached to equipment, as Lions, we are critical to its reputation - we are appreciated! Not all of us have visited the Eye Bank but a few chances are a comin'! Think fall tour in October, spring tour in March, or think Thanksgiving

for Vision in October. Or maybe Lion Diana or Lion Mary could stop by your meeting this year. We will be at region meetings to schedule or give us a shout - diadua@embarqmail.com or mkspille@embarqmail.com.



Tinnitus Research with Acoustic and Noninvasive Neural Stimulation

The University of Minnesota's Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Otolaryngology are seeking individuals who have tinnitus to participate in research involving acoustic stimulation, electrical stimulation of different skin surface regions, and noninvasive brain stimulation to potentially decrease the tinnitus percept. Participation involves up to 16 testing sessions that typically occur once every 1-2 weeks at the University of Minnesota. Each testing session will require up to 3 hours. Participants will complete questionnaires, perform several tests to determine their hearing and tinnitus characteristics, be presented with different stimulation paradigms, and describe changes in their tinnitus from the different tests.

Participants must be an adult between 18 and 65 years of age, have tinnitus preferably for less than 5 years, have no history of seizures, not be pregnant, and not have any implantable devices or indwelling metal. Participants will receive compensation for their participation in each testing session in the form of a \$60 Visa gift card that may be used at any retailer that accepts Visa. The first informational visit will take approximately 1.5 hours and will be compensated with a \$40 Visa gift card. There is no charge for participating in this research. For more information, please contact Hubert Lim, Ph.D., at msvnc001@umn.edu.



5M2 DISTRICT CHEERS

Cheers to 18 new members added to these clubs: Albert Lea, Carver, Jordaness, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Prior Lake, Shakopee, Silver Lake, Winsted.

Cheers to all the Lions who worked their County Fairs.

Cheers to all the Lions who worked at their successful projects in August.

Cheers to all the Mankato Lions who sponsored the successful Jungle Days Golf Tournament.

Cheers to all the teams that participated in the Jungle Days Tournament.

Cheers to the Jungle Days winning team from Green Isle: Brian, Liz, Nic Theis and Mike Feterl.

CAN DO CANINES

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge.

On September 12, 2015 you can show your support! The Can Do Woofaroo Fundraising Walk and Festival is a dog-gone good day filled with pet-centric exhibitors, live entertainment and of course ... dogs! The event takes place at Can Do Canines' facility (9440 Science Center Dr. in New Hope) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit candowoofaroo.org and sign up to walk your dog and ask your friends and family to support your efforts. Last year, 202 walkers and 107 pups walked to raise over \$92,000.

And, as if that feel-good feeling of knowing all funds you raise goes directly to training our assistance dogs was not enough ... there's also prizes to be had! All

participants who raise \$125 or more are eligible for the grand prize drawing — a 7-night stay in an Orlando, Florida villa! Plus, you could win a tote bag, fleece jacket and a \$100 gift card. The more you raise the more you win!

Sign up today at candowoofaroo.org. Can't make it the on September 12? Sign up to be virtual walker!

And, save the date for our Fall Graduation Ceremony taking place on October 24!



(Left) More than 200 walkers, 100 dogs and 90 volunteers participated in the Can Do Canines walk in 2014 to raise money to train assistance dogs for people with disabilities.



(Above) A group of dogs take a break from the Woofaroo to go "Bobbing for Hot Dogs."

(Below) Jaime Richards and her assistance dog, Treasure, were among the 200 people and 100 dogs who participated in the Can Do Canines fundraiser walk in 2014. Treasure is a Hearing and Mobility Assist Dog who alerts Richards to sounds and picks up items for her. From left are: Linda Richards, Jaime Richards' mother; Jaime Richards with Treasure; and Grace Gullixson, Jaime Richards' personal care assistant and friend.



(Left) Can Do Canines Puppy Raiser Gunnhild Accola and assistance dog in training Quest lead a group of "Strut with a Pup" cohorts.





DREAM CATCHER NEWS

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
"Catch the Dream" Life Without Diabetes!



www.mnlionsdiabetes.org [facebook.com/MinnesotaLionsDiabetesFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaLionsDiabetesFoundation)

Fall 2015

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Mission Statement

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (MLDF) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities.

Foundation News

Lions, join us on Saturday, NOVEMBER 14th to "Unite for Diabetes – Act Today for Change Tomorrow", and participate in the International Diabetes Federation's World Diabetes Day! The MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. is partnering with four other statewide partners including: the American Diabetes Association, Novo Nordisk, Stratis Health and Walmart to sponsor a Diabetes Awareness Day in eight cities across Minnesota to participate in this important worldwide event! Our goal is to create awareness for pre-diabetes, provide diabetes education, blood glucose screenings and to promote available area resources for consumers. Lions Club members in the Zone associated with the host city locations of Bemidji, Brooklyn Center, Dilworth, Duluth, Mankato, Marshall, Rochester and St. Cloud are being asked to help promote Lionism as greeters and volunteers for this Year One MLDF event. Walmart stores will host our event where consumers will receive a passport to visit five kiosks with fun interactive demonstrations and educational activities to earn a great nylon

back pack gift filled with a water bottle, pedometer, jump rope and stress ball! Each club in MN is being asked to send a representative to the nearest event location and get ideas for next year when Zones in each MN Lions' District will be encouraged to sponsor a Diabetes Awareness Day. Our Year Three goal is to have every club in MN host a Diabetes Awareness Day in your community to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Lions with this great community service project! Please mark your calendars and plan to join in the FUN! 1 in 4 of us is at risk for being diagnosed with diabetes. Learn how you can prevent it from being you or someone you love...we CARE!

Welcome to our newest trustees –

Lion Wanda Breimhorst District 5M2
 Lion Jeff Gunderson District 5M4
 Lion Jim Johansen District 5M9
 We look forward to working with you.

Dream Catcher Awards –

Many MN Lions Clubs have awarded members and nonmembers the Dream Catcher award for their contributions toward diabetes education, prevention, and research for a cure. The



application form is available on our web site. Take a look at the fun pictures of the recent recipients also on our web site.

Sniffing Out Disease: Diabetes-Alert Dogs Are On the Rise

A dog's snout is a powerful weapon. So strong, in fact, that pooches trained to smell low blood sugar are being used to manage diabetes. For 27 years, Sarah Breidenbach had a foolproof way of knowing when her blood sugar level was dangerously low.

Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as a child, she could spot the early warning signs — feeling shaky and anxious.

Then one night, her internal detection system failed. While sleeping, her blood sugar level plummeted, causing a violent seizure that sent her to the hospital. Her body recovered, but her inner monitor did not.

Over the next 18 months, paramedics made 178 trips to her home.



That's when her doctor prescribed an unusual tool to help manage her diabetes: a dog. Enter Moxie, a 5-year-old service dog who sits at her owner's side around the clock. The black Labrador can tell when Breidenbach's blood sugar is too high or too low just by smelling her breath. Read the full article: <http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/health/221529221.html>

Spring Point Project

The mission and vision of Spring Point Project is to provide an unlimited source of pig islet cells to accelerate the availability and affordability of islet transplantation to cure diabetes.

Amazingly compatible to humans, pigs can provide an unlimited source of islets for transplantation. Spring Point Project supports the team led by Bernhard Hering, M.D., scientific director of the Schulze Diabetes Institute, and researchers around the country and the world who have successfully reversed

diabetes in animal models using Spring Point's unique, 'medical grade' pig islet cells. For more information visit <http://www.springpointproject.org>

Feed the Pig

Several years ago the MLDF provided a small plastic "piggy bank" to clubs as a tool to collect large and small donations. We appreciate these donations and will continue to use those funds towards payment of the foundation's new 3 year \$250,000 pledge to the University of Minnesota to further develop the Minnesota Lions Islet Imaging Laboratory. Don't have a pig and want one - let your district's Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation trustee know so we can include one for you in our next order.

Let Your Plate Be Your Guide

Here's a quick and easy way to make sure you're getting the right amount of nutrients in the best portions for optimal blood glucose control:

- Draw a vertical line down the center of a dinner plate. On one of the halves, draw a horizontal line to cut one side one side in half, dividing the plate into three parts.
- Fill the largest section with non-starchy veggies such as spinach, broccoli or carrots.
- In one of the small sections, put your protein such as seafood, chicken or turkey.
- In the other small section, place starchy foods such as whole grain bread or beans.

Mark Your Calendars ---

ADA Expo in Minneapolis – October 10, 2015
World Diabetes Day – November 14, 2015
UofM Diabetes Research Update – April 2, 2016

2015-16 LCI International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's Theme: Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.

PROJECT NEW HOPE

The Lions of Multiple District 5M have adopted a new project, Project New Hope. In the opinion of many Lions, this undertaking is one of the most impressive, and necessary with which the Lions have become involved in years. Project New Hope was founded by caring individuals right here in Minnesota. This project has established military family retreats for veterans and their families.

There are several such retreats around Minnesota, which are available to all U.S. Veterans and their families. The cost of these camps is FREE to all veterans and their families and all meals are provided at no charge. The entire family is involved, and counseling is available to all. The effects of combat service are often felt throughout a soldier's entire lifetime, and can have an impact on each family member as well, often in ways that may be quite subtle or hidden from view.

The process of healing and understanding is a vital component to a successful life after their service. Each family member, including the returning soldier, deals with what has happened in their own way. This is where the Lions hope that our camps will be of help, as counseling is available to individuals or to the family as a group. The counselors are licensed by the Veterans Affairs Association, but they are volunteers and available to all who attend the camps. An added feature is that ALL of these camps and facilities are handicapped accessible.

The established camps are: Camp Friendship, Annandale; Camp Eden Wood, Eden Prairie; Camp New Hope, McGregor; Camp Courage, Maple Lake; Camp Courage North, Lake George; Camp Vanasek, Brainerd; Inspiration Point Camp, Clitheral; Ironwood Springs, Stewartville. These Camps are located among woodlands featuring lakes, wide-open spaces, wa-

terfronts, hiking trails, fire pits, and most have year-round recreation opportunities.

It does not matter in which era the soldier served, starting with WWII and right on through Korea, Viet Nam and the recent wars in the Middle East. All U.S. veterans and their families are welcome at our camps. As stated, all services are free and financial concerns will never prevent us from offering our services to soldiers and their families. In some cases, there are gas cards available.

All of the staff members are volunteers, and there is no administrative cost. Absolutely no cost is passed on to the attendees at these camps. As an added touch, families are presented with a handmade quilt at the end of their weekend. Again, volunteers have made the quilts and donated them to the camps.

Project New Hope began its journey back in 2007, and one of the driving forces behind this newest Lions' project was Lion Dale Johansen of the Underwood Lions. Lion Dale, a Vietnam veteran, realized that returning veterans often need help and he has worked tirelessly toward that end. At the moment there is work taking place in other states to urge them to follow Minnesota's lead and provide much-needed assistance to our returning heroes.

Project New Hope is a most deserving project, and the Lions of Minnesota ask for your help in supporting our returning veterans who have risked their lives on a daily basis for us here at home. Please help the Lions Clubs of Minnesota help our returning veterans. Lion Darlene Wondra, a member of the Montgomery Lions Club, is District 5M2 chairman of Project New Hope. You can contact Lion Darlene at Montgomery or write to: Project New Hope, 21008 Co. Hwy. 35, Underwood, MN 56586.

PRIOR LAKE LIONS



The Dream Catcher award was presented to Lion Char Beerling (right) at the Prior Lake Club's annual picnic on August 20 at Lakefront Park, Lion Kelly Norris (left) is the club president.

WINTHROP LIONS



Winthrop Lions Events Sign at its inaugural event! Designed and built by Lion Reuben Rosnau, it is still under construction: A permanent Lions logo will be attached, and removable and durable event signs are in the works.

97th Annual MDSM Lions Convention

***Come Join us at
the Bend in the River
II***

***April 22,23,24, 2016
Verizon Center,
Mankato, MN***

***Sponsored by District 5m2
Lions Clubs***

Come Canoe with 5M2





Join Us at the
"Bend in the River II"

97th MD5M Convention
 April 22, 23, 24, 2016
 Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-2



Registration Form

Please print

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov/State/Zip _____

City _____ Prov/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Email Address _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Club: _____

Club: _____

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Please specify any dietary needs: _____

Please specify any dietary needs: _____

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Meal	During 2015 MD5M Convention Only	Before March 1, 2016	On or after March 1, 2016	# Attending	Amount
Yes, I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals. _____					XXXXXX
Hospitality Book	USD \$90.00	USD \$100.00	USD \$110.00		
Friday night mixer	XXXXXX	USD \$15.00	USD \$15.00		
Saturday Brkfst	XXXXXX	USD \$ 20.00	USD \$25.00		
Saturday Lunch	XXXXXX	USD \$25.00	USD \$30.00		
Saturday Banquet	XXXXXX	USD \$40.00	USD \$45.00		
Sunday Brunch	XXXXXX	USD \$20.00	USD \$25.00		

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2016 Convention

Total Submitted: \$ _____

Mail registrations to: Lion Charlette Abbas
 312 Foothills Road
 PO Box 133
 Courtland, MN 56021
 paandmaabbas@hotmail.com

Convention information:
 Maynard Rucks @ king70@frontiernet.net. or
 Nancy Mathwig @ nmathwig@hotmail.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2016. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

See separate information form for available hotel rooms and rates.



Join Us at the Bend in the River II

97th MD5M Convention

April 22nd-24th, 2016

Verizon Wireless Center

Hosted by District 5M-2

Hotel Information

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling or booking online to your hotel of choice. Rates will be guaranteed until March 21st, 2016 or until blocks fill up.

Hilton Garden Inn

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center

20 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.344.1111

Rate: \$90 +tax

Mankato City Center Hotel

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center

101 E. Main Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.345.1234

Rate: \$94.99 +tax

Holiday Inn Express

3.5 miles away

2051 Adams Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.388.1880

Rate: \$99.99 +tax

Best Western Hotel

1.5 miles away

1111 Range Street

North Mankato, MN 56003

Phone: 507.625.9333

Rate: \$94.99 + tax

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VOMACKA SOUP'S ON!!!

We will be serving Vomacka
and Zelnicky

112 Main Street New Prague
for the
31st Annual Dozinky Festival.

Cruise Night
Friday, Sept. 18
5 pm to 10pm

Dozinky Festival
Saturday, Sept. 19
10am to 6pm



Please join us!!

New Auburn Lions 7th Annual ROAST BEEF DINNER

● Sunday September 27th
10:00am - 1:00pm
New Auburn City Hall

Serving: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Roll,
Dessert, Milk & Coffee

Adults \$11



Children 5 – 10 \$7
4 and under free

All Proceeds go toward Community Projects



October 3rd from 4-7

King Pin Pub

PLATO LIONS will be serving Brats, Sauerkraut,
German Potato Salad, and Apple Dessert.



Proceeds will be given to
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**PLATO FIRE
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PDG Rick says,
"Everyone
should wear
a shirt like
this on
February 13."

