



Past International President Sid Scruggs III and Lion Judy 5M-2 District Governor Sue Bowman and Bill at the MD5M Multiple Convention.





Lion Bill Bowman was presented with a Hearing Foundation Fellowship from District Governor Sue Bowman at the May 5M2 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Diane Hoffman from the Hamburg Club received a Helen Keller Sight Award presented by Lion Nancy Mathwig at the Spring Zone 5 Meeting.



Gibbon Lions Club with 5M2 District Governor Sue Bowman



DG Sue Bowman

Thanks for the Memories

What can I say to the great 5M2 Lions, but thank you for a very special year! It has been truly an honor and privilege to serve as your District Governor. In many respects the year has passed so quickly it is a blur, but thanks to Lion Bill,



Sue Bowman

I have lots of pictures to keep the memories alive and my journal entries to keep the year's activities with our Lions family close to my heart.

Lion Bill and I had such a rewarding year meeting so many dedicated and enthusiastic Lions and seeing and hearing about all the varied service and fund raising projects. I thank you for all you do in support of your local communities and for the support you give the 5M2, Multiple District 5M and Lions Club International projects. I want to give a very special thank you to the ambitious and creative Lions of Zone 7 for giving us a wonderful Mid Winter Convention.

Thank you for your continued support of Journey for Service, we had 100% club participation! Lion Jack Webster is truly one of our many Lions family treasures.

The 5M2 cabinet is also great gifts to our district, please invite them to present their programs to your club, such a great way for members to see and hear where their fund raising efforts are working in vision, hearing, sight, diabetes, veterans, service dogs, and youth activates.

In the months ahead you will hear more about the **N.O.W**. campaign. It is a reminder, which we all know, that there is **No O**ther **W**ay to get members in our fabulous service organization then to ask, and that the best time is **N.O.W**. One of my governor goals was to have positive membership growth. At this time we are down 49 members, so still much membership recruitment needs to be done. What was it that drew you to Lions and what is it that keeps you an active member? Share that message with prospective members, stress the rewards of membership. Some of the rewards might be the satisfaction of a job well done, the friendship and caring that comes from being in the Lions family, and leadership opportunities, effective team membership, networking, and of course FUN.

Lion Bill and I are still working on the goal of reducing our body mass by 30 pounds; little did I know how difficult it would be (too much great food district wide). Like membership growth, it continues to be an on going goal. Thank you to the courage, commitment and action of Lion Anna Wickenhauser and her husband Lion Don, we have reached the goal of a new LEO club in the district.

As we count down the days to the end of my term as your

District Governor Sue Bowman Governor's Travels

June

- 4 Convention Committee Picnic/Mankato
- 5 Convention Planning Meeting/Waeca
- 6 Wells Lions Officer Installation
- 9 D-Feet hearing Loss Fund Raiser
- 10 Albert Lea LakeView/ Cloverleaf Flight Breakfast
- 19 Hamburg Club Visit
- 29 Cologne LEO Charter Night

District Governor, I hope if there is any thing you have learned from me, it is to be careful with criticism and liberal with praise and build up members, and most important to treat each other with the love and concern we share with our "family". Help each of your members to be proud and happy to be part of the 5M2 Lions Family.

I think Helen Keller expressed my feelings best: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

Thank you all for touching the hearts of Lion Bill and me!

Welcome to the 5M2 Lions Family

New Member Sponsor Chaska Caitlin Walstrom Coloane Jeff Hackler Donald Smith Faribault Tony Ranslow Ray Brekke Mankato Sunrise Paul Gorman Mark Dickey Northfield Dan Borgan Dave Ludescher Jeff Johnson Dave Ludescher Stewart Stuart Lubbert Joseph Maiers Waconia Time Hukriede Jerry Schulz Waseca Russell Weir Neil Fruechte Watertown Paul Neaton Pat Lynch James Nelson John Hanlev Winsted Debbie Workman Margaret Kritzeck

A Lion's View

District Governor Elect

Ron Dahlke



With the beginning of summer 2012, also begins a "busy" season for many Lions' sponsored activities.

From staffing numerous food and beverage stands to calling BINGO games;

From assisting with community celebrations and county fairs to serving treats to Senior Citizens in Assisted Living and Nursing Homes;

From sponsoring Youth Exchange students in area homes to assisting with Special Olympic events and Little League games....

All these activities and more are the evidence and the heart of what Lions do best....Service to Others!

Whatever your Club involvement in any summer activities, be sure to publicize your events. Take pictures of Lions in action and Lions having fun, such as serving food, planting trees, caring for a neighborhood park or garden. Then write a good caption or short accompanying article and send it on to a local newspaper. Most newspapers welcome this type of news and will find some space to print it.

Also very effective is a radio announcement of upcoming Club events and don't forget a press release to the same station, giving some positive results of the event. Many times a person in the community will state "I didn't know the Lions were sponsoring that event". Don't let that be an excuse.

It is said that the best kept secret in some communities is the work of the Lions Club. The public needs to have an awareness of ALL THAT YOU DO! Not only will everyone have a better idea of what we're all about, your Club may also attract new members who share similar interests and talents.

Above all, be safe in your travels and in all that you do.

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!

The Albert Lea LakeView Lions

Celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees at the new Edgewater Pavilion in Albert Lea. Lion members Alice Petersen, Annie Mattson, Lorna Berg and Pam Hobson and assisted by Joe Grossman, Parks Superintendent and other



city worker planted several trees. The LakeView Lions donated \$500.00 to the City of Albert Lea to purchase trees. Several different kinds of trees were purchased including Redmond linden, linden sentry, burr oak, Kentucky coffee tree, Valley Forge elm, crabapple and maple.

Joan's Thoughts

Joan Blank First Vice District Governor Elect <u>Results of Leader Dog Can</u> Challenge

Challenge

Co-Chair Shirley Hespenheide and I have had a very fun and successful campaign for Leader



Dogs for the Blind with the Region/Zone challenge to collect enough funds in the passing of the cans at respective meetings to purchase a Kapten Plus from each region at a cost of \$295.00. The competition really heated up in the last round of zone meetings in April, with first Zone 7 being the top dog givers, only to be outdone by Zone 9, who got beat out by Zone 5. The final figures for each region were:

Region 1 – 303.82 Region 2 – 411.05 Region 3 – 388.21

By these figures you can see that each region was able to purchase a Kapten Plus GPS unit, along with additional funds going to Leader Dog. Due to the increased awareness for Kapten Plus units through this challenge, Lion Shirley and I are delighted to report that the following individual Clubs also purchased a unit on their own: Hutchinson, Prior Lake, Jordaness, Blooming Prairie, Le Sueur and Northfield. I hope I didn't miss any Clubs, but if so, let me know. Lion Shirley also received \$121 from Minnesota Lake Lions Club designated for a Kapten Plus.

Lions Shirley and I also had a wonderful surprise by receiving notification from DG Sue informing us that Lion Jack and she would like to donate \$1,000 from the Journey for Service to purchase an additional 3 Kapten Plus units, one for each region in 5M2. That makes a total of 12 units from 5M2. That is fantastic!

Lions Shirley and I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the clubs in 5M2 and especially DG Sue and Lion Jack for supporting Leader Dogs for the Blind in such a generous fashion. Twelve persons who are visually impaired will be extremely grateful to you all for their increased independence with the Kapten Plus.

COOL Training

I had the privilege of providing the training for Tail Twisters at the April 30th "Cool" Training. We had a small group of Tail Twisters, but we did have fun. Each participant was given a great booklet with detailed information on the Do's and Don'ts of Tail Twisting, along with pages of Tail Twisting suggestions. If you were unable to attend, but would like a copy, please send me an email and I will be sure to get one into your hands.

I would love to attend your Club's summer events, so don't be shy about sending an invitation my way. Thanks for all your hard work!

From the Field-Jordaness

There were 175 excited kindergarten graduates that went home from school on May 2 with Norway Pine saplings to plant. Each tree included planting instructions and a tag explaining that their tree was a Norway Pine and is the Minnesota State tree. This project is participation of the "Protecting our Environment" initiative.



The weather did not cooperate very well for the City Wide Garage sale on May 5. None the less, this is a fun event and appreciated by many, many shoppers and the Jordaness. The profits made by sale participant sign up fees are used to supplement our scholarship fund.

Club members will be volunteering their time to assist at the Kerber Family and Friends fundraiser on May 12. The club also has a tentative date on June 20th to help at "Feed My Starving Children". The club will also be "womaning" a concession booth at the high school baseball tournament held in Jordan on June 15. The city of Jordan puts out many flower beds throughout the city. The Jordaness have adopted one of these pots and will care for these plants throughout the summer.

A generous donation will be made to the Jordan Community Food Shelf, 3 Lions programs (the Lions Eye Bank, the Lions Hearing Foundation, Lions Club International Foundation), and for several other community needs. These donations are possible from the proceeds of our Bowling fundraiser held in January

Election of new officers is complete and several new officers attended COOL training.

The Jordaness Lions hosted a membership drive meeting on May 9. This meeting night consisted of a short business meeting with a focus on familiarizing potential new members to Lionism and the Jordaness club. Members of the club shared personal stories about their Lions experience with the group. The addition of door prizes and dessert added more fun to the event. Several guests attended the meeting and have or are considering membership.

The Jordaness Lions will be awarding scholarships to students who are members of the current graduating class of the Jordan High School and who understand the importance of volunteerism in today's society. Applicants are asked to submit an essay based on the importance of community volunteerism and their personal involvement. Because of the overwhelming support of our new bowling fundraiser, the club is able to add an additional scholarship this year. Interested applicants should check with the school for applications and specific guidelines. There will be 6 \$500 scholarships awarded. There are 14 applicants this year.



Mankato Lion returns from South Sudan

Mankato Lion Chuol Yat recently returned from his home country of the South Sudan. Lion Chuol



spent about 6 months distributing 2000 pair of glasses. He was met with open arms as he supplied many with the wonderful gift of sight. Glasses were supplied by the Mankato Lions. Mankato Lion and retired optometrist Bill Nelson made a device to scan the villagers eyes and matched them to glasses that would allow them to read again. He also brought children's books and seeds for planting. The Sudan is a very poor country. There were no cars or electricity in the area. Lion Chuol wore out a pair of shoes walking village to village.

Lion Chuol's Mother and relatives still live there. He fled the Sudan in 1983 at age 15 to escape the military and came to the United States in 1995. He has graduated from Minnesota State University with a sociology degree.

Lion Chuol hopes providing the Sudanese with glasses will lead to more humanitarian programs to provide clean water, food and medical supplies. He hopes to establish a Lions Club in the Sudan!



LCIF Using US\$21 Million Donated by Lions to Help Japan

Following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in March 2011, generous donations from Lions around the world helped us mobilize more than US\$21 million to provide disaster relief in Japan. And with more than 100,000 Lions in Japan, earthquake and tsunami relief projects are well underway. LCIF has provided US\$1 million to provide 2,000 high pressure cleaners to reduce radiation levels, US\$1.2 million to help revitalize the seafood industry and US\$1.5 million to create a special victims' assistance fund and Lions command and operation centers. Learn more.

One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative

Measles is one of the deadliest vaccine-preventable diseases, taking the lives of 450 children each day. In developing countries, nearly one third of children who contract measles suffer complications, including corneal scarring. The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to raise US\$10 million through LCIF to help save children across the world. You can find information about the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative on the new LCIF blog.

LEHP Promotes Healthy Vision

Did you know that vision loss is not a normal part of aging? But, as you get older, you're at higher risk of developing eye diseases and conditions leading to vision loss or blindness. The Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) can help your club promote healthy vision in your community. The LEHP "Making Vision a Health Priority" and "Age-Related Eye Diseases and Conditions" toolkits are user-friendly resources you can distribute at community events. LEHP also provides PowerPoint presentations and Speaker's Guides you can use to host an educational workshop in your community or at your next Lions club meeting.

Club Excellence Process Feedback Needed

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a four step workshop designed to help clubs evaluate the needs of the club and the community. A trained facilitator and workbook guide the discussion focusing on service, communication, growth and involvement. Has your club or district held a CEP Workshop? We want to hear from you. Send an e-mail and tell us about your club or district success in setting and accomplishing CEP goals.





Chair Gordon Simonson, President Betty Giloman and Lion Ray Ozmun

African Library Project

This is the third year the Northfield Cannon Valley lions are participating in the African Library project.

The club with chair Gordon Simonson became interested in the project after reading an article in the Lions magazine in Feb 2009. The African library project coordinates book drives in the US and partners with African schools and villages to start small libraries. With the understanding most African children grow up without any books causing illiteracy the hope is for books to pave a literate Africa in the future. And the main language used in these countries in English.

The first year we hunted garage sales and anywhere else we could get children's books shipping 1000 books in 2010. The children were so thankful they sent a letter asking if we would ship more books so in 2011 we actively collected cast off books from libraries in Cannon Falls, Hastings and Northfield being able to ship 2000 books. And this year again we shipped 200 books again with the help of the libraries, members collecting books and the Northfield hospital auxiliary book sale, we could ship books to, two different schools in Swaziland a primary school, and a high school. Lion Gordon and his wife do most of the collecting, storing and packing of the books. The biggest cost is the shipping of the books, both to a holding spot in the USA and the international shipping to Africa, our local Taylor truck line has helped defray the cost.

We are already starting to collect gently used books for primary and secondary students for next year's shipment, we as a club are committed to this project and feel honored we

can help so many children. If anyone would like to donate books to the drive any Northfield Cannon Valley Lion will gladly take them. It will surely put a smile on a young person's face.

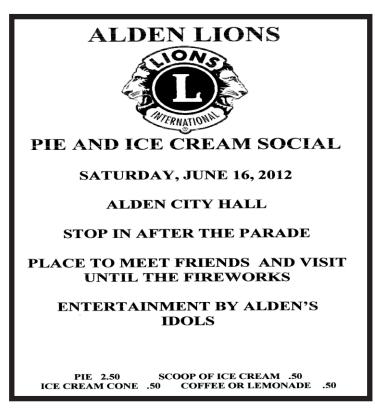




District Governor Sue Bowman at the LeSueur Lions club meeting.



In this picture are Le Sueur Lions President Phil Lee. Receipent winners, Lions Lee Plonske, Chuck Sunderman and Randy Baum. This award is a Hearing Foundation Fellowship presented by the Lions Multiple District 5M Hearing Foundation, Inc.



N.O.W.

What is with those little N.O.W. signs? N.O.W is the GMT/GLT theme thatwill be used for the remainder of this year and all of the 2012-2013 Lions



year. But what does N.O.W stand for? Actually, it has a dual meaning. The first meaning is simple. If you have not asked someone to become a Lion, the best time to do that is Don't wait!!N.O.W is the best time! Asking N.O.W. someone to become a Lion means that you have to talk with the person about Lions, give them a bit of Lions history, a sense of what Lion are all about, some examples of how Lions impact people's lives on the local and international levels, and some sense of what Lions means to you and how Lions club membership has impacted your life. And why do you need to use this personal approach? Because there is No Other Way to give someone reason to become a Lion other than to give them a sense of how they can serve their community. No Other Way to let prospective members know how they really can make a difference in people's lives.

The reason we need to ask people to become Lions is that we cannot fulfill our mission to serve without good, guality members. We often hear from Lions that they do not want to hear about membership; that they've heard it all before. We need to get past that attitude and take membership and retention seriously. Let me give you some examples. In this Lions year, current to the end of April, Multiple District 5M added 1,463 members to its membership roster. And that is great news! However, in that same time period, we have dropped 1,737 members. So on one hand we still do a great job of inviting people to become Lions, and people respond to the message and invitation. But we need to do a much better job keeping the members we have. More than 50% of new members drop within the first 3 years of membership. Most of those drops occur because we have not gotten new members involved in the club's activities. It takes only one person to ask someone to become a Lion, but it takes the entire club to make sure that the new members feels welcome, feels valued, and feel like they are really a part of an organization that can reach so many people who would otherwise have nowhere else to turn for help.

One of International President Tam's initiatives this year is to make sure that we treat all the members of our clubs as we would treat our own family members. If we are successful, the Lions that join our clubs now will be Lions long into the future. Thank you for all that you have done for your clubs, communities, and districts. Keep up the great work!! I am absolutely confident that we will have positive growth in our clubs and districts, and that Lionism in MD5M has a bright, strong future.

Remember, N.O.W. is the time to ask someone to become a Lion. N.O.W. is the time to begin making sure that your club is a friendly and inviting club, and a club that someone would want to join. To achieve our goals, there is No Other Way.

The Minnesota Lake Lions

Held their regular meeting on Wednesday April 25. 14 members were present. Jerry Proehl spoke to the Lions in behalf of the Maple River Band Boosters. Jerry told about the upcoming band trip to New Orleans. The Booster Club was looking for funds to help defray the cost so that all



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could go. The Lions voted to make a donation to the Booster club.

Arline Richter a 5M2 district chairman for the Lions Multiple District 5M Hearing Foundation, Inc. was our guest speaker. Lion Arlene talked about all the things the Lions have accomplished with their donations to the Hearing The money goes for purchasing Foundation, Inc. equipment to aid in the research of hearing problems. Their next big fund raiser is "D-Feet Hearing Loss". This will be held June 9, 2012 at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. They have different routes for you to walk. They are hoping to raise funds and awareness to hearing loss and the isolation associted to those inflicted with hearing loss. The Lions financial support allosw them to implement and endorse programs such as the Lions Children's Hearing Center (est 1995); Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic (est. 2011): Lions Professorship (est 2011): Research (ongoing) and Diagnostic equipment for the new clinic (2011).

Please help us support the important clinical care, research and programs pledged by the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation. Please check out their website: www.5mhf.org.

The Minnesota Lake Lions will be making a donation for this fundraiser. The community is welcome to go on line and also make a donation.

The Minnesota Lake Lions have decided not to host "Jazz in the Park" this year. The Minnesota Lake Lions will be taking their turn in the Dietz Brat Stand on June 1 and June 2. Your support is welcomed.

If anyone is interested in joining the Minnesota Lake Lions please feel free to attend any of our meetings. Our next meeting will be held May 9 at 6:15 p.m. in the Lembke building.

Lion President Vern Breamer presented Lion Arlene with 250 toy wooden cars to be taken to the Lions Children's Hearing Center. These cars are a project of the Minnesota Lake Lions. The Lions buy the wheels, Vern makes the cars, then the cars are given to the children who are being treated at the Hearing Center.

Do you give donations to the American Diabetes Association? What do they do with the money?

The American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Area is currently planning our two largest programs of the year: Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint and our Diabetes Expo. As Lions Club members I would like you to see how your dollars are being spent. I personally want to invite you to visit one or both of these programs this year.

Camp Needlepoint sessions are Sunday, August 12 to Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19 to Saturday, August 25. Since registration and camper pick-up are scheduled for the Sundays and Saturdays, we ask that you schedule a day during the week. Your trip to camp will include a tour of the camp facility, lunch with the campers and an opportunity to meet the medical staff, counselors and campers. Camp is located just south of Hudson, Wisconsin. Contact Chris Schaefer at 1-888-342-2383, ext. 6592 or by email at <u>cschaefer@diabetes.org</u> to schedule your club's visit. We ask that you not show up without first contacting us as we need to know who is onsite for the safety of the campers and staff. Talk to the campers you sponsor and hear firsthand what the experience means to them.

Our annual Diabetes Expo will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Minneapolis Convention Center. It is billed as "the Home & Garden show of diabetes" and includes workshops, cooking & fitness demonstrations, free health screenings, an "Ask the Expert" area, and over 70 vendors of diabetes products and services. Last year over 8,400 people attended; we're expecting more this year. Lions can get involved in several ways:

- We invite you as a 5M Lion to come to learn more about diabetes.
- We need many day-of-event volunteers for this activity. Lions Clubs in may want to volunteer as a club. Many clubs helped last year and by wearing their vests gained more recognition for Lions Clubs. Volunteer for a few hours (time slots are 8:15 AM 12:00 PM or 11:30 AM 3:15 PM) or for the entire day. Please contact me at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or at cschaefer@diabetes.org if you or a club would like to volunteer. This year the 5M Lions Clubs will also be having a booth at EXPO!
- Several areas outside of the Twin Cities worked on organizing buses to and from the Expo for members of their community. Clubs from several communities in your District could set up a bus route with several stops to pick up people. Work with your local clinics, hospitals, churches, etc. to get the word out. If you are thinking about having a bus please contact me at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or <u>cschaefer@diabetes.org</u> for more information. All people will have free admission to the Expo and there will be free bus parking at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

We appreciate the support we have received from Lions Clubs in the past. We would love to have you see how that funding is used and the impact it has on people in Minnesota! PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE Glencoe, MU PERMIT #18

> Cologne Leo Club P.O. Box 174 Cologne Mn, 55322

Greetings Fellow Lions,

The Cologne Lions are proud to announce the Charter Night of the Cologne Community Based Leo Club. We are warmly extending this invitation to your club to come share in our night. International Director Brian Sheehan will be doing the Induction Ceremony.

Date: Friday June 29th, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:45pm Social

Dinner: 7:00 pm

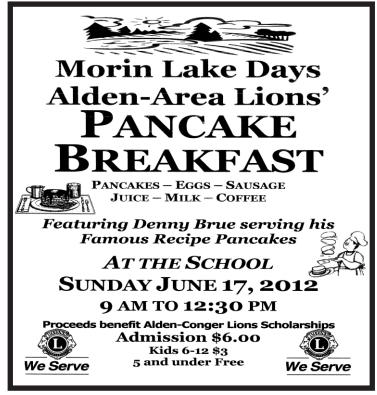
Place: Cologne Community Center 1211 Village Pky Cologne Mn. 55322

Menu: Broasted Chicken and Ham Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll and Dessert.

Cost: \$10.00

Please rsvp no later than Monday June 25 to: Lion Anna Wickenhauser lionannaw@gmail.com

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The Cologne Lions have something to Roar about.

On May 10th 2012 the Cologne Lions sponsored a Community Based Leos Club. So far the club has approximately 30 members and is still growing. The club is available to anyone who has the desire to join and is completely Leo Advisors free. Anna Wickenhauser, Denise Parish and Eva Concagh from the Cologne Lions are taking a different approach than traditional Leo Clubs. The Leos have rented a space that used to



house a restaurant. The name of their space is called The Clubhouse. On certain days of the week there will be mentors from the community at large coming into the Clubhouse and teaching members of the community and the Leos their skills. So far we have mentors that will be sharing cake decorating, book clubs, quilting, sewing, gardening, card games such as Sheephead, Cribbage. The community mentors are coming out of the woodwork wanting to share their time and talents. The funding so far is coming from Community Businesses, members and Lions Clubs. We are actively seeking sponsorships to help offset the utilities and rent etc. The Leos have started networking and going forward with fundraising and working on community service projects. Our Charter night will be Friday June 29th at the Cologne Community Center at 6:00 pm. We would love to have everyone come and show their support. If you would like to financially donate please mail your checks to Cologne Leos at P.O. Box 147 Cologne Mn. 55322 or e-mail Anna Wickenhauser at lionannaw@gmail.com

