



# Service Blooms



January 2011

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Bill Curtis, Editor



Owatonna Lions Club members stand by their chapter flag at a recent October meeting. The Lions are currently fundraising with their Pies for Eyes to benefit South America residents who can't afford eyeglasses.



DGLion Eunice giving out Peter Trocke's 25 yr award when she visited our GI Lions club.



DG Eunice giving out a Melvin Jones Award to Mary Oldenburg, a member of the Jordan Jordaness club.



At its December meeting, the Hamburg Lions Club presented a Helen Keller Award to Lion Harriet Latzke, (front row) and Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to (Back row L to R), Lion Joel Franck, Lion Brian Herrmann, Lion Willy Fuellner and Lion Duane Kroells. Lion Duane received a Progressive MJF Award in recognition of his donation of a retirement benefit received from his employer for his 42+ years of employment. Assisting with the awards, but not pictured were Lion Jean Dahlke, Director, MN Lions Eye Bank Inc, and 2nd VDG Ron Dahlke, District 5M-2 LCIF Coordinator.

# Blooms and Blossoms and...More

Greetings:

Christmas has come and gone and we are in a New Year! It is a time to take a look at how we are doing both in our personal lives and in our Lions lives. (For your information as you probably know, January 1st is the biggest day for people to begin a diet to lose weight.)

Many times we need to look at things from a different perspective and a different vision. We need to look at new projects, fundraisers and methods of getting new members into this wonderful service organization.

Remember, December and January are the months that we are to focus on relieving hunger. Plan events in January involving the collection and distribution of food. LCIF is also our tool that gives us the opportunity to extend service to humanity in every part of the world, irrespective of where we are located. And if a need arises in our area, Lions around the globe rush in to offer their support as they did with our grants received this past fall for the flood disaster.

Next month on February 11-13 is my District Convention. We have many things planned for you including the Necrology Service, the Friday night music with the "Rockin Hollywoods" and prizes for the best costumes.

On Saturday morning, we have wonderful seminars planned and our Write-Off Winner announced. Our special International Guests are ID Judge Haynes Townsend, who will be our banquet speaker and Lion Donna from Georgia and our guests PID Bill Crawford and PDG Julie Crawford from California. PID Bill will be our speaker for the Saturday noon luncheon.

We've got the talent show on Saturday night after the banquet with prizes for the winner and PDG Len Quinn, Leader Dog representative, speaking to us at the Sunday brunch.

He is always fun to listen to!

So you won't want to miss any part of the Convention!

Hope to see all of you there.

District Governor Eunice Rucks



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## Governors Travels

### January 2011

- 5 Henderson Club Visit
- 6 All Mankato Clubs Visit
- 8 5M-5 Mid-winter Convention (Brooklyn Center)
- 8 5M-6 Mid-winter Convention (Bloomington)
- 11 Waconia Club Visit
- 15 5M-7 Mid-winter Convention (Bloomington)
- 16 5M-9 Mid-winter Convention (Breezy Point)
- 17 Brownton Club Visit
- 18 LeCenter Club Visit
- 20 Silver Lake Club Visit
- 21 5M-1 Mid-winter Convention (Austin)
- 22 Hutchinson and Hutchinson Lioness Club Visit
- 25 Norwood and West Carver N/Y Club Visit
- 27 New Market-ElkoWebster Club Visit
- 28 5M-11 Mid-winter Convention (Moorhead)
- 28 5M-4 Mid-winter Convention (Willmar)
- 31 District Convention Meeting (Lonsdale)

## This is Good

Sue Bowman, VDG

Best wishes for a very happy and prosperous new year. Of course, it takes more than best wishes to achieve happiness and prosperity. As I mentioned last month, I am still sorting Lions papers and materials in an attempt to be organized and ready for the responsibilities of District Governor. I have come across any number of bits of wisdom I hope to share in the months ahead.

Have you heard the remarkable story of Lion and former President Jimmy Carter and his friend (but political foe) former Vice President Dick Chaney? For some reason when VP Chaney encountered some circumstance in his life, whether positive or negative, he would remark, "That is good".

One day Jimmy Carter and his friend the VP were out hunting. Dick Chaney always was the one to prepare and load the guns. Evidently, he misloaded one of the guns and when Jimmy Carter fired it, somehow his thumb was blown off! After realizing what happened the VP remarked as usual, "That is good". The President hollered back, "No, this is NOT good", and immediately sent the VP to prison.

Then last year, while at the International Lions Convention in Australia, Lion Carter was hunting in an area where he should have stayed away from. Cannibals captured him and took him to their village. They tied his hands, stacked some wood, and started a fire under a huge kettle. As they were about to throw him in the huge pot, they noticed that Lion Carter was missing a thumb. Being very superstitious, they never ate anyone that was less than whole. They untied him and let him go.

President Carter thought back to the incident that took his thumb. He greatly regretted the treatment of VP Chaney. When he returned home, he immediately went to the prison to talk to his friend. "You were right" he told the VP, "it was a good thing my thumb was blown off". He went on to tell the story of what had happen to him in Australia with the cannibals. The President told him he was very sorry for sending him to prison for so long. "It was bad for me to do this" reasoned the President.

"No, this is good" responded the VP. The president asked, "What do you mean, 'This is good', how could it be good that I sent my friend to prison for a year?"

"If I had NOT been in prison, I would have been with you!"

What a lesson this story teaches. Situations may not be enjoyable while we are in them, and the outlook seems bleak and hopeless, but with faith, a positive attitude, and persistence, all things work out.

Lion Bill and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at the 5M2 Lions Mid-Winter Convention, February 11-13. There is still time to register, invite your new members to join you for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and learning. This is good!!!

## A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke  
Second Vice District Governor

Well, it looks like a good ol' fashioned Minnesota Winter is upon us. With record snowfalls in December, could we be so lucky as to not have much snow the rest of the way? Only time will tell.

For the record, I did receive several responses to "The Rooster" questions in last month's article. The first being Lion John Gilster and his spouse, Arlene, from the Hamburg Lions Club. Others providing information were Lion Willard Sauter of the Cologne Lions, and PDG Ellsworth Becker of the Glencoe Lions. It was very interesting hearing their recollections of that year's Convention.

From the monthly reports received for December, it is evident that many of the Clubs in our District continue to provide much needed service to others in their communities. Santa Helpers collecting gifts for those in need; Providing fruit baskets to shut-ins; Making donations to food shelves; Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army....the list goes on and on. For your efforts, I thank you.

But stop for a moment...without a Lions Club in your community, what would happen? How would these projects continue? With the many hands-on projects such as those listed above, think of the effect if there were not enough Lions' volunteers to do these deeds.

That is why it is important to extend an invitation to a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative to join us in accomplishing our goals. As you read this article, I know each of you have several persons in mind, who share your passion to help others. Remember, only you, as a Lions member, can extend the invitation to a friend and give them the opportunity to grow as you have. Make it YOUR New Year's resolution to ask at least one person to be a Lion before June 30, 2011.

Again, be sure to join us for the 2011 District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention at Mankato, February 11-13, hosted by Zone 6, which will include fellowship, great seminars, food, entertainment and fun! Visit my hospitality room early and visit often.

Have a Happy and Healthy 2011!

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!

# Club Activities

**Albert Lea** - Donated dictionaries to area 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

**Albert Lea Clover Leaf** - Rang bell for Salvation Army. Club donated to Salvation Army.

**Albert Lea Lakeview** - Volunteered at community food shelf. Delivered Senior meals. Hosted annual Service Club Luncheon. Rang Bells for Salvation Army.

**Alden** - Completed Christmas Dinner Theater. Had Kids crafts at Yule Tyme Christmas. Donated to Can Do Canines.

**Amboy** - Collected food and money for food shelf. Sang at Nursing Home. Donated to Salvation Army. Winner of Peace Poster announced.

**Arlington** - Wrapped gifts at Santa's Helpers. Had tacos at high school basketball game to fund IPDG Darwin Mathwig's Scholarship Fund. Donated \$2500 for Auto Pulse Machine to Ambulance.

**Blue Earth** - Donated to Developmentally Delayed Christmas party. Donated to Blue Earth Area Town and Country Players.

**Carver** - Hosted bar for City Employees Christmas party. Hosted Santa visit, Senior Christmas luncheon. Delivered poinsettias to So. Valley Battered Woman. Hosted bloodmobile and food and beverage to donors.

**Chaska** - Completed Hope for Holidays. Bought Christmas presents for local family.

**Cologne** - Completed Santa Breakfast. Donated to CAP Agency. Intl. Convention Band, Post Prom Party-Central, Cologne Fire Dept. Part Sponsorship of FFA student to Leadership Conference.

**Courtland** - Completed Santa Day for kids. Donated to 5M Marching Band Fund. Gave cash to New Ulm Food shelf.

**Ellendale** - Donated gift cards to needy families.

**Faribault** - Donated to Emerald Danceline, Mn. Lions Eye Bank. Did eyeglasses for students in need.

**Glencoe** - Sponsored Holly Days lighted parade. Held hot dog stand during parade. Donated to 5M marching band. Donated to MN Lions Eye Bank and Peace Poster winner and to Write Off Winner.

**Green Isle** - Donated toys for Santa Anonymous, wrapped gifts for Santa Anonymous. Rang bells for Salvation Army.

**Hamburg** - Provided free lunch with Santa Dec. 18. Donated to MD5 Marching Band, Can-Do-Canines, Friendship Ventures and used freezer to City of Hamburg.

**Henderson** - Collected gifts and helped wrap gifts for Santa's Helpers. Participated in Chamber Appreciation Day. Helped with blood mobile. Donated \$300 for CPR class held at local church Hutchinson Checked hearing and eye sight for the public school. Donated to Avevrion Home and Franklin Home for girls.

**Jordan** - Completed breakfast with Santa fundraiser for Food Basket Program. Donated to Community Fund and Jordan Basketball Association.

**Jordaness** - Did world service bingo. Gave out children's toys. Had hot dog feeds and completed fashion show.

**Lafayette & Area** - Donated to Santa Day. Donated to Can Do Canines.

**Le Center** - Had Lucky 13 Christmas drawing. Provided workers for the Le Center Holly Daze parade and food shelf. Donated to Lions Eye Bank in memory of Lion Keith Hobday and Lion Don Woelfel.

**Le Sueur** - Completed Christmas Tree Sales. Donated to Courage Center, LSH activities fund, held drawing for raffle and donated to Henderson Fire Dept. proceeds from Wheelchair Jamboree.

**Lester Prairie** - Completed treat bags for Community Christmas party. Donated \$500 to Lester Prairie After Prom Party.

**Lonsdale** - Did Salvation Army bell ringing. Donated to Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, Food Shelf.

**Mankato** - Rang bells for Salvation Army. Donated to Salvation Army.

**Mankato Key City** - Donated to Echo Food Shelf.

**Mankato Sunrise** - Club checked ID's and issued write bands at concert at Mankato Civic Center. Club assisted with Mankato Area Sharing Tree gift sorting and distributed to needy kids.

**Mayer Watertown Dandy Lions** - Sponsored Santa Day in Watertown with 170 children attending.

**Montgomery** - Participated in Torchlight Parade. Helped unload food shelf truck. Donated Fruit for Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

**New Auburn** - Worked Santa's helpers. Collected food for Sibley Cty Food Shelf. Donated to city of New Auburn for remodeling of city of New Auburn. Donated to GSL after prom party.

**New Market-Elko-Webster** - Donated to Thanksgiving dinners/gift cards for 135 people. Raised funds for Armful of Love by holding bullhead/fish fry. Shopped for 3 families. Made,

# Club Activities

Packages and sold 2200 lbs of sausage for fundraisers. Went caroling at local senior center, provided refreshments, lap blankets and goodie bags. Held Santa pancake breakfast. Provided glasses for two children.

**New Richland** - Completed pancake breakfast for family devastated in Sept. flood. Helped with Eye exams and glasses for 3 grade students in local school.

**Nicollet** - Donated food and money for food shelf.

**Northfield** - Donated for eye exams and eye glasses, Phillips Lifeline, Christmas Sharing, Youth bowling, Health Finders Collaborations, Laura Baker School and Vision Honduras.

**Northfield Cannon Valley** - Completed Breakfast with Santa. Write off winners picked. Donated \$50 to IPDG Darwin's puppy donation. Collected food for food shelf.

**Norwood Young America** - Do meat raffles every Sunday. Completed Christmas Tree Sales. Donated \$500 to Central Cross Team for uniforms.

**Plato** - Delivered fruit baskets. Had Christmas brunch. Donated to food shelf.

**Prior Lake** - Sold Coloring books. Held bar bingo. Distributed holiday food, held senior lunch. Donated to Cub Scouts, Bridging, Can Do Canines, 5M Hearing Foundation, MN Lions Eye Bank, LCIF, Leader Dog, Lions Youth Exchange, Quest, Youth Activities, Spec. Olympics.

**Shakopee** - Completed Senior Christmas Party. Donated to Girl Scouts, St. Francis Medical Center, Smiles for Christmas. Donated money to help purchase medical tricycle for local youth.

**Silver Lake** - Donated to Silver Lake Senior Dining Program, Silver Lake Senior Citizens Connect Care/Blizzard Blast, GSL after prom party and new tennis court sign.

**St. Peter** - Completed kids/Christmas Party, poinsettia sales. Donated to Santa Anonymous.

**Stewart** - Did Senior Dining for one week. Sponsored Christmas Lighting Contest, Peace Poster Contest, and Write Off contest. Donated to Food to Kids.

**Victoria** - Completed pancake breakfast on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Donated to Community Living Donated to Victoria Firearms Training.

**Waterville** - Bingo two times weekly.

**Hutchinson Lioness** - Additional shopping for the needy of McLeod County. Donated to needy in McLeod County.

## SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## We Serve

**5M2 District Golf Outing**

**JUNGLE DAYS**

**2012 Bid for Jungle Days must be in to the district governor 30 days prior to Mid-Winter Convention!**

## Zone Person of the Year----Time is Running Out!

This is a friendly reminder to submit your club's nomination for Zone Person of the Year to Lion Sue Bowman by January 26. The deadline for application submissions has been extended by two weeks to accommodate your busy schedules. Your application needs to include a brief description of the nominee's Lions and community service and activities as well as length of Lions membership. Include the nominee's name, club, and zone, and club president's signature.

The Zone Person of the Year is a great opportunity to recognize and thank a Lion who has been an outstanding member and volunteer of your club. The winner from each district will be recognized at the Spring Zone Meeting.

If you have questions, please contact DG Eunice Rucks or VDG Sue Bowman. Mail submission to:

Lion Sue Bowman

PO Box 215

Geneva, MN 56035

**Deadline: January 26, 2011**

## VOTE LION JOAN BLANK

Candidate for

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

2011-2012



### Lions Service

- Lions member for 21 years
- Joined St. Peter Lions Club 1989
- Transferred to Nicollet Lions Club 1997
- Club President/Secretary/Board Member
- Best Lion Club Position Tail Twister
- Campaign SightFirst II Zone Chair
- Zone 4 Chairperson
- Leader Dogs for the Blind Co-Chair
- Graduate of the Lions Regional Leadership Institute
- Melvin Jones Fellow
- Helen Keller Sight Award
- International President's Award

### Fun Facts

Left banking career of 28 years to currently work at Capstone, a children's book publishing company.

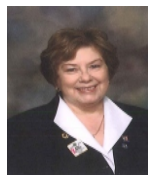
Love opportunities to give back to society

Very active in church

Married to Lion Kevin Blank for 30 years.

Three children: Becky, Jared and Kyle

Passionate about Lions



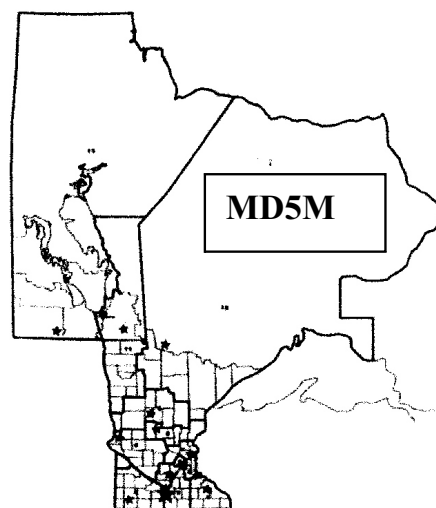
## Vote Lion Sue Bowman For District Governor 2011-2012

### Lions Service

- Charter Secretary of Albert Lea LakeView Lions 1992
- Club President twice, board member in various capacities for 27 years
- 5M2 Cabinet positions include Zone 9 Chair; Membership / Leadership / Activities Chair
- Currently serving a six year term on the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation
- Graduate of the Lions Regional Leadership Institute
- Consecutive attendance at every Mid Winter since 1979
- Melvin Jones Fellow
- Helen Keller Sight Award
- Hearing Foundation Fellow

### Personal / Professional

- Employment Counselor for the State of MN
- Vice President TCM Commodities Inc.
- Member Rochester Human Resources Association /Chamber of Commerce
- Local church council
- Married to Lion Bill Bowman for 41 years; two sons, Jason (Pam) and Michael (Alissa)
- Community volunteer



**JOIN US AT THE BEND IN THE RIVER**

**MDM 5M 2011 Convention**

**Mankato, Minnesota**

**April 29 through May 1, 2011**

**Forums, Fun, Entertainment, & Meals**

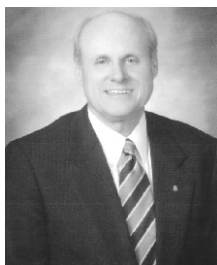
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**WILLIAM J. CRAWFORD**  
**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**  
DG EUNICE & PID MAYNARD RUCKS' SPECIAL WEEKEND GUESTS

William J. Crawford, of Encinitas, California, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 87th International Convention, held in Detroit, Michigan, USA/Windsor, Ontario, Canada, July 5-July 9, 2004.



WILLIAM "BILL"  
J. CRAWFORD

Past Director Crawford is an attorney.

A member of the West Covina Lions Club since 1979, Past Director Crawford has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and multiple district council chairperson. Additionally, he was an international board appointee, a nominations committee member, convention parliamentarian, convention resolutions committee member, leadership institute chairperson, leadership institute faculty member and USA/Canada Forum Committee member and speaker.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including Cub of the Year, Monarch of the Year, 100% Club President Award, 23 years of Perfect Attendance, City of Hope-Life Sustainer Award and the Dwight Stanford Fellowship Award. Past Director Crawford has received two Proclamation Awards, 10 District Governor Appreciation Awards, a 50-Member Master Key, four President's Awards, three Leadership Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest award bestowed upon association members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Crawford is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, American Subcontractors Association, Cal Poly State University president's council, Association General Contractors, Army & Navy Academy legal advisor, AYSO Soccer Board of Directors, West Covina Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is preeminent rated with the American Bar Association, received a humanitarian award from Archbishop Timothy Manning and was named the Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year.

Past Director Crawford and his wife, Julie, who is also a Melvin Jones Fellow and member of the Encinitas Lions Club, have three children.

**Vote for Lion Ron Dahlke**  
**Candidate for**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor**  
**2011-2012**



- Member of Glencoe Lions since June 1, 1992
- Perfect Attendance Award for 17 years
- Member of Board of Directors- 13 years
- Budget & Finance Committee Chairperson, 2003-present
- Chairperson of Membership Committee-
- Chairperson of Various Club Fund Raising Committees-
- Club Secretary 4 years, 1996-2000
- 100% Club Secretary, 1996-2000
- Served as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, 2000-01
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 2001-02
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2002-03
- Club President, 2003-04
- 100% Club President, 2003-04
- Co-Chairperson, 5M-2 2006 Mid-Winter Convention Planning Committee
- Zone 1 Chair person, 2005-06
- Region 1 Chair person 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09
- 5M-2 L.C.I.F. District Coordinator, 2009-present
- International President's Certificate of Appreciation- 2005-06
- Melvin Jones Fellowship Award- 2004
- Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Helen Keller Sight Award- 2002,
- Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Progressive Helen Keller Sight Award- 2007
- MD5M Hearing Foundation Hearing Research Fellow Award- 2000
- MD5M Hearing Foundation Progressive Hearing Research Fellow Award- 2005
- MD5M Regional Leadership Institute Graduate-April, 2007
- Senior Lions Leadership Institute Graduate-Albuquerque, NM November, 2010
- Sibley County 4-H Adult Leader- 11 years
- Married 38 years to Lion Jean Dahlke
- Father of 2 sons, Jason (Jennifer) and Jon
- 4 Grandchildren, Tyler and Megan Siewert, Ella and Ethan Dahlke

I appreciate and "Thank You" for your vote!

**MD5M Hearing Foundation Chair**  
**Lion Marlene Martinek**  
**Will be conducting**  
**Free hearing screenings**  
**Saturday afternoon at the Convention!**  
(at a scheduled time to be announced)

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## Lions Have Talent 2

The Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M2 are invited to show us your stuff by performing at the

### Mid Winter Convention Talent Show.

It will occur poolside,  
Saturday, February 12 after the banquet.

*Dance*

*Skits*

Register by: February 1st

Lion Lori Klein

Call:

612-790-7911

Email:

Lion.lori@yahoo.com

*Sing*

*Prizes Awarded*

*Standup Comedy*