

# What Kind of Mid-Winter are YOU Having?

by Vice District Governor Julie Carlbloom

It's obvious to me that Christina Rossetti never knew any Lions. Otherwise, there'd never have been a hymn (based on her poem) called "In the Bleak Midwinter." Midwinter in Minnesota is FAR from bleak! Preparations for our mid-winter convention are well under way, and many districts have already celebrated with their own conventions.

I'm looking forward to the weekend in Austin with great excitement. We have a number of terrific speakers coming, and many of you have registered to attend the festivities. I hope that you find the weekend informative, interesting, and invigorating. I know I will!



Apart from our convention, there are many wonderful things happening around the district. I just completed a visit to the Goodhue Lions Club, where I had the privilege to induct seven

new members and award prizes to two Peace Poster Contest winners. No one will EVER be able to call the Goodhue Lions Club bleak! In mid-February, the MERLO team is planning an informational meeting to possibly start another Lions Club in Stewartville. While the existing Lions and Lioness clubs do a wonderful job there, we believe there are a number of wonderful people out there who are willing and able to help, but can't work the current clubs' meetings into their schedule. We've already been in contact with some of them and hope that the meeting provides the information and the impetus to get a new group of volunteers out in southeast Minnesota serving their fellow men.

I hope to see you all at the mid-winter convention, and ask that those of you who will be voting delegates for your clubs place your vote for me to become your next district governor, and for Lion Al Fravert to be your next vice district governor. We're both looking forward to serving you and the Lions of District 5M1 in our new leadership roles.

• *Keep on Serving!*

## Can you be counted on?

by Lion Harold D. Thompson, chair Youth Exchange

Interesting choices for Lions of 5M1 in the Youth Exchange program. We have 23 countries that have youth available...

Switzerland ...1 male — 1 female	Turkey .....1 female
Norway .....1 male — 1 female	Denmark ....1 male — 1 female
Finland .....1 male — 1 female	Poland d .....1 female
France .....1 female	Peru .....1 female
England .....1 female	Brazil .....1 female
Austria .....1 male — 1 female	Iceland .....1 female
Sweden .....1 female	Spain .....1 female
Netherlands ...1 male — 1 female	Czech Republic 1 male — 1 female
Belgium .....1 male — 1 female	Slovakia .....1 female
Hungary .....1 male — 1 female	Luxembourg .....1 female
Germany .....1 male — 1 female	South Korea ...1 male — 1 female
Italy .....1 male — 1 female	

Call your District Youth Exchange chair, Lion Harold D. Thompson t 507-725-2009 or email <thom4@acegroup.cc>. We will verify availability and send you an application. This is for the June 2004 placement. If you have considered but aren't sure, call and perhaps we can place someone with you after answering your questions.

Placements are about six weeks, which includes a week of group camp.

*Looking forward to hearing from you.*

## Caledonia Lions Club

*Super Bowl*

### Super Card Party

February 1st, 2004

Caledonia Four Seasons  
Community Center

A Euchre tournament will start at 2:00 pm and the entry fee for the tourney is \$5.00. After the tournament watch the BIG game on a 12 foot HDTV.

*Free admission to watch the game.  
Charitable gambling, food, and beverages.*

**Remember your Clubs Parade  
of Green Checks...Give to  
District Treasurer Lion Greg  
Larson when you arrive!  
Separate checks for each entry  
the Club is donating to!**



**We Serve**

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