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I believe in miracles. I've seen them with my own eyes.

- Earlier this year when I visited Nairobi, Kenya, I met a mother who saw the faces of her children clearly for the first time. She could see because she had received a cornea transplant at the Lions Sight-First Eye Hospital.
- I also met a young boy there who was not doing well in school, but his grades had miraculously improved and now he hopes to become a medical doctor. He did better in school because he had been through a Lions AIDS and vision screening and his new eyeglasses allowed him to learn.
- In Burkina Faso, I saw a group of Roman Catholic nuns who were able to care for abandoned babies only because local Lions supported them with donations of food, supplies and money.
- Following the horrible earthquake in China, I witnessed a miracle of organization and cooperation. Lions Clubs International was able to maintain a constant presence in the devastated zone because volunteers from some of our newest clubs took responsibility for a specific 10-day period to be relieved by volunteers from another club, who also stayed for 10 days. The Lions of China kept this rotation going for as long as was needed.

We Lions perform miracles such as these every day – but what does it take to make a miracle? I believe it takes the three “H’s” – head, heart and hands. Every time a new member joins one of our clubs we add one head with which to dream, one heart with which to care and two hands with which to serve.

As the earthquake in China, the AIDS epidemic in Africa and poverty and blindness around the globe demonstrate, the world does not give us challenges in convenient, manageable sizes. To remain effective we must continually increase our capacity for service.

I am very pleased that over the past two years we have increased our ability to serve by thousands of heads, hearts and hands. As of October, there are 4,047 more Lions Club members worldwide than at the same point last year.

There are many reasons for this growth but one stands out: our clubs' attention to member retention is paying dividends. Not only are more members being recruited, far fewer members have dropped out of Lions Clubs during the first months of 2008-2009 than could be expected based on statistics from recent years. This is especially true in Constitutional Area 6, where membership losses have declined by more than 13 percent. Congratulations to the Lions of India, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East!

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Norton's Notes

By District Governor Ron Norton

Woo hoo! January - what a month; it's fast and busy. I plan on turning this article in to PDG Dudley by January 20th. Most likely you will be reading it during our mid-winter convention.



I hope you are attending it and enjoying it. If you are, then please tell your fellow Lions and make sure they go with you next year. Training events and conventions are not just for the leaders, but they are for all Lions. Those functions are excellent venues to pick up ideas, to be educated, to be inspired, and to enjoy camaraderie with other Lions, Lioness, and Leos.

During the first half of my term as district governor, I have been honored to have helped several clubs present Melvin Jones Fellowships to some very deserving Lions. Just ten days into my seventh month I had the privilege to help award a Melvin Jones Fellowship to one of my fellow club members. I'm not sure just what it was, but there was something about it which felt special. It went to Lion Bob Pike, a charter member since 1977 with perfect attendance for the entire time. He has worked at more projects than one can count. In addition to that being a very proud moment for me, I'm also trying to make a point. That point is that most, if not all clubs in Lions District 5M1, have very qualified and deserving members who should be recognized in public with some kind of award. There is an assortment of awards; the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the Helen Keller Award and the Lions Hearing Research Fellowship as the highest awards. I cherish my Lion of the Year award very much, so think about that one, also. There are many more, including making up a special one just for the occasion. Awards should be made in public at a meeting, ceremony, or some event. Those people are volunteers who work hard and unselfishly; they

should be thanked. Remember our "Everyday Heroes."

Please get your nominations committees formed and start working on getting candidates for your club officer positions. Your committee needs to give your club members 30 days notice of their choices. It would be an excellent idea to get started now, especially if your club meets in the second half of the month. If you give 30 days notice, then have your election, you will need to allow time enough for your secretary to turn the PU101 report by April 30th. I realize that you may have read somewhere that the deadline is in May, but we really need them by the first of May. The reason is that our multiple district executive secretary, Lion Bob Harms, must enter every district cabinet member, club president, and secretary and all their contact info into the multiple's directory and get it to the printer. It takes time to do that, set up, print, ship, and then hand out to everyone who is scheduled to receive it.

All Aboard!



Most clubs are very prompt, but some of you really need to be aware of deadlines. Those deadlines include remembering to report your club activities and membership by the end of the month and to pay all your bills within 30 days to your district and international. Any club which owes LCI the equivalent of \$20 or more per

member after 150 days will be suspended or dropped. If that happens, you can no longer do anything under the Lions Clubs International banner. So, PLEASE be aware of this. If you are getting close to that, either pay LCI, or call them and make some kind of arrangement. We really like you and want to keep you around for a long time. ☺

Lion Madonna and I really enjoy being with you at our club visits; you truly are "Everyday Heroes Performing Miracles Through Service."

P.S. ..." *A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done.* -- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Barb's Blog

By Vice District Governor Barb Ernster

January has been a busy month for me. I have attended mid-winter conventions in 5M5, 5M6, and 5M7. It is interesting to see the differences among each district. I did take notes and may implement some of them at next year's convention in 2010. I want to thank all who are in attendance at our convention in Austin.



One of the exciting things happening is the mail assignments I'm getting from LCI. I just received the second one. They are helping me to prepare for my year ahead. Besides that, I have assignments that I need to complete for my DGE training in March. The time does seem to go by so quickly. I've heard from a number of people to "enjoy the ride." It will be over before you know it.

In February, Mark and I will travel to Texas for a week's vacation. We will be with some of Mark's family and hope for some warmer weather while we are there.

Looking at the calendar, I see the zone meetings will begin in March. Please plan to attend and bring those new members along.

In May we have the MD5M Convention in Bloomington.

We can't forget the International Convention in Minneapolis July 6th – 10th. This is the closest we will have it for a long time. The deadline for \$100.00 early reservations has been extended for members of MD5M, as we are hosting. You can save money if you sign up to volunteer.

One person can do something, but many hands can do much more. Lions have caring hearts and willing hands to help those in need. What a privilege and opportunity to serve our communities and the world.

Serving with you,

Lion Barb

Grand Meadow Lions at Work

By Lion Linda Ottman

The Grand Meadow Lions had their annual Telethon Breakfast and served omelets, pancakes, and sausage. Seventeen Lions and children of Lions served about 300 people.



A great-looking omelet. Grand Meadow Lions cooked up a storm for three hours.

We turned in \$4,520.00 for three hours of serving. We also had entertainment for the whole time, including talent from three churches, a 90 year old concertina player, a blues musician, and a karaoke machine, among others.



Entertainment at the breakfast.

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Here are the numbers of all members added and lost in all constitutional areas.

| | Total Members Added | | | Drops | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Oct-07 | Oct-08 | Change | Oct-07 | Oct-08 | Change |
| U.S. and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas | 14,332 | 13562 | (770) | 16,387 | 16699 | 312 |
| Canada | 1,203 | 950 | (253) | 1,639 | 1630 | (9) |
| South America, Central America, Caribbean & Mexico | 3,915 | 3903 | (12) | 4,136 | 4366 | 230 |
| Europe | 5,524 | 5326 | (198) | 6,007 | 6278 | 271 |
| Orient and Southeast Asia | 17,650 | 16083 | (1,567) | 12,066 | 12996 | 930 |
| India, South Asia, Africa and Middle East | 14,545 | 17782 | 3,237 | 13,534 | 11750 | (1,784) |
| Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, S. Pacific | 2,018 | 1731 | (287) | 2,055 | 1571 | (484) |
| GRAND TOTALS: | 59,187 | 59337 | 150 | 55,824 | 55290 | (534) |

In many districts and multiple districts the membership plans created in Bangkok have already yielded excellent results. There are many resources available to help ensure that we continue to hear good news about recruiting and retention. Since it began in North America last year, the district extension workshop has proved to be one of the most effective. Since the program's inception, 59 new clubs and 20 branches have been formed.

The goal for each workshop is to form at least one new club near the training site, while simultaneously training 15 to 30 Lions per session on how to charter a new club.

To obtain a copy of the Extension Workshop Application or the Canvassing Training for New Club Development CD-ROM, please contact the New Clubs and Marketing Department by phone at 630-468-6815 or by e-mail:

newclubs@lionsclubs.org.

Editor's note: District 5M1 is planning to do this!

Please also remember that a limited number of membership and extension grants are available to help districts and multiple districts reach specific targeted groups including urban membership, women, young adults, ethnic and professional groups. I urge you to take the fullest possible advantage of the available funds. For more information on grants, please contact the New Clubs and Marketing Department by phone at 630-468-6815 or by e-mail: **newclubs@lionsclubs.org**.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is not a religious organization, but we Lions perform miracles every day. We feed the hungry, cure the blind, and serve with faith and dedication.

Sincerely,

Al Brandel

International President

DISTRICT GOVERNOR RON'S TRAVELS

"All Aboard"

- 🌟 1/29-2/1, Sat.--Sun. Mid-Winter Convention – Austin, MN
- 🌟 2/9, Mon. DG visit; St. Charles Lions
- 🌟 2/15, Sun. Valentine Dinner; Adams Lions
- 🌟 2/16, Mon. DG visit; Dennison Lions
- 🌟 2/28, Sat. Anniversary Dinner; Rochester Morning Lions

Support These Lions Club Projects!

Stewartville
Lions Club



DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST

All you can eat plus
sausage links, juice, milk
and coffee

March 22
American Legion Clubrooms
Stewartville, MN

Adults \$6.00
Children under 12 \$4.00
Children under 5 - FREE
8:30am to 12:30pm

Winona Rivertown Lions



Bread Bowl Supper

Tuesday, February 24th

At
Eagles Club
410 4th St.
Winona

Award Winning Chili

or

Chicken Wild Rice Soup

Served in a Bread Bowl

Lettuce Salad, Coffee or Milk

All for only

Adult \$7.00 ♦ Children (8 & under) \$4.00

Take out Available

Proceeds to benefit community
and Lions projects

A Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration

Rochester Morning Pride 25th Anniversary



You and your spouse/friend are cordially invited to help the Rochester Morning Pride Lions Club celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Saturday, February 28th
Rochester Senior Citizen Center
121 North Broadway
6pm social hour
7pm steak dinner
Cost: \$15 each

Reservations Required:
Deadline is February, 20th, 2009
Make checks payable to:
Morning Pride Lions Club

Check should be sent to:
2562 Boulder Ridge Ln NW
Rochester, MN 55943

Please join us to celebrate this milestone of 25 years of serving the world, District 5M1, and the SE Minnesota area.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Steve Norris
President
Email: ssnorris345@msn.com
Phone: 507-272-2193

Winona Lions Christmas Dinner

By PDG Jack Krage

33rd ANNUAL LION'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Winona Noon Lions made Christmas a little merrier for 163 people.

A tradition that started in 1976 was once again a huge success. A sit-down dinner was served to 91 guests, and an additional 72 meals were delivered to those people not able to attend. Much laughter and conversation filled the First Congregational Church dining hall as Lions and guests enjoyed the warmth and camaraderie.



Serving Christmas Dinner. Pictured are Lion Bob Doerer, center, his son to his left and Lion Sue Krage on the right. Pictured on the left are the Staneks who volunteered to spend the day with us.

Lion Don Macgillivray Honored

Rochester '76 Lions club member, Don Macgillivray, is being recognized for his many years of involvement in the Special Olympics program.

Lion Don is being presented with the 2008 Special Olympics Minnesota Spirit Award.

Lion Don is a retired City of Rochester employee who has been involved with Special Olympics for over two decades and is credited with bringing several programs together to help create the local Special Olympics program. Lion Don also convinced the district governor to create the Special Olympics cabinet post.

The state organization especially noted MacGillivray's continued devotion even after he diagnosed with ALS last year.



92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention
JULY 6-10, 2009 • MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, USA
Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form

Deadline for Advance Registration is May 1, 2009. See http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_conv_register.shtml for details.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION. Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
 Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____
 Postal Code _____ Country _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____ Leo Lioness

SPOUSE: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
 Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____ Lioness Non-Lion

CHILD: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Age _____
 CHILD: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Age _____

Club Delegate Alternate Delegate

This is my first LCI convention. Not my first convention, I have attended _____

Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]

The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation. Will you require a headset? No Yes

PACKAGE A: Includes convention registration for each name listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

Before December 31: Reservation in delegation hotel

After December 31: I prefer my delegation hotel

Prefer hotel based on: room rate of _____ location near convention center

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other _____

Indicate special needs _____ Subject to hotel availability.

* Hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Deposit will be credited to hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B: REGISTRATION ONLY. Includes convention registration for each person listed above.

NO ROOM REQUIRED. I am staying at _____

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS I/we are registered above and request tickets to the following event(s):

| EVENT | DATE/TIME | FEE | QUANTITY | AMOUNT DUE |
|---|------------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| Membership Key Award Breakfast | July 8 / 07:00 – 08:30 | \$35 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon | July 9 / 13:00 – 15:00 | \$50 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| “The Hero Awards” Banquet (2 Comp tickets for each past president and past director) | July 9 / 18:30 – 22:30 | \$120 | _____ | \$ _____ |

Meal Preference: None Vegetarian Indian Vegetarian Diabetic

PAYMENT • Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.

• Only Visa and MasterCard accepted. Credit card must be in the name of the registrant. • Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES

| | Adult | Child (17 and under) |
|----------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Early (before 31/Dec/2008) | US\$100 | US\$10 |
| Regular (1/Jan-1/May/2009) | US\$130 | US\$10 |
| Late (2/May/2009 – onsite) | US\$150 | US\$10 |

Package A:

Registrations: US\$ _____

Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Hotel Deposit: US\$ \$150.00

Total Due: US\$ _____

OR

Package B:

Registrations: US\$ _____

Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Total Due: US\$ _____

Check Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form)

Visa MasterCard Your name as it appears on the card _____

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date _____ - _____

Signature _____

Mail form and payment to: Attn: Convention Division • Lions Clubs International • 300 West 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA

Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (1-630) 571-1689 (If you fax, please **do not mail original**)

• Allow 4 weeks for processing and mail delivery of your confirmation.

Lion Ron Norton
District Governor 5M1

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We Serve



Feel free to copy any portion of this newsletter.

District 5M1 2008 - 2009
Activity Report / Point Contest Summaries

| <i>Region 1</i> | | <i>Region 2</i> | | <i>Region 3</i> | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>Zone 1</u> | <u>Zone 2</u> | <u>Zone 3</u> | <u>Zone 4</u> | <u>Zone 5</u> | <u>Zone 6</u> |
| Altura 20050 | Brownsville 9700 | Chatfield 52900 | Adams 36750 | Byron 8250 | Cannon Falls 42400 |
| Kellogg 16000 | Caledonia 28800 | Grand Meadow 25000 | Austin Morning 72350 | Dodge Center 20700 | Dennison 0 |
| Lewiston 27700 | Eitzen 21700 | Racine 14600 | Austin Noon 34000 | Hayfield 28550 | Goodhue 50200 |
| Plainview 37850 | Hokah 14450 | Rochester Host 9900 | Harmony 34500 | Kasson-Mantorville 40750 | Goodhue Lioness 1700 |
| St. Charles 56700 | Houston 58700 | Rochester Leo 0 | Lyle 30200 | Kenyon 31250 | Lake City 46950 |
| St. Charles Leo 87450 | La Crescent 44250 | C.A.T. | Lyle Lioness 0 | Pine Island 26250 | Mazeppa 68800 |
| Winona Leo 0 | Lanesboro 5100 | Rochester Morning Pride 31050 | Ostrander 29150 | Wanamingo 4800 | Red Wing 32600 |
| Winona Noon 15450 | Mabel 10200 | Rochester 76 43600 | Preston 33750 | Zumbrota 50800 | Zumbro Falls 4200 |
| Winona Rivertown 33950 | Rushford 30250 | Stewartville 39150 | Wykoff 0 | | Zumbro Falls Lioness 22000 |
| Winona Sunset 33900 | Spring Grove 9600 | Stewartville Lioness 8000 | | | |
| | | Stewartville Morning 44700 | | | |

Point accumulated as of January 22, 2009