



Cultivating the News from 9



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5M9 District Governor



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Lions Fly-In Breakfast - a Pine River tradition

by Katie Anderson, Pine River Journal

The Lions Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast, held in conjunction with Summerfest, has been around nearly as long as the Pine River Lions have.

No one seems to remember the exact year that the Fly-In started, but they say the Lions have been serving pancakes during Summerfest for at least 25 years.

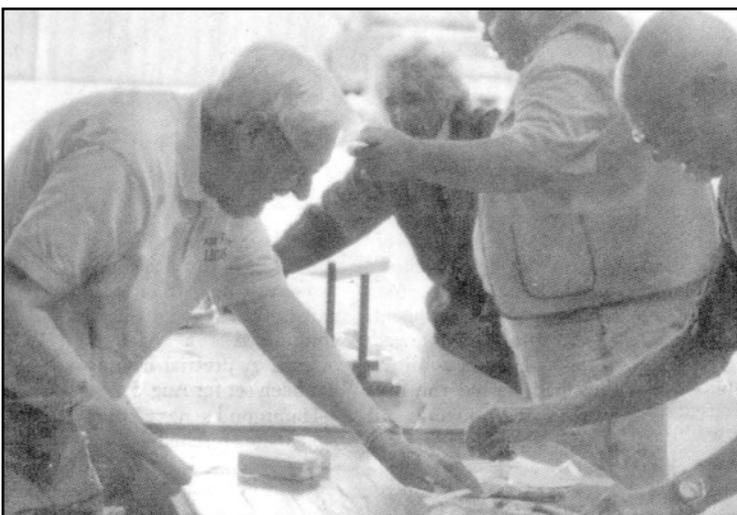
Some were surprised that the Fly-In was such a success. According to Francis Anderson, Lions charter member and former organizer of the Fly-In, the first pancake maker wasn't expecting to serve too many pancakes.

"Kermit Torsky was the first pancake maker and the only wanted a few little bags of pancake flour. But before you know it, he was calling out, 'Hey, get some more pancake mix!'" said Anderson.

One June 29 for the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, the Lions used about 90 pounds of pancake flour, four cases of syrup and 120 pounds of sausage links.



Al Klocke is serving sausage onto a plate held by Doug Zaske. The rest of the line are the pancake cookers, including (l to r) Ricky King, Bill Johnson and his son Dean Johnson.



Charter Lions member and longtime Fly-In organizer, Francis Anderson is pictured serving Floyd Dinnetz his pancakes and sausage.

The entertainment provided at the Fly-In has also changed over the years. They've had sky divers, divers perform aerobatics, and hot air balloon and plane rides.

The Air National Guard would come up and participate too. "They brought up choppers and then one year they set up a whole little base with tents and a radio tower," Anderson said.

They would have games for the pilots like dropping flour sacks from a plane while it was flying and they would have to try to hit a target on the ground.

To get to the Lions pancake breakfast, a person can either drive to the Pine River Airport, or a person can fly.

The pilots that do fly in are given a free breakfast.

The money raised from the breakfast goes to supporting the many things the Lions do, such as trying to wipe out river blindness, for area scholarships, and it helps out other people in need.

From only a few little bags of pancake flour to 90 pounds, the Lions Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast has definitely grown since it started, and has become a Pine River tradition.



5M9 District Governor Peter VanErp

keep the wheels, soil and minds turning

Cultivating our Minds... Let our Service Grow

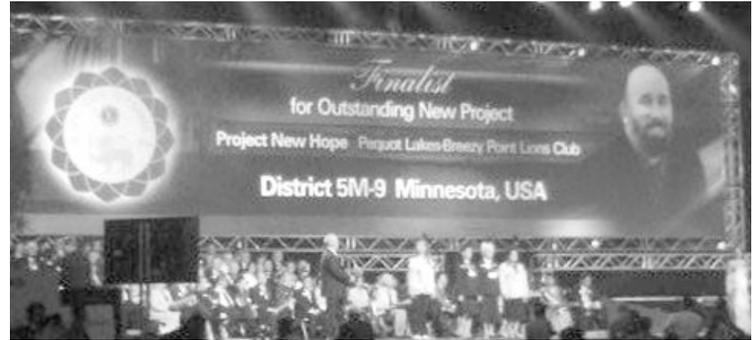


Hello fellow Lions, Lioness and Leo's of District 5M9,

Yes, we had a wonderful trip to Pattaya and Bangkok, Thailand. Also a loooong plane ride. The people of Thailand are very friendly. They say Thailand is the land of smiles and we certainly found that to be true. T.C.O.T. (Transportation company of Thailand) did a terrific job of taking care of all of our needs, from bussing us at 2 am to Pattaya, taking us back to Bangkok, taking us back to the airport at 3 am for our return trip home, taking excellent care of our luggage, helping to arrange tours, making sure we were on the right buses back to our hotels from the Impact Center, giving us advise where we could have a dinner out and where NOT to have a meal or drink. They told us many things about their customs and country. They also told us that in their country they have three seasons—the hot season, the hotter season and then the hottest season. When we were there they were just coming into the hottest season. It was usually 97-100 degrees and about 98 to 100 % humidity. This was a little hard on many of us. All of the people from the T.C.O.T. company wore bright orange shirts (the ones with white collars could speak English) so they were easy to find when you needed help. One of the highlights for me was on Friday when I took the oath of office as your District Governor and Lion Margaret pulled the DGE ribbon from my badge to make it official.

Our new International President is Al Brandel from New York. His International theme for the 2008-2009 Lions year is "Miracles through Service" Lions are the everyday heroes helping people in our communities, country and world. Many of these people who are being helped consider the help a miracle. The convention itself was WOW. All of the three plenary sessions were very good. I was really impressed with the parade of flags from 202 countries from all over the world. It was an experience of a life time.

Two other very important events during the convention were the successful election of PDG Debra Wasserman from 5M2 to the International Director Board and the adoption of a resolution creating the offices of first and second vice district governors. Also to see that our Project New Hope was up for one of the three best new projects in the world. Lion Bruce's picture plus the name Project New Hope was up



Project New Hope was one of three finalist for Outstanding New Project. It was started by Past Club President Bruce Billington of the Pequot Lakes Breezy Point Lions, District 5M9.

on the huge screen in the Impact Center. Even though it didn't receive first place believe me when they announced the project all of us from our M5M made a VERY loud noise so the world knew we were there. When International Director Debra was introduced the world again knew MD5M was in attendance and that we do support her 100%. We are proud to say we made way more noise than any other project or new director received when the announcement was made.

Next year the International Convention will be in Minneapolis, right on our back door. It will never be any closer so PLEASE start planning now to attend the 92nd International Convention and let the rest of the world know that MD5M is on the cutting edge of Lions Proud past and Bright future. The planning committee will be asking for MANY MANY volunteers to work at the convention so again PLEASE think about it and make plans to attend.

Now to some of the District business at hand.

Just a note to our club secretaries. I have been receiving the July MA's (Monthly activities reports) but remember I do need a copy of your MMR (monthly membership reports) The MA's do not go to International but the MMR's do. Both reports are due to International and to the DG by the last day of the current month. So if you file on

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Pete's Places to be

August

3 Parkers Prairie parade & Car Show
10 5M9 Cabinet mtg, Park Rapids
14-17 Trip to LCI headquarters in
Oakbrook, IL & Leader Dog, Rochester, MI
25 Ottertail Lions visit
30 Pasture Party hosted by Richville Lions

September

4 Backus Lions visit
8 Deerwood Lions visit
16-20 USA/Canada Lions Leadership
Forum, Saskatoon, SK, Canada
21-24 Visit relatives in Canada
25-30 Visit our Daughter and son-in-law
and Grandchildren in Lewistown, MT

October

9 Perham Lakes Lions visit
12 PDG Annette's Award Day & Mini Forum
13 Osage Lions 25th Anniversary
17-18 Council of Governors mtg,
Mahnomon
24 Bluffton 4 wheeler raffle
25 Thanksgiving for Vision- Mpls
26 5M9 Cabinet mtg, Bluffton
27 Bluffton Lions visit

November

7-9 Deer Hunting
10 Wadena Lions visit
12 New York Mills Lions 40th Anniversary
27 Thanksgiving Day with our family

December

25 Christmas Day

January

1 The New Year 2009
9-11 5M9 Mid-Winter Conv, Mahnomon
14 New York Mills visit

February

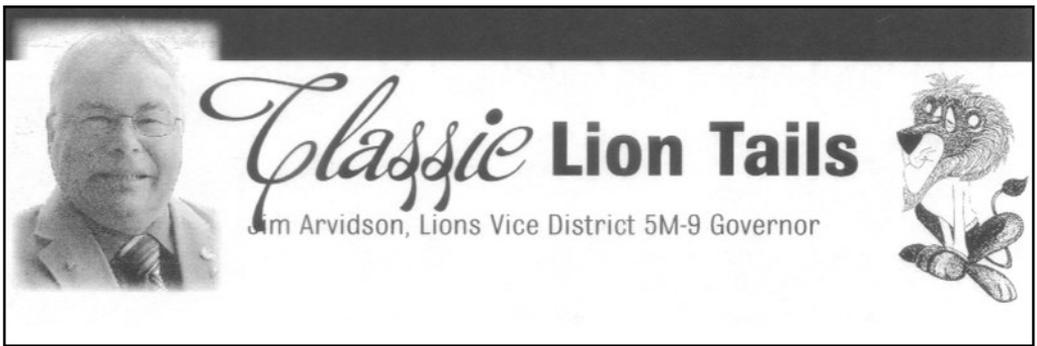
9 Nisswa Lions visit
21 Underwood Lions & Lioness visit

March

21 Council of Governors mtg
29 5M9 Cabinet mtg (where?)

April

Baxter Lions visit

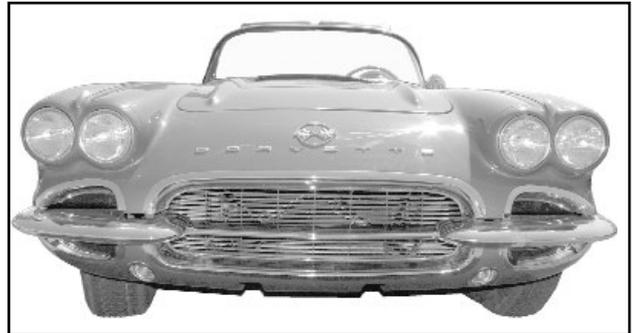


What a great time of the year. Fairs, Parades, Festivals and other great community events.

One of the big events in Central Minnesota is the Phelps Mill Festival which brings in over 20,000 people. This wouldn't be possible without the help of the Underwood and Dalton Lions. Of course, the Underwood Lions and Lioness served up pork chops. They served 4,200 of them until they ran out at 2 pm. Battle Lake Lions did a great job with their brats. Lion Clubs from other District's were also on hand to show their cooking ability.

Other interesting events include 'Pickle Days,' 'Cadillac dinners,' 'Fish Frys,' 'Motorcycle Runs,' 'golf tournaments,' etc. But the important reason for all of this is to support the communities that we live in. What better goal than to "Serve" the people we live with.

Support is already coming in for District 5M9's campaign to fund the Lakeland Hospice House in Fergus Falls. From Sweetcorn feeds in Fergus Falls, Aug. 9 and Parkers Prairie Fall Festival Aug. 3 to to a Meat Raffle in Ottertail Aug. 8 and a special golf outing with PCC Bert at Belhappburn on Aug. 9, there will be a great opportunity to be a part of this campaign.



I want to remind you about the USA/CANADA Forum September 18-20 in Saskatoon. Not only could this be a great trip, but also a great educational opportunity to learn more about all the different Lions Programs available. If you don't want to drive, there is a bus or two or three going. Check it out at www.usacanadalionsforum.org

I am excited about the coming year as we strive to "Serve" ourselves, our club and our community. Who we are really does make a difference !

District Governor Peter is poised to show us all the great "Miracles" that we are all capable of doing. Many good Lions working together can make a lot of "Great" things happen. Let's make it a Great year !

Vice District Governor Jim Arvidson

OLE says : Life isn't always beautiful, But -- It's a Beautiful Ride !

Fellow MD5M Lions,

Lion Steve and I want to thank you once again for your friendship, hospitality and support as we participated in the campaign seeking the endorsement for International Director. We will continue to need you, now that I have the honor of serving on the International Board. I take this responsibility very seriously, and am humbled to represent the Lions of MD5M and the world. It is our intention to participate in as many activities and events as possible in the Multiple, so please continue to invite us and look for us in your districts.

**ID Debra Wasserman
Service From The Heart!**

Fergus Falls Daybreakers Lions to hold fund raiser for Lakeland Hospice

On Saturday Aug. 9, The Fergus Falls Daybreakers Lions Club with the assistance of the Elizabeth Lions and Lakeland Hospice will be having a Corn Feed at the VFW at 420 E. Washington Ave. in Fergus Falls. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us in this important fundraising event. Menu will be sweet corn, coleslaw, buns with meat, bars or cookies and coffee, water or lemonade. Cost is a free will donation. The proceeds of the fundraiser will be applied towards a standard LCIF Grant which will be applied for.

If you are unable to attend the fundraiser, funds can be sent to Bremmer Bank, Attention Lion Jesse Mark, 2330 College Way Fergus Falls Mn. 56537. Make checks out to Hospice House.

Lakeland Hospice serves the counties of Ottertail, Wilkin, Grant, Clay, Becker, Wadena, Douglas, Traverse, Stevens, Pope, Swift and Roberts in South Dakota.

PCC Bert Nelson Golf Tournament

Fund Raiser for Hospice House
Saturday, August 9 • 9:30 am

Balhepburn Golf Course, 1 mile north of New York Mills

Cost is \$30 per person, \$120 for a team.

Call Bert at 218-385-3956 to register.

Pillager Lions receive Melvin Jones Fellowships



Lion Governor Annette Contos presented three Melvin Jones Fellowship awards to Pillager Lions, May 15, 2008. (l to r) Lynn Richardson, Beth Arnold, LeRoy Smith, PDG Annette Contos.

Spring Point Project Gains Support of Lions Club

Within one year, cells from pigs are to be used in clinical trials on a path to finally cure diabetes

The Lions Club of Multiple District 5M (MD5M) recently declared its commitment to support Spring Point Project, a Minnesota non-profit organization created to expedite the affordable and widespread availability of islet tissue for diabetes care.

Spring Point Project operates a biosecure facility where high-health source pig donors are developed. The Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation of the University of Minnesota works in conjunction with Spring Point Project by conducting the preclinical and clinical trials. In this partnership, the two organizations provide the science and the source needed to move toward a cure for diabetes.

Helping to advance this research, The Lions and Lioness Clubs of MD5M, a division of the International Association of Lions Clubs, has established the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Inc. and plans to allocate funds to Spring Point Project. The MD5M will also assist by publicizing and promoting Spring Point Project to its members.

“Generous contribution and dedication, like that of the Lions Club, helps bring Spring Point Project closer and closer to a diabetes cure,” says Spring Point Project CEO Henk-Jan Schuurman, PhD, who is an experienced researcher in the field of xenotransplantation - the transplantation of living cells, tissues or organs from one species to another.

“We appreciate all supporters of our mission,” Schuurman adds. “Spring Point Project is thriving thanks to those commitments, and we continue to seek financial support, as the path to a cure for diabetes is extensive.”

A longtime supporter of diabetes research, the MD5M specifically upholds organizations and entities that promote and conduct diabetes related research, treatment and education programs and projects.

“The activities and goals of Spring Point Project are consistent with

that of the MD5M Diabetes Committee, so gaining support from the Lions Club is a natural fit,” says William Bard, Chair of the MD5M Diabetes Committee. “We are excited for the establishment of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation and to be an advocate for Spring Point Project.”

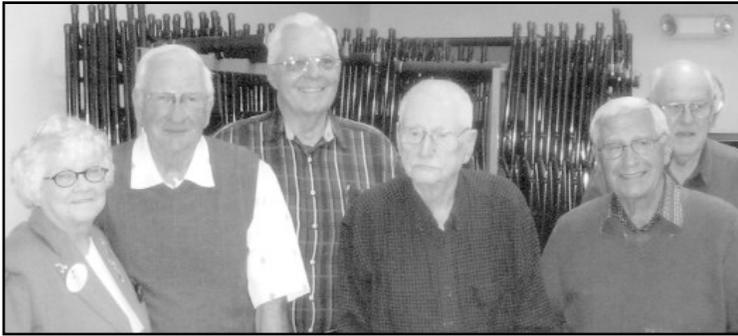
The Lions Club is an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. Beginning in 1917, the association has provided millions of people with the opportunity to give something back to their communities. For more information about the Lions Club, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

The Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation, a not-for-profit worldwide network based in Washington, D.C., also has made a substantial contribution to Spring Point Project. It has donated more than \$30 million toward the cure for diabetes research, including a \$6.2 million grant for clinical trials.

The Ryan Companies U.S., a leading national commercial real estate firm led by third-generation family members, is another major donor to Spring Point Project. Pat and Ann Ryan and Jim and Colleen Ryan have contributed \$3 million dollars. Their donation included personal gifts and contributions through the company. In addition, the company built the facility in which Spring Point Project’s research is conducted. For more information about the Ryan Companies, visit www.ryancompanies.com.

To contact Spring Point Project, visit www.SpringPointProject.org. To contact the Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation, visit www.diabetesinstitute.org. To contact Diabetes Research & Wellness Foundation, visit www.diabeteswellness.net.

DG Contos presents Cormorant achievement awards



Former members received appreciation awards from Governor Annette, Chuck Peterson, Wayne (Art) Carlson, Ernie Jacobson, Frank DeBrito and Dave Reed.

Program for the Cormorant Lions Club's May 12th meeting at the Cormorant Community Center was 5M9 DG Annette Contos. After being greeted upon her arrival around 6 pm, merrily mixing and chatting with joyful members of our club during the social hour, enjoying a great dinner prepared and served by our tremendous Callaway cooks and sitting through a peppy business meeting, the spark plug of 5M9 was introduced and presented her program.

DG Contos commented on our club being an all men's club (at least so far). Her talk covered topics ranging from "attitude is more important than money" to promoting Project New Hope.

After her talk, DG Annette posed for pictures with Charter members of our club and with former members receiving appreciation plaques for



Charter members receiving appreciation awards from Governor Annette, John Welton, Jack Koland, DG Annette, Viril Mahlum, Don Harsh and Ben Braseth.

all their years of service. Former members receiving appreciation plaques from her were Chuck Pederson, Wayne (Art) Carlson, Ernie Jacobson, Frank DeBrito and Dave Reed. Harris Arneson and Al Johnson were not present but will receive their awards later. Charter members pictured with DG Contos were John Welton, John Koland, Virgil Mahlum (club's first president), Don Harsh and Ben Braseth.

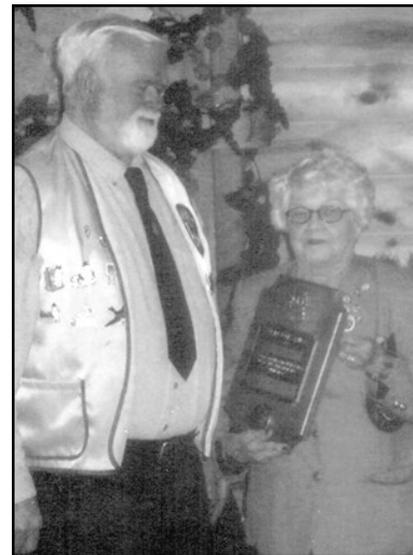
Ending her program for the evening, Annette mentioned "what a warm club we have and that she would like to come back to our "wonderful men's club."

Story submitted by Bob Teschendorf, Cormorant Lions Secretary. Pictures by Arvin Hagen, club photographer.

25 years of Service



Lion Bill Taylor received his 25 year pin from Backus Lion President Carol Bennett in June 2008. Taylor joined the Spicer Lions in 1983 and after only three years was elected District Governor of District 5M4. It was memorable since it was the year at the Lions International Convention voted to allow women to be Lions members and he worked on starting a new Lions Club in Backus, his hometown. Taylor received the Melvin Jones Fellowship and also a Lions presentation award for his work in starting the Lions Quest program in Minnesota. He's held every club office over the years and since moving back to his hometown in the Membership Chair for the Backus Lions Club.



McCormick receives MJF

Pictured left:

5M9 Governor Annette Contos presents Hackensack President Jim McCormick a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Parade Marching Bands Wanted

If you have a marching band that you would like to recommend for the Lions Clubs International parade in Minneapolis 2009. Please contact the band director that you would like them to participate. Then get the Band Directors name, and address, or email to me ASAP so that a band application can be mailed. The marching bands usually plan one year in advance.

Thanks, Lion Keith Johnson 320-593-3731
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Governor's Contest 2008-09

The Purpose of the District Governor's Contest is to encourage Clubs to maintain their activities and functions at the highest level in support of Lionism and its Objectives. A yearly award is issued to one Club in each zone that has earned the most points. Points are issued by reporting to Lions International and the district, the clubs participation in all local, district and multiple district activities and programs. Every club is automatically a participant in the contest. The duration of the contest, is one year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Points are earned in the Following Ways:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EARNING POINTS: Activities must be reported on the monthly Activity Report to count.

1. Membership:

- a. New Members 10 points and Induction of those new members. 20 points
- b. A loss of members results in losing 10 points per member
- c. Sponsoring a New Club, Branch, Leos 200 Points

2. Reports: Copies must be mailed each month to District Governor, Vice District Governor, Zone Chairmen and Contest Chair.

- a. MMR – 5 points
- b. Activity Report 5 points
- c. Club Newsletter 5 points
- d. PU101 by May 5- 50 points
- e. Payment of semi annual dues: paid by 9-1-2008 and 2-1-2009 20 points each

3. Convention Attendance:

- a. Mid Winter Convention 10 points each member
- b. First Timer at Midwinter 20 points each
- c. Attendance at MD5M Convention 10 points
- d. Attendance at the USA/Canada Forum or at the International Convention 15 points
- e. Four club members making an official inter club visitation 10 points
- h. Attending a neighboring district's mid-winter 30 points each visit, must provide name of club, presidents name, date, location and something about the meeting.

4. Community Service:

- a. Each Service Hour Worked 2 points
- b. Each Activity or Fund Raiser Hour Worked 1 point

5. Donations:

10 points each (District Projects only to allow a level playing field to all clubs).

- a. LCIF
- b. Eye Bank
- c. Children's Eye Clinic
- d. MAC Center
- e. LEHP
- f. Hearing Foundation
- g. Leader Dog
- h. Hearing & Service Dogs
- i. Diabetes Foundation
- j. Youth Outreach
- k. Youth Exchange
- l. Campaign Sight First II
- m. Camp KACE
- n. Camp New Hope
- o. Hearing Aid Project

6. Programs: Regular & Lions

- a. Lion Programs on "Lion Things" at Club meetings 15 points
 - i. LCIF
 - ii. Eye Bank
 - iii. Children's Eye Clinic
 - iv. MAC Center
 - v. LEHP
 - vi. Hearing Foundation
 - vii. Leader Dog
 - viii. Hearing & Service Dogs
 - ix. Diabetes Foundation
 - x. Youth Outreach
 - xi. Youth Exchange
 - xii. Campaign Sight First II
 - xiii. Camp KACE
 - xiv. Camp New Hope
 - xv. Hearing Aid Project

Scheduling a Lions program at the College of Leadership 30 points

- b. Regular Programs anything not "Lions Things" 10 points

7. Hosting

The District Governor's Contest is a fun way to encourage clubs to support Lionism and its objectives.

There are several ways to earn points. Points are issued in the following categories: Membership, Reports, Convention Attendance, Service, Donations, Programs, and participation in district Youth activities. Only activities reported on the monthly Activity Report count. For those that submit the Activity report online, there is a link on the district website that has tips on entering the information.

- a. Cabinet Meeting 25 points
- b. Zone Meeting 25 points
- c. Mid Winter Convention 200 pts

8. Youth Activity

- a. Mid Winter Poster 10 points
- b. Peace Poster 20 points
- c. Lions Quest Program 50 points
 - d. Host a Youth for Youth Exchange 30 pts
 - e. Send a Youth out for :Youth Exchange 30 pts
 - f. Participate in LCI Youth Recognition Program 25 pts

It is easy to win the contest, but to win takes more than the efforts of the club secretary; it needs the support of all the club members and officers.

1. Members help by keeping track of the hours give to the project committee chair.
2. Committee Chairs record the hours to complete the project and turn them into the secretary.
3. The secretary submits information to the District on the Monthly Activity Report.
4. End of Year Reports
5. History of projects

EVERYTHING COUNTS

– Any time spent on Lions' projects, activities, and events counts including meetings, parties, etc. Everything done for your Lions Club by your members receives points in the District Governors Contest. **However, if it is not listed on your Monthly Activity Report you WILL NOT receive credit for any hours.**

Proper recording insures credit for each hour dedicated to Lions. On the Activity report, the following guidelines should be followed:

Upcoming Activities with dates- Summary only- you do not need to go into detail. Just the activity and date need to be listed.

Completed Activities- make sure

the total hours spent on the activities is included. Example Monthly meeting 32 members @ 1 hour = 32 hours or Monthly Meeting 32 members 32 hours total. Do not count hours already reported if a project or activity covers more than one month- include only the hours spent during the reporting month. Please total the hours as Service (i.e. Reading for the Blind, Ditch Clean-up, Liberty Day) or Project (spent fundraising or club activities. i.e. meetings, pancake breakfast, conventions).

Contributions- Name and Dollar amount - List all donations even if there are no points awarded.

Programs- Meetings only - Note if you have new Member Orientation so the proper points will be awarded.

All the work put in by individuals is vital to maintaining a successful club. The District Governor's contest is a way of monitoring the activity of each club and provides the club with a history of project and activity involvement that will prove to be invaluable in planning future events

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The District Governor and Vice District Governor are NOT eligible for visitation points.



Governor Annette Contos presented special achievement awards to Hackensack Lions Sue Larson and Rodney Damm for their special work.

Qualifications for candidates for the office of Governor and Vice District Governor

Article IV, Section 7 and 8 of the International Constitution and By-Laws states:

Section 7. A candidate for the office of Governor shall:

- (a) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her Single or Sub-District.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her Single or Sub-District.
- (c) Currently be serving as the Vice District Governor within the District from which he/she is to be elected.
- (d) Only in the event the current Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of Vice District Governor exists at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Vice District Governor as set forth in Section 8 of the Article IV and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of Subsection (c) of this Section.

not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of Vice District Governor exists at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Vice District Governor as set forth in Section 8 of the Article IV and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of Subsection (c) of this Section.

Section 8. A candidate for the office of Vice District Governor shall:

- (a) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her Single or Sub-District.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her Single or Sub-District.
- (c) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as Vice District Governor:

- (1) As President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
- (2) As Zone Chairman or Region Chairman or Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
- (3) With none of the above being accomplished currently.

McGregor Lions hold 4th Annual Auction

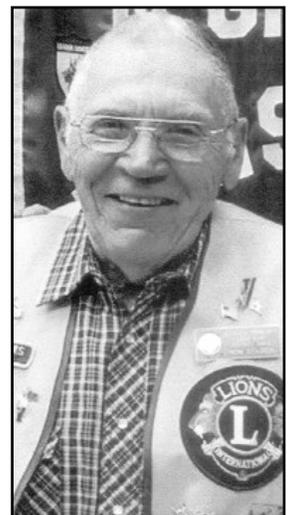


Below: The people start showing up for the McGregor Lions Auction very early to get a bid number and a first hand look at what they want to bid on. Lions Marty and Linda Berg put a lot of time and effort into this annual event. Above: Lion Linda peeks out of her auction booth holding some caramel rolls made by a fellow Lion and to be auctioned off. Lion Bonnie Farley helps her by keeping track of the winning bids and auction numbers. This has been a very successful fund raiser for the McGreor Lions.



McGregor Lion Awarded 20 Year Pin

Ron Selden, right, a McGregor Lion, received his 20 year pin at a recent meeting. Ron is one of our snow birds and is also a 20 year member of the Apache Junction, Arizona Lions. His wife, Marge, is also a 20 year member of the Apache Junction Lions. They are proof that even though you may head for warmer cities, Lionism becomes a very intricate part of your life.



Lions' Clubs

Application for 100% Secretary's Award for 5M9

In order to receive the 100% Secretary's Award, each Club Secretary who has qualified must fill out the form and have it approved and signed by the Club President and one of the proper District Officers. The completed form must be mailed to the District Governor by June 1.

(Club Name)

(Date)

(Secretary's Name)

(Secretary's Address)

To Qualify nine (9) of the following ten (10) must be fulfilled.

- ____ 1) Must have submitted all Membership and Activities reports (M&As) by first of the month.
 - ____ 2) All dues to the District (send to District Treasurer) and Lions International paid by March 31. With no unpaid balance of over \$50.00 owed to the International Office.
 - ____ 3) Had attended at least two (2) of the three (3) Zone meeting or had a designated substitute attending.
 - ____ 4) Had attended one (1) of the following:
 - ____ A. The 5M9 Midwinter Convention
 - ____ B. 5M Multiple Convention
 - ____ C. Lions International Convention
 - ____ D. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
 - ____ E. 5M9 Mini Forum
 - ____ 5) PU101 Forum must have been received by Vice District Governor by April 30.
 - ____ 6) Sponsored a new Lion member into your club.
 - ____ 7) Attended the College of Leadership.
 - ____ 8) Have kept accurate minutes of all Club Meetings, Board of Directors Meetings, Attendance records, Awards, and Sponsorship records.
 - ____ 9) Read M&A report to the Club at first meeting of the month.
 - ____ 10) Prepare this form, sign it, have it signed by the Club President and proper District Officer who is to mail it to the District Governor by June 1.
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Signed by Club Secretary

Approved and signed by Club President

Signed by Zone Chairman

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line they are to be in by midnight on the 30th or 31st (and in Feb. by the 28th) of the current month. If you send them by ground mail you will need to mail them early so they arrive by the end of the month. International President Al Brandel has implemented a new plan for 100% DG, Zone Chair, Zone Chair advisor, Club president, and club secretary, it will be more of a team effort. The zone chairs got this information at our zone chair meeting on July 31, 2008. IF any of you need help in filling our these reports PLEASE call your zone chair advisor Lion Margaret Van Erp and she will help you or knows where you can receive the help from. Like every other organization, company or programs you do have reports to fill out and get in on time. Thanks to all of the secretaries that have done a terrific job this past year. The reports are read and I certainly enjoy seeing and reading what each club does each month.

We have received quite a few DG. Visit club requests already. Lion Margaret will get back to each club and confirm the date and time. Please keep the requests coming so we can get your visit on our calendar as soon as possible.

Guess I'd better pull the cultivator out of the computer for this month but keep my wheels turning so everyone can keep their minds rolling and the service and miracles happening. Thanks for a GREAT month to serve all of you. If you have any club activities coming up please let me know and if my calendar permits we will try to attend.

Until later
DG Peter Van Erp

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Dates fill fast, and I would like to attend as many clubs prior to the 1st of January



Club Request for Governor's Visit

Club Name _____ Name/Location of meeting place _____

Dates in order of preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Time meeting begins? _____ If a social, when does it begin? _____

Do you have dinner? _____ When is it served? _____

If this is a joint meeting with another club, please specify which club: _____

Lion requesting visit _____ Address _____

Phone number _____ email address _____

Please list any additional functions you would like the Governor to do while there: _____

Please have your request to me no later than October 1st.

Lion Peter VanErp, 5M9 District Governor
38214 610th Ave., Bluffton, MN 56518
R: (218) 385-3446
petemarg@wcta.net

I will confirm your request as soon as I receive it.

Date received _____

Student guests appreciate Pelican Rapids diversity

by Tom Hintgen, Fergus Falls Daily Journal

Two college students from overseas now staying in Pelican Rapids, part of the Lions Youth Exchange Program, are pleasantly surprised at the cultural diversity in the town of 2,374 residents.

Heike ten Den, from the Netherlands, hails from a community of 35,000 residents. Han Kuo from Taiwan grew up in Taipei where 2.6 million people reside.

"It's good to see people from many nations living here in Pelican Rapids," said Kuo, 19, who will be a college sophomore majoring in French in Taiwan. She also speaks Chinese.

Both agreed that Pelican Rapids has an outstanding public library and multicultural learning center.

As for ten Den, 17, she just graduated from high school and will pursue history during college in the Netherlands.

They are among 25 students from different countries who are part of the Lions Youth Exchange Program spending time in Minnesota this summer. Their central gathering place is Minnesota State University, Mankato.

"JoAnn and I have hosted six exchange students off and on for several years," Frazier said. "It's wonderful not only to have Heike and Han stay here and visit people in Pelican Rapids, but to also see that they're really enjoying themselves and learning a lot about life here in rural Minnesota."

Both women echo Frazier's comments.

"Everyone here in Pelican Rapids has been really friendly," ten Den said. "I didn't know much about Minnesota before I came here, and I've learned a lot."

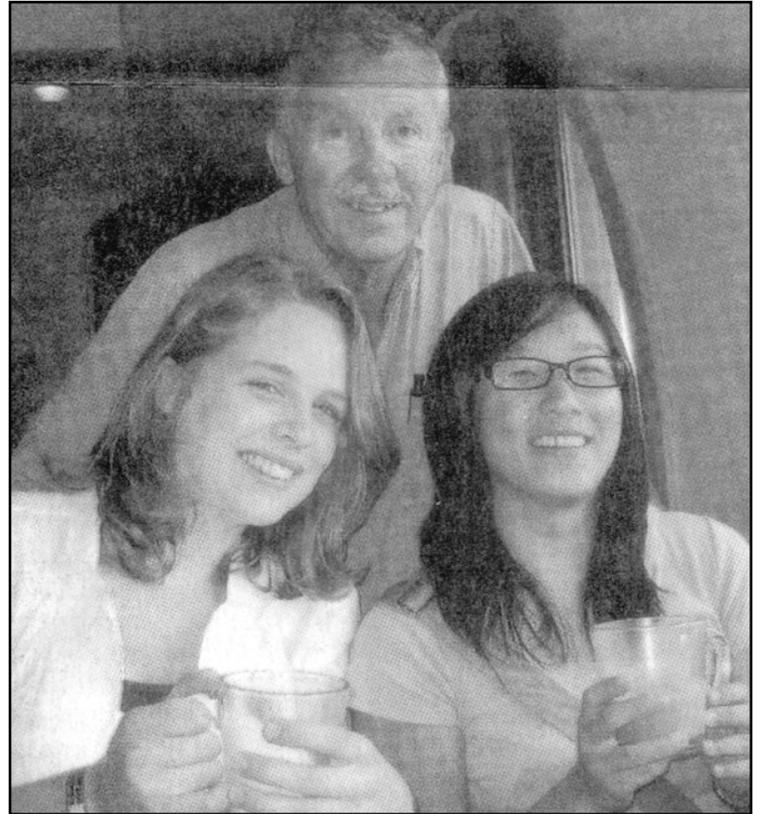
Kuo, about three years ago took some college classes in Tennessee. This month it's also her first visit to Minnesota.

Both women rode in this year's turkey days and 125th anniversary parade as part of the Lions Club float, also passing out candy to kids. They also were part of the fashion show and previously appreciated taking part in the Fourth of July parade in Erhard.

They also visited Itasca State Park.

"These young women really kept me going on the bike trails at Itasca," Frazier said. "We logged about 14 miles."

Kuo's father operates a patent and trade office in Taiwan. Her mother is an accountant. The father of ten Den is an ecologist in the Netherlands and her mother is a veterinarian.



Brent Frazier of Pelican Rapids and his wife, JoAnn, are hosting two Lions exchange. Heike ten Den, left, is from the Netherlands and Han Kuo is from Taiwan

Both look forward to sharing their Minnesota experiences with family and friends when they arrive back home. Kuo has two sisters and ten Den has one brother and one sister.

"The Lions Youth Exchange Program has been good for Heike, Han, the people of Pelican Rapids, and everyone else who they've met here in Minnesota," Frazier said.

For more information about hosting a youth contact: Jay and Linda Norby at 218-342-3243 or email lnorbs@eot.com.

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