

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2010
Dahlgreen Golf Course, Chaska**

Past District Governor Rick Wagener called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. DG Eunice just returned home from Oregon early this morning from a family emergency.

Pledge of Allegiance led by PDG Rick Wagener.

Invocation: Given by 1st VDG Sue Bowman

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Lori Klein (filling in for Lion Cindy Walters), showing 42 Cabinet members present, 9 absent.

Gift presented by Lion Nancy Mathwig. It is from the late IPDG Darwin Mathwig to all future DG to pass from one to each other. It is a collapsible wooden podium.

PDG Rick introduced the Cabinet Chairs: DG Eunice Rucks, 1st VDG Sue Bowman, 2nd VDG Ron Dahlke, Cabinet Secretary Cindy Walters and Cabinet Treasurer Dale Oldenburg. Lion Joan Blank made a motion to accept the Cabinet Chairs, 2nd Lion Duane Jindra. MC

Adoption of Agenda: One additions to old business – Glencoe Grant Update. Motion to approve by Lion , 2nd by Lion , MC.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed or mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by Lion Dennis Hewitt; 2nd by Lion Marvin Grimm. MC.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg had a copy of the 2009-2010 final budget for everyone. The report showed income of \$58,973.73, expenses of \$37,799.97. Fund balance of \$ 21,173.76. Special account funds of \$60,808.48. Motion by PDG Mike Vos, 2nd PDG Bill Curtis. MC.

Communications: No communications to share.

Old Business:

1. Vision Honduras – Maynard reported Eunice received e-mail from Orville Trenton to send info to clubs and make presentations. Motion by Lion Nancy Mathwig; 2nd Lion Janet Knakmuhs. MC
2. Lions Grant in Glencoe – PDG Bill Curtis gave report that a 3 month report is due soon and needs Cabinet Approval. Project is on schedule and contractors should be out by August 15 and hope to be fully ready to open at that time. Motion by PID Maynard Rucks; 2nd Lion Bruce Lieske. MC

New Business:

1. Approval of Bank – Dale Oldenberg- Fransin for checking Hometown bank for savings. Motion Lion Robert Wolf, 2nd Lion Diana Kroells. MC
2. Approval of Bond for Cabinet Treasurer – Dale Oldenberg Motion Lion Cathleen Williams, 2nd Lion Jean Dahlke. MC
3. Approval of 2010-2011 budget – Dale Oldenberg passed out a copy of 2010-2011 purposed budget. Sunshine fund is for memorials. Everything else remained the same. Motion PID Maynard Rucks, 2nd Lion Brian Theis. MC
4. Plate to put on traveling Podium in memorial of IPDG Darwin. Motion Lion Steve Wasserman, 2nd Lion Bill Bowman. MC. Lion Steve will follow through to get the memorial plate.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Janet Hall reported that they are starting out the year in Region 1 with 1125 members. The Region 1 Meeting is planned for September 29 in Winsted at the Blue Note Ballroom hosted by the new

Lions club Winsted Lions, Invites to be mailed out soon. Social hour will start at 5:30, dinner at 6:30.

Meeting at 7. Thank you DG Eunice for this opportunity. Zone 1 Chair Lion Duane Jindra, Zone 2 Lion Marvin Grimm, Zone 3 Lion Robert Wolf.

- Zone 1 Lion Duane Jindra – Presently: We have 10 clubs in Zone 1 with 291 members. Brownton Lions reported 49 members. Donations of \$230 to Police, \$1700 to Fire department, \$10,000 to city of Brownton. Glencoe Lions reported 37 members. Donations given to \$50 Eye Bank and \$50 Hearing Foundation in memory of Darwin Mathwig. Awards for members were given 1 Melvin Jones, 2 Minnesota Hearing, 1 Helen Keller, 17 members- 100 % Attendance. Hutchinson Lions reported 27 members with 1 add and 1 drop. Activities National Tractor Power Pull with 16 Lions doing 180 hours. Too many donations given to list. Hutchinson Lioness reported 9 members. Donated \$25 Eye bank for Darwin Mathwig. Worked National Tractor Power Pull, Working Pola-Czesky. Lester Prairie Lions reported 25 members as 1 member was dropped. Helped with Lester Prairie Days. Working on a new club pin! New Auburn Lions reported 15 members. Donated money in Darwin's name and had a picnic for kids soft ball program. Plato Lions reported 33 members. Donation Eye Bank and \$100 to Panther Booster Club. Had the White Squirrel Festival served 267 pork chops and 249 Omelets. Also June Burger night served 180. Did a blood drive and will have a Golf Tournament. Silver Lake Lions reported 51 members. Having pork chops and chicken at Pola-Czesky Days. Donation \$100 for car show. Stewart Lions reported 19 members. Work at Stewartfest with food and a parade float. Donated Relay for Life, Vision to Honduras and sponsored a Senior dinner for 1 week. Winsted Lions reported 26 members with 1 added. Having trouble with getting the web site to give correct number of members as it only will show 20. Donation to Eye Bank of \$25 in memory of Darwin Mathwig. Activities - Winstock food stand. Will be in Winsted Parade and another food booth at Higher Ground Christian Festivities.
 - Have already made appointments to visit Hutchinson Lioness for Aug. 16th; Plato Lions for Aug. 23rd; Silver Lake Lions for Sept. 16th; Attending the Leadership Forum Sept.23-26, Winsted Lions for Sept. 27th, Lester Prairie Lions for October 14th, Stewart Lions for October 21th
- Zone 2 Lion Marvin Grimm – There are 7 clubs in Zone 2. Membership on June 30 was 468, plus 5 from Spring Cabinet Meeting, a gain of 13 for the past year. Fall Zone meeting is set for November 11, 2010 with Cologne Lions as host. Spring Zone Meeting is set for March 28, 2011 with Mayer Watertown Dandy Lions as host.
- Zone 3 Lion Robert Wolf – There was no report.

Region 2 Lion Kevin Blank reported that Region 2 consists of Zones 4, 5 and 6. Zone 4 Chairperson is Dennis Hewitt from Nicollet, Zone 5 Chairperson is Diana Kroells from Hamburg and Zone 6 Chairperson is Bruce Lieske from Lakeville. This is his second year as Region 2 Chair and he was happy to report that he has received all but 4 final M & A's from the 3 Zones for the past year. He has received the majority of M & A's for July at this point. Of the M & A's received, all clubs are busy with many different activities. He looks forward to a great year in Region 2 and working with DG Eunice and the Zone Chairpersons in the region. The Region 2 meeting will be September 30, 2010 with the Green Isle Lions hosting. A notice will be sent out later this month. I look forward to seeing each one of you at the Region 2 meeting.

- Zone 4 Lion Dennis Hewitt reported that Zone 4 has 6 Lions clubs with 273 members at the beginning of the 2010-2011 year. All clubs held officer elections and have installed the new club officers.
- Zone 5 Lion Diana Kroells felt like a short introduction was in order as this is her first Cabinet Meeting. "I have been a member of the Hamburg Lions Club for 4 years and have served as its treasurer all of those years, (probably because of my banking background). I have been at the State Bank of Hamburg for 28 years. I was no stranger to Lions as my husband was a charter member of the Hamburg Lions back in 1982 so I was involved in club activities before I joined. I am honored to be serving as the Zone 5 Chairperson. I attended the training session on May 10th in St. Peter which gave me an opportunity to meet some of the other Zone Chairpersons as well as Region Chairpersons and some other cabinet members. The bonus was that I received this great packet of information which will help guide me through my year as Zone Chairperson. I have set a date for the Zone 5 meeting and have asked the Norwood Young America Lions Club to host that meeting on October 28th. The graciously accepted the invitation. I have set up a schedule for all clubs to visit

other clubs and will be mailing that schedule out as soon as I receive the new listing of club presidents. Having done some research on all of the clubs in my Zone, I am trying to familiarize myself with various projects and fundraising activities of all of the clubs in Zone 5. I plan on attending all fund raising activities in the Zone 5. I will send a letter to all clubs asking them to please schedule me into one of their meeting during the next year. I am looking forward to meeting the members as well as witnessing what goes on at each of those meetings. It will be a wonderful learning experience for me. As a fairly new Lion (only 4 years) I can see that clubs can get into a mind-frame of doing things “ the way we always did“ but also know that in order to keep members and encourage new membership, we must be open to change. I am looking forward to serve as Zone 5 chairperson.”

- Zone 6 Lion Bruce Lieske – Zone 6 has six Lions clubs including Faribault, LeCenter, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Northfield, and Northfield Cannon Valley. Le Center has 52 members currently -- Completed Relay for Life, White elephant sale, and Food shelf project. Faribault has 62 members currently – Completed: Flight For Sight Golf tournament. Upcoming: dictionary project and working on Peace poster contest. Lonsdale has 40 members currently – Successful summer softball and youth baseball concessions stand, donated to Eye Bank in memorial of DG Darwin, donations to area churches. Upcoming events Youth baseball picnic, two parades, dictionary project and fall pancake breakfast. Northfield has 40 members currently – Recently awarded scholarship, donated to Northfield high school programs and donated to Spring Point Project. Passing of member PDG Edwin Gass. Northfield Cannon Valley has 34 members currently – Donation to Eye bank in honor of District Governor Darwin and PDG Edwin Gass. An upcoming event is the clubs Defeat of Jesse James Days steak fry. Montgomery has 36 members currently – Completed the Food shelf trucks unload. Presentation by Hearing and service dog program. The zone 6 clubs have had a very busy summer schedule and will have a very busy fall schedule as well!

Region 3 Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 is composed of 20 Lions clubs and 1 Lioness club with a total membership of 620. Region 3 meeting will be held on September 21st at Applewood Restaurant in Mankato. The host will be the Waterville Lions. The meal will be at 6:30.

- Zone 7 Lion Paul Gorman – Zone 7 is comprised of 7 clubs. New position and experience begins today and look forward to learning. No report to give at this time.
- Zone 8 Lion Allie Larson – Reported that the new Lions year is beginning. “I thank DG Eunice Rucks for having the confidence in me to be Zone 8 Chair for a second year. I will be scheduling meetings with each of the clubs in Zone 8 in the next several months. The clubs of Zone 8 were very active this last year and diligent about recruiting new Lion members. I will be encouraging them to continue their good work of adding new members and retaining the present membership. I am looking forward to a successful 2010-2011.”
- Zone 9 Lion James Broberg was not present to give a report.

PDG Rick presented a special reward for their long life service to 5M2, Leader dog brick was purchased and presented to PDG’s Larry and Maryls Meskan.

PID Debra Wasserman stated it is great to be back. Wonderful opportunity to travel in Australia and New Zealand. They were able to visit her brother in Auckland, who they have not seen in many years. I highly recommend extended travel in the area around the convention you are attending. Many opportunities are possible and exciting to see. . Project New Hope Raffle for a Mustang to be given away in about 3 weeks. Policy manual has come up at past cabinet meeting. Manual was found in the late Lion John Moede’s collection that the Wassermann’s have inherited. The Policy manual is dated 1996. A copy is available and would be of benefit to look at in the near in future and update it. Lion Steve and I have appreciated friendship and support of the cabinet and past cabinet. We express this as you are of the 2500 members of 5M2. Without friendship, support and understanding of missing key events in the district, we are honored to still have active roles in our own club and at the district level. We have valued and treasured all for the last two years of service as an ID. I will speak for food and willing to come visit and speak as needed.

1st VDG Comments: 1st VDG Sue Bowman addressed PID Debra, PID Maynard, VDG Ron, Cabinet members and all PDG’s for agreeing to serve on the cabinet.

Committee Reports:

Can Do Canines: (formerly Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota) Lions Deb Koehnen reported that contributions from the Lions of Minnesota to Can Do Canines were up last year. The total raised from the 11 multiple conventions was \$108,873. Lions from 5M2 contributed \$10,391 compared to \$5,098 the year before. A total of \$5,709.51 was towards the LCIF matching funds program. Way to go 5M2! District 5M2 was 4th in contributions so I'd like to extend a big thank-you to all of the clubs in 5M2. She plans to attend the facility tour and cabinet chair training on August 28.

Lion Darlene Breamer reported that Lion Vern and she attended 2 region, 9 zone, 4 cabinet, 1 District Convention and the MD5m convention in the 2009-2010 year. We made 9 club visits – Minnesota Lake Lions, Albert Lea Lakeview Lions, Blue Earth Lions, Kiester Lions, Winnebago Lions, Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions, Albert Lea Lions, Wells Lions and the New Richland Lions.

We volunteered at the Can Do Canines Open House. Darlene attended the Spring Graduation in May. We sold \$50 worth of candy bars with the money going to Can Do Canines.

Can Do Canines moved into their new facility in January 2010. They have done a lot with the building they purchased and there is still a lot to be done. Can Do Canines are working with the MD5M to raise \$75,000 so we can ask for a LCIF matching grant.

Overall, Can Do Canines graduated 30 teams last year and hope to increase that amount this year, depending on the income. They now have 100 puppies in training mostly by puppy raisers in home, but they have 5 in the Faribault Prison and 10 in the Sandstone Federal Prison.

The Heel and Wheel Fundraiser "Walk for Can Do Canines" will be on Sunday, September 19th at Clifton French Regional Park in Plymouth by Medicine Lake. It's a 1.4 miles walk along the Lake. Register a team of walkers by September 16 and www.healandwheel.com or call 1-763-331-3000, raise some fund, and enjoy the day with many of the clients and their dogs. Walk the route, have refreshments, listen to the bluegrass band and visit with other Lions, Lioness and Leos. The walk starts at 1p.m. with the registration starting at 11:30. If you cannot get a team of 5 or more, you can come anyway and walk. Walkers who raise \$250 will receive a t-shirt, ID pouch and custom beverage bottle. Those who raise \$500 get the first prizes plus a messenger bag; and those who raise \$1,000 get the prizes plus a \$100 gift card.

Computer & Technology Support: Lion Steve and Lion Lori have been working together to update the website with information for 2010-2011 Lion's year. This has included the calendar and logos on multiple pages. Questions have also been coming in on the M&A, which are handled as soon as possible. E-mails on various technology need/questions are handled and sent to update or help district members requests. Multiple mass e-mails have been sent to inform district members of various things going on. Goals for the coming year include expanding the District Projects and activities page, expanding District Events on calendar, and further improvements to the new District Monthly Report. Database for 5D5M has been done on CD and kept by Lion Steve and Lion Lori. Labels can be done as requested and provided to you.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Harry Klenke reported that PDG Wayne has brought our 5M2 constitution and by-laws up to date. Getting the proper amount of tax for 5M2 and the Multiple District is important, so if any clubs or their members have questions about the amount of dues being collected we can show them. I plan to try and develop a policy manual for 5M2.

USA Canada Forum – Lion Rick reported the forum will be in September in Milwaukee. WI.

Diabetes Foundation: Lion Anna Wickenhauser and Lion Arne Leen attended the Diabetes Foundation Meeting July 17, 2010 in St. Cloud. We approved \$5400.00 to be given to the American Diabetes Association for the purchasing of A1C testing kits for the Diabetes Expo that is to be held October 9, 2010 in Minneapolis. New committee members were assigned and voted on. We also discussed staffing the booth at the State Fair. We are looking for volunteers to commit to 4 hour shifts. Lion Wickenhauser is waiting for the e-mail with the signup sheet. The next meeting will be held at the Schulze Research Center. There are not enough hours in the day for the researchers to do public speaking at Lions Meetings so we will be getting trained by the researchers. This will be held the beginning of October -waiting for a final date

They have received three requests for Camp Needlepoint and they were approved. Also, there is a

request for three Dream Catcher plaques and they have been ordered. The co-chairs are very excited to be working together and being on the Cabinet for DG Eunice.

District Activities: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that information regarding the 2011 Memorial/Necrology Service and the 2011 Mid Winter 1st Timers contest will be shared with the clubs at the upcoming Region meetings and informational letters regarding the Memorial/Necrology Service will be sent to those clubs with members who will be remembered. Pins –The 2010-11 Seattle Snowman pins have been received and will be available at the Region meetings. The 2010-11 bird pin is currently on order and will also be available at the upcoming Region meetings.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that since his last report he has been in contact with Lions International researching some 5M-2 History information. He has been able to answer questions for several Lions and Clubs about their History. He is eagerly waiting for the new Multiple District Directory so that he can start updating our History files with the new information.

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster was not at the meeting but mailed his report. “Sorry I did not make the meeting today. We’ve had hotel reservations in Wisconsin for a month or so. Are meeting friends there. I am happy to report Gov. Eunice has asked me to again act as Journey for Service chair. The “Journey” will again be held in April with the exact dates to be set within a month or two. I respectfully ask for your support again this year. Yours in Lionism, Lion Jack Webster.

LCIF: Lion Ron Dahlke reported that as required by Lions Clubs International Foundation, he has met with DG Eunice and together they have set goals for LCIF activity in District 5M-2 for 2010-2011. These goals include:

- targeted Club Visitations,
- promotion and education of LCIF ideals,
- recognition of donations received through increased awareness of Melvin Jones Fellowships,
- increasing Club Participation to 100%, and
- an increase overall financial contributions to LCIF.

At the upcoming Region Meetings, a letter of introduction will be given to the Presidents of the Clubs who have not had a LCIF presentation in the past year, asking them to consider scheduling a LCIF Presentation. Special emphasis will also be given to Clubs who have not donated to LCIF in the past year.

Club presentations will be personalized using up-to-date report information provided by LCIF Support Staff, which includes:

- Current and historical Club LCIF donation data,
- Campaign Sight First Phase II donation data,
- Melvin Jones Fellowship Listing,
- Grant history for District 5M-2, and more.

Also, updated disaster assistance information, both globally and locally, will be provided from the LCIF Web Site. You belong to Lions International... but the Lions Club International Foundation belongs to you... This is your Foundation. Thank you for your continued support!

Leader Dog: Co-Chairs Lion Shirley Hesperheide and Lion Joan Blank reported that not much is going on at this time. Lion Joan has ordered more of the cans to use at Region and Zone Meetings. She has also made up business cards for both of us. To save money, Leader Dogs is not flying as many Vice-District Governors and only an occasional Leader Dog Chair to Detroit. Lion Joan and Lion Shirley have a few speaking engagements set up for this fall and will be pushing for more at the Region and Zone Meetings.

LEO Clubs: Lion Al Heidorn reported that a little Leo Club activity since the last cabinet meeting, as school has been out of session. Last year, a goal was set to gain one more Leo’s Club in our district, which happened thanks to the Chaska Leos. Hopefully, we can continue and add more this coming year.

August is the Lions International “Engaging our Youth Campaign’. The idea is for clubs to engage young people in Community service or otherwise provide a service to benefit young people in your community. Lets be sure to involve Leos and youth in service projects in our District.

In other Leo Activities, the 4th Annual Global Leo Conference was held on June 28, 2010 in Sydney,

Australia. The Leo Leadership Grant Program provides assistance to Lions to help finance a Leo Leadership conference. Each district can only receive financial assistance once every three years.

Liberty Day: PDG Mary Spille reported that an article is ready to print in a monthly newsletter and is available if anyone wants to see this. Also have a Liberty Day teacher's guide prepared by LibertyDay.org in Colorado and will email copy to whoever asks. New supply of booklets is being ordered. To my knowledge, clubs that use them are giving a stipend back to our treasury. I am asking that they deliver their payment directly to Lion Dale. Lions Charlie and Mary will encourage participation by attending the fall region meetings.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported the MD5M Strategic Long Range Plan has been completed and was approved by the Council of Governors in April, 2010. The 2010-2011 MD5M Long Range Planning Chair, PCC Judy Loken, and the MD5M Committee plan to work with each district to develop their Strategic Long Range Plan. He will be working with the program chairs and the District Governor Team to begin the update of the 5M2 Strategic Long Range Plan. He will continue to encourage individual Lions and Lions Clubs to develop a 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year long range plan.

MD5M 2011 Convention: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that she will be fulfilling IPDG Darwin's position as Co-chair of the 2011 Multiple convention. PID Maynard and she have recently met with the hotels and with the Mankato Convention staff and will be proceeding with plans put in place prior to Darwin's illness. Registration forms: Nancy plans to work with Lion Steve within the next 2 weeks to get the registration forms on the Multiple website. There will be a registration form for both the convention itself and for the hotel. You can also find the convention registration in your new blue directory. We have contracts with the City Center Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn), the Hilton Garden Inn, the Best Western Hotel on Hwy 169 and the Holiday Inn Express (near Applebee's and River Hills mall. We had our first overall convention chair meeting on June 9th. Committee chairs were introduced and the expectations for the convention were explained. Attached is a copy of the overall chairs for the convention. Many, many more Lions will be needed to make the convention the best ever! Overall chairs will be contacting members for assistance as needed – some to serve on their committees and many as workers during the weekend.

Mid-Winter Convention 2011: Zone 6 will host the Convention on February 11, 12, 13, 2011 at the Mankato City Center Hotel. Planning has begun with all clubs in Zone 6 and they are excited to be working with DG Eunice and PID Maynard. The Convention theme is "Flowers Bloom where Service Grows". This year's Friday night theme will be "Flower Children" as we have booked "The Rocking Hollywoods." Saturday night will feature the 2nd Annual Lions Got Talent. DG Eunice has been working on lining up great seminars. Lion Lori will be attending Region & Zone meetings promoting the Convention when able. They ask that you all do the same. Kathy Dodds has stepped down as co-chair due to a change in life circumstances pertaining to her job and caretaking of a grandson.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: VDG Sue Bowman and PDG Mike Vos reported that the Lions Hearing Foundation is well set for a very successful year. All the trustees attended a roll out training session at the University of Minnesota, Department of Otolaryngology in conjunction with the quarterly meeting in July. The trustees were enlightened with tours to the temporal bone lab and balance lab. The Hearing Center staff met with the trustees and provided an overview of their responsibility within the department. All the trustees were very grateful for the training opportunity, and the plan is to offer the training annually. The training certainly provided the trustees with information which will better able us to promote the Lions Hearing Foundation and the Lions Children's Hearing Center within our districts.

Upcoming activities of the Hearing Foundation include:

Dr. George Adams Golf Tournament, State Fair Booth, Cochlear Implant Picnic, Fall Tours, October 9

The Hearing Foundation has an excellent executive board:

President Marlene Martinek, Secretary Frank Loken, Treasurer Mike Vos

The Foundation is updating the Policy and Procedure Guide and is planning for a significant fund raising event. The Lions Children's Hearing Center is on schedule to relocate in March, 2011. Hearing aid collection for the district has raised \$2000. Affordable hearing aid project is available, please pass this along

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank/Children's Eye Clinic/ MAC: Co-Chair Lion Jean Dahlke & PDG Marlys Meskan attended our Minnesota Lions Eye Bank training on July 16 at the University of Minnesota. The July Eye Bank Board meeting was held on July 17. Dr. Jay Krachmer reported that everything is going well at the Department of Ophthalmology.

July 31st was the kick off for the Minnesota Lions Fund to Prevent Blindness in Infants and Children. The Minnesota Lions have pledged 3 million dollars for this project. Also noted was the 50-year partnership between the Minnesota Lions, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, and University of Minnesota Department of Ophthalmology. Jackie Malling, Executive Director for the MLEB stated that the eye bank continues to meet our surgeons' schedule needs and most of our researchers' tissue needs. Donor eyes are needed from people who have any stage of Retinitis Pigmentosa and Macular Degeneration for research purposes.

The 10,000 Signatures for Sight will continue through December 2010.

The legal committee made a motion to change our name from the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Inc. to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. With much discussion this passed and will be part of our Strategic Plan to be voted on at the Multiple Convention in Mankato April 29-May 1, 2011.

Upcoming events are as follows:

- October 9 Fall Lions Tours
- October 30 Thanksgiving for Vision-Earle Brown Center
- October 31 Fall Donor and Family Recognition Program

Co-chairs will be attending all Region meetings this fall. We are available to come to your club and give a presentation.

MT Membership: Lion Steve Wasserman reported that as of the June 30, 2010 LCI Register Report, District 5M2 stood at 2511 members in 63 clubs. Statistics for the 2009-2010 year included 238 new members, 3 reinstatements, and 14 transfers in for a total of 255 members added. We ended the year with a net gain of 16 members after having 239 drops. DG Eunice's membership goal for the year is a net gain of 70 members. The goal for the year will be to have each club to have a functioning membership committee and set a club membership goal for the year.

MT Extension: PID Maynard Rucks reported that there has been no new action at this time.

MT Retention: Lion Jeff Williams was not in attendance.

MT Leadership Development: Lion Brian Thies reported it is his understanding that Lions Clubs International will be ending the MERL Program; therefore the cabinet will need to discuss whether or not the District will continue the MERL team positions. A training schedule has been set for both Zone and Region Meetings.

MT Orientation: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that she will again be serving as the Orientation chair on the MERLO team this year. She plans to continue encouraging orientation within the clubs and hopes to schedule some orientation programs with individual clubs throughout the year. Last year I was able to complete the mini-orientation "Test Your Lions Knowledge" in 50 of the 63 clubs. Watch for her Orientation display and table information at the Region meeting.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported reported the August Newsletter is coming out soon. If you have photos to put in the newsletter, please send them in by the 20th of the month. Please remember to identify people in the photos. DG Eunice and PDG Bill are doing a great job.

Protocol/Public Relations: Lion Paul Stahler reported that District 5M-2's Core 4 grant request for a LCIF Quest expansion grant was revised several times by Mike and Cathleen Williams and myself. We have been working with the LCIF and Quest people to refine the process. The grant request is moving forward and should be presented to the LCIF Board this month. The grant request is for \$19,365 for the District 5M-2 Quest program. The District must match the \$19,365 with \$6,455 in District funds if the grant application

is successful. The life of the grant if successful should be two to three years or for three Quest training session during that time. Thirty-five teachers could be trained at each session.

Project New Hope: Lion Donna Wolter reported that the Project New Hope program chairs for the southern half of multiple 5M met with PDG Dale Johanson on June 23 at the Kingston Community Center at 6:03 p.m. Knowing PDG Dale, none of the chairs thought that time to be unusual, however, subsequent e-mails confirmed the time to be 6:30 p.m. This is the first year that each district in the multiple has a Project New Hope Chairperson. 5M9 is sponsoring a raffle for a new mustang convertible (with all taxes paid) which will be given away August 26. Cost per ticket is \$20. Lion Wolter is available to visit clubs and looks forward to promoting Project New Hope.

Spring Point Project: IPDG Rick Wagener reported that he did one more program at the Glencoe Lions club for this period. Lions Lights on for Life is an ongoing project and incorporate it into my program. Thank you DG Eunice for having me on the cabinet for the 2010 - 2011 year.

Write Off: Lion Spille reported that there was nothing to report.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Chris Hall from the Glencoe Lions reported that he will be serving as Co-Chair of the Youth Exchange Program, along with Lion Norma Syverson, from the Stewart Lions. He is looking forward to receiving some training so that together, Lion Norma and he can visit the Lions Clubs and present the Youth Exchange Program. Thank-You District Governor Eunice for this opportunity.

Lion Norma Syverson reported that the week of July 23-July31 was the week a total of 20 students from Finland, Israel, the Czech Republic, Norway, Italy, Japan, Slovakia, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, and the US attended Camp Spicer at Mankato. We were housed at Bethany College for the first four days and in a motel for the other days with the exception of the night they stayed with their host family and with the Walters.

Our schedule took us to Valley Fair, the State Capital, Como Zoo, Chanhassen Dinner Theater, Mall of America, St. Paul Saints game, Scott Co. Courthouse, Can Do Canines tour, bowling, and Ropes Course at Camp Friendship Ventures. On Saturday night each student prepared a recipe native to their country to serve for the Governor's Banquet.

Many Lion's Clubs provided us with meals. We were invited to the Mankato Key City Club, the Sunrise Club, Courtland Lions, St. Peter Lions, Scandia Club, and Carver Lions Club.

David Larson, a Native American, came to Bethany and gave a presentation to the group.

A thanks to Lion Jim Walters who prepared the food for our picnics, A thanks to Bill for bussing us around. A thanks to other Lion staff, Cindy, Sue, Nadeen, and Jay for helping me through this week. This was my first experience at camp and what an experience!! I felt these were exceptional students. They were fun, cooperative, polite, eager to know the ways of the U.S and were team players. They speak very good English. The ages were from 16 to 20. Pretty even as to boy and girl students. It was hard to say good-bye. I hope we all learned something from each other regarding our cultures.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs reported The theme for 2010 is "Vision of Peace." Peace Poster kits are available either from The Lion magazine order form or from <http://www.lionsclubs.org> online. One Peace Poster Kit is required for each school. Lions Clubs can enter one poster for each school participating.

Lion's Clubs need to collect and judge their own Peace Posters by the end of October. Publicizing local Peace Poster winners in the newspaper and an article is a great way to raise awareness and get the community involved in Lion's activities. A prize and certificate for the winning students are also nice rewards for the students' achievements.

5M2 Lions Clubs must send their winning poster from each school to Lion Sheila by November 15th for District 5M2 judging. The winning poster must be sent to the Council Chairperson by December 1st for 5M judging. Do not send any posters to the District Governor because of the strict time frame.

In 2009 Lion Janet and I received 34 posters from 25 clubs. Our goal is increase participation in 2010. The contest is a perfect opportunity to reach out to the students in the community and give them a chance to show how important peace is to them.

If any club needs assistance in starting a Peace Poster contest, Lions Sheila Stahler (stahlers@hotmail.com) and Lion Janet Knakmuhs (jclcmn@hickorytech.net) are happy to help. We are looking forward to judging the posters.

Lions Quest: Lion Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that since July 1, 2009, they have attended 3 Cabinet Meetings, 3 Region meetings, 11 Zone meetings, 30 club meetings, 1 mid-winter, 1 multiple. We are looking forward to the USA-Canadian Forum. The Core 4 grant is still pending. We are deeply indebted to Paul Stahler for his ongoing work on this grant. We have driven over 3,000 miles since last July. We thank Governor Eunice for asking us to continue our work and spread the Lions Quest Message.

Comments:

2nd VDG Ron Dahlke is encouraged to see all the cabinet chairpersons present. Enthusiasm is very evident. Ladies and Gentleman, start your engines.

1st VDG Sue – amazing with all the activities going on. Excited you are part of the cabinet. Looking forward to working with you and continue your work for service for District 5M2.

Lion Nancy passed a heart thanks from her family for all for support and words in the passing of PDG Darwin. They are overwhelmed with donations in his honor.

Announcements –

PID Maynard – gave announcements for DG Eunice. He explained what was in with pins.

Cabinet Chairs are to come with calendar to Region Meeting to set up programs in clubs. This is a new change to get programs in at the club level. No club reports that night. At Fall Zone meeting, Cabinet will not have reports to give as it will be information on membership and retention.

Governor Goals and Governor Contest handouts to all cabinet members. Membership goal is a +1 in each club. This is an easy reach for all to meet DG Eunice's goal. .
Go out and have fun.

Motion to adjourn PDG Marlys Meskan, 2nd Lion Bill Bowman. MC

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Cindy Walters