

# Power of One

## Campaign to Increase Eye, Tissue, and Organ Donation Eye Bank seeks Lions help

Story is from the “The Spectable.” It is a publication of the Lions Sight Program at the University of Minnesota

More than 100,000 Americans are in need of eye, tissue, or organ donations. So, a national initiative is underway to increase the pool of donors by encouraging people to designate (make known and make legal) their donation wishes. Lions can help.

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank is a member of Team Minnesota Donor Designation Collaborative, a statewide effort supporting Donate Life America’s national campaign to increase the number of Americans who have documented their wishes to be donors. Team Minnesota’s goal is to have 51 percent of Minnesotans registered as donors either through driver’s licenses, state identification cards, or the online donor registry. **The eye bank has developed a Lions club campaign and hopes that Minnesota Lions members will help them meet the Team Minnesota goal.**

With Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Inc. board of director support, the eye bank has developed a donor designation campaign. The campaign simply asks Lions members to sign up at least four other people to be registered designated donors. The campaign includes a club challenge, with special recognition for clubs achieving an average of four registrations for each club member.

### Donor registration is easy

- One-page form is completed by the new registrant.
- Form is mailed to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank.
- Eye bank submits information to the state donor registry.
- A confirmation card is mailed to the registrant to review, sign, and return.

“Studies show that an increase in the number of designated donors (persons who document their intents to become donors) equals an increase in the donation rate,” says Lion Jackie Malling, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank executive director. “The more eye donors we have in Minnesota, the more opportunities we have to fight blindness through cornea transplants, research, and medical education.”

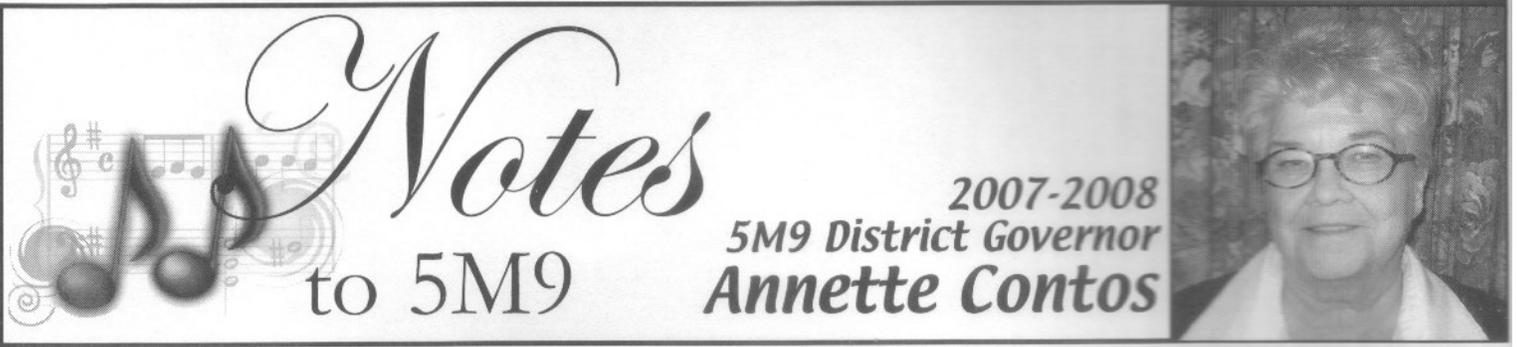
“The donor designation campaign should increase Lions visibility in the community and advertise the important services provided by Lions members and their clubs. It may also increase interest in Lion membership,” Malling added. “Through this campaign we hope Lions members will reach beyond their family members to talk with neighbors and other community members about the work of Lions while they provide information about donor registration.”

Club presidents should have received a mailing from the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank in December. Campaign packets will include information about how to seek donor registrations, registration forms, and general information about eye, tissue, and organ donation that can be used when talking with individuals, organizations, and news media outlets.

For more information about the Eye Bank: contact PDG Ray Woods at 218-546-6896 or Lion Vi Bergman at 218-334-5841.

### The Need for Donors

- Each day, there are 100 people added to the national waiting list.
- Each day, more than 18 people die waiting for an organ transplant.
- More than 1 million people are impacted each year by tissue donation.
- More than 33,000 cornea transplants are performed annually in the United States.
- One person can save or enhance the lives of up to 60 people through donation of eye, tissue, or organs.



Greetings Lions, Lioness, and Leos of 5M9,  
 The Mid-Winter is history, and we have a new Vice District Governor. Since I am writing this on December 18 (I am 3 days late on the newsletter deadline), I can't say who was elected VDG.

Many of you have heard me say, the POWER OF ONE, do you know who in each of our 69 Lions Clubs really has THE POWER OF ONE? It is the Club Secretary. The Secretary has the POWER OF ONE to help their President, Zone Chair, and District Governor receive the 100% awards in their specific categories. Secretaries if you assist the President, Zone Chair and District Governor, you will also be assisting yourself to earn the 100% Secretary award. For each of these officers to receive the 100% Award EVERY club must submit monthly membership and activity reports. If these officers completed every requirement they need to complete, but the Club Secretaries do not submit the required monthly Activity and MMR reports, annual PU101, and annual Activity report to International they will not qualify for 100% anything.

MMR's or Monthly Membership Reports are just that, MONTHLY Membership reports that must be submitted to International EVERY month, by the 5th of the month, whether or not the club meets. That means if you do not meet in June, July, and August your club still needs to submit the report. The same thing goes for the Activity Report. Just note on the reports no meeting this month. When you go to our website [www.lionsof5m9.org](http://www.lionsof5m9.org) there is a spot for Membership Reporting and for the district activity report. If you have questions you can contact Lion Erin Beck at 218-845-2204 [thebecks@mlecbw.net](mailto:thebecks@mlecbw.net) for assistance. In fact you could invite both Lion Bruce Beck (husband) and Lion Erin to your Club meeting. Lion Erin could meet with your secretary and Lion Bruce could meet with your club on membership and tail twisting.

Each month I receive a report from Lions International telling me which clubs are delinquent with their membership reports. One club's late reports go back to June of 2006. Nine are delinquent from May through September and fifteen are delinquent in October alone. November reports are now past due. The Lions Clubs International Monthly Reporting History report shows that the Club Secretary does

truly have the POWER OF ONE. Club secretaries, please use the first 6 months of 2008 to develop the habit of filing reports on paper or electronically by the 5th of the following month, thus giving DGE Peter an opportunity to be a 100% Governor in 2008-2009.

On another note, you have done really well at inviting women and men to join Lions; thus far in 2007 we have 83 new members. We are not doing so well at retention--we have lost 134 members so we are down 51 members. From reasons shown for dropped members, paying dues on time seems to be a problem. I don't know how you bill your dues, but I know for myself I appreciate being able to pay my dues either quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.

I really enjoy visiting Lions Clubs, and as they (PDGs) told us in July, "the time really flies fast" and "before you know it; your year will be over." But, oh, what wonderful memories you are all giving me! Thus far I have visited 33 Lions Clubs, 1 Leo Club, 24 Clubs are scheduled and 4 Lions Clubs and 1 Lioness club need to be rescheduled and 10 clubs need to schedule a visit.

I hope you all had a good time at the Mid-Winter and are making plans to attend Multiple District 5M Convention on May 2-4, 2008, in Mahnommen.

See you soon! DG Annette

### Special note!

Lions who attended the College of Leadership in May, Please accept my apology for not getting your pins and or chevrons to you in a timely manner. I goofed! I did not know I was supposed to order them, I thought the Leadership chair ordered and took care of them. Thanks to Lion Diane Bates asking where her chevron was, I asked where they were and found out I was supposed to have ordered them. They have now been ordered and I will get them to you no later than your spring zone meeting, I suppose we could have a 2006 graduation ceremony next May at the College Of Leadership, but that doesn't sound right. I am so sorry I goofed--it's that entry level volunteer again.

Happy New Year!! DG Annette

## The 5M9 Power of 1



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# Annette's travels

## January

4-6 5M9 Mid Winter Convention  
8 Menahga visit  
9 Dalton visit  
16 Deer Creek visit  
22 Park Rapids, Nevis, Osage, Akeley visit  
28 McGregor visit

## February

1 Perham Lakes Lions' Mardi Gras  
5 Elizabeth & Daybreakers visit  
11 Nisswa visit  
16 Battle Lake visit  
19 Aldrich, Verndale Lions & Verndale  
Lioness visit  
21 Underwood Lioness& Underwood  
Lions visit  
25 Ottertail Lions visit

## March

6 Wolf Lake and Frazee Lions visit

## April

24 Zone 2 McGregor  
28 Baxter visit  
29 Sebekia visit

## May

2-4 MD5M Convention, Mahnommen  
8 Hackensack visit  
11 Governor's Fishing Opener  
Pequot Lakes  
15 Pillager visit

# Cultivating our Minds... Let our Service Grow VDG Peter Van Erp

Ready or not!!!!!! The white stuff has arrived and the weather has turned cold. I guess that means winter is here.

Just a quick review of the first six months serving you as your VDG, it has been a busy but exciting and fun time for myself and my partner in service, Lion Margaret. We have had the joy of inducting new members, installing new club officers, Lion of the Year Award, and presenting a few Melvin Jones Awards. We attended all nine of the first round of zone meetings and seven of the second round of zone meetings. It is very interesting to hear what each club has been doing since July first. We have met so many wonderful Lions, Lioness and even some Leo's who were able to make the zone meetings. We've also attended several Lions Christmas parties. Boy, the Lions and Lioness Do know how to have fun.

I have read in the MA's that a few clubs have gained new members. GREAT. See how GREAT the power of one does work when a Lion or Lioness asks another individual to become a Lion or Lioness. Keep up the good work. Keep asking. Let's try to make our District have a plus one for Governor Annette's year. I've also noticed that many of the clubs haven't been using our project chair people. PLEASE call and invite them to one of your meetings to give your club their project program. These project chairs have a wealth of information to share with your club members to help them to be more informed and better Lions, Lioness and Leo's.

By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox Christmas will be over for 2007, the New Year will be a few weeks old, our 2008 Mid-Winter convention will be history and hopefully I will have been elected your new District Governor for 2008-2009. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support in 2007. We are planning to attend as many of the other MD5M Mid-Winter Conventions as we can fit into our busy schedule along with grandson's and granddaughter's basketball games, Lions meetings and yes, patiently waiting for the arrival of our 23rd grandchild which is due the middle of March. Being grandparents is so much fun, spoil them and then send them home with your blessings to the parents.

Until next month, cultivate your minds, plow the snow and let our service grow.  
VDG Peter

## Resources Available for a Pro-active Pandemic Flu Plan

Lions are invited to distribute free pandemic influenza (flu) flyers throughout their communities. The flyers are available for downloading from the Lions Web site at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/iad913.pdf>

In July 2007, The International Association of Lions Clubs agreed to help the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) disseminate information about (large-scale) pandemic flu. Participation in this public health campaign is an honor for Lions.

Immediate Past International President Jimmy Ross led the way in this healthcare initiative by participating in HHS' advertising campaign, Take the Lead: Pandemic Flu - Working Together to Prepare Now. His photo appears on US national pandemic flu advertisements.

Pandemic flu preparedness is important because the 20th century experienced three pandemic flu outbreaks. Millions of people died. Unlike seasonal flu, there is little, if any, immunity to a pandemic flu virus. Public health officials need several weeks or months to identify a pandemic flu strain and develop a vaccine.

Good personal hygiene is the best defense against the flu.

The Lions pandemic flu flyer encourages the public to wash their hands frequently and to cover their mouths whenever sneezing.

A pro-active pandemic flu plan coincides with the Lions ALERT emergency preparedness program. Lions ALERT encourages the development of a community plan in the event of a natural, man-made, or public health crisis such as a:

- Level One emergency (affecting a few people)
- Level Two emergency (affecting a community)
- Level Three emergency (affecting hundreds or thousands of people in a region)

For more information about Lions ALERT, log onto the Lions Web site at: [https://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/alert\\_program.shtml](https://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/alert_program.shtml) or contact: [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org).



## Underwood Lions donate to Seniors

Lion Gordon Hanson presented a check for over \$1,500 to Cheri Finseth, head of Underwood Senior Dining, on behalf of the Underwood Lions, as some of the diners observed. The check represents the proceeds from pork chop sales at the Underwood Harvest Festival in September. Senior dining is a vital service in this small community and would not be able to continue without donated funds.

The Underwood Lions are famous for their charcoal grilled pork chops with fans that come from far away to buy them at this event and others. Many of the members serve faithfully at these events from early Spring until late Fall.

## WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS TO 5M9!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Nola Schultz	Aldrich	DeEtta Bilek
David Ludovisse	Aldrich	DeEtta Bilek
Jason Jares	Aldrich	DeEtta Bilek
Roger Wold	Battle Lake	Arlen Naylor
James Walth	Cuyuna Range	
Burdell Walth	Cuyuna Range	Mark Boike
Joe Hastings	Hackensack	
Lynn Abraham	Hackensack	
Leo Zuroski	Nisswa	Charles Jorgensen
William Cruz, Jr.	Nisswa	James Dullum
Richard Sobiech	Nisswa	Edward Erickson
James Beaudette	Nisswa	James Starkey
Bill Lund	Northland-Remer	Herbert Gustafson
Darlene Ewald	Northland-Remer	Nancy Stefan
Melissa Graham	Perham	Gerald Bergum
Mark Moratis	Perham Lakes	Orville Albin
Judy Moratis	Perham Lakes	Kathryn Albin
Daniel Lustila	Perham Lakes	Sue Dykstra
Sherrie Obright	Perham Lakes	Sue Dykstra
Leroy Thoennes	Urbank	Edward Thoennes
Charles Debilzen	Urbank	Edward Thoennes
Catthy Debilzen	Urbank	Ruth Thoennes

## Don't miss Mardi Gras! Friday, Feb. 1 • Perham Lakeside Golf Club

It is on Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at Perham Lakeside Golf Club. Social at 6:00 pm dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. That will get you your meal and a chance to win the top prize of \$500.00 cash, 10 - \$50.00 cash prizes or two half hogs. Also there will be a meat raffle and a gift basket raffle. There will also be a silent auction.

You won't want to miss the entertainment. She is the "Hat Lady" from Mandan North Dakota. Her program is based on living life to the fullest. Her collection of hats includes over 1,000 dating as far back as the 1700's. The audience will participate with modeling the hats. Her message in life is "You cannot prevent the bird of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent it from building a nest in your hair --- especially if you are wearing a hat!"

Tickets will go on sale the first of December and there will be a limited amount. Any questions please call Pat Hendrickx at 218-346-5899 or email at phend@lakesplus.com

All proceeds go for Lions and community projects.

## Spilman receives Helen Keller Award



Lion Ernie Spilman (center) of the Leader Lions was presented with the Helen Keller Award by PDG Ray Woods (right). Leader Lions President, Walt Sowers is on the left. At one of their earliest International Conventions, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind". The Lions took the challenge and made sight their primary cause now reaching worldwide.

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# Tissue transport update

The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank would like to thank volunteer tissue transporters for the important work they have done, and continue to do, for the eye bank.

The number of volunteer transport relays by the metro transporters (this involves corneas going out to Twin Cities surgery sites and also eye tissue going to or coming from the airport) is steady and even increasing. The number of runs from the drop-off sites is down from the previous year. The drop site decline is due to several factors.

1. The Minnesota State Patrol generously transports eye tissue from all of greater Minnesota to six drop sites ringing the metro area. At the State Patrol's request, the eye bank does not use their services unless the eye tissue transport is an emergency. (An emergency is defined as when the eye tissue cannot get to the eye bank in time by any other means than the State Patrol.)

Emergency transports have decreased chiefly because, in 2003, the eye bank began procuring eye tissue by the in situ process (recovering only the donor's corneas instead of the whole eyes). In situ is used in the metro areas of Duluth, Fargo, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and Rochester.

With in situ, the cornea is placed in a preservation solution as soon as it is removed. This instant preservation method allows the eye bank to use conventional transportation without diminishing the viability of the cornea.

2. The eye bank has been sending staff recovery technicians out further distances, which means more corneas and eyes are hand-delivered by staff technicians.

3. Fewer removals are being done by volunteers, and it is most often the cases done by volunteers that utilize state patrol. (New Food and Drug Administration regulations and the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank's own drive for excellence have necessitated more stringent qualifications for volunteer recovery technicians. The augmented qualifications, which include an annual training requirement, have raised the quality of volunteers but, predictably, reduced the quantity.)

All that being said, the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank still has cases that need to be relayed by the volunteer transporters and would not be as successful or as cost efficient without those volunteers. The eye bank greatly values their work and is so grateful that Lions serve.

# Hewitt Lioness Halloween party



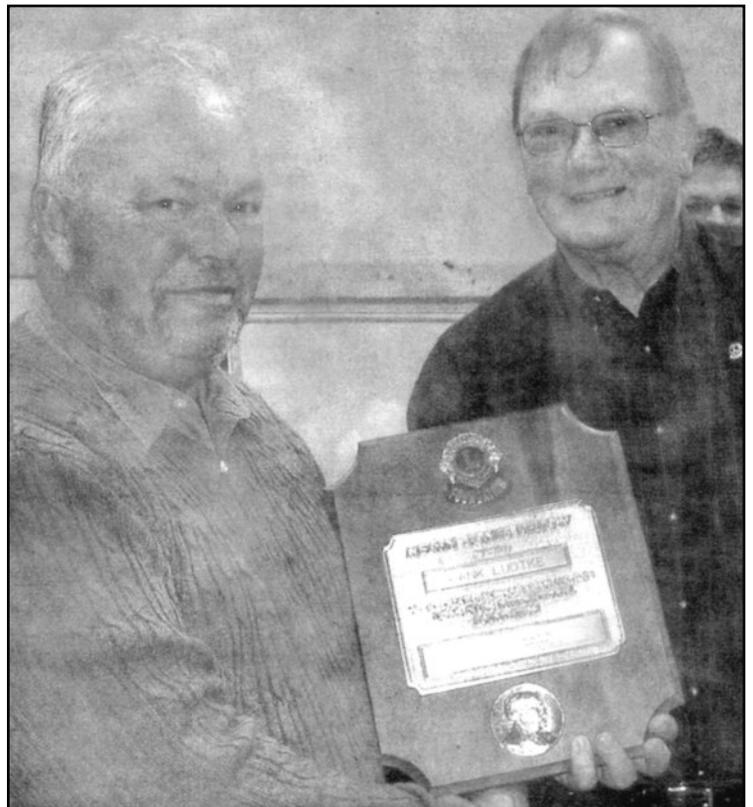
The Hewitt Lioness hosted a Halloween party for the area children. They dress-up for the event. Prizes are given for the best costume.

# Hewitt Lioness pack shoe boxes



The Hewitt Lioness participating in Operation Christmas Child for Christmas giving. The Hewitt Lioness packed 22 shoe boxes for children to be given to needy children here and around the world.

# Ludtke receives Lions' Melvin Jones



Frazee Mayor Hank Ludtke (right) was surprised at last Wednesday's evening meeting of the Frazee Lions Club when he was presented with a Melvin Jones award, which is named for the service organization's founder. A recipient is not required to be a Lion, added presenter Eldon Bergman, who commended Ludtke for his coordination efforts on area playground projects and added he would welcome Ludtke to the organization when his schedule allows. Finalization of work on the Lions Park playground set is planned for spring of 2008.

# Dog may help lead the blind

## Puppy trainer teaches basics in home-like setting before specialized program begins

Story and photo by Debbie Irmén of the Fergus Falls Daily Journal.

"When Richard has on his blue jacket, he knows he's working. When the jacket comes off, he is just a normal, eight-month-old puppy," his puppy raiser, Belinda Urlacher said.

"He runs and acts like a puppy without the jacket," she says.

Urlacher is teaching the golden retriever the basic commands, such as to heel, sit, stay, and come -to be a leader dog for the blind. "He goes everywhere with her as she works to socialize him," she said.

"He's been to the mall, grocery stores and restaurants - we can't have a dog snapping at the food," she said. "He rides on the floor of the car, which is where he is supposed to ride, according to the rules."

The rules - and there are many - come from a book Urlacher uses to teach Richard what he should know to be someone's eyes.

In addition, she and Richard attend monthly training sessions at which both are evaluated for progress.

"They check to see if he knows the basics and if he is healthy," she said.

Urlacher, the owner of T & A Pet Boarding and Grooming in Fergus Falls for 15 years, was at Westridge Mall I the early 2000s, with her father, Richard, where the Fergus Falls Daybreakers Lions had a booth with information on the leader dog program, which it sponsors.

"My dog said I'd be good at (training a leader dog)," she said, but his illness prevented her from following up on it at the time.

Some time after his death in February, a friend brought the subject up again, but Urlacher said she'd probably never get another call to take a dog.

"The next day, I got a call," she said.

Other coincidences indicating the time was right for Urlacher to work with Richard, were numerous: The dog, her first leader dog, is named after Urlacher's late father; was born the same week in February her father died; the two even share a similar birth date: The dog was born Feb. 27 and Richard was July 27.

Also, each dog is given an identifying tag number and Richard's number - 7257 - has



**Fergus Falls Daybreakers Lions members get to know Richard, a leader dog puppy-in-training, and his "foster mom," Belinda Urlacher at Tuesday's Diabetes education event at the Bigwood Event Center. Urlacher will teach the eight-month-old golden retriever basic commands before he begins an intensive training program in late April.**

significance for her - 72 is the age of her father at his death; and she was born in 1957.

"Every time we turned around, there was something that said this was the right time to have a dog," she said.

Urlacher and her husband, Neal, drove to Rochester, Mich., to retrieve the seven-week-old puppy, which she'll train for about a year, she said. After her work is done, Richard will enter an intensive, eight-hour-a-day training phase in late April, where he will learn the specifics of helping someone who is blind and sight-impaired.

"It will take almost two years for him to learn to be a leader dog," she said.

About 80 percent of the dogs in the program pass the test to be a leader dog, Urlacher said. If Richard passes, she would be eligible to have another dog.

The cost of a puppy-in-training is high - at the end of the training period, the helpmate will have an estimated \$5,000 value - and Urlacher is responsible for paying while he lives in her home.

"Which is why he is always on a leash,"

she said. Richard was also implanted with an identification chip should he ever get separated from his handler, or eventually, his owner.

A donation from the Daybreaker Lions Club in Fergus Falls will help cover some of those expenses, Urlacher said.

The Urlachers have from March 31 to April 19 to return Richard to the leader dog program in Rochester, and she already knows the trip is going to be a tough one.

"We just bonded," she said. "It's going to be the hardest thing I've ever done when I have to give him up."

But Richard's higher calling will give the parting some meaning.

"He's going to be somebody's eyes," she said.

Anyone interested in a puppy-in-training may call Ginny Paulson, with the local Daybreakers Lions Club, at 736-5109, or Leader Dog for the Blind in Rochester, Mich., at 888-777-5332.

# FF Daybreakers Lions contribute to care of local leader dog

Story by Debbie Irmén, Fergus Falls Daily Journal

The Daybreakers Lions Club is part of Lions International which supports the leader dog program and is best known for working to end preventable blindness.

Lions clubs provide many services, such as conducting vision, hearing and health screenings, building parks and hospitals, awarding scholarships, assisting youth, helping in time of disaster and much more.

Club members also participated in a diabetes education and information event Tuesday, Nov. 13, organized by Diabetic educator and Registered Dietician Janet Spies, and sponsored by the Fergus Falls Medical Group. November is national Diabetes Awareness month.

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of death and disability, including blindness, in the United States.

It affects an estimated 74.8 million Americans,

or one in three adults, of whom 54 million have pre-diabetes, 14.6 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, and 6.2 million are undiagnosed and at risk for disabling and life threatening diabetes complications.

It is also the leading cause of blindness, which is where the Fergus Falls Lions Club steps in, providing financial support, such as the \$100 donation to Leader Dog puppy raiser Belinda Urlacher.

The club also makes donations to the Leader Dog for the Blind program on a regular basis.

“Puppy raisers are volunteers and receive no reimbursement from any other group,” Lions member Ginny Paulson said. “As part of its mission, the Daybreakers Lions felt it should support her.”

People all over the world receive leader dogs to help them maintain their independence and the program is a major program supported by local Lions clubs and its governing district.

For more information on Lions and the leader dog program, visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

## Lions Clubs are champions for diabetes education, as it can affect sight

The UN General Assembly recently passed a landmark resolution recognizing the diabetes epidemic as a global threat. It is estimated that more than 230 million people have diabetes. This number is expected to rise to a staggering 350 million by 2025.

People with diabetes are at risk of losing sight due to diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy affects the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye that transmits visual messages via the optic nerve to the brain.

When this delicate tissue is damaged by diabetic retinopathy, the result may be visual impairment or blindness.

Diabetes awareness was adopted as a long-term commitment of the association in March 1984. The primary objective of the Lions program is to reduce the number of new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy through diabetes education, early detection and treatment, and support of research.

Lions are especially encouraged to conduct awareness activities in their communities throughout the year. Lions Diabetes Education month is

celebrated in November. The new Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness program can help Lions to educate the public about diabetes and its prevention.

Why is it important to know how diabetes affects the eyes?

If you have diabetes - or if someone close to you has this disease - you should know that diabetes can affect the eyes and cause visual impairment of blindness.

Fortunately, there are ways to prevent or lessen damage to the eyes caused by diabetes. That is why it is so important for people with this disease to have a professional eye examination as soon as their diabetes is diagnosed, and at least once a year thereafter.

Annual eye examinations are especially important for people who have a high risk of developing eye complications from diabetes. Show the new DVD film, “Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam” to Lions clubs and community residents. In addition, pregnancy is known to be a factor in the development or worsening of diabetic eye disease.

# Urbank Lions honored

The Urbank Lions Club presented several awards last Thursday night at their annual Christmas party celebration at The Old Mill Supper Club.

Lions District 5M9 Governor Annette Contos of Elizabeth, gave the evening's speech before presenting the awards to several Lions.

This was the 30th anniversary of the Urbank Club's charter night in 1977. Two members have had perfect attendance over all those years. Ed Thoennes and Marv Becker received 30-year awards for those years. Receiving a 25-year award was Phillip Koep.

Six new members were officially installed including: Jim Gamache, Linda Thoennes, Joan Koep, Charles and Kathy Debilzen, and LeRoy Thoennes.

Bonnie Hanson was presented the Helen Keller Sight Award for her leadership and support of working with the blind programs in Lions International. She received a beautiful plaque.



District Governor Annette, left, presents the Helen Keller plaque to Bonnie Hanson.



District Governor Annette, left, and Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient Peg Lorusung.

Peg Lorusung was officially named as a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), in recognition of her commitment to serving the world community.

Named for the Founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is the recognition of a commitment to humanitarian service.

Lorusung received a beautiful plaque and a lapel pin acknowledging her dedication to the foundation's humanitarian goals. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, Lorusung becomes a part of a growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

Ed Thoennes also received a Power of One Pin from the District Governor for recruiting new members.

Story and photos are from the Parkers Prairie Independent.



## Trip to Leader Dog

There will be a trip in April of 2008, to Lion Club International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Il., and Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI. The date is April 17-20, 2008. Cost of trip will be \$270.00 per person for bus ride and hotel. The down payment of \$150.00 must be paid by January 20, 2008 and balance of \$120.00 by March 8, 2008. First 48 people to sign up, get to go.

On Saturday night on the way home, we are going to try to stop at a Casino in Wisconsin. Send the payment to my address.

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## A working vacation

Do you want to do something to help your fellow man?

**We still need four people to go to  
Cabo and five to go to Mazatlan  
ASAP!**

The Detroit Lakes Lions and others will be traveling to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico February 3-10 or Mazatlan, Mexico March 8-15. If you are interested in helping others and having a good time doing it, contact Dr. Armand Radke at [armand.radke@meritcare.com](mailto:armand.radke@meritcare.com) or call 218-846-2256 and leave a message.

# Awards given by Cormorant Lions



Helen Keller recipients are Frayne Sherve and Rick Julian, not pictured is Dean Olson.



Melvin Jones Fellowships award winner are Benneth Braseth and Michael Wammer.



Wendell Rensink and Don Harsh with their Hearing Research Fellowship awards.

On Friday, December 7th, a beautiful cold crisp night the Cormorant Lions Club held it's Annual Christmas Party and gave seven of its members major awards. Two Melvin Jones Fellowships, three Helen Keller Awards and two Hearing Research Fellowships were awarded to deserving recipients.

This annual festivity is given each year in honor of all our spouses for their help during the year. They are the unsung heroes that devote time and talent helping our club members carry out many projects.

The party took place in the brightly decorated ballroom of the Cormorant Community Center. The social started at 6 pm with a great assortment of hors d'oeuvres and beverages followed by a delicious dinner of stuffed pork chops or chicken breast with all the trimmings. After the dinner, the prestigious awards were presented followed by entertainment.

Receiving Melvin Jones Fellowships were Michael Wammer and Benneth Braseth. Helen Keller Awards were given to Rick Julian, Dean Olson and Frayne Sherve. Hearing Research Fellowship Awards were presented to Wendell Rensink and Don Harsh.

Entertainment for the evening was music by Johnny Jay.

Submitted by Bob Teschendorf, Secretary  
Cormorant Lions



A part of the crowd of 106 members and spouses attending the Cormorant Lions Annual Christmas Party.

Upcoming  
dates for the  
USA/Canada  
Leadership  
Forum



Sept. 18-20, 2008 Saskatoon, Canada  
Sept. 17-19, 2009 Memphis, TN  
Sept. 2010 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Have you  
asked  
someone  
to be a  
**LION**  
**TODAY!**



# MD5M Convention

May 2-4 • Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen

Lions, Lioness & Leos:

The Dilworth, Ulen and Hitterdal Lions Clubs of District 5M 11 invite you to the 89th Annual Multiple District 5M Convention to be held May 2- 4, 2008 at the Shooting Star Event Center in Mahnomen, MN.

We are planning a convention you won't want to miss! We will have stimulating speakers, informative seminars, exciting entertainment and more - all under one roof!

The Shooting Star Casino & Event Center has been billed as "Northern Minnesota's premier gaming & convention property." The Hotel and event center boasts 390 hotel rooms, a 22,000 square foot convention center, restaurants, snack bar, lounge, swimming pool, shopping and gaming. A beautiful RV Park is located on site.

Rooms will be \$75 (US) per night - tax included. RV spots at the Shooting Star Campground will be \$25 (US) per night. The complete Hospitality Book Price will be \$109.00 that includes all meals and entertainment. All reservations must be made through the Dilworth-Ulen-Hitterdal Lions Clubs using an official registration form. For your convenience, Visa & MasterCard will be accepted along with checks or cash.

You will be able to register on-line at [www.Dilworthlionsclub.info](http://www.Dilworthlionsclub.info)

An updated list of registrants by Lions, District, will be available on the website as well.

Your club is a member of District 5M9 which is one of 12 sub-districts which makes-up Multiple District 5M. Come and take part, in what goes on at this next level of the Lion's organization. Come to the DUH convention, it will be fun and informative.

Registration forms will be in next months newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Dilworth/Ulen/Hitterdal Lions  
2008 MD5M Convention Committee

## Here's comes Santa Claus



See if can find Santa at the District Convention and wish him a Merry Christmas.



Lion Joan Brusven and Lion Mary Murphy of the Elizabeth Lions Club each received a Leader Dog Award from the club for their dedication to Lion causes. Both Lions have been active in volunteering to take leadership roles. Lion Joan, our present secretary, has each Christmas for the past few years shopped for gifts for needy families, also shops for bingo prizes, helped arrange a Christmas dinner for the developmentally disabled, and is very active in the Relay for Life and helping with other activities as necessary.

Lion Mary became active as soon as she joined our club. She has been Zone VIII chairperson, organized an auction, luncheons and bake sales for Campaign Sight II. Lion Mary almost always is involved in every activity the club takes on. These two Lions are very deserving of these awards.



Lion Jim Tenneson of the Elizabeth Lions presented Lion Gloria Radtke of the Pelican Rapids Lions a check for \$745 for Kids against Hunger. On October 5 & 6 at the Pelican Rapids High School the Pelican Rapids, Elizabeth Lions, local churches, the National Honor Society, Boy and Girl Scouts, and other area service clubs and groups volunteered to package meals for the hungry. There were 91,152 meals (15,192 bags) packaged during those two days. The volunteer effort was terrific- 240 volunteers on Friday evening and 235 on Saturday.



**89th Multiple District 5M Convention**  
**May 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2008**  
**The DUH Convention**  
**Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center**  
**Mahnomen, Minnesota**  
**Hosted by Dilworth Lions, Ulen Lions &**  
**Hitterdal Lions**



## Registration Form

(One Form Per Hotel Room or RV Spot Please)

(See Back Page for More Information and to Enter Additional Registrants)

Lion     Lioness     Leo     Guest

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention)

List any special needs you have \_\_\_\_\_

### Accommodations

\_\_\_ Hotel Room \$75.00 per night (includes tax) or \_\_\_ RV Spot \$25.00 per night (includes tax)  
 All Room and RV registrations must be made with this form. The hotel will not be accepting registrations.  
 Thursday\_\_\_ Friday\_\_\_ Saturday\_\_\_ Sunday\_\_\_ (Room or RV Spot) Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

### Meals & Entertainment

Hospitality Books (Includes all meals and Entertainment)	Each	Number	\$Total
<b>Complete Hospitality Book Price</b>	\$109.00	_____	_____
<b>Individual Meal/Entertainment Tickets</b>			
Friday Mixer	\$20.00	_____	_____
Saturday Breakfast	\$12.00	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet & Entertainment	\$60.00	_____	_____
Sunday Brunch	\$18.00	_____	_____
<b>Total Accommodations/Meals &amp; Entertainment</b>			<b>\$_____</b>

Make Checks Payable to: MD5M 2008 Convention

Note: Full Payment insures a speedy check in. Cancellation deadline is April 15, 2008.

Send Registration form and payment to:

Multiple District 5M 2008 Convention  
 The DUH Convention  
 P.O. Box 116  
 Dilworth, MN 56529-0116

Inquiries can be E-mailed to - [sagmkg@cableone.net](mailto:sagmkg@cableone.net)

**You can Register on-line, an updated list of Registrants by District will be on the Website at [www.dilworthlionsclub.info](http://www.dilworthlionsclub.info)**

# Great food! Great Fun! at DAC Christmas party

Nothing could keep these folks from the annual DAC Christmas party held at the Otter in Ottertail, Dec 7. In its 30th year, the traditional party welcomes special needs individuals and their staff from Perham, Fergus Falls, Parkers Prairie, Perham High School and Sebeka together to celebrate the holidays. Started in the late 1970s by Dennis Dahl, the owner of the Otter at the time, with help of Betty Cordes and Donna Doll, the event has grown significantly over the years, and now the Ottertail Lions play the key role in its continuation. The event is complete with much dancing (even by the Ottertail Lions and Mrs. Claus!) to

the musical stylings of Bob Allen - the one-man band. Dinner was served at noon followed by more music and dancing. Santa, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, made his grand appearance and handed out special gifts to the guests. Along with the generosity of the Ottertail Lions, the event is successful by the abundance of volunteers and donations by Carrs, Sisco, Coca-Cola, Russ Davis and Dakota Paper.

Story and photos from the Henning Citizen's Advocate by Paula Wojcik

