

DISTRICT 5M3 NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

“SPIRIT IS STRONGER THAN DISABILITY”

- Dan Snobl's 2008-09 5M3 District Governor's Theme -

My year as your District Governor continues at a fast pace as we move into the Thanksgiving Holiday. As we all reflect on the past year, let's give thanks for all our blessings and continue to pray for those who are less fortunate, suffering from illness, experience family dysfunction or tragedy in their lives. One of my most memorable experiences has been my 2008 summer visit to Leader Dog. I would like to share with you Leader Dogs for the Blind, President Greg Grabowski's November message:

A New Perspective--Leveling the Playing Field

Recently, while traveling on Leader Dog business, I had the opportunity to meet some of our graduates. Though I have spent time with many of our students on campus, this was the first time I met graduates in their home environments. I was impressed by their accomplishments – a corporate vice president, a Washington DC policy executive, a sales representative who travels the U.S. extensively, a retired New York State administrator navigating the streets of New York City; and was amazed at how adeptly they work with their dogs.

I was discussing my trip and the people I met with Mike Cox (a Leader Dog graduate field representative), telling him how proud I was to be a part of Leader Dog, how impressed I was by what these people had accomplished. **He responded, “Greg, remember Leader Dog is about helping people gain the tools to be equal.”** As I reflected on Mike's comment, I realized that I shouldn't be impressed with these folks because of what they have accomplished even though they are blind; I should be impressed by them regardless of their visual impairment.

The people I met found the means to put themselves on equal ground with people who are visual and were able to succeed in competitive work environments. I'm proud that Leader Dog played a part in helping them attain equality. In this issue of Update you will meet two people who have also accomplished this, Brian Celusnak and Tim Foster. Their stories remind us that we can level the playing field between non-visual and visual people. **Once this ideal is reached, it's “let the best man win.”** (See www.leaderdog.org and select “The Mane Event”)

Like you, Leader Dog has been affected by the recent fluctuations in the world economy. Since we operate on 100% donations, the end of the year giving season is especially important to us. During these uncertain times, I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their continued support of Leader Dog. Our students still need us, and we still need you.

May you have a warm and loving holiday season,
Lion Gregory Grabowski, President & CEO, Leader Dogs for the Blind

District Governor (DG) Dan Snobl's Travels 2008-09

Dec 1	Region 1, Zones 3 & 4 Meeting at Countryside Inn in Adrian @ 6:30 pm
Dec 7	Lucan Club Visit at Brau Haus @ 7:00 pm
Dec. 8	Worthington Club Visit at Dayton House @ 6:00 pm
Dec 10	Windom Club Visit at Windom Eagles Club @ 6:00 pm, Meeting starts @ 6:30
Dec 15	Jasper & Jasper Quarry Club(s) Visit at Sanow's Pub @ 7:00 pm
Dec 16	Region 2, Zones 1, 2 & 3 Meeting at Sherburn Legion Club @ 6:30 pm
Jan 8, 2009	Walnut Grove Club Visit at Social Hall @ 6:30 PM
Jan 9-11	District 5M5 Midwinter, Sheraton, Bloomington, MN
Jan 9-11	District 5M6 Midwinter, Airport Marriott, Bloomington, MN
Jan 9-11	District 5M9 Midwinter, Shooting Star, Mahnomen, MN
Jan 15	Springfield Lions Club Visit at 5:30 at the City Cafe
Jan 16-18	District 5M7 Midwinter, Airport Marriott, Bloomington, MN
Jan 21	Wabasso Club Visit & 38 th Anniversary Night at the Community Center @ 6:00p
Jan 30, 31 & Feb 1	District 5M1 Midwinter Holiday Inn, Austin, MN
Jan 30, 31 & Feb 1	District 5M11 Midwinter Delta Winnipeg Hotel, Winnipeg, MB
Feb 6-8	District 5M8 Midwinter, Cragun's, Brainerd, MN
Feb 6-8	District 5M9 Midwinter, Holiday Inn, International Falls, MN
Feb 9	Jackson Lions Club Visit at the American Legion @ 6:15 pm
Feb 13-15	District 5M2 Midwinter, Holiday Inn Downtown, Mankato, MN
Feb 20-22,	District 5M3 Midwinter Convention, Prairies Edge Casino, Granite Falls (3 rd District 5M3 Cabinet Meeting held on Friday, Feb 20 th)
Feb 20-22	District 5M13 Midwinter Convention, Super 8 Hotel, Dauphin, MB
March 9	Lake Benton Lions Club Visit at the Community Center @ 7:00 p.m.
March 18-21	Visit to Eye/Hearing/Service Dogs, VDG Training, Council of Governors' Meeting, Rosemont
April 16-19	*MD5M Leadership Training , Mahnomen-Shooting Star Casino
May 1	Council of Governors' Meeting, Bloomington
May 2	Special Olympics at Redwood Falls Community Center Starting Time (TBD)
May 1-3	MD5M Convention, Bloomington
May 7	District 5M3 Cabinet Meeting, Dovray-T Tommy's @ 6:15
May	Region 1, Zones 1 & 2 Meeting Date (TBD) at Perkins in Marshall @ 6:30 pm
May	Region 1, Zone 3 & 4 Meeting Date, Time & Place (TBD)
May	Region 2, Zones 1, 2 & 3 Meeting Date, Time & Place (TBD)
July 6-10	International Lions Convention, Minneapolis

IMPORTANT REMINDER

*2009 Regional Lions Leadership Institute April 16-19, 2009 at Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahnomen. The \$150.00 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff and three (3) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$100.00 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program. District 5M3 can have six (6) participants. After three months of trying to identify interested Lions, I have only two (2) Lions from District 5M3 who want to participate. **I NEED YOUR HELP!!!** Contact District Governor Dan Snobl for an application.

**District 5M3 Monthly Lions Club
Reported Activity**



**“Everyday Heroes”
Building Better Communities**

<u>Jasper Quarry:</u>	Provided Services with Jasper Lions for Pancake Breakfast Benefit Donations for Families in Need at Christmas, Prizes for Christmas Village And Make A Difference at Christmas Projects
<u>Jeffers:</u>	Donated for Christmas Candy Bags, Food Shelf & Diabetes
<u>Lake Wilson:</u>	Provided Service for MCC Homecoming Parade and Community Benches Halloween Patrol Fund Raiser
<u>Lucan:</u>	Donations for Sight, Hearing, Youth, Diabetes, Eye Bank and Leader Dog
<u>Milroy:</u>	Provided Service to School for Thanksgiving Coloring Contest Donation for Activity Center Fund Annual Hunter’s Breakfast Fund Raiser
<u>New Ulm:</u>	Provided Service to Peace Poster Contest Donation for Amplification System for Jeffers High School, Peace Poster Contest, Camp Needlepoint, United Way, CFSII Mint Sales Fund Raiser
<u>Sherburne:</u>	Provided Service for Pancake Breakfast Benefit and Roadside Clean-Up Donated Planters for Jay Garden Club and High School Booster Calendar
<u>Sleepy Eye:</u>	Provided Community Service in School Classrooms Donation for Timothy House in Mankato Casino Night Fund Raiser
<u>Walnut Grove:</u>	Donation to Eye Bank and Walnut Grove Activity Club
<u>Welcome:</u>	High School Ticket Taking Fund Raiser
<u>Wood Lake:</u>	Provided Service for Community Moving Project and Church Dinner Donation to Santa’s Sleigh and for Door Prizes
<u>Worthington:</u>	Provide Community Service for Eye Glass Donation Donation for National Child Safety Council Mint Sales Fund Raiser

* **5M3 Lions**..... You are doing great community service activities in your communities – PLEASE SHARE THEM IN OUR NEWSLETTER!! Please send your club activity reports to DG Dan at dansnobl@llwb.coop by the 15th each month.

* **5M3 Lions**..... Please send us pictures of your club activities to share in the newsletter and then to add to our slide show we are preparing for our
Mid-Winter Convention February 20-22.

* **5M3 Lions**.....Please help make our Mid-Winter Convention *a great place to share ideas* by doing a club table display of a community service project !

YOU are an “EVERYDAY HERO” !!

**NOMINATION FOR LION MIKE APPEL
SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 5M3 FOR 2009-2010**

The Milroy Lions would like to nominate Michael Appel as the District Governor of 5M3 for 2009-10. Lion Mike has been a member of the Milroy Lions since 1985. Mike has served several positions within the club. He was elected as 2 year Director in 1986 and the following year he was President of the club. Mike was also club president in 1992 and 2000. He has been on the Milroy cabinet for 23 years serving in various capacities and most recently as Secretary of the club since 2003. As Secretary he garnered the 5M3 Secretary of the Year Award the past 4 years. At the District 5M3 level, Mike has served as Zone chairman in 1988 and 1989. In 1990 he served as Regional Zone Chairman. He served as Zone chair for Region 1 Zone 1 from 2001-04 and again from 2006-08. Mike recently completed serving as the Group Coordinator for Campaign Sight First II 2006 – 2008. Mike has helped chair several local Lions events since he became a member. He has sponsored 4 new members and has had perfect attendance for 23 years. In addition to Lions activities, Mike is active in his local church as a lector, usher and substitute religious teacher. He has also served the Milroy Community by serving on the zoning committee for years and recently is serving on the Economic Development Board for the City of Milroy. He is State Secretary for the Soil and Water Conservation National Society, a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. Mike is a member of AARP where he serves as a Defensive Driving Instructor. He is a member and Past-President of the Marshall Area Senior Center that has a membership of 537. Mike is a member of Senior Woodworkers that meet weekly to make gifts for “Heart To Heart”. Mike also is a member of the Redwood County Extension Committee and judges at County Fairs for 4-H projects. Mike and his wife, Cheri, are members of the Milroy Lions as well as his daughter Carrie and son-in-law David Shofner. Mike retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in January of 2008 after 32 years of service. Lion Mike has served as Vice District Governor this past year and has received all the necessary training to enable him to serve as your District Governor this year. Therefore the Milroy Lions feel that Mike will be a great addition to the 5M3 team as your District Governor. Your vote would be appreciated.

**NOMINATION FOR LION WAYNE RADLOFF
FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 5M3 FOR 2009-2010**

The Marshall Lions Club would like to nominate Lion Wayne Radloff for the office of Vice District Governor of District 5M3 for 2009-2010. Wayne was a Charter member of the Hector Lions Club (5M4) in February 1979. He transferred to the Bemidji Noon Lions Club (5M10) in 1981 and served as Secretary/Treasurer as well as 3rd, 2nd and 1st Vice President. He was also Guiding Lion for the Blackduck Lions Club.

Lion Wayne transferred back to the Hector Lions in 1987. He served in various offices including Director and two years as Vice President. In 1992, Lion Wayne moved to Elk

River and was elected as Charter President of the Otsego Lions Club (5M7). He also served as Lion Tamer, Tail Twister and Director.

In 1997, Lion Wayne transferred to the Marshall Lions Club. Since that time he has served as Club President 4 years, as well as Tail Twister, Director and Lion Tamer. Lion Wayne also assisted the start-up of the SMSU Lions Club. He is a 2007 graduate of the MD5M Leadership Training Program. Lion Wayne has also served as a Zone Chairman for 5 years.

In addition to his activities in Lions, Wayne has also remained active as a leader for Boy Scouts for over 11 years. He has also been a member of the American Legion for over 30 years.

Lion Wayne meets all the qualifications for the office of VDG. The Marshall Lions feel that Wayne will be a great addition to the 5M3 team as VDG. We would appreciate your vote.

NOMINATION FOR LION VICKIE RADLOFF SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 5M3 FOR 2009-2010

The Marshall Lions Club would like to nominate Lion Vickie Radloff for the office of Second Vice District Governor of District 5M3 for 2009-2010. Lion Vickie was a Charter member of the Bemidji Lioness Club (5M10) from 1981 to 1986. She was also the Charter Secretary of Bemidji Lioness Club. She was also a member of Hector Lioness club (5M4) from 1987 to 1992 and served as Director and Vice President.

Lion Vickie was a Charter Member of the Otsego Lions Club (5M7) 1992 to 1997 and was a Charter officer. She served in various offices including Director, Tail Twister and Vice President.

In 1997, Lion Vickie transferred to the Marshall Lions Club. Since that time she has served as Club President and was awarded the 100% President Award. Lion Vickie has also served the Marshall Lions as Tail Twister, Director and Vice President. She assisted in the start-up of the SMSU Lions Club. Lion Vickie is a 2007 graduate of the MD5M Leadership Training Program.

Lion Vickie has been involved with 5M3 Cabinet for several years. She has served as a Zone Chairman. She also served 3 years as District 5M3 Diabetes Co-Chairman and was instrumental in forming the 5M3 Diabetes Foundation. Lion Vickie was awarded the Dream Catcher Award for her efforts.

In addition to her activities in Lions. Vickie has also been a Den Mother for Cub Scouts, Sunday School Teacher and is Youth As Resources Coordinator. Lion Vickie meets all the qualifications for the office of SVDG. The Marshall Lions feel that Lion Vickie will be a great addition to the 5M3 team as SVDG. We would appreciate your vote.

5M3 MIDWINTER CONVENTION SPEAKERS/ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Necrology Service**
Tracy High School Choir Members
Choir Director: Shirley Gilmore
Coordinator: VDG Mike Appel

9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Entertainment **Tracy High School Choir Members**
Choir Director: Shirley Gilmore
Coordinator: DG Dan Snobl

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

“SPIRIT IS STRONGER THAN DISABILITY”

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Facilitator: VDG Mike Appel**

8:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. **Disability and Transitioning**
Tony Winter, Worthington Radio Station - KWOA
Coordinator: Lion Enna Mathema

9:15 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. **Human Subject Criteria for Islet Cells Clinical Trials**
Brian Flannagan, University of Minnesota
Immunology and Transplant Department
Coordinator: PDG Al Struck

10:00 a.m. -- 10:40 a.m. **Jennifer MacKinnon**
Cornea Transplant Recipient
Brenda and Jaycie Nygaard
Recipient of a new prosthetic eye
Coordinator: PDG Daryl “Barney” Olson

10:45 a.m. -- 11:25 a.m. **Project New Hope**
Bruce Billingham, Project New Hope
Coordinator: Veteran Eugene Spicer

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Saturday Noon Luncheon**
Speaker(s): Len Quinn and Ginger
Leader Dog for the Blind
Coordinator: Lion Deloy King

**Introduction District 5M3 Peace Poster Winner
Nolan Hohenstein, Jackson County Middle School
Coordinator: Lion Pat Madson**

**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Banquet
Guest Speaker: Eugenio Roman Jr.,
International Director from Arecibo, Puerto Rico
Coordinator: District Governor Dan Snobl**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

**8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. A Worship Opportunity
Rev. Gary Gottfried and Eugenie Davis**

**8:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Sunday Brunch
Raffle Drawings: SMSU Lions Club
Good Byes!!
Coordinator: District Governor Elect Mike Appel**

MID-WINTER CONVENTION REQUESTS

1. Region 1, Zone 1, Lions Clubs (Balaton, Lake Benton, Marshall, Milroy, Minneota, Milroy, Russell, Southwest Minnesota State University, Tracy and Tyler) will be assisting with the 2009 Mid-Winter Convention and will be given specific assignments to complete by IPDG Virginia Spicer.
2. On Friday evening of the Convention, a Necrology Service is held to honor all the deceased Lions of District 5M3 since February 2008. Lion Wayne Radloff, of the Marshall Lions Club, creates a power point presentation with a picture of each deceased Lion if it is available. Would it be possible for your Club Secretary to contact the Funeral Home Director in your community to forward an e-mail copy of the deceased District 5M3 Lion's obituary to wayneradloff@mindspring.com or mail a copy of the obituary and deceased member's picture to the following address: Lion Wayne Radloff, 2028 235th St, Lynd, MN 56157 Telephone: (507) 865-4732
3. Each Club is being requested to provide a Raffle Prize for Tail Twisting.
4. Each Club is being requested to provide a picture of a Community Service Project or an Event showing work your club has been involved in. Please forward this picture and a short description to Lion Mary Snobl, e-mail: marysnobl@llwb.coop .

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2008 District 5M3 Peace Poster Winner



Theme: "I want peace to spread throughout the world."
Nolan Hohenstein, Age13/Jackson County Middle School