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# Lakeville Lions

District 5M6

Region 2, Zone 1

August 9th, 2010

## Arvidson Corner-

I will try to keep the "Presidents Corner" short so I can leave more room for Lion Little and his fine commentary in the rest of the newsletter. First of all we are all saddened by the recent loss of Lion Don McGuire. Lion Don has been an active member and a cornerstone of our organization for many years and he represented Lions proudly and with dignity. His passing is not only a great loss to the organization but to our community. I have not known Lion Don long but each meeting he was present you could tell he was someone special. He always found time for the new members and took the time to make sure each and every one of them felt welcomed in the group. Lion Don will surely be missed by all of us and I ask that we keep his family and friends in our prayers.

I have sent the membership booklet to print and I hope to provide distribution at our August 9<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Changes have been made in several committee positions and I want to thank those that have served so long on the various committees. It is because of the commitment you had to your assignment and the accomplishments you achieved that each committee has become more successful each year. I am depending on your knowledge and experience as we develop new leaders. I ask that you remain a resource and provide assistance and guidance so we do not repeat some errors of the past that we have long ago learned from. Your involvement in the future of our organization is needed more now than ever as we provide greater insight on how to be a Lion and what Lions means to the new committee members.

For those of you that have taken on committee positions. I can't say how proud I am that everyone who was asked to take on more responsibility agreed to do so without question. It says a lot about our membership. I do not claim to have all the answers to your questions but I can guarantee you someone in our organization does. Use them as a resource and bring your own personality to the committee. You have been chosen for a reason and that is because I believe you will succeed and make Lakeville Lions a better organization.

Finally, last month I indicated that I wanted to set some small goals for the organization in the upcoming year. I believe goals are good but I also think they should be obtainable. I will list a few and of course I am open to others if you want to add to my list. Mine are the minimum. Well here I go.

Lets...

Increase membership

Increase activity within the club membership

Increase visibility

Encourage others to come help and see what we do

Have some morning meetings

Double the donations at our blood drive

Support a specific initiative

These are the goals and I have some ideas how we can achieve them which I will discuss at our next meeting. All are obtainable if we focus and work together.

Ok, the Presidents Corner went a bit long this month. I still have no doubt Lion Little will wow us with his commentary in the small space I left for him.

God Bless,

Lion John Arvidson

Lion Mary Hampston  
 Lion Larry Hamre  
 Lion Larry Hazel  
 Lion Brenda Herald  
 Lion Mike Herald  
 Lion Thor Howe  
 Lion Larry Juenemann  
 Lion Jeff Kohlnhofer  
 Lion Glenn Langord  
 Lion Deb Laugerude  
 Lion Jerry Laugerude  
 Lion Colin Lee  
 Lion Matt Little  
 Lion Bill Macklin  
 Lion Mike Malone  
 Lion Andy Mattson  
 Lion Larry McCaghy  
 Lion Jacque Mihm  
 Lion Chris Olson  
 Lion Ernie Papacek  
 Lion Bob Redmond  
 Lion Terry Saul  
 Lion John Schweich  
 Lion Gary Stinar  
 Lion Dave Sturlaugson  
 Lion Joe Sturlaugson  
 Lion John Thorn  
 Lion Chuck Velin  
 Lion Brian Vucinovich  
 Lion Nick Wolf  
 Lion Duane Zaub



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## A Focus on Membership

As I was reading LION magazine I found an article that was relevant to one of our largest goals for this year, increasing membership. Two clubs, one from Oregon, the other from Idaho competed against each other for low level prizes and pride. Each club added nearly 60 members. Let's start the discussion now of how we could increase our membership for the coming year. Here are a few ideas I have compiled:

\*Competition with other clubs against a club in Wisconsin. We could wager a Lutefisk fish fry where the clubs would meet in a town in the middle to watch a Vikings vs. Packers game.

\*Competition within our region- loser gets the fruitcake

\*Post a leader board at the VFW of who has brought in the most membership-prize ideas could include free membership for a year, etc.

\*Set goals- With each goal Lion President John has to wear an apron and serve the meeting meals, and so on. Thanks for volunteering to wear an apron Lion John!

These are a few ideas I have thought of. Submit your ideas to me so we can share them with the club through the newsletter as well as at meetings.

Read the whole story about the club competitions here:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lion-magazine/>

## Problems with Website

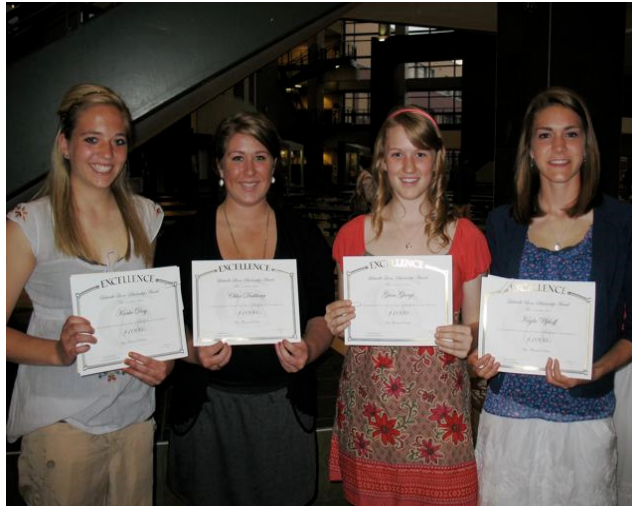
My apologies for the inability to download the newsletter this last month. I am working with our administrator to make sure the problem doesn't occur in the future. We may look into formatting changes for the website and newsletter in the near future.

# Scholarship Photos

Thank you Lion Larry M. for the scholarship photos. The Lakeville North students that received Lions scholarships are the first photo, Lakeville South students are beneath them.



*Left to Right: Steven Elliott, Danielle Harding, Sara Snyder, Duncan Pickett*



*Illustration 1: Left to Right: Karlie Day, Chloe Decklever, Gina Giorgi, Kayla Uphoff*

## Share Your Experiences and Moments!

Have you had an experience as a Lion that left a lasting impression on you? Share it with the rest of the group by submitting it to [Matt.m.Little@gmail.com](mailto:Matt.m.Little@gmail.com).

# Upcoming News and Events

**August 19-** Board Meeting and Joint General Meeting

Stay connected

Our Club Newsletter: <http://www.lakeville-lions.org>  
5M6 Governor's Newsletter: <http://www.lions5M6.org>  
Multiple District 5M Newsletter: <http://www.lionsmd5m.org>  
Lions International: <http://www.lionsclubs.org>

Lion President John Arvidson: [jfa4803@yahoo.com](mailto:jfa4803@yahoo.com)

**General meetings begin at 6:30 PM**

**Board meetings begin at 7:00 PM**

**All meetings are at the VFW unless otherwise noted**

All comments, articles, and photos should be forwarded to Lion Matt Little. If you have articles or information for upcoming news letters please forward them to [matt.m.little@gmail.com](mailto:matt.m.little@gmail.com) no later than 7 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.