



Eden Prairie Lioness Newsletter

April 2010

Nancy's News

What a fun time of year for our club! Mystery Night and our Annual Meeting are right around the corner. Our fading fall/winter events are soon to be replaced by Schooner Days, the Garden Tour, Relay for Life, the Ice Cream Social, and the Corn Feed. Committees are busy planning these events. Please support them by signing up to help. We will have sign-up tables for these events at the Annual Meeting - remember to bring your calendar on May 6th.

Remember - Due to Mystery Night, we will NOT be having a general meeting on April 1st at Camp Eden Wood.

At our last general meeting, we decided to acknowledge LACE commendations in each newsletter. It's a nice way for you to say a BIG THANK YOU to someone you feel has done something special for the club. I have included a summary of all the LACE commendations received throughout the year. Please take a few moments to read them. They will help all of us appreciate everything it takes to make our club special. Thanks to everyone for a job well done! A couple of LACE committee members have removed themselves from creating a ballot for Lioness of the Year (to be voted on at the Annual Meeting). If anyone would like to help out with this, please let me know no later than April 2nd.



Remember Mystery Night! Thursday, April 8

Where are we going???????

We are meeting at the Southwest Metro parking ramp on Technology Drive in Eden Prairie. Please park and gather on the second level shortly before 6:00 p.m. Don't be late – we cannot leave for our evening until everyone has arrived at the parking ramp. The cost of the event is \$35.00 for members and \$50.00 for guests. Call Peggy Muller (952-937-0909) or Dee Iesh (952-941-4199) with questions.

Be there or be square!

We will be voting on our slate of officers and board members at Mystery Night. The list was published in our last newsletter. If you cannot attend Mystery Night, please call or e-mail me to vote on the nominees.



Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 6th at Camp Eden Wood

6:00 Social Hour 6:30 Dinner

Installation of New Officers

Award Presentation

Sign Up for Summer Events – Bring Your Calendar

Thank You

There are so many people who do things behind the scenes who make our meetings run smoothly. I would like to recognize the efforts of a few people who have helped throughout the year:

- **Peggy Muller** for making arrangements for all of our meetings
- **Dee Iesh** for scheduling great speakers
- **Marie Wittenberg** for coordinating invocations
- Our clever Tail Twister, **Linda Enger**
- **Sharon Hamel**, our dedicated Lion Tamer
- **Cathy Field** for helping guests and new members feel welcome
- And . . . our fantastic communications team: **Michelle Wallin, Julie Schmandke** and **Mickey Reynolds**.

You have all made our meetings very enjoyable this year. Thank you for your efforts!

Mark Your Calendars – See schedule in *THE SCHOONER*

April Birthdays

April 6	Nancy Holden	April 26	Cathy Field
April 9	Carla Gestach	April 27	Michelle Wallin



Kudos and Many Thanks . . . to the following Lioness who received LACE commendations throughout the year:

- Ariann Scott** Thanks for taking the lead on the Ice Cream Social. You made a lot of kids at Camp Eden Wood happy!
- Carol Swanson** Great job as Secretary. She has served as Secretary of our club for the last 2 years. This is a hard job and a thankless job and she has done it with good grace, efficiency and skill.
- Cathy Field** Always being so generous and full of friendship over the years at every Lioness meeting and event. Membership Chair.
- Charlotte Bruening** Extra help for flowers for International and No Name Committee. Co-coordinator of our Fun Nights Out, and even opens her home for some activities.
- Darla Nemec** Not on craft fair committee, but assisted in providing verbage for rejecting potential vendors. The club "worker bee" with a constant smile. Positive attitude and willingness to help whenever needed.
- Dee Iesh** You did a terrific job in coordinating speakers for our meetings. Thanks for stepping in to run our October meeting at the last minute. Thanks for quickly fulfilling all our needs throughout the year - plaques, pins, nametags, etc. Thanks also for co-coordinating Mystery Night.
- Harriet Johnson** She works at or participates in every Lioness activity. She is knowledgeable and enthusiastic about our Lioness Club.
- Jacquie Hagen** Jacquie solicited suggestions and contacted Lioness members for the slate of officers for our 2010-2011 year. She took care of the majority of the work. Shares her wisdom as Past President. The Club benefits from your positive attitude!
- Jaimee Costello** Helped organize the Ice Cream Social for the kids at Eden Wood.
- Jan Hron** Another great year of coordination gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble! Thanks also for opening your home for the Garden Tour party. You are always a gracious host!

Jean Myers Always willing to help as needed. Thank you for your terrific leadership in coordinating Bell Ringing with the Salvation Army year after year.

Jeanille Watkins Our new "secretary in training" - stepping in to take minutes at the last minute. Thank you for serving on the Board this year.

Jill Scholtz She has worked tirelessly on the Garden Tour. She has recruited her gorgeous hubby to help. She is a treasure. Your help with developing the floor plan for the Art & Craft Fair was super!

Jinny Gibson You are our inspiration - the person who always has a positive attitude and always makes us smile. Thank you for making the Lioness Club what it is today.

Jo Van Remortel Jo signed up for 2 shifts at the Art & Craft Fair and ended up working 3. Thanks for all your hard work and leadership throughout the year, especially with Schooner Days and the Corn Feed.

Julie Schmandke Julie put in many hours of service for the Art & Craft Fair and did a marvelous job working with the vendors & organizing everything (as committee chairs). LACE awards idea. Chair of Spaghetti dinner. Working behind the scenes. Leadership and great vision. She made the nice flyers on her personal computer. Positive attitude. One of our hardest working members. Steps up to help when needed. As another Club "communications specialist", Julie always inspires us to attend meetings and activities in a clever way. Board member.

June Gilbert Thank you for all your efforts. You do so much without expectation of recognition or fanfare. Thank you for your continued coordination of Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble. A super job! Thanks also for graciously hosting our events at Real Life.

Karen Gust Extra good job at Schooner Days. You always step up to help when needed, especially for our big events that benefit from your experience and wisdom. Thanks for co-chairing World Service Day and also for hosting the bell-ringing party.

Karla Wennerstrom Karla Wennerstrom went above and beyond the call of duty by working 4 shifts at the Art & Craft Fair (including set up the day before). Thanks for all your help in keeping our Club "In The News". You do so much behind the scenes and we want you to know how much it's appreciated.

Kate Friederichs Kate put in many hours of service for the Art & Craft Fair and did a marvelous job working with the vendors & organizing everything (as committee chairs). Many hours drilling holes in wine bottles. Donated door prize for Art & Craft Fair. One of our Clubs hardest workers. Hard work on Mid-Winter Convention. The No Name Committee would not be the same without you.

Laurel Pennebaker Came to every No Name Committee meeting, extra good job at Schooner Days.

Linda Enger Door prize idea for craft fair which generated email addresses for future notices to patrons, gave an idea of how many people attended, where they came from and how effective each method of advertising was. Also donated a door prize. Extra help on No Name Committee - shopping and sewing. Took on "Tail Twisting".

Lonnie Anderson Her wonderful wine bottles & No Name Committee. Leadership role for the Christmas Party, Int'l Convention, Mid-Winter and Pancake Breakfast.

Marie Wittenberg In spite of recent physical challenges, you did a wonderful job coordinating members to give our invocation each month. Thanks for helping as Club Historian. We really appreciated your presentation about the history of Eden Prairie at the beginning of the year.

Michelle Wallin Another Club "communications specialist". Thank you for making all those phone calls month after month.

- Mickey Reynolds** Mickey worked the Saturday before the Art & Craft Fair handing out flyers, helped set up the booths and then worked a shift the day of the Fair. One of our "communications specialists," keeps the membership updated about happenings throughout the year.
- Nancy Holden** A dedicated Lioness, always is prepared and welcoming at our meetings. She is a positive and energetic leader as President of our Club. She leads a very interesting, quick and informative meeting.
- Peggy Ford** As a brand new member, Peggy stepped up to send some fun to our troops in Iraq.
- Peggy Muller** Worked on the Christmas Party and is working on Mystery Night. Helping with centerpieces at International. Extra help on No Name Committee. Thanks for always being willing to help when needed. Fantastic job on the Christmas party. Coordinated Mystery Night for 2 years. Great job coordinating meetings at Camp Eden Wood throughout the year.
- Princess Norman** Went way above & beyond in organizing the Christmas Party.
- Ruth Gustafson** Great job as Treasurer, keeping the books and accounting and issuing an accurate financial report. Has done a fantastic job on the Art & Craft Committee. Has done a great job of recruiting vendors. Spent a lot of time and effort in keeping track of vendor payments and paying our bills. Also had to deliver print jobs from our printer in Bloomington. Used her influence from her job at Holy Angels to get us preferential pricing on print jobs from Minuteman Press which will apply to the Club as a whole.
- Sally Olson** You do so much throughout the year - always with a smile and making others feel welcome and appreciated.
- Sharon Hamel** Sharon has done a great job in co-chairing Fun Night Out in the past year. Thanks for all your hard work in coordinating Relay For Life and your work on the Board.
- Shirley Truempi** For always chairing the Garden Tour Committee and making it fun for everyone involved. Organized trip to Northern Wisconsin.
- Stacy Enger** For agreeing to be President for 2 years in a row (this is a big job) and her tireless work with Schooner Days and the Corn Feed and helping to coordinate World Service Day and Mid-Winter in 2009. Strong leader within the Club.
- Sue Strand** Thanks for opening your home for a Board meeting on a very snowy December night. Served on Board.
- Vernette Fox** For following through with her recruits, even giving them rides to the meetings. For outstanding job as President. Help at Mid-Winter and help in general. Constant support and advice.

In addition, a BIG hug and thank you to all of our members for attending meetings . . . helping on committees . . . signing up for events and activities . . . making a true difference in our community. You have all contributed to our club in many special ways.

Thank you for making us smile!

