

*Saturday,  
December 11*

*Camp Eden Wood*

*Doors open*

*at 5:30 p.m.*

*for cocktails and  
appetizers*

*7 p.m. Buffet Dinner*

*Choice of prime rib or  
skewered shrimp.*



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**W**e really want to encourage everyone to come to this holiday opener because it's held on our home ground, open to all Lions and Lioness and friends, and we have a great time arranged," said **Lion Ted Muller**, event chair.

The annual Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 11 at Camp Eden Wood. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and appetizers. Bottles of red or white wine can be purchased by the bottle or glass. Linda is preparing a "fabulous and delicious" dinner. At approximately 7 p.m. a buffet dinner will be served with a choice of prime rib or skewered shrimp.

A beautiful setting is ensured with the decorations being supervised by **Lioness Lonnie Anderson**. She is directing her committee members in transforming the meeting room into a holiday mood with special lighting and table decorations.



This year will feature a silent auction with gift certificates from some of Eden Prairie's finest eating establishments. **Lion Bob Grootwassink** and **Lion Steve Shaw**, party co-chairs, have used their influence to gather some great gifts that will go to the highest bidders. Bob has also arranged for this year's music and entertainment that should be fun for everyone.

If you missed the sign-up sheets at Lion or Lioness meetings, please contact **Peggy Muller**, 952-937-0909 (H) or **Ted Muller** 612-825-5100 (O) to make your reservation and to indicate the dinner entrée choice. Ticket prices remain the same as last year at \$30 per person. Checks should be made out to E. P. Lions. Reservation deadline is Friday, December 3.



# Lions Den News Briefs

• There was good representation at the Annual Lions Awards Night with four major awards given to members. Lion of the Year award and Senior Lion of the Year award will be presented at the next meeting. Check out the photos of the event in this issue.

• Off the disabled list and operating “almost as usual” are Lions **Curt Connaughty** and **Hernandez Norman**. Curt had a new vein placed in his left leg for better circulation. The new vein was taken from his right leg. Don’t ask him to show you all his stitches! A tumor was discovered on Hernandez’s liver which was “burned out” by surgeons. Hernandez is awaiting further reports and test results, but prognosis is good. “I’m just glad to be back ready to attend the meetings,” said Norman.

• Priorities are on football and the Purple Bunch. Because the Vikings have an important game with 7:10 p.m. kick-off on meeting night, the December 20 meeting has been moved up one-half hour earlier. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m., dinner scheduled for 6 p.m. and a short program follows. A Board meeting is also scheduled that meeting night, but look for a short agenda according to President Lion **Dan Kurt**.

• World Service Day report is in Lion **Kent Barker**’s column. Results — on the way to setting a new record with about two tons of donated food for the PROP shelves! Great organizing work done by Lion Barker, as usual, and the results are certainly appreciated and needed at this time. A job well done, thank you very much!

• It’s sign up time for the last big community service project of the year: **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** time on Saturday, December 4, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Wal-Mart, Cub and Rainbow stores. Again under the leadership of Lion **Mike Gust** and Lioness **Jean Meyers**. Check the list to make sure your name is there for your service.

• Check out our web site at [eplions.org](http://eplions.org).

## Happy Birthday in November

Wilbur Gjersvik	November 9
Steve Stromberg	November 11
Gregg Fletcher	November 13
Stan Mustanski	November 16
Jim Agner	November 29

## November Speakers

**November 1** — David C. Larson, founder of *Flags for Fallen Military*, is the guest speaker. The organization’s purpose is to provide a lasting honor and tribute to those families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty. The process leads the families to accept, at no cost to them, an offer to install a flagpole and to hoist a flag in their desired location.



**November 15** — Bill Scheibler will be the guest speaker for the November 15 meeting. According to a news release, Scheibler of Eden Prairie, has been a student, four-time decorated soldier and Vietnam War hero, an anti-war demonstrator, financial consultant, negotiator, marriage counselor, husband and father, multiple sclerosis victim, public speaker and patriot.

The Vietnam veteran was awarded a bronze star for rescuing a friend stranded behind enemy lines. Scheibler said he was humbled to receive the award and reminded folks to remember the soldiers fighting in various parts of the world. More Minnesota troops are deployed now than at any time since World War II.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1	Membership meeting 6:30 p.m. Dinner
November 15	Membership meeting Board Meeting
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
December 4	Bell Ringing Saturday for Salvation Army
December 6	Annual Wild Game Dinner 6:30 p.m. Dinner
December 11	Lions/Lioness Christmas party 5:30 p.m.
December 20	Membership meeting Board Meeting <i>Note Time change:</i> 6 p.m. Dinner

### Staff for the *Schooner*

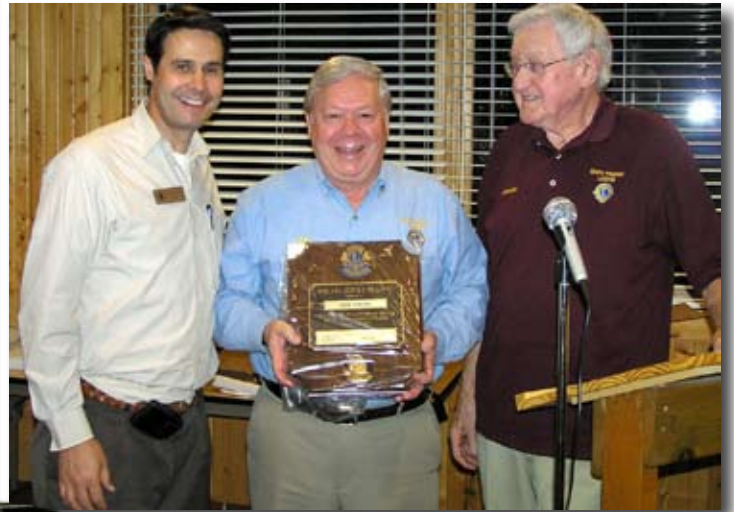
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We welcome your comments and story ideas for the *Schooner*. Send your comments via email to [gjschell803@comcast.net](mailto:gjschell803@comcast.net).

# SPECIAL SERVICE RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL LIONS AWARDS NIGHT



*Lion Tim Clare (left) is the Lion Rookie of the Year, presented by Lion Burdell Wessels.*



*Last year's winners of The Melvin Jones Award, Lions Brent Rickenbach and George Schell, presented the award to Lion Mike Gruidl for his all-round contributions to the club.*



*Lion Bob Haugen accepts the Hearing Foundation award from Jerry McCoy.*

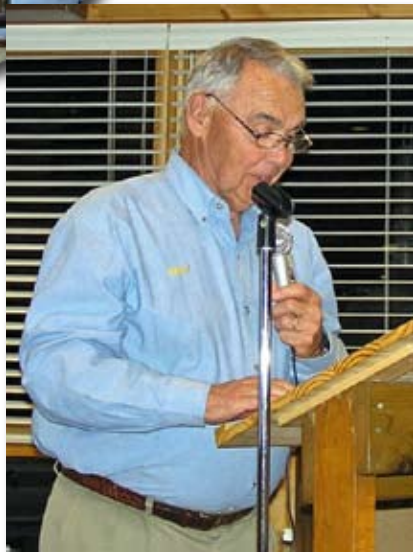


*Lion Jerry Larson holds the Helen Keller Award presented by Paul Yager.*



*Lion Bruce Enger was also awarded the Helen Keller plaque.*

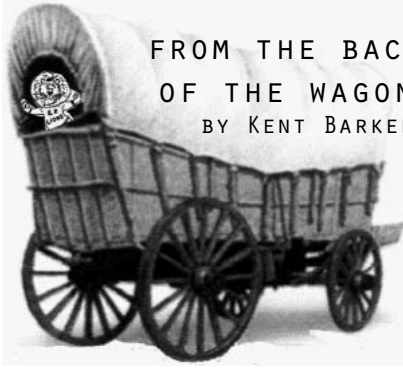
Lion Bob Carling was recognized for his long time membership and service to the club. Lion Curt Connaughty was acknowledged a charter member to the club.



*Lion Jerry McCoy reads qualifications for the Hearing Foundation Award.*



*Lion Bob Carling leads the Birthday song for Jerry Biese, Bruce Enger and Jerry Larson.*



FROM THE BACK  
OF THE WAGON  
BY KENT BARKER

# Great Job — You Did It Well — Again!

The clubs received a grateful “thank you” from PROP for the results which you volunteers achieved. PROP recorded 3,978 pounds of donations and \$657.67 in cash and checks. (‘09 4600 pounds and \$600 cash checks). Prop’s letter reads, in part:  
*“Thank you so very much for all your hard work organizing and carrying out the October 8th food drive for the PROP Food Shelf. Your collection of funds and food is very much needed, and received with enthusiasm and gratitude! In addition, you have helped to raise awareness of the need to help others, and of how simple it can be when everyone contributes even just a little bit.”*

World Service involved 48 Lion/Lioness volunteers to greet shoppers as they entered the stores, let them know about the drive, then collect ed and packed goods for delivery to PROP on Saturday afternoon, usually by four to six more volunteers. A special thank you to Lion PP **Larry Bushnell** who picked up the handouts, welcomed customers alone, had our signs and donation buckets in place, picked up donations dropped off after our schedules ended, and joined others in transporting goods. In short, he filled my tasks — plus his own. Thanks, all! Clearly Eden Prairie Lions/Lioness SERVE to help others.

## A Fitting Tribute to one of our Nation’s Extraordinary Founders

John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the White House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He announced: “This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House — with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone.”

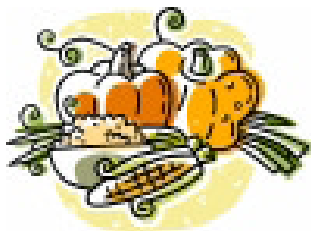


**COFFE TIME!** Check out D’Brian’s (across from Culvers) for a cup of good coffee AND conversation with other Lions. When? 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays. YOU, and your contributions, are missed!



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