



# IN THE ZONE

## Lion Joanne



December 9, 2009

District Governor Lion Jeannine Windels and Fellow 5M-11 Lions,

This letter is to officially advise you of my intent to be a candidate for the position of First Vice District Governor for District 5M-11 during the Lions year of 2010-2011. Should the delegates at the 2010 Mid-Winter Convention choose to elect me I will pledge to do my best to serve the District and Lions of 5M-11.

During the 14 years that I have been a Lion I have been an active member of the Crookston Dawn to Dusk Lions Club. They have honored me by voting to support my candidacy and will be sending a letter of endorsement. I have served my club as Secretary from 1997-1999, and as President in 2005-2006. On the District Level, I served as Zone 3 Chairman in 2007-2008, Region 2 Chairman in 2008-2009, and am currently serving as Second Vice District Governor - thus fulfilling the requirements to be a First Vice District Governor candidate.

I believe that it helps to understand the larger picture of Lionism by having gotten to know Lions from many places. In addition to having attended every 5M-11 Mid-winter convention except one since 1995, I have visited most of the clubs in our District either as my husband, PDG Wayne Swanson's Partner in Service or as a Zone or Region Chairman. I have attended seven International Conventions, and two USA-Canada Forums. My husband and I participated in the 2008 Extension Workshop and are currently serving as Guiding Lions for the East Grand Forks Lions Club. This last year I also attended the Leadership and MERLO Workshops which were wonderful learning experiences. I would recommend them to everyone.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your cooperation, support, advice, and fellowship during this past year; it has been a time of learning and growing. I look forward to serving you in a new capacity next year should you choose to elect me.

Sincerely in Lionism,  
Lion Joanne Swanson