



Governor
Jeannine Windels



Jeannine's Journal



*"It is time for us all to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever – the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it."
- Vince Lombardi*

WOW! We promised this would be "the best Mid-winter yet" and judging by all the smiling faces and positive comments, I think we delivered! The inviting environment of the Alerus Center and Canad Inns, excellent speakers, great entertainment and good food all added up to a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship and learning.

- **Thank you** first of all to the Convention Host Committee, chaired by Debbie DuChamp and Todd Johnson, and all the Lions of Plummer, St. Hilaire and Plummer Lions Too! All of your time, effort and dedication in planning this Mid-Winter resulted in a very successful Convention. You are awesome and it was a pleasure to work with all of you!
- **Thank you** to International Director Judge Haynes Townsend and Donna for being with us and sharing his inspirational message at the Governor's Banquet. Their southern charm and warm personalities were a perfect fit for our District, and we very much enjoyed the time we had with them.
- **Thank you** to all of our guest speakers: Carroll Jackson & "Hunter", Shelly Hiemer & "Grace", Dr. Henk-Jen Schuurman, RaChelle Gruba, Bob Jechorek, and Donna Townsend. Also thanks to our own Lions presenters: PDG Wayne Swanson, PCC Dick Reger, PDG Ken Kolding & PDG Jim Strandlie, Lion Jeremy Williams, and Lion Mary Ann Odland & the Crookston Leo Club.
- **Thank you** to Lion Pastor John Wollenzien for leading the Sunday morning service. **Thank you** to the Crookston Community Men's Chorus, Crookston Valley Fiddlers & String Ensemble; and to Lion Vernon Rogalla for all the special music which added an extra touch of class to our Convention.
- **Congratulations** to the 2010-2011 District Leadership Team – DGE Chris Barnard, 1st VDGE Joanne Swanson, and 2nd VDGE Dave Hollyoake! The future of the District is in good hands.
- **Congratulations** to PDG Dr. George Marx on his election to the MD5M Hall of Fame! He will be inducted at the Hall Fame of Luncheon at the Multiple Convention in Mahanomen April 24th.
- **Congratulations** to the Crookston Leo Club on receiving their 18th consecutive Excellence Award!
- **Congratulations** to Lion Dave Hollyoake, Lion Mary Ann Odland and PDG Jim Aasness who were each presented with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation! A Certificate of Appreciation will also be presented later to Lion Violet Enns-Preston, as she could not be present at the Convention.
- **Congratulations** to the winners of the First-Timers Contest! Lion Sylvia Albert, Beausejour Lions, won top honors and Lion Bonnie Andring, Twin Valley Lions, was runner-up. Thank you to all the First-Timers who participated!
- **Memorable Moments:** Being presented with a Helen Keller Sight Award by the Crookston Lions

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