



# Austin Morning Lions

P.O. Box 405 – Austin, MN 55912

Dec 2009



## Comin' Up

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Regular meetings:  
Morning Club 7am  
Holiday Inn, Evening  
Club 5:30 pm

Dec 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Austin Morning Lions  
Christmas Party**  
Austin Elks 5:00pm  
Social

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Eve, no board  
meeting

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Regular meetings:  
Morning Club 7am  
Holiday Inn, Evening  
Club 5:30 pm

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>  
Regular meetings:  
Morning Club 7am  
Holiday Inn, Evening  
Club 5:30 pm

Jan 28<sup>th</sup>  
Board meeting,  
7am, Holiday Inn

Jan 29<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>  
**5M1 Mid-Winter  
Convention**  
Holiday Inn, Austin MN  
We are serving Root-  
beer floats Friday night

## Letter from the President



**I would like to thank everyone for a great start to the first half - year. The holidays are upon us: a time to reflect and a time to look forward. I would like to have everyone think of a family member, friend, neighbor to invite to our meeting. Also, would like to ask everyone to think about this question: Did I do something for the club to move it forward or just keep it status quo? There is a quote that goes something like this: "If you're not growing, you're dying." I'm excited about the future are you? Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As always Have A Great Day!  
Lion Thad**

President	Thad Kusick
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jim Marx
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Gordy Kuehne
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Craig Perkins
Secretary for life	Doug Bergemann
Treasurer	Woody Vereide
Tail Twister	Garry Ellingson
Asst. Tail Twister	Chuck Folk
Lion Tamer	Mike Biedermann



## Member List

Doug Bergemann	434-7984	May
Mike Biedermann	433-4197	Jun
Ruth Biedermann	433-4197	Jul
Chuck Brandt	433-2244	Aug
Jim Dunlop	433-4592	Sep
Garry Ellingson	433-2125	Oct
*LaVerne Ehmke	433-8145	
*Scott Ehmke	433-8145	
Chuck Folk	433-9150	
Steve Greenman	433-7920	
*Karen Helmbrecht	433-4898	
*Royce Helmbrecht	433-4898	
Steve Jensen	433-7115	
Tom Klapperich	433-1865	
Gordon Kuehne	433-7823	
Thad Kusick	434-9650	
Greg Larson	437-7896	
Patty Lundberg	433-0201	
Jim Marx	433-8392	
†Merrill Meier	433-1232	
Burt Morlan	433-6200	
†Greg Olson	437-2100	
Craig Perkins	434-0080	
*Dave Reeves	Phone	
Sara Schafer-Perkins	434-0080	
Dale Siegfried	437-7394	
†Gary Sutter	433-8603	
Bob Smith	434-4678	
John Uecker	437-4269	
Woody Vereide	433-5868	
Brad Weber	433-2061	
Paul Worlein	437-7597	Mar
Gary Zimmerman	434-0308	Apr

\* Member of the Evening Branch  
†Associate Member

## Austin Morning Lions Club Projects

- Go Cart Unit
- Juvenile Diabetes Poinsettias
- Morning Lions Park
- Fly-In Pancake Breakfast
- Twenty-Five Dollar Club
- White Cane Days

**We  
serve**



Our club: [www.austinmorninglions.com](http://www.austinmorninglions.com)  
District: [www.lions5m1.org](http://www.lions5m1.org)  
International: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

**25\$ Club**  
 Feb 5<sup>th</sup>  
 @ The Elks:  
 Hors d'oeuvres  
 Gambling, drawings,  
 Good friends and a good time.

District Governor, Lion Barb Ernster



Thanksgiving is past and we are in full speed ahead to Christmas. This year let's focus on doing something special for those in need. Many of you are busy ringing the bell for Salvation Army. Great! We can brighten someone's day and feel good besides. We serve.

***"Without expectation, do something for love itself, not for what you may receive. Love in action is what gives us grace. We have been created for greater things - - to love and to be loved. Love is love - - to love a person without any conditions, without any expectations. Small things, done in great love, bring joy and peace. To love, it is necessary to give. To give, it is necessary to be free from selfishness."***

***Mother Theresa***

After the holiday season is over, we will be back to visiting clubs and gearing up for the midwinter convention in Austin, MN, January 29-31. Plans are moving forward and we have all our speakers set to present. I'm looking forward to a record attendance this year. International Director Lion Anne Smarsh and her partner in service, Lion Tom, of Colwich, Kansas, will be our guests. Friday night after the memorial service, we will have "Amateur Night," and Lion John Steffel will be there with his band. There will be a **Lions hospitality room** open so all can get snacks and a refreshment, then return to observe and take part in the talent. Please plan on participating. I assure you that we will have fun! Saturday morning during the business meeting there will be a coffee for the spouses and guests to attend. Lion Tom Smarsh will talk about his travels and support of his spouse, ID Anne. A slide presentation of Africa will be presented by Gwen Pigott, Lion Carol Mrotek's sister. During the business meeting we have many things to cover as well as vote on Jungle Days 2010. I have not received any bids yet. Please consider and send your bid to me as soon as possible. I need them in hand by Jan. 10th.

At the Saturday luncheon we will have a "**parade of green**" for the clubs to bring their checks to the front and place in a container. Please put all your checks in one envelope. Remember to make out one check for each entity. The proceeds from the silent auction will go to the Children's Hearing Center, supported by the MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation. Each club is asked to bring at least one item for the auction.

I have been asked if I have a theme this year.

I am using my pin and what it states: *'With hearts in hand, together we serve.'*

You will be seeing hearts. If you would like, make a poster to represent something from or about your club that expresses my theme. Put that poster on your door or in the Lions hospitality room. There won't be any prizes. I consider us all to be winners by serving. The Lions banquet is Saturday evening. You may dress formally but it is not mandatory. All are welcome to come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Awards will be presented.

The Sunday morning brunch follows the ecumenical service. Don't forget, at brunch we get our once-a-year treat of Spam. You sure don't want to miss it.

See you in Austin.

***"Peace begins with a smile". Mother Teresa***

May your new year be filled with many blessings. Mark and I wish you a very happy and joyous celebration with family and friends.

Austin Morning Lions Club

Boy Scouts of America Series  
 Rick Kelley Signed Limited Edition (700/950)  
 Custom Framed Print "American Heritage"

Tickets \$5

Winner drawn Saturday January 30, 2010  
 At Lion's Mid-Winter Convention held at Austin Holiday Inn  
 Need Not be Present to Win  
 Proceeds to Benefit Local Boy Scouts  
 Thanks for Your Support

20" X 32"



**PDG Al Fravert Says, "Thank you!"**

I want to thank all the Lions in District 5M-1 for the prayers and cards during my recent hospitalization and recovery. Lions are very caring and compassionate people. I am on the road to recovery and things are going well. Again, thank you for caring.

PDG Al Fravert