

**MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18 QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**January 20,2006**

IN ATTENDANCE:	LuAnn Chambliss, President	Al Barthel
	Carol Barthel	Dave Hemmer
	Elsa Ditty	Barb Hemmer
	Dave Massman	Patricia Sable
	Gary Greb	Lee Poirier
	Vollie Sanders	Sally Bolster
	Betty Sanders	Jan Swenson
	Bob Clark	Gloria Berger
	Mary Ann Neuman	Deuel (Deuby) Potter
	Mavis Hjulberg	Paula Trapp
	Kathy Hanson	Ruby Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President LuAnn Chambliss. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for those not with us and people in disaster areas.

Dewey Potter was introduced. He will be the new president for Hiawathaland Council. Welcome Dewey.

The September 16, 2005 Secretary's minutes were presented. Add Bob and Rita Klassen 2 days to Rest Stop Workers at MS Tram. Minutes were accepted.

Copies of the Treasurer's report were given to the attendees by Paula Trapp. Paula explained the report. Report approved by Chapter.

Fund raisers will be discussed at National Convention per conference call.

LuAnn called for Committee Reports:

**Maps:** No Activities. Work on getting Becky Hart to next meeting. Becky is still waiting for help knowing how to assemble maps.

**Community Service: Vollie and Betty Sanders** Walk at Mall of America on Saturday, Jan 21,2006.

**Membership: Jan Swenson,** No written report given. See Membership total attached. Still having some trouble pulling correct reports due to Pat still out.

**Project Connect: Joe Swenson,** No Report Discussion on cd's not working Going to try to get books for Council Presidents. Will bring up at Region training If anyone have a school interested in the project have the school contact Joe

**Calendars: Mavis Hjulberg, 12-16-05** Thanks to all that are going out and selling our Caring and Sharing Calendars. The latest count that Jan gave me was 712 which has been entered in the data base. Last year at this time we had 606 so sales are better this year. Additional calendars were turned in today. Calendars can be sold until January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any last minute sales call Jan with the Name, Address, Telephone number, Calendar number, Sellers Name and Council so she can input to the data base. Then be sure to send her the registration form and check  
It is anticipated that we will sell more than we did for 2005 which was 1259. Our goal should be a 10%

increase. The expenses incurred thus far are \$1467.00. Minnesota State license \$150.00 and Johnson Printing \$1317.00

Mary Ann and I sold calendars at a Christmas luncheon at Jax, We sold 15 calendars. Will also be for sale at the Metro Pioneer Luncheon December 17,2005.

The first drawing will be January 27, 2006 ,4:00PM, at 6540 Shinglecreek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN. The other drawings will be April 21, 2006 and August 18, 2006. At the same location as the first drawing.

**Awards: Shirley McCurdy/Sheryl Wold** Not at meeting report sent to LuAnn.

We did not have any awards to submit to the region for the 2005 Pioneer year. The criteria for submitting has gotten tough but many of our projects are worthwhile and are deserving of an award.

We are hoping in 2006 some of you will submit information on your projects and we will work to put it together and answer the questions required. Please put some thought into submitting for an award this upcoming year. You all work hard on these projects and deserve to be recognized. The deadline for submitting for an award will be September 1, 2005 We need to set this date so we have time to put together the information and get it to our Vice President  
Thanks and look forward to hearing about your projects!!

**Participation: Carol Barthel,**

#### **REPORT FOR JANUARY 20,2006 CHAPTER BOARD METTING**

The total hours for Nov and Dec are 21,637. I had sent in Nov and Dec hours to

Jan so she could start inputting them, but since then, I have received a few more hours  
So I did up another report and sent them to Jan Thursday morning.

Arrowhead is going to be sending me there hours twice a year which is just fine with me and Nancy sent me the hours Wed. evening. I have heard from all the other councils also so thanks to everyone. Hopefully next year we can increase the hours.

The total for 2004 is 49,845

The total for 2005 is 74,648

Thanks to everyone who is sending in there hours.

Motion made by Dave Hemmer to Adopt a Chapter project supporting our Retirees. Vollie Seconded Motion approved.

**Camporee: Kathy Hanson** several members traveled to Forest City, Iowa and met with representatives of the Winnebago company. This group was fact finding to put into play some preliminarily plans for the 2007 International Camporee to be hosted by the Minnesota TPFC group.

Dates and Hosts are set for the 2006 Camping season. Alexandria June  
Lake Shetek August SW  
Mystery Sept

At this time all is fairly quiet on the camping front.

**Web Master** Dave Hemmer, We had 1,132 hits for last quarter, calendar winners showed the most gain. I think we can get a boost in web site use if we all promote it's use at our various meetings and projects. And keep the web site in everyone's mind by including the web address in all our emails and correspondence I also think we need to give our members reason to visit the web site and the way to do that is to keep lots of local and current information posted on the web

**MS TRAM** Dave Hemmer, We will not be doing the MS tram as a project this year. Pat Sable made a Motion to make the MS 150 a chapter project this year. Seconded by Paula. Motion carried. MS 150 will be June 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>.

Qwest will still be in charge of the MS Tram 3<sup>rd</sup> Stop. July 23-28.

**EZ Help; Gary Greb**, Donated 70 Cell phones to City of Bloomington, 60 phones to Anoka County, 45 to City of White Bear Lake. 150 in St Cloud area. Total since inception of project now over 3,800.

Still getting cell phones from Kiosks, but not a large amount. Have had seniors interested in the Minneapolis Suburbs, but not enough volunteer to handle the seminars in that area yet.

**Ramps:** Discussion on trailer. Mary Ann made motion to sell to Denny for \$1,000.00 if interested if not offer to others at \$1,500.00 but not less than \$1,000.00. Vollie Seconded Motion carried. Dave M. will talk to Denny. If Denny turns it down, Dave will notify LuAnn. Trailer can be seen in St. Cloud or on the Web. Open to everyone to purchase. February 15, 2006 will be sale date.

**Membership Drive: Barb Clark** Barb has agreed to chair Membership Drive again this year.

**Cookbooks:** Paula Trapp, The only report is that the mailing from the Chapter continues most every week, one visit downtown. We really need to discuss how to get all Chapter cookbooks to C basement as they are located in St Paul somewhere also.

Along with the cookbooks in St. Paul are many Trivia games we should do something with. Donate them to other Chapters even to get rid of them. Or maybe even sell them for \$100.

**Scholarships:** Paula Trapp, The new years entry form is available here today and also on the Pioneer Web site.

**Management Liaison: Not present**

**Due to the time Council Reports were turned into the Secretary to be included in this report**

**Arrowhead Council:** Arrowhead Council & Life Member happenings from Oct - Dec 2005  
2 of the 3 meetings for both groups was cancelled due to weather or not enough people around during the Holidays. So there really isn't much to report.

There were over 100 children at the Union Gospel Mission Holiday Party (I think they said about 120). We had made up 72 stockings figuring that would be enough as the first time we helped with the party was 2 years ago & there were 60 children, last year there were 40. We were quite a bit short but well received & the Mission had some standby stockings that they made up with some of the smaller leftover items we gave them from the stockings we had made & some items they had there. The Mission was overwhelmed but very pleased with the turnout. They had planned a cake-walk but were unable to set it up until some people went home due to lack of space. Of course Santa was a big hit & pictures with him much in demand. Pioneers Roger Morrison, Karen Olson & her husband Rip took pictures & kept the cameras full of film (we almost ran out of film too). Debbi Franckowiak & Gloria Berger helped get the children comfortable with Santa & where needed. There was some news coverage & Al told them to talk to the Qwest people. They talked to Kristi (Al's daughter) and we are not sure if the Qwest Pioneers were not mentioned or if the station edited them out of the newscast. A fun time was had by all and the Pioneers are already in the process of planning for next year's party. Next year we plan to make up 120-125 stockings. Sharon from the mission said "if it keeps up like this we may need to get a bigger place to have it." We put up & decorated a Christmas tree for the collection of hats, scarves, mittens & etc for the Salvation Army. We also put tags on the tree that people took to purchase gifts for children. We started with 50 & they were almost gone before the 1st week so we got 30 more. We collected at least 75 very nice gifts that were donated to the Salvation Army. We received a very nice thank you from the Salvation Army telling us how nice the gifts & winter wear were both in quality, expense & thoughtfulness. There was a 16" bike, rolling riding Red Flyer airplane that flashed lights & made noises, lots of CD players, dolls, cars, games, gift cards & so many other nice gifts. We were very proud of our group for their participation & generosity. We decided that since we could not get anyone here interested in working on cell phones for the 911 project that we would turn them over to Gary Greb. We had a number of boxes of them that were delivered to him at the Chapter meeting. We will also turn over all of the eye glasses that have been collected to a Lion's Club member. Donations of Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup labels, pop can tabs, hygiene products, new & used greeting cards, egg cartons, eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones & clean reusable plastic & paper bags are collected on an ongoing basis for charities. Anyone who's group does not already collect these items & would like to donate some please feel free to contact Gloria Berger 612 336-4909 to arrange for picking them up. We have many different groups that use these items.

**Harley Forsthe Life Member Club** held the following meetings:

Sauk Centre Luncheon. Attended by 29 Life Members

Nov- Breakfast meeting at Perkins downtown St. Cloud. Attended by 20 Life Members

Jan- Breakfast Meeting at Perkins downtown St. Cloud. Attended by 18 Life Members

Dec 6 - Coffee in Little Falls. Attended by 27 Life Members

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> -Christmas Party at Whitney Sr. Center. Attended by 35 Life Members.

We collected food and Christmas gifts for Children at our party.

We donated 108 pounds of food to the food shelf.

We donated Christmas Gifts to the Boys and Girls Club.

We made 11 cartons of cookies and breads to be delivered to our pioneers who are ill, alone, or known to be in need of a treat.

Our next Life Member function will be Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, we have our Valentine's Party at Whitney Sr.

Center.

### **Central Council:**

Dave Hemmer and Partner Barb went to the Officers training session in Denver Hemmers attended as an alternate for incoming Pres. Dave Massman. Barb and Dave wish to thank the Chapter for allowing them to attend as alternates.

During the past quarter we contributed to our community as follows:

a. Volunteer hours 2190

b. Hug-A-Bear 409

c. Wheelchair Bags 110

d. Cather Bags 23

e. Lap Robes 18

f. We continue to collect EZ Help 911 cell phones and distribute them to our Senior Citizens Over 150 have been collected and 50 distributed since our last meeting.

We provided much of the manpower for the annual Veterans Deer Hunt.

Also helped with Veterans Turkey Hunt.

On Nov 26<sup>th</sup> we rang Bells for the Salvation Army from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM and raised \$1,857.24 for them.

The Council help regular Business Meetings Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005 and Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the East Side VFW Club.

We are going to partner with the Chore Club for projects now that we are not building ramps.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> project together was building a fence for a family with two downs syndrome children.

We discussed and approved an ongoing budget for the Council; It will be updated as needed.

We approved a donation of \$100.00 to the Whitney Sr. Center and a \$100.00 donation to the Boy & Girls Club. These were presented at our Christmas meeting.

Our next meeting will be March 2, 2006 at 5:30 PM. At East Side VFW.

### **Hiawathaland:**

Council meetings were help on September 29<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>.

In Sept a donation of \$150.00 was given to the St. Peter Region Center for personal care items for residents. The Faribault Lutheran School received \$200.00 for an accelerated reading program.

18 Pioneers worked about 140 Hours at the Telephone Museum during the Mower County Fair August 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>.

In conjunction with the Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting the Holiday Luncheon was held at Senior Place. 58 Pioneers and Partners enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings Hats and mittens were collected for children in the Houston and Elgin-Millville Elementary Schools. Personal care items were collected for our Operation Minnesota Nice soldiers. We have been sending boxes to two service men in the 70<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion each month. They will be coming home from Iraq in January We will be assigned new soldiers wh have not been receiving mail from home.

Each person making a donation to the Bake Less Food sale received Andes Mints. As of November 9<sup>th</sup> we had received \$305.00.

A donation of \$200.00 was made to Senior Place for office equipment.

It has been a pleasure serving as President of the Hiawathaland Council and now I would like to introduce next years President. Dewey Potter.

**Lakes:**

No report

**Metro: Gary Greb**

Rake Rattle and Roll 13 people worked on 9 houses.

E-Z Help Cell Phones for Seniors - 70 given to the City of Bloomington, 60 to Anoka County, 45 to White Bear Lake Seniors.

50 Hug-A-Bears to Mother Goose

Collected supplies for Birthday in a Bag.

Donated toys to Toys For Tots at Kare 11 Television Station. Were given 250 McDonald's \$1.00 gift certificates given to Anoka County Food Shelf, Alexandra House, Anoka High School special need group to use as reward for their troubled teen special needs group.

\$150.00 approved for Paula for on going Expenses.

\$500.000 donated to AMRTC for medical Supplies.

\$200.00 donated to Union Gospel

Merged St. Paul Life Member Club with the Minneapolis Life Member Club and changed name to Metro Life Member Club.

Help Metro Holiday Luncheon.

**Western Plains: Charles Hecht**

It is a very slow time of year for our Council, but just wanted to share that the Christmas Parties were held and hosted by our council at ATU in Willmar. That is always one of our biggest events and it went very well. The kids always thoroughly enjoy what the Pioneers do for them during Christmas Kris and Jerry Swanson take the lead on that event and have been and still do a great job of representing the Pioneers with their work at the ATU.

We did have a 'old telephone operators' breakfast gathering in Windom that was organized by Becky Meyers at which I shared the request to turn in volunteers hours. I have received some more now to report the end of January. Also, I have designed a new birthday postcard that we use to sent to our members now instead f

Birthday Cards. I print them on my computer, the postage is cheaper and it saves us a little money and still sends a birthday greetings from the Council to all of our members

We would like to extend an invite to the Chapter to do an event at the Jackson Museum this year-- possible paint the building?? It's a great telephone museum and Gloria Smith and Dorothy Benson do a great job!! Of course, several of our other members also pitch in and help those gals whenever they need us too. We would be thrilled to have a Chapter Meeting down here in 2006 to showcase our Museum and maybe get some help to paint the building?

Be sure and Thank Paula for the McDonald's card-that was very nice of the Chapter If you need anything more from me, please let me know. I stay in contact with Chuck while he is in Arizona via email.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Crowell/Sec-Treasurer.

### **Minneapolis Life Members:**

Mary Ann Neuman, President, Minneapolis Life Members

#### **Minneapolis Life Members - 4th quarter 2005**

- . September 28<sup>th</sup> Luncheon/Meeting. Thirty-one attended. Collected school supplies and sweat shirts for St. Joseph's Home For Children.
- . October 26<sup>th</sup> – 38 Pioneers participated in our Mystery Trip to see Bob Clark in the Fogey Follies revue.
- . November 2<sup>nd</sup> Fund Raiser to Turtle Lake. Three buses. After expenses we made \$628.47 of which \$315 will go into our designated account
- . As a trial, there will be a one bus/45 person maximum Casino Trip to Grand Casino Hinckley on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost at Grand Casino is \$25.00 (with \$25.00 returned at the Casino). Because of the cost and our No Refund policy, the trial will be limited to only one bus.
- . November 30<sup>th</sup> Luncheon/Meeting. Thirty-eight attended. Collected Christmas Toys for St. Joseph's Home for Children. Donated: \$200 to Animal Humane Society for Katrina pet relief, \$200 to Hennepin county's Gift For Seniors program, \$200 to the Ms MN Senior America Pageant, \$100 to Courage Center..

Because no one stepped up to a leadership position for St. Paul Life Members, the Minneapolis Life Members changed their name to Metro Life Members as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, and the former St.. Paul Life Members will be welcomed into the existing Mpls Club.

- . A mailing will be sent out on January 27<sup>th</sup> to approximately 3115 Metro Life Members. It will contain information about our monthly meetings in March, April and May, the Valentine's Luncheon, March 16<sup>th</sup> Casino Trip, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Turtle Lake Casino Trip and a new June outing to the Plymouth Playhouse for 'Church Basement Ladies' and lunch at the Green Mill. The accompanying letter welcomes our new St. Paul members and invites them and any newly retired Life Member to attend their first Luncheon Meeting at our expense. I hope this offer encourages some St. Paul folks to join us - at least one time, and hopefully more often.

The Metro Life Members reporting hours through Joanne Kennedy totaled 32,933 hours (2313 participants/units) for 2005.

### **St. Paul Like Member Club Report:**

#### **ST. PAUL LIFE MEMBER CLUB**

OCTOBER Approximately 40 member attended. We celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Month. Our 911, Hug-A-Bear and Bear Pause volunteers were treated to caramel apples. Nancy Jacobsen from Pine Tree Orchard spoke on the history of the orchard, DNA testing of apples, weather conditions for growing and generously gave samples. She even brought a few recipes to share and answered apple questions.

Lee handcrafted fall door prizes and we added Qwest mugs and pencils. The groups truly needed to be recognized for all of the support on their year of community service projects Sue and I couldn't have done it without them.

50 Hug-A-Bears were donated to Mother Goose, an organization that refinishes homes for 6 emergency children's shelters. They will be adding 2 more this coming year. Calendars were sold at our luncheon and donations taken for Operation Home Delivery. That will be our December service project and is Habitat For Humanity's pre-fab housing going on barges to LA for hurricane relief. 5 bears were taken for dressing. A mailing went out to continue to seek 2006 leadership. Volunteer opportunities are announced each month but very seldom are there any "takers", which is why we have incorporated service projects into our luncheons most months The Poirier family

and a friend met Greb's at the Lion's Eye Bank for an evening of service work and also got a tour of the Eye Bank. Ginny Bauman continues to sell cookbooks from the St. Paul location.

NOVEMBER Sue bravely led the group of about 40 members for a day of card bingo. Lee was being held hostage on jury duty but Dallas and Lorna Leier pitched in to help Sue. The white elephant gifts were a big hit once again as prizes. They must have been better or nicer too because none were left behind to donate to a senior center!

Calendars were sold, donations taken for Operation Home Delivery and Candy/Nut orders were sorted and distributed by Sue at Maplewood and Kathy Asmus in St. Paul. Thanks to all. Still looking for 2006 leadership but our lead fell through. Many people are bothered by what looks like a lot of politics and to some extent Sue and I agree. I'm hoping the region has some better input this year to help clubs continue to exist.

DECEMBER Lee led the group of 55 for the Grand Buffet Holiday luncheon. We were joined by Melanie Kjellberg and her Lakeaire Singers, an elite a cappella choir from White Bear Lake High School. Excellent would have been an understatement, they were awesome! Some of their parents even joined us.

Table runner, ornaments and the co-presidents colorful thank you adorned the tables. The atmosphere was real holiday spirit. The food was probably the best of the year. Members were very appreciative and thanked me and Sue but they really just needed to thank themselves Clarice Thompson explained that members would receive a call in January so a group can still continue to meet as retiree friends. They were previously informed that they could join the Minneapolis group for volunteering or lunching.

Calendars were sold and the Operation Home Delivery was completed. \$604 will be donated. About 100 knit/crochet pieces for Warm Up America were donated to the Maplewood Michael's. Hug-A-Bear group took product or made arrangements for some after the holidays (I see Lee gets to be the official warehouse for product!) And everyone was off to continue with season festivities.

A special thank you to Ginny Bauman who secretly sits in the background in St. Paul and sells cookbooks all year.

Another thank you to Dave Hemmer for archiving and keeping up the website.

Actually thanks to everyone that has been a part of letting St. Paul take a new and sometimes different or creative approach to community service. Our St. Paul Life Member Club came back and stepped up-Sue and I are very proud of them.

### **Life Member Rep Report**

Since the September Chapter Meeting, Mavis Hjulberg and Sally Bolster made the following visits: On September 30 they attended the Fall Fling in Montevideo (Western Plains Council); the Harley Forsythe get together in Sauk Centre on October 11<sup>th</sup>; The Hiawathaland Fall craft sale and quarterly meeting in Owatonna on November 12<sup>th</sup>; and attended the St. Paul Holiday Luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition, they attended the Metro Council meetings in September and November

## **Old Business:**

Holiday Party was a success. Many toys were collected and delivered to Toys for Tots. Most of the bears were sold and money turned into the Food shelves.

Nuts and Store items were also sold.

Trivia games and cookbooks need to be moved to "C" basement. Discussed but not decided plan of action.

Meeting Locations discussed and tabled until Charles get back to Minnesota to check on Rooms and when would be a good time to go down his way. Talked about holding a meeting in St. Cloud also.

Mileage will remain .36 for now.

Lee stressed a need to acknowledge people for participation on projects. Share letters of thanks from people who received goods. Just a small Thank you note goes a long way.

## **New Business:**

Money from NBNA 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was divided for the Councils.

Motion made by Gary to donate \$1,000.00 to the JDRF Walk. Elsa seconded. Motion carried

Discussion about Telephone truck. Tabled until Charles get home. To check on where it stands

Mavis gate report on Calendars sold so far.

Arrowhead - **44** Central - **188** Hiawathaland -**130** Lakes - **76** Metro - **78** Minneapolis Life Members - 419

Red River Valley - **10** Iowa - **35** St. Paul - **112** Western Plains - **177** Chapter - **17** No Council Name - **4**

Total **1294**

Request made for support Dave Hemmer to pay for expenses to travel to councils for MS 150  
Debate about length of time frame of request.

A motion was made by Vollie, Wave 90 day time frame for this request because of no meeting in December.

Elsa seconded motion. Motion carried.

Vollie made motion: to support Dave Hemmer to travel to councils for MS 150.

Jan seconded Motion carried

**Robert Shuman and Joe Myss from Liberty Mutual gave us a good overview of what the company has to offer pioneers. They would also be willing to travel to the out state areas  
Thanks guys you did an excellent job.**

Motion made to adjourn Meeting. Next meeting March 17, 2006.

Tuesday, February 14, 2006