

The Grape Vine

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DG Sue getting ready for the Lions International parade. The Lions parade was the largest parade Seattle has even had. The MD5M Snowmen were a huge hit.



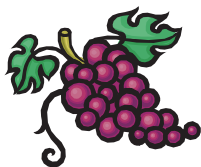
President Tam's goal is planting 1 million trees worldwide. Each incoming Governor signed their tree goal on the banner. When the pledges were totaled, the total was nearing 5 millions. 5M2 pledged 650, but I believe 4 times that is possible (one tree per member).



PCC Brian Sheeham was elected International Director of Lions Club International at the 94th International Convention in Seattle, Wa. Congratulations to ID Brian!



Albert Lea Cloverleaf and LakeView Lions Flight Breakfast, DG Sue Bowman, Zone 9 Chair Lyle Hinz, and Lion Ron Stangeland



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I Believe Courage Commitment Action

Lion Bill and I along with the other 90 representatives from MD5M had a wonderful time at the International Lions Convention in Seattle. The weather was perfect, temps in the mid seventy, no humidity and gentle sea breezes; about as opposite as it could be from our early July Minnesota weather. It was a very refreshing break from the heat and humidity.



The first four days, I along with the other 750 incoming governors from around the world finish our training. I had about 30 incoming governors in my class from six different states, Canada, Republic of Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Botswana, Republic of Zimbabwe and the Republic of Zambia. Class discussions were very interesting and a true international experience.

Class was over at 4:00 pm so Lion Bill and I had plenty of time to see the sights. We walked most of the time, although Seattle has free bus service, it just seemed so good to be out in the cool fresh air. Lion Bill even lost 5 pounds while we were gone; I guess due to a combination of the walking and no refrigerator access. My weight stayed the same, which I was happy about since we had enjoyed many pleasant evenings checking out the local cuisine.

Wing-Kun Tam, our newly elected International President from Hong Kong, China is an extremely dedicated Lion with a proven history of multiple life changing service accomplishments. He is definitely a man of action and challenged all Lions to believe in ourselves and believe in the power of we. "Don't just think you can BELIEVE you can" Wing-Kun Tam. Our founder, Melvin Jones believed that we could change the world through humanitarian service. The one quality that made it possible was he believed. He knew the difference between "thinking" and "believing" that is a matter of conviction. President Tam stressed believing is different from thinking because it has the three other key elements: Courage, Commitment, and Action.

Dr. Tam stressed a strong belief creates a

sense of courage to try things others thought impossible. We then need commitment to try and try again, and to inspire others to follow. And finally we need to take action, without action we would be idle dreamers.

Our Lions President asks that we embrace a sense of belief of what it truly means to be a Liona belief that each individual Lion makes a difference and that together, we can change the world even more than we have yet imagined.

Three specific goals of Dr. Tam driven by his beliefs:

- Strengthen and retaining our membership by taking care of fellow members as if they were family
- Expanding our service to new heights, propelled by a special campaign to plant one million trees
- Nurturing our future by involving more young people and Leos in all that we do

Through service, Lions have improved the lives of millions of people. Our president is challenging our clubs to participate in the Lions four Global Service Action Campaigns.

- Focus on youth in August
- Sight related activities in October
- Feeding the hungry in December and January
- Environmental projects in April

Lions, we have so many things to do, however with your support I believe with courage, commitment and action we will have a fabulous year of growth and service!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR LIONS!

Governor's Travels

District Governor Sue Bowman

August

- 1 5M2 Cabinet Meeting/Jungle Days/New Prague
- 6 Lion's Quest Training / Chaska
- 8 Convention Committee Meeting Mankato
- 15 Glencoe Club Visit
- 18 Stewart Club Visit
- 22 Plato Club Visit

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
First Vice District Governor



Is it hot enough for ya? How many times have you heard this phrase in the past month? After a long, tough winter and a lingering cool spring, our bodies' resilience is being tested to the max with "big time" heat and humidity.

First of all, I would like to congratulate all 63 Lions Clubs and our only Lioness Club in District 5M-2, for their support of LCIF! I have not heard officially, but it appears that, during Fiscal Year 2010-2011, a donation to LCIF was received from every Club or an individual from of every Club in our District. One hundred per-cent participation--what a major accomplishment! LCIF has certainly needed to respond to hundreds of requests for disaster grants worldwide, along with continuing grants for sight restoration and sight preservation. The amount of support for LCIF from our District is very gratifying. "Thank you very much".

In mid-July, I accompanied my spouse, Lion Jean, to her Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation Board of Directors Training, which included a tour of the newly opened Minnesota Lions Children's Clinic at the U of M. It is very impressive and the clinics' design will allow the four full-time pediatric physicians to examine and treat approximately 8,000 patients each year. The doctors were very appreciative of their new surroundings and they have indicated the greater efficiency made possible by the increased number of exam rooms and the functionality of this building. Lions, Lioness and Leosour donations have made this possible. Again, "Thank you very much".

Just a note---When your Club is invited to one of the semi-annual tours of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation and the Multiple 5M Hearing Foundation please make the necessary arrangements to attend. It is always encouraging to hear of the advances being made in the research to overcome various eye diseases and hearing loss, and the treatments that are being used. It is a great way to have members, new or old, become acquainted with the functions of these great foundations and the work that they do. And, as always, the Foundations are extremely appreciative for the support received from the Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs of Minnesota.

Invitations to the Region Meetings will be sent soon. Presidents, secretaries, and other members should plan to attend, as Program Chairpersons will be on hand for short presentations. Bring along your calendars for the up-coming year to schedule various Program Chairpersons to visit your Club. Hope to see you there!

Remember--Your Club's Activities Do Make a Difference in your Community, in our Country and in our World!

Joan's Thoughts

Joan Blank
Second Vice District Governor



"A lesson in acronyms". Friday, July 22nd, I had the pleasure of wearing my new 2nd VDG uniform (black blazer, grey pants and white shirt) to my first official Lions training session. I felt pretty dapper in it, until I walked out in the 90 degree weather and humidity, wondering if I was going to wilt. My body temperature dropped a few degrees when I walked into the training session room and was immediately greeted by 4 friendly snowmen, courtesy of costumes used in the International Parade by MD-5M. How cool is that!

At the training session DG's, (District Governors) VDG's (Vice District Governors) and 2nd VDG's were introduced to GMT/GLT (if you are a phone texter, you already love acronyms). GMT stands for "Global Membership Team" and GLT stands for "Global Leadership Team". With names like these one might wonder how this will affect your local club, but Lions International has all that figured out. These 2 teams are being established to work in a highly interdependent manner from the international level to the multiple district level and then to the district level, all for the benefit and success of each of your clubs. These teams will work on membership, retention, extension, leadership and orientation. The District Coordinator for Membership is PID (Past International Director) Maynard Rucks and the District Coordinator for Leadership is PID Debra Wasserman. Keep your Lions ears and eyes open to hear and see the plans these teams will be developing. PID Maynard and PID Debra will be depending on all of our help. Fact: MD-5M (this includes 5M2) has the 3rd largest membership behind Texas and Pennsylvania. Wouldn't it be fun to claim the 2nd spot? Fact: I was fined at my last club meeting because I forgot to mention that I am now a member of the Nicollet Lions Club!! Yours in Lionism.



2011-2012 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet each requirement noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number	Club Name	Date
2011-2012 Club Presidents' Name		Member Number
		Zone

CLUB IN GOOD STANDING – International per capita taxes and new member entrance fees are paid in full and there is no outstanding balance of US\$50 or more that is ninety (90) days or more past due.

SERVICE – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Please briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: _____	Activity: _____
Date: _____	Activity: _____
Date: _____	Activity: _____

CONTRIBUTION – The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

MEMBERSHIP – The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. The new members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions club.

Net Growth in Members: _____ Name of sponsored club: _____

COMMUNICATION – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized through newspaper articles, public service announcements or other forms of local media.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program at the zone, district, multiple district or international level and the club was represented at zone meetings.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report, and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner.

Date	2011-2012 District Governor's Signature*	District	Member No.
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* In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2012. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at international headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at international headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2012-2013 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed directly to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2011-2012 club president.

“From The Field”



Courtland Area Lions

The Courtland Area Lions sponsors many projects throughout the year, with most of them focusing around children. Two that are very important to the Club are the **Halloween** and the **Christmas with Santa** parties for children. Some of the Bar Bingo and Pull Tab profits go towards these parties.

The Courtland 4-H assist with the **Halloween Party**; it runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on a late October Saturday for children up to age 8. Mr. & Mrs. Scarecrow (Wayne Forbrook and Sunny) visit with the children as they play their games or have a snack. With the assistance of the Courtland 4-H, this has become a favorite event of our young people.

Children have a variety of games to play and always win a prize. The Courtland 4-H is in charge of this part of the day. There is also face painting and sensory area for the very young and other craft projects the children can do.

A snack of cookies, juice, and popcorn are provided by the Lions. Volunteers help with the lunch while Lion members help supervise the games. A bag of goodies is given to each child as they leave the party. We also provide a photo spot so parents can take pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Scarecrow or alone. The past 3 years we have had over 100 children participate in the Halloween Party.

Our **Christmas with Santa** is just that. We celebrate with Santa (Roger Burdorf) and the children the first Saturday of December from 1-3 p.m. This is open to all children. We have a local Santa come to visit with the children. It is worthy to note that he seems to remember from year to year what someone has asked. He often brings that up during his conversations with the children. Next

year, Santa is planning to bring Mrs. Claus along to help with the children.

Each child receives a bag of goodies, gets to decorate a Christmas cookie or two, and can take a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Volunteers from the community provide the horse-drawn wagon (Mike Martens). Hot and cold apple cider is also provided. Their parents are able to browse the Courtland 4-H Bake Goods and pick up a thing or two to take home. We also provide a nice background photo spot with Santa. Again, we have had over 90 children participate during the past 3 years. Even bad weather does not keep them away.

At both parties, we ask for a Food Shelf item. We have collected over 80 lbs. each year as donations for the Food Shelf.

Winsted Lions

Pam Fiecke

As a rose unfolds its petals, so does the love of the Winsted Lions Club when helping those in need.

On May 22, 2011 the Winsted Lions hosted a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Holy Trinity School in Winsted for McKay Fiecke daughter of Ryan Fiecke and Jessy Gutzmann.

McKay Fiecke is a 10-month-old baby girl who was diagnosed with uterine cancer.

The Winsted Lions Club and surrounding communities stepped forward in dignity and respect, caring thoughts and uplifting words to help in anyway possible.

The Winsted Lions Club served over 300 guests humbly.

The compassion for the family was an out-pour of love that day.

McKay won her battle of cancer and is back in the family circle once again.

A wonderful check was presented to the family to help them with their medical expenses and any other needs that they have.

From Pam Fiecke - Winsted Lions - for News from the field.



DG Sue Bowman presented a Melvin Jones award to recipient Sally Webster of the Lafayette Lions club.



LCI Pres. Wing Kun Tam (center) with Lion Bill and Sue Bowman at the Lions International Convention in Seattle Washington.

SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Now is the time for each member to **SUBSCRIBE** to the **DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**.

The Governor would like every member to receive the newsletter. Have your club subscribe every member to this important communication.

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Governor Sue's Goals 2011-2012

To achieve a net positive membership growth.

To reduce the membership drops by 40; reduce Governor's body mass by 30 lbs.; reduce Adult Traveling Companion's body mass by 30 lbs.

To never miss an opportunity to compliment or to say something encouraging to someone.

To have all clubs in all 9 Zones submit a nomination for Zone Lion of the Year.

To remind all clubs to be careful with criticism and liberal with praise, to build up member, to treat each other as family.

To charter one new Lions Club.

To organize a minimum of one new LEO Club.

To have an "Open Door" policy for any members / clubs to express opinions and insight.

To have tons of fun and meet hundreds of new Lion family members.

To arrive at and return home from each Lions function in one piece, (i.e. no accidents).

To have each member in 5M2 proud and happy to be a member of the Lions Family.

Deadlines for newsletter articles, photos etc. Must be in by the 20th of the month.

Email Bill Curtis
wfcurtis@embarqmail.com

Governor Sue's Contest 2011-2012

Winning Clubs will be awarded the Governor's Personal Banner Patch

All the following are required:

- Club has a net gain in membership or sponsored a new club
- Club is current on dues
- Club has reported **activities** and **membership** on LCI WMMR web sight

Club representation at:

- Region Meeting
- Fall Zone Meeting
- Spring Zone Meetings
- Mid-Winter Convention

At least five of the following are required:

- Club submitted district newsletter article: club news / project / Proud Lion
- Club has conducted Community Service Needs Assessment (MK9AEN)
- Club has conducted a written exit survey for any/all dropped member(s)
- Club has 100% participation in the Parade of Green
- Club has participated in Journey for Service
- Club has participated in tree planting project
- Club has a website ("e-Clubhouse" template available www.lionsclub.org)
- Club has participated in at least two youth activities:
 - Peace Poster
 - Write Off
 - Advisor for a LEO Club or sponsor new LEO Club
 - Youth Exchange host family
 - Sponsored Liberty Day program
 - Sponsored Quest in the school
 - Other community based youth activity



Installation of Winthrop Lions officers: (those present) Pres Tom McCarthy, Secretary Patty McCarthy, Treasurer Joe Wersal, Lion Tsmer Doug Proehl, Membership Carolyn Proehl, Directors Dave Schauer, Scot Kuester, Bev Bussler



2011 Lafayette Lions Scholarship Recipients. Sitting, from left: Courtney Guenther, Jacob Sjostrom, Brittany Dummer, and Emily Steiner. Standing: Kendra Lange, Adam Portner, Brad Portner, and Cameron Grommersch, Not pictured: Meghan Gleisner, Megan Nutting, Samantha Scheurer, and Michelle Youngblom.

PLATO LIONS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 12, 2011

12 Noon - Registration

1:00 PM Shot Gun Start



@ The Glencoe Country Club

\$50.00 per person (Glencoe club member)

\$60.00 per person (non Glencoe club member)

4 Man Scramble

Entry fee includes cart, dinner & prizes

Registration Fees after August 1, 2011 will be \$15.00 more per person

TO REGISTER

CONTACT CODY @ 320.296.9495

All Proceeds go to local projects



DG Sue Bowman inducted the newest member (family plan) of the Courtland Lions Shar Christopherson.

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Club Request for Governor's Visit

Please fill out the form and send it as soon as possible.

Club Name _____

Name and location of the meeting place _____

Dates in order of preference:

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Time of meeting _____ If social time _____

Breakfast, lunch or dinner: Yes/No

Joint meeting with another club?

Name of other club _____

Contact person: name, address, phone #, e-mail _____

List any functions you would like the governor
to do such as awards, inductions etc.

Send request by October 1, 2011

DG Sue Bowman

PO Box 215 Geneva, MN 56034

PLATO LIONS BURGERS IN THE PARK

August 19th, 2011

 Plato Park 
We Serve 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. **We Serve**

Come and here the
Community Strings play
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.



We Serve