

# The **R.O.A.R.**

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**5M-2**



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Editor **Bill Curtis,**



**Candidate for First Vice District Governor  
2013 - 2014**  
**Vote for Lion Harry Klenke**



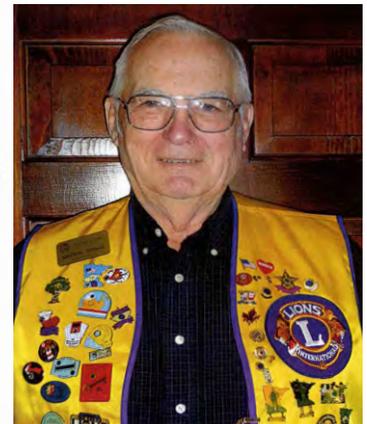
Member of the Prior Lake Lions since 1995, Perfect Attendance award for 16 years  
Served as 3rd VP 2000-01, 2nd VP 2001-02, 1st VP 2002-03, President 2003-04  
Served as 2nd VP 2009-10, 1st VP 2010-11, President 2011-12  
Eyeglasses Chairperson 2002 to present  
Highway Cleanup Chairperson 2005 to present  
Finance Committee, Chairperson 2001-02, 2009-10  
Steering Committee, Chairperson 2002-03, 2010-11  
Prior Lake Lion's Tail twister  
Member of SM-2 mid-winter convention planning committee 2007-2008  
Zone 3 Chair 2008-2009, 2009-2010  
Constitutional By-laws District Chairperson, 2010-present  
Melvin Jones Fellowship Award 2006-2007  
Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award (1)  
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Helen Keller Sight Award 2003-2004  
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Progressive Helen Keller Awards (3)  
MD5M Hearing Foundation Hearing Research Fellow Award  
Prior Lake Lion of the Year 2007-2008  
Minnesota Regional Leadership Graduate, Mahanomen, MN April 2009  
President of Excellence Award  
Parade Marshall at International Convention - Minneapolis, 2009  
Attended 9 Mid-winter conventions  
Attended 7 multiple conventions  
Attended USA-Canada Forum 2010  
Past PLAY - President, PLAY -Board of Directors (Prior Lake Athletics for Youth)  
PLAY - Director of Basketball 8 years  
PLAY - Volunteer Coach 15 years - Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer  
FFA - President 1966-1967 (Future Farmers of America.)  
MYF - President 1964-1965, 1966-1967 (Methodist Youth Fellowship)  
Member of St. Michaels Catholic Church - Prior Lake, Usher, Communion Minister  
Building and Grounds Committee 1998-Present (St. Michaels Catholic Church)  
Chairman 2007-Present (Building and Grounds Committee)  
Member of the Knights of Columbus, Father John Deere Chapter 4914  
Married 40 years to Lion Loretta Klenke  
Father of three sons, Christopher, Adam, (Amy), B.J.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE.

## VOTE MARVIN GRIMM

CANDIDATE FOR  
2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

- Carver Lion for 13 years
- Lions Club President
- Lions Club Treasurer-2 years
- Zone Chair-2 years
- Region 1 Chair-2 years
- Awarded the Progressive



Melvin Jones, Progressive  
Helen Keller, and Progressive  
Hearing Research Fellow

- Held offices in various other organizations, does a lot of volunteer work, and held community positions for the City of Carver
- Retired Green Giant/Pillsbury Agriculture Supervisor
- Wife, Evelyn, has been Carver Lion for 13 years
- Family man-6 children, 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren

## A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke  
District Governor



District Governor  
Ron Dahlke

As you receive this issue of the ROAR, the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention will be close at hand. It's a great time to recharge your "Lions" batteries and to "Start Your Engines".

From the Opening Banner Ceremony and the Service of Remembrance on Friday Evening, to the Sunday Morning Brunch and Parade of Green, the various events of this Convention "pit-stop" will provide you with the "tune-up" you need to finish the race in first place, and to meet all the goals you have set.

If you have not pre-registered for the entire Convention, please consider attending on Saturday, February 9, as great informational sessions are being planned, and it's always a good time to network with members of other Clubs.

Guess what's next. Believe it or not, it's time for clubs to start thinking about Club Officer nominations and elections, especially if your club only meets during the latter part of each month. If so, your Club will need to hold its election at the March meeting as club elections must be held by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Officer Reporting Form (PU-101) can then be completed and submitted well in advance of the May 1, 2013 due date. In the past, there have been a number of clubs which have not submitted this report on time. Let's have all of them completed and submitted on time this year!

And as long as we're on the subject of club leadership, let's make it a priority to attend the District 5M-2 Leadership Training. Watch for details in future newsletters.

I do want to mention membership...It is gratifying to note that as of January 20<sup>th</sup>, our District has 94 NEW members, but unfortunately we have dropped 102 members for various reasons, for a net loss of 8 members. I do know of several Clubs that have membership drives scheduled, but let's not forget; it is EVERYONE'S responsibility to ASK someone to join. Help me reach my GOAL of a plus 40 members for the year, and help your Club receive the Checkered Flag.

Remember--Your Club's Activities Do Make a Difference in your Community, in our Country and in our World! Thanks for all that YOU do!

## Mid-Winter Convention Reminders....

If you have name badge holders for your own use, or extra name badge holders from previous conventions, please bring them to the Registration Table.

All Clubs need to bring a \$15 Door Prize Gift. Please leave it at the Registration Table.

All Clubs need to bring their banner, and have two persons available at Pool Side by 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening, to carry their banner at the Opening Session.

All Pinewood Derby Cars must be entered / registered at the Registration Table no later than 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## DG Ron's Routes

### February

- 7- Leave for Mid-Winter Convention
- 8 - 10 Mid-Winter Convention at Mankato
- 12 - Cologne Lions Club Visit
- 18 - Hamburg Lions Club Visit
- 19 - Hutchinson Lions / Lioness Club Visit
- 21 - Prior Lake Lions Club Visit
- 25 - Montgomery Lions Club Visit
- 27 - Shakopee Lions Club Visit



## Written with “Pride”

**Joan Blank**  
First Vice District Governor



Mid-Winter Conventions

Are you aware that there are 12 Districts within our multiple and each district holds a Mid-Winter Convention between the beginning of January and the third week of February? This means there is a Mid-Winter Convention somewhere in Minnesota or Canada every weekend now and sometimes two on a weekend. At our Vice District Governor training, it was suggested that 1<sup>st</sup> VDG's attend as many as we can just to see how other districts do things in their respective district and to support our class of vice district governors. Being such good students as we are, Lion Kevin and I have hardly stopped spinning our car wheels since the first weekend in January, and admit we are loving every minute of it. We have met so many dedicated Lions in other parts of the state and we come home fired up by all the giving back each district reports on.

One speaker at 5M9's Saturday banquet was particularly inspiring and that was International Director Carolyn Messier from Windsor Locks, Connecticut. She spoke about a Lions member she met who was lamenting the fact that his Club had strayed far from the original Lions mission of Helen Keller's challenge to be "Knights of the blind". He was so discouraged about the new projects his club had taken on that he was going to quit. ID Carolyn asked if perhaps he was talking about the Measles Initiative, where Lions across the world have joined a network of other humanitarian leaders in a worldwide effort to protect children from measles through immunizations. To date, over 41 million children have been saved because of this vaccination. ID Carolyn asked the Lion if we should drop this program. "Of course not" was his reply.

ID Carolyn went on to ask if he was referring to donations sent to LCIF, where grant money is given for those dealing with natural disaster, such as Haiti where Lions are dedicated to providing hope and relief to victims by constructing homes and hospitals and new medical centers to bring together medical expertise, training and medical supplies. Lions are committed to be in Haiti for years to come. Should we drop this program, ID Carolyn asked? "Oh no" was the Lion's answer.

ID Carolyn went on to explain one program after another, explaining how many lives had been touched through Lions Clubs and Lions International. After she had finished, she asked this particular Lion if he would still like to quit. His answer was a resounding "No". He told ID Carolyn that her stories had inspired him so that he was going back to his club, armed with new insight and enthusiasm.

Our district, 5M2 will be hosting our convention February 8, 9 and 10. Please plan to attend to do as the fellow Lion did above, to gain new insight and enthusiasm to continue to carry on all the awesome humanitarian projects we undertake. Please stop by my hospitality room to say hello. (Oh yes, please don't forget to vote for me for District Governor – your support is greatly appreciated)

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Joan

## Harry's Corner

**Harry Klenke**  
Second Vice  
District Governor



February is a short month. But a lot can and will happen in the month of February. For me February is an important month. It has an important date in it for me. Valentines Day is not just a day for flowers and candy and cards for the ones we love it the day my wife and I got our Marriage License. Those of you who know Loretta know how lucky I am to have her. She completes my team in running for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.

This brings us to another important thing that happens in February. It is when our District holds its Midwinter Convention in Mankato. District Governor Ron's Midwinter Convention team has a lot of fun things planned. They have been working hard since before last July when District Governor Ron's term started. I have not been able to make all of their meetings, but the ones I have attended have been well organized. They all have ideas or are willing to help out in anyway they know how. Lion's always have good ideas and good ways to make those ideas better. The addition of the Pinewood Derby cars has a lot of people excited. The people organizing my hospitality room have many great ideas also. I hate to call it my room it should really be called our room. I can see the Lion's creativity at work there also. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Joan mentioned all the work her people have done for her room. So I hope a lot of you will make it to Mankato for the Midwinter Convention. I hope we have a lot of First timers for Past District Eunice to deal with. Some of you haven't come in a few years should come and join in the fun. I know it is a lot of fun and its nice and warm in the Hotel no matter what the weather is like outside. District Governor Ron has many good speakers planned. He has interesting seminars planned to educate us in the morning. Those who have never been to the afternoon Business Meeting need to attend to see what is going on in the District. It is interesting to here the speeches for the candidates for the Hall of Fame. All the good things they have done. It is hard to fit all the good things these Lions have done in the 3 minutes that are allotted. Also the nominating and seconding speeches for the candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District and District Governor can be very enlightening. You may find some interesting things about the candidates that you didn't know. The speech's by the candidates after the election can also shed a little light on the people you have chosen to lead your District in the coming years. The speech by the Parliamentarian is usually worth the price of admission.

It seems like all I am talking about is the Convention, but I think it is a very important time in the Lions year. You can find out a lot about the District and how it works. It is the one place where you find almost all the District Officers and ask questions. It is a place where you can make new acquaintances and learn about what Lion's are doing throughout the District. Maybe somebody here will find a new way to spice an old project that has become stale or find a new project for your club. Lions talk about their successes in fundraising and adding new members. This is more than meeting people from your Zone or your Region. You will make new friends. I know I have a much larger circle of friends since I have been coming to the Convention. So I hope to see many of you in Mankato for the Midwinter convention.



5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention  
February 8, 9, and 10, 2013

## **"START YOUR ENGINES"**

### **Friday**

Registration starts at 1:00 pm  
Opening Ceremony 6:45 pm  
Service of Remembrance 7:15 pm  
Social / Mixer: The Del Counts

### **Saturday**

Breakfast on your own  
Saturday Breakfast Buffet in 101 Main Restaurant  
(\$1 bounce back to 5M-2 Lions for each buffet)  
Diabetes Screening (NOTE: For those not already diagnosed as being diabetic)  
Morning Seminars beginning at 8:30 am  
Dr. Lion Erick Bothun - MN Lions Children's Eye Clinic  
Lion Bob Harms - Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation,  
"Steering for Better Hearing"  
PDG Robert Hoofnagle - Director, MN Lions Eyeglass  
Recycling Center, Sauk Rapids  
Updates from Project New Hope and Leader Dogs for the  
Blind  
Write-Off Contest Finalists  
Luncheon Buffet 11:45 am  
District 5M-2 Business Meeting 2:00 pm  
Pre-Banquet Reception 5:30 pm  
Meet International Director Marvin and Lion Lynne  
Chambers, Fillmore, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Governor's Banquet 6:30 pm  
Social / Mixer: Cozy Lil' Duo AND  
5M-2 PINEWOOD DERBY!!!

### **Sunday**

Ecumenical Service 8:00 am  
Brunch 9:00 am with Awards and  
Parade of Green to follow

Dear Lion,

I am always excited to think about the prospects that come with a new year. There is so much to look forward to when it comes to Lions. You may not know this, but earlier this month was Melvin Jones' 134th birthday. His belief was "you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," and I am certain that he would be amazed at just how far his vision has spread.

Think of everyone who was impacted by LCIF last year: a child who is now able to participate better in school thanks to a vision screening and follow-up care; a mother who no longer has to fear losing her child to measles because of a vaccination campaign; a family that is rebuilding their lives after Superstorm Sandy with help from Lions; and a student who has learned self-empowerment from Lions Quest in the classroom. All of these people and many more are looking forward to a brighter 2013 because of your help.

Soon, our Foundation's Advisory Committees will meet to review grants through SightFirst and Lions Quest. These grants will continue LCIF and Lions' work in communities around the world, providing sight and supporting youth. Together, we are beginning the new year in the way that Lions should - through service and through doing something for somebody else.

I encourage your club to think of all the ways you can help people in 2013. Together, I believe we can provide many services to lift up those who need our help. Through LCIF, there are so many ways that Lions can help others, both locally and globally, including applying for an LCIF grant. And, with our four pillars of service, there are many potential projects for your club.

Of course, these grants and projects would not be possible without generous donations. Thank you Lions, for everything that you have done to support our Foundation. Your donations ensure that Lions are able to do something great through LCIF.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



## Family Health Forums Benefit Special Olympic Athletes



When families come together to participate in a Special Olympics event, they come to celebrate their athletes. For more than 12 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation has partnered with Special Olympics through the Opening Eyes program to provide vision screenings and glasses for athletes at these events. Now, as a recent initiative of LCIF and Special Olympics, Family Health Forums help to further create a sense of community among participants. At these events, families are shown how to improve living conditions for athletes and provide better access to health care, education, social services and inclusion.

Family Health Forums began in 2011 in select communities in Africa. In October 2012, South Africa hosted the first ever Regional Family Health Forum, which brought together families with Special Olympic athletes from five countries in Africa. Here is what some of the parents had to say:

"It was excellent for me as a mother who has a child with intellectual disability. I have learned a lot, especially sharing problems with other mothers in different places. Thanks for giving my child this opportunity," said one parent in response to the forum.

"It's a way of changing the lives of people with intellectual disability and it makes us aware that nothing is impossible with people who have intellectual disability," said another parent at the event.

### SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**WHEN: Sunday, March 24, 2013**

**TIME: 8:30am-12:00 pm**

**LOCATION: NYA PAVILLION**



**Looking to have a great Breakfast? Come have one with us. We will be serving Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce, and of course great Pancakes (including our much demanded, blueberry pancakes). We also will serve real homemade maple syrup. Best of all, all proceeds go to projects in our community.**

**COST: FREE WILL DONATION-All proceeds go back to the community as projects and donations!**

**"WE SERVE"**



# NYA LIONS STEAK FRY



**Friday, February 15, 2013**  
**5:00 pm-8:00 pm**  
**Wilkommen Park Pavillion-NYA**  
**Steak, Baked Potato,**  
**Salad and Bread**  
**\$15**

All proceeds will be donated locally



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## SightFirst in Madagascar

In this segment of the January 2013 LQ - Lions Quarterly video magazine, learn how the Lions SightFirst Madagascar Eye Center is treating a wide range of vision problems. From providing cataract surgery for 84-year-old Suzane to screening the vision of eight-year-old Florine and providing her with eyeglasses, this center reaches those who might not otherwise receive help.

"When we see the smiles of the people we help, it goes straight to your heart. No riches in the world can buy the feeling of happiness that comes from helping others," says Anja Ramilison, a member of the Antananarivo Santatra New Century Lions Club.

## "Make the Most of Your Lions' Get-Away"

Are you interested in attending the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions International Convention July 5<sup>th</sup>-July 9<sup>th</sup> at Hamburg, Germany, plus a 5-day post-convention tour of Germany and Austria?

Or, if you're attending the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at Overland Park, Kansas, would you like to travel in motor coach comfort?



**Seefeld, Austria**



Sheila Howk of Wendinger Travel Inc., New Ulm, MN will have a display table at the Mid-Winter Convention, Saturday, February 8. She will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding travel and accommodations for these two opportunities to **"Make the Most of Your Lions' Get-Away"**.

Dear Lions,

By the time you read this message, 2013 will be underway in most parts of the world (the Chinese New Year is Feb 10). Traditionally, we often look at the new year as a new beginning - a new start. Many people make resolutions at the start of the year. They resolve, for example, to eliminate bad habits. And of course, they make those resolutions with good intentions. Statistics show that 49% of people around the world make a new year's resolution. Unfortunately, only 14% succeed in maintaining their resolution(s).



As we begin the new year, I'm asking club presidents and district governors to take a few moments to reflect inward. Have you achieved what you resolved to achieve at the start of your year? Have you been as effective as you had hoped to be as a club or district leader? If you have, that is great; but you are far from finished. If you are falling short, there is still time.

Right now - today - review your progress toward the [Club Excellence Award](#) and the [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#). I've said it before, but it's worth repeating - both provide you with a roadmap for success. And ask yourself the following:

- Have new members been made to feel welcome? Are they aware of club activities and been encouraged to get involved?
- Has the club hosted a new member orientation and have new members been assigned an effective mentor?
- Has the club completed a [community needs assessment](#)?
- District Governors - have you solicited nominations from clubs for the [World of Service Awards](#)? The deadline for nominations is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

At the start of my year, I asked Lions to expand our world of service to include literacy programs through the [Reading Action Program](#). So far this year, 11,736 clubs have embraced the program and have made a significant impact in their community. In light of the Board's action to extend the Reading Action Program for the next 10 years, establishing a literacy project now can become an annual club service project. Has your club started a program? Remember too that learning and hunger are linked. Children that go to school hungry have difficulty concentrating in school. December and January are designated as Lions [Relieving the Hunger](#) campaign. There is still time participate.

We have achieved a great deal so far this year, but with 6 months to go there is still so much more we can achieve. So far this year we have 94,750 new members and 646 new clubs. That equates to thousands of hours of community service.

As we start the new year, make a resolution to finish the year strong! Famous American humorist Will Rogers once said: "If you want to be successful, it's just this simple: know what you are doing; love what you are doing; and believe in what you are doing."

With that in mind, have a wonderful new year. You ARE making a difference in a world of service.

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## Snow Golf Raises Cash

About 100 golfers whacked tennis balls over snow, ice and patches of bare ground Saturday in Carver to raise money for four local organizations.

Temperatures remained mild and winds were modest as Soggy Bottom IV golfers took aim at orange cones serving as pins on the 18-hole improvised course at Riverside Park in Carver.



They were cheered on by about 50 spectators, most huddled in or near the food and registration tent or close to the crackling bonfire along the park's central road.

"We hit the perfect weather window," said co-chair Tim Craig of the sponsoring Carver Lions Club, referring to the snow-golf event running from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. "It was like 2:15 when we were packing up that the wind really started getting strong."

"It all worked out good," Craig said. "It was something for people to do in the middle of the winter and we made some money."

He said about \$2,500 was netted after expenses to be distributed among the Funky Minds program for children, Carver Fire & Rescue, Carver Parks & Recreation Department and Carver Lions Club.

Most money came from the \$20 registration fee paid by each golfer, but some was raised from sponsors of golf holes and from sales of food and beverages, Craig said.

"Our first goal was \$1,000 going to Funky Minds," he said. "The others will split up the rest, about \$500 each."

Although golf skills were not required to play, Craig said three golfers scored a hole-in-one. The first was by Harry Klenke, the Lions' second vice district governor, on the opening hole. Craig said he did not know the names of the two others scoring aces

## Mid-Winter Reminders

### ATTENTION ALL CLUBS

Please bring:

**A \$15 door prize gift**

(please leave it at the  
Convention Registration desk),

**Your Club Banner**

(Have one or two people selected to  
carry your Club Banner during the Opening Session.

Have them ready to line up at  
Pool Side by 6:30 p.m.

## Parade of Green Reminders....

The following is a list of organizations  
supported at the Parade of Green

- Lions Clubs International Foundation (L.C.I.F) \*\*
- Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation \*\*
- MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation \*\*
- Project New Hope \*\*
- Leader Dogs for the Blind \*\*
- Can-Do-Canines \*\*
- 5M-2 Diabetes
- 5M-2 Youth Exchange / Youth Camp
- 5M-2 Youth Outreach (includes Quest, Peace Poster, Liberty Day, Write-Off)

\*\* Indicates which organizations have a 501(c)(3) status