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5M-2



July 2012

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Editor **Bill Curtis,**



Courtland Lion Hillard Johnson, Lion Rusty Christopherson, and Lion-to-be Orville Rannow updated the old Lion sign that was west of Courtland. The old sign had faded tremendously.



Lion's from Prior Lake loaded a trailer in Prior Lake for a lady (Carol Rose is her name) who needed help getting moved to Winthrop. In Winthrop a couple Lion's unloaded the trailer. In the pictures are Prior Lake Lion's Tom Wolf, Harry Klenke, Gerald Ziskovsky, Sheila Stahler, and Paul Stahler. Winthrop Lions Reuben Rosnau and Duane Nelson and P.L. Lion Harry Klenke

District Credential Committee Report MD5M Convention

We have 337 Delegates, which represent 160 clubs in our Multiple District 5M. The following is a breakdown for your information.

5M1:	13 Delegates	12 Clubs	Out of 48
5M2:	28 Delegates	17 Clubs	Out of 63
5M3:	12 Delegates	9 Clubs	Out of 49
5M4:	18 Delegates	13 Clubs	Out of 56
5M5:	23 Delegates	13 Clubs	Out of 43
5M6:	29 Delegates	17 Clubs	Out of 39
5M7:	36 Delegates	22 Clubs	Out of 52
5M8:	30 Delegates	17 Clubs	Out of 76
5M9:	16 Delegates	14 Clubs	Out of 69
5M10:	15 Delegates	10 Clubs	Out of 48
5M11:	5 Delegates	6 Clubs	Out of 69
5M13:	3 Delegates	1 Club	Out of 63

We have 6 Past International Directors attending this year. Also attending are 138 Past District governors and current Council of Governors.

We have a total of 337 delegates at this 2012 convention, which represents 160 clubs or 24.5% of a possible 675 clubs.

Last year at this time we had 327 registered delegates.

The District with the most registered delegates this year is District 5M7 with 36 delegates representing 322 clubs.



Minnesota Lake Lions

Members take part in Lions Children's Hearing Center's "D-Feet Hearing Loss". On Saturday June 9, 2012 Lions Ted and Wendy Mays, Craig Schrader, Bernie Sonnek and his wife Peg took a 3 mile walk through the University of Minnesota Arboretum in Chaska to help raise funds to support the Lions Children's Hearing Center at the University of Minnesota. Money raised goes to help purchase the high tech equipment that is found at the University Center. Over \$44,000 had been raised by June 9 and more donations were still coming in.

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke, District Governor



District Governor
Ron Dahlke

Greetings Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 5M-2. I am greatly honored to serve as your District Governor for 2012-2013; I will be working closely with the 5M-2 Cabinet, with 1st VDG Joan and with 2nd VDG Harry to keep District 5M-2 a Leader in Lionism.

As I write this article, Lion Jean and I are only a few hours from traveling to Busan, South Korea, to complete the final several days of District Governor-Elect Training, and to attend the 95th Convention of Lions Clubs International.

As a result, this article will be shorter than usual. I am anxious to hear first-hand, the goals and projects that will be presented by our soon-to-be elected International President, Wayne Madden. His theme is "In a World of Service", and I sense he will have several new service projects for Lions Clubs to participate in throughout the world.

As these projects are announced, I will communicate these goals to the clubs in our District. Speaking of goals, each Club should take time to set goals for the upcoming year, and review the progress of goals that were set last year. Goals can come in a various forms, such as a goal to increase membership, a goal for a specific activity or fundraiser, a goal to achieve the Governor's Team Excellence Award, etc. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself, you may be surprised with the results!

At this time, I would like to thank IPDG Sue for the leadership and dedication she has displayed during her term as District Governor. I hope that I can live up to the expectations of the title of District Governor, and I will make every effort to be available to all members of our District. Feel free to contact me by phone or by e-mail. Lion Jean and I are looking forward to meeting you during this year.

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!

District Governor Ron Dahlke Governor's Travels

July

- 4 – Have a Safe Holiday!
- 9 – Courtland Club Visit
- 10 – Lafayette Area Club Visit
- 12 – Alden Club Visit
- 16 – Winthrop Club Visit
- 17 – Mid-Winter Planning Committee Meeting
– Waseca
- 24 – LeSueur Club Visit
- 28 – Council of Governors Meeting @ St. Cloud

Welcome New Members to the 5M2 Lions Family

New Member

Albert Lea Cloverleaf

Michael Dettle

Faribault

Gordy Kosfeld

Green Isle

Shanda Dukes

Allan Holasek

Judy Holasek

Danna Lemke

Hamburg

Stephanie Hegseth

Jordan

Dennis Coan

St. Peter

Daniel Buendof

Veseli

Roxanne LaPierre

Victoria

David Lura

Waterville

Diane Gomberg

Winnebago

Steve Malchow

Sponsor

Tom Wentzler

Debra Wasserman

Francis Bigaouette Sr.

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Charles Wermerskirchen

Kermit Swanson

Barb Skluzacek

Brian Krause

Eleanor Stangler

Harold Nelson

MUSIC IN THE PARK



Oak Leaf Park, Glencoe, Shelter #2

Sponsored by the

Glencoe Lions Club

Featuring **FREE** live music

Food and Refreshments will be

available beginning at 6 p.m.

Music begins at 6:30 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded during the evening!

Schedule–

Wednesday July 11– Jim Wendolek & Jerome Kadlec

Wednesday July 18 – George's Concertina Band

Wednesday July 25 – Chuck & Jason Thiel

Bring a chair and bring a friend !

Questions???
Call 320 864-5237

Rain location is
Pla-Mor Ballroom

Written with "Pride"

Joan Blank
First Vice District Governor



I had the honor and pleasure of installing the officers for my own club, the Nicollet Lions Club, at our monthly meeting in June. Some members were surprised that I would be officiating over the installation as they were looking for the "traveling dignitary". Sometimes you just have to settle for "one of your own".

Over the years I have had the same opportunity to install officers at other clubs, but the closing words provided by LCI which I spoke at my own club really struck a chord with me. Can you recall the following words addressed to the entire club after all the officers have pledged to perform their official duty at your installation ceremony?

"Lions, I want to call to your attention the fact that these Lions who have been entrusted by **YOU** with the club responsibilities for the coming year, have signified their intention to exert their very best personal efforts to make your Lions club the kind of organization it should be. It must be remembered that the only way in which these officers can successfully carry on is for them to receive the fullest support of every individual member. As an individual, when requested by your president to serve on a committee, to perform some duty in Lions or to support your club in any way in which it will need your support, will you bear in mind that **YOU** members collectively elected these officers, and accordingly, will you pledge to support them actively at all times?

I know that all club members answered "I do." But did you take the time to reflect on these words? Some clubs may have all new officers while some may have few, but the message is still the same: support the officers of your club!! This does not mean to just attend meetings and let the leadership team do all the work. This means each of us needs to work collaboratively and with respect with all Lions in our individual clubs. We all have our opinions (and some can be more vocal than others) but we have pledged to rally behind our officers and make our club the best it can be. Don't be afraid to pitch in when asked, or better yet, be proactive and ask where your help is needed!! That could be a novel idea.

This also holds true for your Governor's Team and Cabinet. We are here to help your club whenever needed and hope we have your support when asked. I have high expectations that 2012/2013 will be a great Lions year. Congratulations to all the club officers of 5M2!! I can't wait to visit and work with all of you caring, compassionate and dedicated Lions. Roaring into the new Lions Year.

Harry's Corner

Harry Klenke
Second Vice
District Governor



Why Harry's corner? No that is not where I spent most of my days in Elementary school. It is an actual location. I will give the location at the Region Meetings. It is a location at the intersection of 2 roads that Loretta mentioned when we first went through it for the first time together. I thought she was making it up until later when someone else I knew said it when Loretta was not around. For those of you who don't know Loretta is my wife of 40 years. The actual suggestion came from my youngest son B.J. I have 2 other son's Christopher and Adam None of them are married but Adam has a long time girl friend Amy.

Growing up on a farm you didn't think much about volunteering. You didn't call it that. You were just being a good neighbor when you helped someone with something. My dad always worked with the neighbors and my uncles. When my dad died all the people of the neighborhood came over and helped out. The women brought food and helped my mom and my sister clean the house. The neighbor men helped me and my brother with the chores. My older brother helped my mom with the funeral arrangements. The Priest this Sunday talked about how when he was 14 years old his father died and how the church was full of people he didn't really know. He said that showed how many people his father's life had touched. I told him that was my story also. The little church we attended would on a good Christmas or Easter Sunday have 150 people. For my father's funeral there were over 300 people. I didn't know hoe many lives he had touched until that day.

We as Lion's touch many lives. As 1st Vice District Governor Joan has said at many of the Zone Meetings this past spring you have touched many more lives than you think. Yes Lion Joan I do listen to you. District Governor Ron talks about the things we do for Lionism. Even flipping one pancake makes a difference. I look forward to working with all the Lions of the District on District Governor Ron's team with 1st Vice District Governor Joan.



Safe Dog Treats To Eat

Last week we received some dog treats which were donated by a group visiting our facility. One of the treats was a large bag of Waggin Train chicken jerky, a **China made** treat which has been linked to illness in a large number of dogs. There has not been a recall of this product because the distributor feels there has been no definitive link between the treats and the sick dogs but it went straight into the trash can anyway. These treats are clearly marked on the back of the bag that they are made in China.



The dogs in the kennel don't really need jerky treats, dried lamb lungs, trachea and other treats along these lines.

If someone wants to donate treats, these are the things we can always use:

Natural Balance Dog Food Rolls

Small Milkbones

Pup-Peroni stick treats

Bil-Jac soft treats (6 different varieties available)

Charlee Bear dog treats (they look like oyster crackers)

Things we do not want:

bones of any kind

rawhide chews of any kind

treats made in China



Christmas Lights Fund

The Courtland Lions presented a check for \$1,000 to the City of Courtland to start a "Christmas Lights Fund". The current lights the City uses at Christmas time are showing wear and tear. Repair is often needed to just get the lights lite for the holiday season. Each light costs roughly \$300.

Presenting Courtland Mayor Al Poehler with the check for \$1,000 is Courtland Lions President Charlette Abbas. Also present were Lion Mary Johnson, Lion Hillard Johnson, Lion Sharon Retka, and Lion Duke Fiemeyer.

From the Field-Jordaness

We will be closing out our year and budget with a \$700 to the Lions "New Hope" project and \$500 to the Lions Diabetes Foundation and \$500 scholarships to 6 Jordan High School graduates.

Club members had a great time volunteering to work the concession stand for the state high school baseball tournament on June 15.

Our Summer "To-Do" List

- 1) The club is planning a volunteer night at "Feed My Starving Children" on August 22.
- 2) We adopted a city flower bed at the entrance to Lagoon Park. The planting is done and Mother Nature has taken over the "watering duty" lately. Wish she would pull the weeds, too!
- 3) Orientation and induction plans are underway for our new members joining the organization in July. We have several women will to make LCI a part of their lives.
- 4) Heimatfest (city celebration) preparations are beginning.
- 5) Initial stages of preparation for our annual Holiday show will kick off soon.



Pictured from left to right are Courtland Lions President Charlette Abbas, Lion Mary Johnson, Lion Sharon Retka, and Lion Hillard Johnson.

Courtland Lions Tree Project

The Courtland Lions donated 10 trees to the City of Courtland. This is in conjunction with the Lions Clubs International President Wing-Kun Tam's goal of planting 1 million trees during his year of service. As of today, Lions around the world have planted more than 8.3 million trees. These trees beautify our communities, but they also help preserve our communities.

Earth Works Landscape Supply, Inc. assisted the Courtland Lions in picking the appropriate trees and planting them. Four trees were planted by the Courtland Fire Station, 1 in the City Park, and 5 by the Ball Field. The Courtland Fire Department will handle the watering of the trees.



Shearing for Better Hearing ...so little ears can hear!

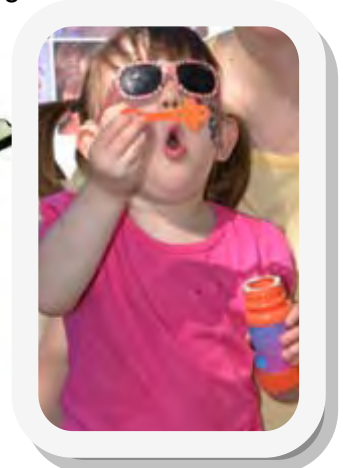
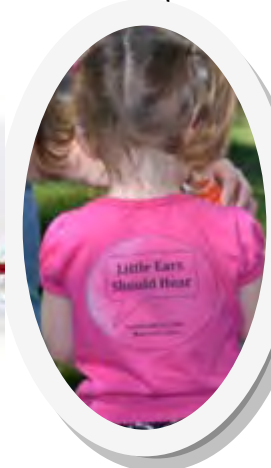
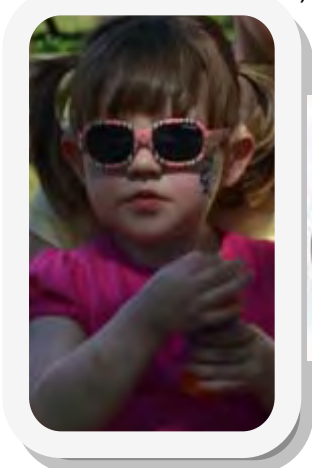
Lion Bob Harms, MD5M Executive Secretary, and Lions Hearing Foundation Board Member, will be driving a lawnmower donated by Toro from the Canada Border to the Iowa Border. His journey will begin on August 20, 2012. Lion Bob reports that he hasn't taken a vacation for over 9 years, but improving the lives of children with hearing impairment is so important to Lion Bob that he is willing to use his vacation and drive a lawnmower through rain or shine from the Canada Border to the Iowa Border and most likely traveling through your towns at a hyper speed of 7 miles per hour to raise funds for

Lions Children's Hearing Center (LCHC)

Lion Bob will drive this long and slow journey following highway 89 south to highway 71 with the vision of meeting the beautiful family above who has personally experienced hearing loss and all the benefits that LCHC has to offer. A celebratory uniting of Bob, the family, Lions and the public will be held at the Windom Toro facility before Bob continues his journey onto the Iowa border. So watch for more details on the celebration by visiting our website at www.5mhf.org

PLEDGES: If you'd like to pledge Bob on his long journey you may do so by sending checks to PDG Mike Vos, Lions Hearing Foundation Treasurer, 20472 371st Avenue, Green Isle, MN—55338-2172. Please earmark your check as "Mower Ride".

RAFFLE: At the end of Bob's run, Toro will donate a TimeCutter zero turn riding mower (MSRP of \$2799.00) which will be raffled off with all proceeds going to the Hearing Foundation.





A day to remember... D-Feet Hearing Loss



It's hard to summarize in one page how successful the D-Feet Hearing Loss Fundraiser walk was on June 9, 2012 at the beautiful Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, MN. Approximately 300 people attended the festivities with choices of a .5, 2, or 3 mile walk around the beautiful Arboretum grounds. Following the walk registrants were fed grilled hot dogs, chips, cookies & Root Beer Floats! Children enjoyed free face painting, free cars (made by the Minnesota Lake Lions Club) & free blow bubbles to enjoy the day. Adults also joined in the fun & had face painting done! The Hearing Foundation raised close to \$45,000 with money still coming in. Fundraiser dollars are being raised for the Lions Children's Hearing Clinics, Lions Professorship & diagnostic equipment which will improve the lives of hearing impaired children & adults. We are so grateful for the donations you made & attending our wonderful day of celebration. **THANK YOU!** Visit us at www.5mhf.org & hit our Facebook link for more pictures & info.





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JUNGLE DAYS 2012



18 Hole Best Ball Tournament Monday, Aug. 6, 2012 Wedgewood Cove Golf Club Albert Lea, MN

\$85.00 per person-includes golf cart, dinner & prizes

Additional Dinner Tickets available for \$25.00

11:00 a.m.-Registration

Lunch will be available

1:00 p.m.-Tee off shot-gun start

5:00 p.m.-dinner



www.wedgewoodcove.com

Registration Deadline Monday, July 23, 2012

Tournament Participants - Teams of 4

Menu choices of Midwest Stuffed Chicken or Baron of Beef

Served along with parsley red potatoes, salad, honey glazed carrots, bun & dessert

	<u>Dinner</u>	<u>Menu Choice</u>	
	Yes/No	Chicken	Beef
Name: _____	Yes/No	Chicken	Beef
Name: _____	Yes/No	Chicken	Beef
Name: _____	Yes/No	Chicken	Beef
Name: _____	Yes/No	Chicken	Beef

Extra Dinner Tickets @\$25.00 per ticket: No: _____ x\$25.00= _____

Total Pay _____

Make Check Payable to: Lion Lyle Hinz

Send Payment to: Lion Lyle Hinz
614 W Richway
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Questions please call: Lion Lyle Hinz
@ 507-377-0094
email: LDHinz@charter.net



THANK YOU

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster extended a sincere "Thank You" to all of the Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in District 5M2 for the support they once again gave to our annual Journey for Service. The clubs came through once again in great fashion, and in spite of the economy the Journey once again went over the \$15,000 mark. This maintained our average of just over \$15,000 for the 22 years he has acted as chairman of the popular event.

The clubs in our District combined to contribute a total of \$15,030.55. I can hardly tell how gratified I am for the continued support and cooperation the clubs and many individuals show him each year; from the great send-off breakfast hosted by Lions Steve and Debra Wasserman at Faribault right on through the breakfast hosted by the Winthrop Lions on Thursday, the delicious lunch thanks to

the Glencoe Lions to the Day's End refreshments by Lion Gordy in Prior Lake. In between was the 'survival kit' thanks to Lion Sue Vos, and Laura's homemade cookies and coffee break at the N.E.W. stop on Friday morning. Individual Lions go out of their way to make this such a pleasant and fulfilling trip each April. I extend a huge heartfelt Thank You to all Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-2 for your support.

DG Sue has not made the final decision where all the funds will be distributed but rest assured the contributions will go towards district-approved projects and will make the lives of many a better experience thanks to YOUR generosity. Thanks again everyone and I look forward to seeing everyone again next April.

Your in Lionism

Lion Jack Webster, Chairman Journey for Service

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Can Do Woofaroo!

Sunday
August
5



11 am-4 pm



9440 Science Center Drive
New Hope MN 55429

Help us celebrate the beginning of International Assistance Dog Week by joining us for an afternoon of fun, festivities and fundraising at Can Do Canines.

- Music, entertainment and seminars start at 11:00am.
- Collect pledges and join us on our one mile fun walk at 1:00
- Take part in musical doggie squares, putting contests, and more
- Have your face painted or get a balloon animal made by our clowns
- Take a tour of our Can Do Canines facilities and learn how assistance dogs help people in your community!

Well behaved pets on leash are welcome!



To register for the walk, please visit our website www.can-do-canines.org or www.CanDoWoofaroo.org
Rain or shine, the Woofaroo will be held at Can Do Canines 9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN 55428

Prizes:

Meal Ticket for \$25.00 in pledges;

Meal Ticket & T Shirt- \$100 pledges;

Meal Ticket, T Shirt & Sling Pack with Hydro Bottle- \$250 pledges;

Meal Ticket, T Shirt & Sling Pack with Hydro Bottle & Embroidered Can Do Sweatshirt- \$500 pledges;

Meal Ticket, T Shirt & Sling Pack with Hydro Bottle, Embroidered Can Do Sweatshirt & \$100 Gift Card for \$1,000 pledges.

** For non-walkers, there will be food vendors on site for you to purchase food from.

We hope to raise \$50,000 at the Woofaroo-enough to raise and train TWO Can Do Canines, and place them in their forever homes!

Our fully trained dogs, often adopted from local animal shelters, are provided FREE OF CHARGE to our clients who live with mobility challenges, hearing loss, seizure disorders, Type 1 diabetes, or to families with a child who has autism.

"Our Dogs Fetch Amazing Things!"

PLATO LIONS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 13, 2012

11:00 A.M. - Registration - 1:00 PM Shot Gun Start



Glencoe Country Club



\$50.00 per person (Glencoe club member)

\$60.00 per person (non Glencoe club member)

\$40.00 per person (Glencoe Club member & your own cart)

4 Person Scramble



Entry fee includes cart, dinner & prizes



Registration Fees after August 6, 2012 will be \$10.00 more per foursome

TO REGISTER

CONTACT KEN - 320.238.2370

If you are not interested in golfing, please consider becoming a hole sponsor at \$25.00 per hole or donating a door prize.

kfrank@vmburmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Plato Lions!

All Proceeds go to local projects

