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International Director Marvin Chambers presented along with District Governor Ron Dahlke the Lions Clubs International Leadership Award to Lion Cindy Walters.



International Director Marvin Chambers presented along with District Governor Ron Dahlke the Lions Clubs International Leadership Award to Lion Anna Wickenhaser.



Thank you so much for asking me to make a presentation about the MLERC at your Mid-Winter Convention.

Lion Judy and I had a great time and enjoyed the 5M-2 hospitality. It gave us the opportunity to catch up with some of our friends and make new friends. You had a great Mid-Winter Convention.

We have calculated we received over 18,000 pair of glasses, THAT IS FANTASTIC! Thanks so much to the Lions of 5M-2 for all their hard work to collect all of the glasses. There are pictures on our Facebook page.

Your Friends in Lions, PDG Bob and Lion Judy Hoofnagle



District Governor Ron Dahlke and International Director Marvin Chambers presented the Lions Clubs International Presidents Medal to PDG Mike Vos.

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
District Governor



District Governor
Ron Dahlke

This month's column has loads of reminders for upcoming events...for example, how's everybody doing on filing their taxes? As in anything else, some rush to finish early, while others are content to complete their Form 1040's at the last minute.

Just as tax time is the opportunity to see how you have done financially, now is also a good time for your Lions Club to review its activities and determine if all the goals have been or will be met:

- Are your monthly WMMR Membership and Activity Reports being submitted on a timely basis?
- Has your Club's nomination committee met and has it finalized a slate of nominees for the various Club Offices?
- Will your Club Officer election be completed by April 15th? It is necessary to do so, in order to have the PU-101 form completed by May 1, 2013.
- Has your Club's membership increased as planned?
- Has your Club responded to the invitation to your local Zone Meeting?
- Have you registered to attend the MD5M Convention to be held at Rochester May 3-5?

With about 4 months to go, there is still time to get things going to make sure all goals have been accomplished. Let's have a terrific finish to 2012-2013 and finish the year strong!

As mentioned above, the Zone Meetings will begin in March and continue into April. Also the annual Journey for Service project takes place on April 3, 4, and 5. Lion Jean and I are looking forward to accompany Lion Jack and Edna Webster, as Jack masterfully winds his way through 5M-2, using the vast navigational skills he has gathered over the years.

Next, I would like to thank all who attended the Mid-Winter Convention; Lion Jean and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and greeting each of you, and we do hope everyone enjoyed the Convention. My appreciation goes out to the Lions Clubs of Zone 8 (Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Owatonna, New Richland, Waseca and Waterville) for hosting the Convention, and especially to the dedicated members of the Convention Planning Committee.

And finally, I sincerely thank each Club that participated in the Parade of Green. This year's total (so far), is a whopping \$90,149.93 !!! This is truly incredible! In addition, the Tail Twisting at the Saturday Luncheon gathered \$ 363.25 for the MD5M Hearing Foundation, and the Offering at the Ecumenical Service on Sunday gathered \$336 for LCIF, bringing total donations raised for the weekend to \$ 90,849.18..... It's gratifying to know that EVERY dollar of EVERY contribution will be used to provide help to those less fortunate. Also, over 18,000 pair of used eyeglasses were gathered at the Mid-Winter Convention (see note from PDG Bob Hoofnagle elsewhere in this issue). Thanks to all for your support!!!

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!

Lions Peace Poster Contest

Believe it or not, it is PEACE POSTER PLANNING time! Now is the time to think about the 2013 Peace Poster contest. The theme for 2013 is "Our World, Our Future." Peace Poster kits are available now. Lion's Clubs can order a Peace Poster kit either using the order form in The Lion magazine, or from the Lions International website. One Peace Poster kit is required for each school. Lions Clubs can enter one poster for each school participating.

The best way for Lions Clubs to start is by appointing a Peace Poster chairman and asking school art teachers **now** if they would like to participate in the Peace Poster contest. In the springtime art teachers plan their fall classes and can include the Peace Poster theme in their curriculum. Inform the art teachers of the Peace Poster theme, rules, conditions, and deadlines. Occasional reminders are a good idea to check on the art teachers' and students' progress toward completing their posters on time.

Lions Clubs need to collect and judge their own Peace Posters by the end of October. Publicizing local Peace Poster winners in the newspaper with a picture and article is a great way to raise awareness and get the community involved in Lions activities. Prizes and certificates for the winning students are also nice rewards for the students' achievements.

A 5M2 Lions Club must send the winning poster from each school to the Peace poster Chairperson by November 15th for District 5M2 judging. The winning poster will then be sent to the Multiple 5M Council Chairperson by December 1st for judging at that level. Please do not send any posters to the District Governor because of the strict time frame.

The Peace Poster team's goal is increase participation in 2013. In 2012 Lions Sheila Stahler and Janet Knakmuhs received 38 posters from 27 Clubs in the District. We would like to see more Lions clubs participate in the peace poster contest. The contest is a perfect opportunity to reach out to teachers and students in the community and give them a chance to show how important peace is to them and express peace through art.

Lions Sheila and Janet

DG Ron's Routes March

- 3 - Governor's Committee Meeting - Mpls
- 4 - Ellendale Lions Club Visit
- 5 - Mid-Winter Convention Planning at Waseca
- 6 - Blooming Prairie Lions Club Visit
- 12 - Zone 9 Meeting at Blue Earth
- 15-16 - Council of Governor's Meeting- Mpls
- 18 - Zone 3 Meeting at N.E.W. (Webster)
- 19 - Chaska Lions Club Visit
- 24 - Glencoe Lions Spring Brunch
- 25 - Plato Lions Club Visit
- 26 - NYA- West Carver Lions Club Visit



Written with "Pride"

Joan Blank
District Governor Elect



The 35th Mid-Winter Convention, held February 8th, 9th and 10th at the City Center Hotel in Mankato was a great success thanks to the yearlong planning on the parts of Zone 8 and District Governor Ron and Lion Jean. Saturday morning was filled with presentations dealing with all sorts of Lion projects— MN Lions Children's Eye Clinic, Project New Hope, Leader Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raisers and more. What impressed me most, however, were the three finalists for the Write-Off Contest. The three finalists were Cara Halvorson, sponsored by the Plato Lions Club, Lexie Erpenbach, sponsored by the Hamburg Lions Club and Amber Klein, sponsored by the Wells Lions Club. These girls got up in front of the Lions and gave 3 powerful messages on what volunteering means to them. Lions who were there had to be impressed with the poise and courage these girls showed to deliver such thoughtful and inspiring essays. I am glad I was not on the committee to pick a winner. As I listened to each essay being read, I was grateful that we in 5M2 offer this opportunity to senior high students to give some thought about making the world a better place by simply volunteering. Each finalist had unique experiences and very insightful thoughts and in the end Amber Klein from Wells won. Thanks Lion Jim Spille for chairing this Write-Off Competition.

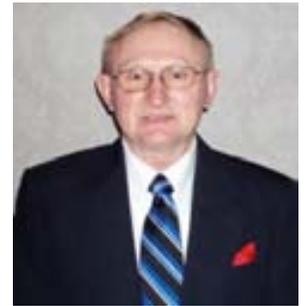
As 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, part of our responsibility is hosting a hospitality room at the Mid-Winter Convention. Rumor had it that voting at the business session would be determined by how well the hospitality rooms were run. Both hospitality rooms were a success as Lion Harry Klenke was voted in as 1st Vice District Governor Elect and I was voted in as District Governor Elect. Congratulations to Lion Marvin Grimm who was voted in as our new 2nd Vice District Governor Elect. Lion Kevin and I had a blast with our hospitality room and I must thank some special Lions whose help was invaluable: Lions Mary and Dwayne Pipping, Dave Vulcan and Denny Hewitt (wife Trudy) Becky Blank and Brent Stevensen from the Nicollet Lions and Lions Charlette and Lowell Abbas from the Courtland Lions. I would have been lost without all their help.

With Mid-Winter behind us, our attention should now be turned to club officer nominations and elections. This should be completed by your April meeting. On Sunday, April 28th, I will be helping host the "Spring Training" for new and seasoned officers (presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers and new members). We will have some fun with a "**Step Up to the Plate**" baseball theme and we have changed the venue to Nicollet Public School in order to have hands on computer experience for the secretaries. Please encourage all your officers to attend. We are trying to keep costs down, but staying high on delivering great training and camaraderie. More details will follow.

It was such a delight to visit and meet new Lions at the Mid-Winter Convention. Thanks to all Lions who attended. I am looking forward to visiting many of you again at the upcoming zone meetings. Stay warm and think Spring!

Harry's Corner

Harry Klenke
First Vice
District Governor Elect



We have just finished our Mid-Winter Convention in Mankato. It was a lot of fun until the drive home. As any of you that stayed to the end of the convention know that it was a slow trip home. We did try to get people out of there early. District Governor Ron said keep our closing comments short and I think everybody did. We all cleared our rooms out fast. I took as my much as I could before the Church service to my vehicle.

The Memorial service was shorter this year. Thank goodness we didn't lose as many good Lions as we have had in the last few years. Past District Governor Eunice did a fine job in organizing it this year. I am sure Lion Nancy gave her plenty of good information to get started.

The Friday night mixer was a lot of fun. The ladies from the Jordanness performed a couple numbers for the people. They even had boas for International Director Marvin, District Governor Ron, District Governor Elect Joan, 1st District Governor Elect Jim from 5M1, and my self. 1st District Governor Elect Jim stayed for the entire Convention and seemed to enjoy himself. I want to thank all of the Lions at the Convention for making him feel welcome. He was always talking to someone and what little I know of him he is quite quiet. I kept busy with stopping in our Hospitality Room to see people and trying to round up votes for Saturday afternoon election. I didn't get a chance to be as good a host to Lion Jim.

Saturday morning's seminars were very good. The speakers were all knowledgeable and informative. Thanks Ron for getting such a diverse group. There was something for almost everyone. The people spoke on things they are passionate about.

Saturday noon's Luncheon speaker was the Lawn Mower man, Executive Secretary Lion Bob Harms who spoke about the trip, but also about his hearing problems. For me a man with hearing problems it was interesting to hear him speak about how the doctors helped him. The device that he has attached to his head is quite intriguing and very effective. He held it to our forehead while plugged our ears and we could hear. So all the money we have been donating to hearing research is paying off. I hope to see a lot of you at the Defeat for Hearing Walk at the Arboretum next June. I know Past District Governor Mike has put a lot of work into it already.

Saturday evening's speaker International Director Marvin was informative about what is going on at the International level. He and his wife Lion Lynne were very pleasant.

The Pinewood Derby racing was a fun. My car was slow, but as I said it was consistent always last. Everyone told me all the things I should have done to make it better. Past District Governor Gordy from our Prior Lake Club was the fastest, I guess experience shows.

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District Governor Ron Dahlke, International Director Marvin Chambers presented Immediate Past District Governor Sue Bowman the 5M 2 District Governor Award.



Enjoying the 5M2 District Mid winter convention hospitality is International Directors wife Lion Lynne Chambers.



Herry Klenke Second Vice District Governor speaking at the 5M2 cabinet meeting.



Lion Laura Maki was presented the Lions International Certificate of Appreciation from District Governor Ron Dahlke and International Director Marvin Chambers.



Can Do Canines gave Certificates of Appreciation to 5M 2 Can Do Canines Chairs Lions Darlene and Vern Breamer and Lion Deb Koehnen.



WriteOff winner Amber Klien with PDG Mary Spille.



Sunday morning guest speaker from Can Do Canines was Maureen Pranghofer with "Bentley" a mobility Assist and Guide Dog.



Janet Knakmuhs pictured with Peace Poster winner Payton Berkner of Amboy Lions Club with District Governor Ron Dahlke.



Del Point the Tail Twister at the noon luncheon.



Joan Blank First Vice District Governor speaking at the 5M2 cabinet meeting.



District Governor Ron Dahlke and Parliamentarian PDG Larry Meskan.

CONVENTION



International Director Marvin Chambers enjoying the 5M2 mascot snowman.



Race cars



District Governor Ron Dahlke along with International Director Marvin Chambers presented the 30 year Chevron to Lion Melvin Dahlke of Brownton Lions.



Dancers



Write-Off Contest three finalists were Cara Halvorson, sponsored by the Plato Lions Club, Lexie Erpenbach, sponsored by the Hamburg Lions Club and Amber Klein, sponsored by the Wells Lions Club.



Puppy Program Leader Dog.



PDG Eunice Rucks presented Lion Allie Larson with the Helen Keller Award.

Dear Lions,

As I write this message to you I am visiting our headquarters in Oak Brook, IL, where the temperature outside is 12 degrees F (-11 C). But weather - cold, hot, rain, snow - has never stopped Lions. In a world of service, "We Serve" in every climate around the world.



President Lion Wayne Madden

One of our most significant service achievements this year has been the Reading Action Program (RAP). So far this year, there have been over 46,000 RAP projects completed. That means hundreds of thousands of people are either learning to read or receiving materials to better their education because of Lions efforts. At the same time, I was surprised to learn on some of my recent visits that Lions had not yet planned a project. RAP is a great way to engage a need that exists in virtually every community around the world, and since the Board has agreed to make RAP an extended service initiative for the next 10 years, now is the time to start a program in your community. It's easy, and so very worthwhile. Refer to the RAP guide to get started.

RAP and other service activities are a mainstay of who we are, and what we do, and also a requirement for both the Club Excellence Award and District Governor Team Excellence Award. With 5 months left, there is still time to complete both. Two very important elements of The Club Excellence Award - the "*How Are Your Ratings?*" and the *Community Needs Assessment* - will provide your club with tools and information to help ensure continued success. Get started today.

Your club or district should also be preparing for the third "Pit Stop." Club presidents and district governors have indicated to me how valuable the pit stops have been so far this year. The March pit stop is a time for club presidents to, among other things, have their members register for district and multiple district conventions and district governors to ensure your clubs are in good standing in advance of our International Convention.

This is also the time for you to accelerate efforts in recruiting new members. So far this year we have 113,140 new members and 727 new clubs. District governors still have time to qualify for the Winners Circle Award (Gold, Silver or Bronze level).

Finally, I am proud to announce the winners of our annual Peace Poster and Blind Essay Contest winners. Congratulations to Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner Jenny Park, 13, sponsored by the Northridge Lions Club, California, and to Lions International Essay Contest Winner Maura Loberg, 11, sponsored by the Wayne Lions Club, Nebraska. Both girls have been invited to participate in the upcoming Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

Whatever weather you are experiencing, now is the time to rev up your engines as we race toward the finish line. The checkered flag will wave an end to this year in only five short months.



Lion Picture For a Lion

This lions picture was given as a special gift to the Ellendale Lions Club. The painter just asked that it be used for Lions Projects, so the Ellendale Club decided to raffle it at the Mid-Winter Convention in Mankato in February and give the money to the Parade of Green, a special Lions Project. Vision, hearing, youth, diabetes, and leader and service dogs all benefit from the funds given to Parade of Green.

The winner of the picture was IPDG Sue Bowman. It was a "lion" for a truly dedicated Lion. Congratulations to IPDG Sue.

Top 10 Reasons to become a Lion.

10. Being a Lion just sounds better than being a Rotarian.
9. Eagles, Elks and Moose were already taken.
8. To fulfill the life long dream of wearing a bright colored vest filled with sharp shiny objects.
7. A Lion doesn't have to wear a Fez.
6. To understand the humiliation that comes along with being fined for not wearing a Lions Pin or having a cell phone go off at a meeting.
5. To experience the joy of watching someone else get fined for not wearing a Lions Pin or having a cell phone go off at a meeting.
4. For the satisfaction of knowing the maple syrup laden pancakes you are serving will benefit those poor souls with diabetes.
3. To become one of Helen Keller's Knights of the Blind.
2. To be a member of the world's largest service organization.
1. Where else would you meet so many old people.

Plato Lions club 30th Annual Spring Brunch

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Serving from 9:00 – 12:30 pm
At the Plato Hall



All You Can Eat
Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs,
Toast and Beverage

**Free Will Donations Accepted with
All Proceeds to Community Projects**

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lion,

Did you know that 33 percent of Special Olympic athletes cannot see well or are in need of different glasses, and six percent have serious untreated eye diseases? However, the 200 million people in the world with intellectual disabilities are often neglected or have limited access to doctors, trained specialist or basic health clinics. As a Lion and Chairperson of your Foundation, it gave me great pride to attend the Special Olympic Winter Games earlier this month in Korea, and witness the impact we are having through the Special Olympics Opening Eyes program.



Wing-Kun Tam

Lions and LCIF are having an impact on the more than 300,000 athletes that have received vision screenings in more than 70 nations! Can you believe, nearly 100,000 of those screened needed corrective glasses? We are able to support Special Olympics and this initiative and so many more because we serve, we are everywhere and we care.

You have seen the success that our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has brought, helping nearly 200 million children around the world by protecting them from measles. To put that number in perspective, that is the combined population of Germany, France and Italy. What an amazing accomplishment! I would like to again express my gratitude for your support and your support and efforts for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.

Our partners often choose to work with our Foundation because they know the ability of Lions and LCIF to make an impact on others, and they know of our global reach and compassion. Through sight services, disaster relief, supporting youth and meeting humanitarian needs, we share our good luck and fortune with people all over the world.

No matter the size of the project, we are able to make a difference. If all these service projects can get support from Lions, we can achieve more partnership in the future, allowing us to serve the world even better.



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I need to thank everyone who helped with our Hospitality Room. Lion's PDG Gordy, Tom, Gerald, and Tim from the Prior Lake Club, Lion Joe Maki, the Veseli Lion's especially Lion's Jenny and Barb. Also my wife Lion Loretta put in many hours before we got to Mankato.

We had many first timers at the Convention this year, more than in the past few years. I think they all had a good time and will be back again. I hope to see a lot of these people at our Spring Zone Meetings. I also hope to see some of you who couldn't make the Convention this year at the Zone Meetings and next year in Mankato. Keep up the good work and keep having fun.

SOUP & PIE SUPPER

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ELLENDALE LIONS CLUB

FRIDAY, MAR. 22nd. 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.



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Nicholas Parish, Carver Lion President Randy Hulstrom and Hilary Wickenhauser.



Hilary Wickenhauser, Nick Goede and Attrea Ferro-Shug at the Mid-Winter.

The Cologne Leos

Cologne Leos have been busy the month of February. They visited the Carver Lions and attended the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention. 1st Vice Nicholas Parish and Hilary Wickenhauser spoke about how the Cologne Leo club operates similar to a Lions Club and about the Community Service Projects they have going on right now. They also talked about the many activities they have been involved in since their club was Chartered in May 2012. Hilary Wickenhauser also spoke about being Miss Teen Carver County 2013 and about her platform for Can Do Canines. The Cologne Leos are currently raising money to name a puppy through Can Do Canines. Three Cologne Leos and two Northfield Leos attended the Mid-Winter Convention and were awarded the International Director's Pin from ID Marvin Chambers. To contact the Cologne Leos for speaking opportunities e-mail Lionannaw@gmail.com.

Glencoe Lions Club Annual

SPRING BRUNCH

Menu Includes:

Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Eggs, Fruit, Milk, Juice, & Coffee



All you care to eat!
SUNDAY



We Serve

MARCH 24, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 P.M.

Pla-Mor Ballroom - Glencoe, MN

Adult (11 & up) - \$9.00

At Door - \$10.00

Children ages 4-10 - \$5.00

(Children's Tickets available at door only)

Children 3 and under free

Tickets are available at: Franklin Printing,
Hite Hardware or from
any Lions Club Member

Proceeds Go To Community Projects

Collection boxes will be available for used Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids