

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

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## **5M-2**



November 2012

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Editor **Bill Curtis,**



(L to R) District Governor Ron Dalke, 1st Vice District Governor Joan Blank, and 2nd Vice District Governor Harry Klenke, Receiving their Certificates for completing their training as Certified Guiding Lions.



Past District Governor Sue Bowman receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from Lions International President Wing Kun Tam presented by District Governor Ron Dahlke

## Hog/Corn Roast held every year by Lafayette Lions



Less than six months after the Lafayette Area Lions Club was organized back in March 1979, the club held its first hog and corn roast to benefit local recreation facilities. Now, 34 years later, the annual tradition continues, with club members serving up pork chops and sweet corn to a willing audience the fourth Saturday in August each year. Proceeds continue to go toward community projects.

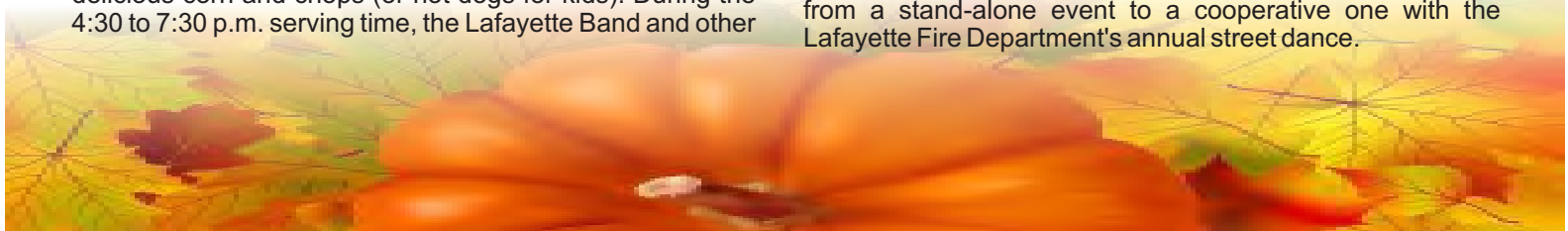
This year's annual event attracted an appreciative audience, with many comments from all ages about the delicious corn and chops (or hot dogs for kids). During the 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. serving time, the Lafayette Band and other



local musicians entertained the audience. All available Lions, along with other community volunteers, pitched in to help during the day that started with an early morning trip to the sweet corn field to pick the corn.

Some things have changed over the years. From serving pork sandwiches for many years, the menu switched to the delicious pork chops grilled to perfection by the Nicollet County Pork Producers. Location for the event changed from the Lafayette Mini-Park to the Lafayette Fire Hall. Rain necessitated the first move, in 1998. When that proved successful, it became permanent.

It was about that time, too, that the roast switched from a stand-alone event to a cooperative one with the Lafayette Fire Department's annual street dance.



## A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke,  
District Governor



District Governor  
Ron Dahlke

What a busy month! So, this month's article will be filled with lots of tidbits of information and reminders.

The registration forms for the Mid-Winter Convention appear elsewhere in this issue of the ROAR. As in the past several years, attendees need to register separately with the City Center Hotel, and also for the Convention itself. After November 1<sup>st</sup>, both forms will also be available on the District Web Site in a format that you can complete and print to send in with your payments.

The Lions of Zone 8 are busy making the plans for Convention, with the theme being "Start Your Engines". A flyer with all the details, (including a Pinewood Derby Competition for each Club), will appear in next month's ROAR.

Club Presidents; please watch for a mailing (not an e-mail) from me in early November, which will have information regarding the Zone Person of Year recognition for 2012-2013. I know every Club has a member, whose service is "above and beyond". Please begin your Club's process to choose a deserving member for this recognition.

### **Other items to note:**

5M-2 Hall of Fame Nominations must be sent to me by January 8, 2013. The nomination form, the complete requirements and nomination process appeared in the October issue of the ROAR. 5M-2 was the only District, who did not have a nominee for this recognition at the 2012 MD5 Multiple Convention. I do not wish to have a repeat of that occur this year. Please consider nominating a deserving member of your Club. This recognition can also be given posthumously.

Peace Poster Contest entries are due on November 15, 2012, and must be received by Lion Sheila Stahler by that date.

WriteOff Essay Contest entries- The winning contest from each Club should be submitted to their Zone Chair by November 1, or as soon as possible, in order to keep the judging process moving.

If you have not heard, the Dictionary Project does qualify as a Reading Action Program, one of

International President Wayne Madden main campaigns. When your distribution has been completed, report it in the "education/language/literacy" area under the COMMUNITY & CULTURAL ACTIVITY header of the Activities Report (WMMR). Your Club will then receive a RAP Banner Patch from LCI.

Congratulations! Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has announced that the Measles Initiative Goal has been reached. With the help of many Clubs and individual Lions in our District, over \$10 million was received, making a match of \$ 5 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation a reality. More than 41 million children have been vaccinated, which means more than 41 million lives have been saved. Thanks again for making this possible!

Also, the "One Hundred Years of Service" Commemorative Coin Legislation passed Congress and has been signed into law by President Obama. The sale of this coin, to be issued in 2017 in conjunction with the centennial observation of our Association, will provide \$ 4 million of funding to LCIF, with a possible match of another \$ 4 million. If you wish to purchase a coin, (or coins), you can add your name to a waiting list on the LCI Website.

As we enter the Holiday Season, please be safe in your travels and in all that you do, and at this time, Lion Jean and I wish you and your families a very Happy and a very Blessed Thanksgiving. Let us Remember...and let us give Thanks!

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!

## DG Ron's Routes November

- 1- Lake Crystal Lions Club Visit
- 8- Lester Prairie Lions Club Visit
- 12 - City Center Hotel- Mankato
- 13 - Mid-Winter Planning Committee Meeting – Waseca
- 14 - Zone 3 Meeting @ Belle Plaine
- 16 - Arlington Lions Club 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 21 - Waseca Lions Club Visit
- 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 27 - Zone 1 Meeting @ Lester Prairie
- 29 - Zone 5 Meeting @ Arlington

## Written with "Pride"

**Joan Blank**  
First Vice District Governor



November is  
American Diabetes Month

Surely, you've heard the statistics. There are nearly 26 million adults and children with diabetes in the US. Another 79 million have prediabetes and are at risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes. What does this all mean? Well, unless we take the steps to stop diabetes, recent estimates project that as many as 1 in 3 American adults will have diabetes by 2050. If asked, I believe every Lion knows of someone who is dealing with diabetes and I know of many Lions who, they themselves, are trying to manage their own diabetes.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> the American Diabetes Association (ADA) held their Diabetes Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center. I attended this Expo with Lion Kevin as he is the on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (along with Lion Anna Wickenhauser) and came away with tons of information on how to choose a healthier lifestyle to prevent diabetes. There were a total of 78 Exhibitors with medical products, medical information, nutritional information and eight different screenings. My cholesterol is high, but my glucose is good. I picked up whatever information I could on eating the right foods. I was astounded at one ADA booth that showed the sugar equivalent in certain foods and drinks, such as

**12 oz pop = 12 tsp sugar**

**1 cup Jell-O = 9 tsp sugar**

**1 Snickers candy bar = 7 tsp sugar**

**1 "Big Gulp" soft drink (64 oz) = 64 tsp sugar**

It is one thing to read these facts, but when you see the actual sugar amount in a baggie or what 5 lbs of extra fat looks like, it makes you think twice. With all the service that Lions perform, we have to keep ourselves in good physical health. Eat healthy!

I have also attended the Zone 4 meeting hosted by the Nicollet Lions, the Zone 6 meeting hosted by the Le Center Lions and the Zone 8 meeting hosted by the Ellendale Lions. The Zone Chairs, Lions Charlette Abbas, Darlene Wondra and Allie Larson, have done a marvelous job of changing up the format, making the meeting more "zone" friendly. I love the opportunity of interacting with other Lion members. Good Stuff!

As I write this, I just came back from Mahanomen, MN where Lion Kevin and I had 2 full days of intense, yet fun, training for Vice District Governors and their companions. Our Multiple District Training Team, which is coordinated by our own PDG Mary Ferlemen was exceptional. This team is whipping all of us Vice District Governors into shape with information and skills needed to be exemplary Governors. We have much to be thankful for with all the leadership within our District, but I am most thankful for all of the great Lions we have in 5M2. Count each day a blessing and have a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Harry's Corner

**Harry Klenke**  
Second Vice  
District Governor



The fall season is here. The tomatoes are all picked and Loretta has canned all that she has cared to can. She gave away 2 five gallon buckets full to a friend and we still have a couple buckets of them. The apples are all picked and no one or noething was hurt. Not like a few years ago when I was picking apples off our large tree in the back on the side hill. I was standing on the top of our good 8 foot ladder using my apple picker. When I reached a little too far and shifted the balance of the ladder down went the ladder and me. I landed flat on my back and came back up sputtering. I was mad because I had broken the ladder. It is not near as stable since I fixed it.

Fall is the season when things die off. The neighbors have all their crops harvested and some of their land's tilled. The trees leaves have changed colors and many have already fallen off. With all the trees we have my son is getting tired of picking up all the leaves. He looks at the maples and oaks that haven't dropped their leaves and just mumbles. Every day that he is off he picks up leaves. Our leaf and grass piles are quite large. Thank goodness he doesn't want to leave or I wouldn't have as much time as I do to attend Lion's meetings.

Fall is the time Lion's get together for Region and Zone meetings, so for Lion's fall is a beginning of a new year. Yes, our year for officers starts in July, but many of our clubs don't meet as much in the summer. They may be involved in summer community events and activities. The new officers have had a couple of months to get the feel for their new positions. Hopefully attending the Region meetings has allowed the new officers to learn more about our District. They can meet and hear the Cabinet people, so they can have them come and speak to their clubs. The Zone Meetings are a chance for club officers to gather and exchange ideas. Officers can voice concerns and get ideas from other club's leaders. Some of these officers have been through this before and may have some ideas for the new officers. Sometimes the new people have good ideas that we haven't thought of or hadn't tried. District Governor Ron told the Zone Chairs to try different things if they want. I have attended 3 Zone meetings this fall and have seen 3 different styles of meetings. Sharing ideas is very much the Lion way of doing things, because we like it when someone steals our ideas and sometimes even makes it better. So keep the ideas flowing to improve our clubs and make our District change for the better.



## 25 Years of th Lions International Peace Poster Contest

The 2012-2013 year marks the 25th anniversary of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The program helps lay a foundation for worldwide peace and provides an opportunity for children to express themselves. Additionally, this is a valuable public relations tool. Promote the program in your community by sending a press release to your local media outlets; utilize social media such as Facebook and Twitter to share results, images and video; and show your support with a window cling that is available in each kit. Get involved! Learn more about promoting the Peace Poster Contest.

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## St. Peter Lions Club Provides School Supplies

In the fall of 2011, the St. Peter Lions Club answered a call from Nicollet County Social Services to help that agency with its back to school supply program. The desire to prevent any student from heading back to school without school supplies provided the momentum for our Club's participation in this program. We sought out other community partners to assist with this effort. In the end, St. Peter Lions Club, Nicollet County Social Services, St. Peter Kiwanis Club, and the Salvation Army formed a collaborative organization called, "Friends of Learning—Back to School Project." This is a unique effort, and to our knowledge, the first of its kind effort in St. Peter for multiple service organizations to work together to meet the needs of our community.

As a group, we organized multiple supply drop-off locations, accepted cash donations, and we held a kickoff event, "Stuff A Bus". Our goal was to serve 300 students from St. Peter and rural Nicollet County. On August 21, we worked with Nicollet County Social Services and other volunteers from the St. Peter Kiwanis Club to fill backpacks with required school supplies. On August 22, 2012, we distributed 344 backpacks and answered an additional 28 requests for supplies. We raised over \$8000 in fundraising and grants to purchase the supplies and backpacks. The students and parents were grateful for the school items. Our Club received the satisfaction of knowing that the students were returning to school with the necessary material items to learn.



Earlier this month I was in Bangkok, Thailand, to celebrate 10 years of Sight for Kids, one of our most successful partnerships. While celebrating our accomplishments, such as the vision screening of more than 16 million children, I was also struck by the fact that many people are still needlessly blind or visually impaired. Did you know that 80 percent of visual impairment in the world can be avoided or cured? That is why our Foundation provides support for preventing avoidable blindness and restoring sight to those in need.

LCIF has been collaborating with the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases through the Sabin Vaccine Institute to help end suffering caused by neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), including ones that affect sight. More than 1.4 billion people in the world are affected by these diseases. The Global Network envisions a world where children and families can grow in a community free of NTDs, with a goal to eliminate or control 10 common NTDs by 2020.

Through LCIF's SightFirst program, Lions have already been working towards this goal by focusing on two of the most common NTDs that affect sight: trachoma and onchocerciasis (river blindness). Through initiatives that prevent and treat infectious diseases, like our SightFirst programs, visual impairment around the world has been decreasing, according to the World Health Organization.

Another area of health where Lions' efforts are helping to make a difference is with measles. Thanks to routine immunization and vaccination campaigns, fewer children die each day. Though the number has declined, 380 children still die each day from this easily preventable disease. We have the power to help them.

With less than US \$1 million left to meet the US\$10 million challenge grant issued by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we will help vaccinate 157 million children this year alongside our partners through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. Thank you for your continued donations and support of this initiative. We are truly making an impact on the world.

**Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention**  
**February 8, 9, 10, 2013**  
**City Center Hotel – Mankato, Minnesota**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**



Official Use Only  
 Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

**Guest #1 Information**                      **Select One:**    ( ) Lions        ( ) Lioness    ( ) Leo        ( ) Spouse/Guest

Last Name	First Name	E-mail Address
Address/PO Box	Club Name	Phone #
City	State and Zip Code	( ) Check if 1 <sup>st</sup> time convention attendee
Check if you have received any of these recognitions from <u>January 2012 through January of 2013</u> ( <b>Saturday Luncheon Recognition</b> ) ( ) Helen Keller Award    ( ) Melvin Jones Fellowship    ( ) Hearing Foundation Award    ( ) DreamCatcher    ( ) Top Dog    ( ) Other _____		

**Guest #2 Information**                      **Select One:**    ( ) Lions        ( ) Lioness    ( ) Leo        ( ) Spouse/Guest

Last Name	First Name	( ) Check if 1 <sup>st</sup> time convention attendee
	Club Name	
Check if you have received any of these recognitions from <u>January 2012 through January of 2013</u> ( <b>Saturday Luncheon Recognition</b> ) ( ) Helen Keller Award    ( ) Melvin Jones Fellowship    ( ) Hearing Foundation Award    ( ) DreamCatcher    ( ) Top Dog    ( ) Other _____		

**\*\*\* The following are required in advance with registration:**

- \$15.00 Advance Registration Fee per person (Lion, Lioness, Spouse/Guest).  
**NOTE:** If not pre-registered, the "On-Site" Fee will raise to \$20.00 per person.
- Full Meal Payment.
- All meals include tax and gratuity.
- Make Checks Payable to: **Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**
- Mail to:                      Lion Jane Cummysky, Registration Co-Chair  
    247 Main Street East  
    Waterville, MN 56096

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be directed to the Registration Co-Chair Lion Jane Cummysky at the above address.

**Refunds** will be sent following the convention. Refund requests postmarked:

- \*On or before January 7, 2013 – Full Refund
- \*From January 8 to January 31, 2013 – 90% Refund
- \*After January 31, 2013 – No Refund

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

1. The registration fee will apply to all attendees, including non-Lions.
2. Name tags will be distributed with your convention registration materials and need to be worn in order to gain admission to all meals, activities, and seminars.
3. **This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect.**
4. Registration fee and all meal costs must be included with your registration form.

**MEAL REGISTRATION**

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost per Person	Total
		All-Meal Package      \$65.00	
		Saturday Lunch            \$22.50	
		Saturday Banquet        \$32.50	
		Sunday Buffet            \$15.00	
		<b>Meal Sub Total</b>	
		Friday Supper with I.D. \$12.50** By Invitation Only- COST IS NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL PACKAGE	
		<b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>	

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE**

<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION    (\$15.00 per person)</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	

- \*\*\*Registration Includes**
1. **Goodie Bag**
  2. **Friday Night Hors d'oeuvres**
  3. **Friday Night Music "The Del Counts"**
  4. **Friday Night Service of Remembrance**
  5. **All Convention Seminars/Sessions**
  6. **Saturday Night Entertainment: Cozy Lil' Duo**

**\*\*Supper with I.D. Cabinet, President's & Secretaries.**  
**\*\*Cost is not included in the all meal package.**

Lion's Convention  
February 8-10, 2013

MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

Reservations will be accepted  
by MAIL or FAX only. No reservations will  
be made over the phone.

Please complete and return this form to  
Mankato City Center Hotel with payment  
information no later than January 9, 2013.

Mail to:  
Mankato City Center Hotel  
c/o Lions  
101 East Main Street  
Mankato, MN 56001  
Phone: 507-345-1234  
Fax: 507-345-1248

\*\*\*One night reservations will be based on  
availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you must cancel your reservation, you must  
do so by the following:

February 7<sup>th</sup>: Full Refund

February 8<sup>th</sup>: One night charge will be applied,  
any other payment will be refunded.

**\*\*CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY  
TO CANCEL.\*\***

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*\*Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but  
we will try to accommodate as best we can.\*\*



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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person(s) Sharing Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Only send one registration form if sharing a room\***

Payment methods:

Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card – Circle One

Visa MC Amex Diners Discover

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**TO GUARANTEE ROOM WILL BE  
HELD:**

Credit card number is required  
(credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)

OR

Pre-payment by check for one night stay  
(with remaining balance due at check in)

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that your reservations must be received  
by January 9, 2013 to receive the

Lion's Convention discounted rate.

Reservations received after this date will be booked  
at standard rates.

**Arrival Date – Select One**

\_\_\_\_ Thursday, February 7

\_\_\_\_ Friday, February 8

\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 9

**Cost for Three Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$309.00

\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$309.00

\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$336.00

\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$336.00

**Cost for Two Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$206.00

\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$206.00

\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$224.00

\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$224.00

**Cost for One Night**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$103.00

\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$103.00

\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$112.00

\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$112.00

\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access Room Required  
(room contains one King bed)

\*\*\*All Rates Include Taxes

\*\*\* All rooms are non-smoking and are  
equipped with microwaves and refrigerators.

We will confirm your reservation by sending you a  
postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not  
receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us  
three weeks from the date you send in your  
registration form for processing.

# MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

District \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:**               **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor:**               **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Nominee’s Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service Family Work length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects. Attach additional sheet if more room is needed.)**

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**Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?**

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**Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District’s annual Mid Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.**

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Ron Dahlke  
SM-2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
308 20th St. W  
Glencoe, MN 55336



DG Ron being a good "sport" at the Zone 4 meeting where the theme was "Game On" asking zone members to attend the meeting in their favorite football jerseys. Lion members were given a chance to win a door prize if they could throw a ring and get it on the goalpost. DG Ron came out unharmed!



2 new members inducted in the Lonsdale Lions Club. (L to R) DG Ron, Lion Micki Ziskovsky, Lion Debbie Rud, and their sponsor, Lonsdale President, Lion Tim Rud.

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Studies show that young people are volunteering in record numbers. Increase membership and gain fresh, youthful ideas for activities by [inviting former Leos](#) to join your club. You'll increase hands to do more service projects while ensuring your club's existence for many years to come. Former Leos are already dedicated to making a difference in their local, national and international community. Help renew Leos' lifetime commitment to service by inviting them to become Lions.

