

The 5M-2



April 2014

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Editor **Bill Curtis,**

WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5M2



Jay Molnau (president of the Chaska Lions) receiving the George C. Klein Service Above Self Award on Saturday, Feb 22 at the Chaska Rotary Club's annual Gala. The Chaska lions were recognized for all



of their community service work and contributions. They are the first group to receive this community recognition award, as in the past it was always given to an individual.



DG Joan awarded Chevrons to the following Prior Lake Lions for their milestones in years of service:
Lion Bob Wickman 10 yrs; Lion Gordy Affield 40 years; Lion Don Hall 20 years; Lion Bonnie Grapper 25 years.
Congratulations to all!

DGE Harry Klenke and Lion Loretta are all smiles after their last training session held on March 12, 13 and 14 at The Boulevard Hotel in Brooklyn Park, MN. Lions Harry and Loretta, along with the class of 2014-2015 District Governor Elects were treated to an entertaining and enlightening meal and program on their upcoming trip to Toronto, Ontario for the 97th Annual International Convention. The theme of the night was "Let's Play Hockey" hosted by the MD5M District Governors.



Joan's Journal

Joan Blank

District Governor

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Membership – Just Ask!



District Governor
Joan Blank

Such simple words, "**Just Ask!**" and yet these words can make the difference between a healthy, thriving club or a struggling club.

We are in the last quarter of the 2013-2014 Lions year and now is the time to take a look at where your club is in membership and to develop an action plan to end the year on a strong note with increased membership and retention of existing members.

As you can see in this newsletter, our total membership for 5M-2 is down 22 members. At the end of December, we were up 8 members. Then the January billing for dues came out and there were huge drops. I believe that these numbers can once again be in the positive and should be in the positive to ensure our clubs serve to the best of their ability. Now is the time to get "Fired Up" for recruiting. There is an excellent *New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs* on the Lions International website at www.lionsclubs.org. If you go to this website, on the home page there is a search box in the very upper right hand corner and type in "**Just Ask**". This should bring up a comprehensive 20-page guide.

Just Ask! is designed to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth. The strength of your membership and the health of your club will determine your ability to do what all Lions love to do – serve. If you are unable to access this document, just ask me and I will promptly send you a copy. It is well worth your reading and implementing!

One of my Governor's goals for this year is to have 50% of the clubs in our district achieve the "Club Excellence Award". In order to qualify for this award, a club must have a plus one in membership. At the present time, District 5M-2 has 23 clubs that qualify out of 63 clubs, for 36%. I am confident that with some creative planning and just asking our friends, co-workers or even our family members to become Lions, we can strive to make a plus one for every club.

I do have to give a shout out to the following clubs who have made recruitment a priority this year: **Lake Crystal Lions**, plus 7; **Cologne Lions**, plus 6, **Jordan Jordaness Lions**, plus 5, **Silver Lake Lions**, plus 4 and **Waterville Lions**, plus 3. The following clubs have a plus 1 or 2; Albert Lea Lions, Albert Lea LakeView Lions, Arlington Lions, Hamburg Lions, Hutchinson Lions, Jordan Lions, Lafayette Lions, Lester Prairie Lions, Mankato Sunrise Lions, N.E.W. Lions, Owatonna Lions, Prior Lake Lions, St. Peter Lions, Stewart Lions, Waconia Lions, Waseca Lions, Watertown Lions and Winnebago Lions. Congratulations to all these clubs for **Just Asking!** I will be thrilled if I could add another 20 to 30 clubs to this list. That would mean 20 to 30 more Lions helping to serve. That is a great dream!

95th MD5M Multiple Convention

April 25-27, 2014

Meet Horton @ Morton MN"

Jackpot Junction Casino Resort
Morton MN

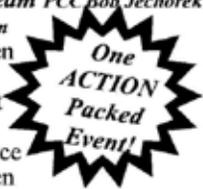
Hosted by: **Milroy Lions/5M3 Lions**

Join us for 5M3's 1st Multiple Convention!

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 25-

- 8:30-10:30am Political Liaison/Council of Governors Mtg
- 10 a.m.–8:30 p.m. Registration
- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Credentials
- 3:30-7 p.m. Credentials
- 12-2 p.m. 1st VDGE and Spouse Training
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Convention Committee Meetings(if needed)
- Sergeant at Arms* Resolution, Rules Convention City Election
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. DGE's Meet the IV Guest
- 3:00 p.m. Convention Opening Ceremonies
- 3:15 p.m. Seminar– *Global Membership Team* PCC Bob Jechorek
- 4 p.m. Seminar– *Quest– PDG Jack Riordan*
- 4:00-6:30 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Pin Trading
- 5:30– 7:00 p.m. PDG Social & Banquet
- 6:30 p.m. 1st Timers Meeting
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. Service of Remembrance
- 8:30-10:00 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
- 8:30-11:30pm Oktoberfest/Cash Bar "New Ulm Concord Singers"



Saturday, April 26-

- 6:30-8:30 a.m. Brunch
- 7-8:30 a.m. Registration
- 7-8:30 a.m. Credentials
- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Convention Raffle Open
- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Foundation Meetings- (20 minutes)
- Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation/Lions MD5M Hearing*
- Foundation/ Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation*
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. General Business Meeting
- 9–11 a.m. Seminar– Non-Lions/Guests
- 10–11:30 a.m. Leo's Seminar
- 11:30 am-4:30 pm Pin Trading
- 11:30-1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon (Peace Poster/ Hall of Fame)
- 1:30 p.m. Pin Traders Meeting
- 1:30-5:30 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
- 1:45-4:15 p.m. Seminar Speakers
- 1:45-2:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Panel*
- 2:40-3:25 p.m. Soles 4 Souls*
- 3:30-4:15 p.m. Dog Guides of Canada*
- 4:30 p.m. MN Lions Diabetes Fndtn Drawing
- 5:15-6 p.m. Meet & Greet 2nd VDGE & Spouses
- 5:15 p.m. Social & Cash Bar
- 5:30 p.m. DG, DGE, PID & Guests Reception
- 6:30-11:00 p.m. Banquet followed by Entertainment
- Speaker: PID Haynes Townsend*
- Entertainment: Scott Hansen & Co.

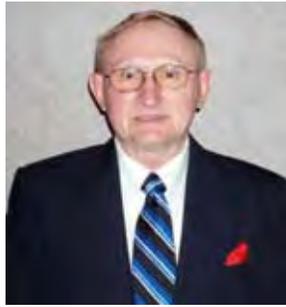
Sunday, April 27-

- 7:15-8:00 a.m. PDG Meeting
- 7:15-8:00 a.m. International Convention Meeting
- 8-9 a.m. Registration
- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Ecumenical Service
- 9:00-11 a.m. Brunch
- Tail Twisting/Raffle
- Speaker: Can Do Canines
- Closing Business Session
- 2014 Convention Report
- Adjournment
- 11 a.m. Past Council Chairs & Council Chair Elect Meeting



Find the registration form in this newsletter!

HARRY'S CORNER



Harry Klenke
First Vice District Governor

I know I have just spoken about the Mid-Winter convention, but I was remiss in not thanking my special friends Lion Bruce Lieske for nominating me and PDG Mary Spille for seconding my nomination. They are always supportive of me in my endeavors and made me sound better than I am. I will try my best with the help of the people of the District to keep it moving forward as my predecessors have done.

Next up will be the many Zone Meetings if we don't get to much snow. I have all the Zone Persons of the year selected. It was a tough job, but very rewarding to read of all the good these Lions have done over the years. If your Lion doesn't get Zone Lion of the Year, don't hesitate to nominate them again some other year. I made the person I nominated last year our Prior Lake Lion of the Year. So keep recognizing the good works of our local Lions. I had a nomination from 31 clubs this year, this is almost half the clubs and I know many good Lions from clubs who didn't nominate anyone, so next year let's make 1st District Governor Elect Marvin's job as rewarding and difficult as was mine.

Some where during the Zone Meetings will be the Journey for Service. I hope as many Lions as possible can make it to the sites to send Lion Jack Webster out with a flourish. He has did one heck of a job and he always does it with a smile. He is surely a Hall of Fame Lion.

At the end of April is the Multiple Convention at Jackpot Junction in Morton, MN. That is not far for most of the Lions of District 5M2 to travel, so I hope we are represented by many of our great Lions. It is a chance for people who have never been to a Multiple Convention to experience it. You will get to see so many other Lions from throughout the Multiple and make new friends. You can also talk about the things done in other clubs, and maybe steal an idea or two to take back to your own clubs. This is where I picked the brains of Past District Governors of other Districts to find out if I could possibly become a leader in our District. We talk with our own Past District Governors, but it is nice to hear other peoples' ideas. We talked with the planners of the convention at their Mid-Winter Convention and they have many exciting things planned. It is a good way to find out what goes on at a multiple, so when our District hosted it again we will have some new planners helping out. So as they have said in their advertizing for the convention "Let's join Horton in Morton."



MARVIN'S COMMENTS



Marvin Grimm
Second Vice District Governor

CEP, a buzz word heard around the Lions organizations this past year. CEP, The Club Excellence Process, is a workshop program dedicated to club improvement. Has your club talked about going through this program? I would like to recommend CEP for all clubs. The program will bring out the strengths and weaknesses in your club. You will look at your club and community in a different way. The idea is to improve your club and make the club more successful. CEP is going to be around for a while, so I would encourage your club leaders to investigate CEP. Contact PID Debra Wasserman or PID Maynard Rucks to come to your club to explain the process. The sooner you make this contact, the sooner your club can be on board for this process.

It is time to start thinking about Jungle Days Golf at the Glencoe Country Club on August 4, 2014. It is not too early to get your foursome together and register by contacting PDG Ellsworth Becker at Glencoe. Phone 320-864-4825 or ellsbeck@midco.net. Also let us support Chris Lund with his traveling Golf Trophy. Chris has put a lot of time and effort in putting a plan together to make this work. Chris is a member of the Hamburg Lions and can be reached at his cell at 612-710-2107 to get more information. Not being a golfer, I have said, "Someday when I have more time I may take up golf." I don't see that happening!

Evelyn and I took a couple weeks to travel. The first week we were about eight miles south of Branson, Mo at a resort on Table Rock Lake. No, I did not go fishing. Our second week was in the hill Country west of New Braunfels, Texas. It was a relaxing with some sight seeing and shopping. With the weather all over the board, we did manage several days of sixty's and seventy's. Oh yes, we did have some 30's and 40's! After we got thru ice and snow of Minnesota and Iowa, we missed the bad weather. "The cure for anything is salt water—sweat, tears, or the sea." Isak Dinesen

District Governor Joan's Jaunts



- April 1 – Zone 8 Meeting – Waterville
- April 2 – Blooming Prairie Club Visit
- April 3 - Mankato/Mankato Key City
- April 7 – Zone 9 Meeting – Kiester
- April 9 – Journey for Service
- April 10 – Journey for Service
- April 11 – Journey for Service
- April 15 – Zone 2 Meeting
- April 16 – Henderson Club Visit
- April 21 – Nicollet Club Meeting
- April 22 – NYA West Carver Club Visit
- April 24 – MD5M Convention
- April 25 – MD5M Convention
- April 26 – MD5M Convention
- April 28 – Plato Club Visit
- April 29 – Zone 6 Meeting - Montgomery

5th MD 5M Multiple Convention



April 25-27, 2014
"Meet Horton @ Morton MN"
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Morton MN

Hosted by:
Milroy Lions/5M3 Lions
Join us for 5M3's
1st Multiple Convention!

This will be the only Multiple
Convention where Lions & Elephants
join together to celebrate.

Don't miss



WE HAVE IT ALL!

GREAT Speakers,
Entertainment,
Seminars, Food, Displays, Pin Traders,
Meetings, Raffle, Auction and
LOTS OF FUN!



New Auburn Lions Spring Fling Brunch

Sunday April 13, 2014
9:30am to 12:30pm
New Auburn City Hall

Serving Scrambled Eggs with Ham & Cheese
Hashbrowns, Homemade Muffins, Coffee, Juice &
Milk

Adults \$6.00
Children 10 & under \$4.00
5 & under free

All Proceeds Go To Community Projects



Hamburg Liberty Day

I just wanted to give you a little report on Liberty Day. Lion Diane Hoffman and I spent about 45 minutes with the 3-4 graders at Emanuel School this morning. I started out telling about how Liberty Day started with a Colorado Lion who thought it was important for children to know about the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. After that I did a slide show of pictures of the Statue of Liberty while I was reading all sorts of fun facts about the statue. Diane had a 15 inch replica of the Statue of Liberty along with her. After that I projected a large photo of the Liberty Bell on the screen and we talked about some facts about the Bell. After that we talked about the Flag and did a flag folding demonstration. I had found two really old flags at the bank- one with just 48 stars and one had the original 13 stars (I think it was a commemorative flag from 1976. The kids asked lots of questions and appeared to be very interested in the event. it was a fund time to be with them and we took a picture at the end of all the kids holding their Liberty Day book.
Lion Diana Krolls

Stop & Shop

NYA West Carver Lions

Household Treasures
Annuals & Perennials
Lunch in the Park

Saturday

May 3rd 8:00 - 2:00

Lions Shelter / Sports Complex
(Elm Street, Norwood Young America)



Proceeds to Community Projects

Lions Children's Hearing Center

D-Feet Hearing Loss 2014 Third Annual Walk

Mark your calendars ~ June 7, 2014

Winter getting you down? Looking forward to spring flowers, green grass, flowering trees, warm sunshine, root-beer floats and grilling with friends? Then **mark your calendars for June 7, 2014** and come out to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska for the

Third Annual D-Feet Fundraiser walk sponsored by the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation.

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- Free entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- Free event t-shirt
- Free Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- Fun for families of all ages
- A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

Visit us for more info at: <http://www.smhf.org/>



Open to All!

8th Annual Le Sueur Lions Club Charity Golf Scramble

MONDAY, JUNE 2nd NOON SHOT GUN
Beautiful Le Sueur Country Club Le Sueur, Minnesota

Become a Sponsor!

The Le Sueur Lions could not do all of the things that we do in our community if we didn't have the support of many great businesses and organizations in our area.

Please, consider joining us as a sponsoring partner today!

What It's All About...

Each year, this golf event raises funds for important Lions Club projects! Lion's Club is the largest service organization in the world...

This golf event, like all Le Sueur Lions Club projects, also raises funds for many worthwhile purposes... **right here in our community!**

Le Sueur Area Food Shelf
Le Sueur-Henderson Schools
Friends of the Le Sueur Library
LSH Student Scholarship
LSH Youth Opportunities
LSH Scouting
LSH Trap Team
H.A.V.E.
MN Valley Health Center
LSH Community Education
LSH Habitat for Humanity
and many more...

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000

- Unique opportunity to showcase your business to organization
- Display tables / advertising at key location around the clubhouse area.
- Head table and special Recognition at awards dinner as a host of this year's event.
- Foursome entrance (\$400 value)

Gold Sponsor: \$600

- Corporate advertising and display table next to putting green and practice range.
- Special recognition at awards dinner
- Your representative to lead our tournament awards and highlight your company and its involvement in event
- Foursome entrance (\$300 value)

Individual Hole Sponsor

**With (4) golfers \$450 (new)
\$400 (returning)

- Display sign at hole tee-box
- Corporate poster near hole
- Recognition at awards dinner

Non Golfing Hole Sponsor: \$75 (new) \$60 (returning)

- Display at hole tee-box
- Recognition at awards dinner

(A portion of your sponsorship contribution may be tax-deductible... please consult your preparer)

SCHEDULE	OF EVENTS
10:30 - 11:45	Registration and Raffle Tickets
12:00 Noon	Shot Gun Start
5:00	Social Hour
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner and Awards

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Entry Fee: \$100

(A portion may be tax-deductible)
Includes: Green Fee, Cart, Range, Dinner, Prize Entry & More!

Prepaid Dinner Only: \$20

(\$25 if paid day of event)

Make up your own team (4-person Scramble) or let us put you in a group. Please list all players' names with your registration. Please make checks to **Le Sueur Lions Club** mail to:

Le Sueur Lions Club
PO Box 84
Le Sueur, MN 56058

GOLF EVENT INFO:

Lion Don Dickinson
ddickins@yahoo.com
507-665-2330
Lion Dean Williams
deanwilliams3@hotmail.com
507-665-6742

CHARITY INFO:

www.lions.org/ClubPages

MONDAY, JUNE 2nd NOON SHOTGUN
Beautiful Le Sueur Country Club Le Sueur, Minnesota

1st, 2nd, 3rd,
10th & 13th!

Special Prize for Winning All-Ladies Team... On-Course Game Winners, and Raffle & Door Prizes.

Hole In One Contest
Included with Entry Fee!

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REGISTRATION FORM:

Make up your own team (4-person Scramble) or let us put you in a group. (Please include all players' names with your registration)

Player: 1. _____ address _____
Email: _____
phone () _____

Player: 2. _____ address _____
Email: _____
phone () _____

Player: 3. _____ address _____
Email: _____
phone () _____

Player: 4. _____ address _____
Email: _____
phone () _____

Please make checks payable to **Le Sueur Lions Club** and mail to:
(A portion of entry fees may be tax-deductible)

Le Sueur Lions Club
PO Box 84
Le Sueur, MN 56058



ENTRY FEE:

\$100 per player
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Courtland Lions



PANCAKE, SAUSAGE, EGG



Golf

BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014

ADULTS: \$7.00 CHILDREN 12- 5: \$4.00 UNDER 5 FREE

COURTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
COURTLAND, MN

SERVING 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE FOOD SHELF

BRING OLD EYE GLASSES & HEARING AIDS FOR RECYCLING



Shakopee Lions

2014 Shakopee Lions Ice Golf Tournament

The Shakopee Lions held the 11th annual Ice Golf Tournament on Saturday, February 8, 2014 @ Jackson Town Hall. This event continues to grow in attendance, sponsorship and charitable funds collected. The 2014 Ice Tournament was the most successful to date and the Shakopee Lions wish to thank Corporate Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, the Shakopee Community and all who came out to make this such a successful event.

There were approximately 820 golfers who braved the weather and took part in our challenging 36 hole course. Top Score turned in was a 57, but it is still under the Ice Golf Committee review for accuracy. Big shout out to all of those who participated, you are an incredible community.

Total net proceeds raised were \$31,000. The Shakopee Lions will be donating \$4,600 to each local single mother from the community dealing with cancer. The proceeds will also be used to donate \$1,500 to 'Tee it up for the Troops', \$2,500 to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to name a few. *(pictured below)*



Dedicated to finding a cure.



New Members

- Lion Michael Schuster – Albert Lea Lions
Sponsored by Lion Cliff Wuerflein
- Lion Laura Zender – Arlington Lions
Sponsored by Lion Dan Hislop
- Lion Brian Dahlke – Chaska Lions
Sponsored by Lion Krista Windschitl
- Lion Mary Lou Dahlke – Chaska Lions
Sponsored by Lion Krista Windschitl
- Lion Cory Dudgeon – Lake Crystal Lions
Sponsored by Lion Derek Hall
- Lion Brandy Johnson – Le Sueur Lions
Sponsored by Lion Phillip Lee
- Lion Kersten Richeter – N.E.W. Lions
Sponsored by Lion Karen Erickson
- Lion Ann Maas – Northfield Cannon Valley
Sponsored by Lion Ray Ozmun
- Lion Steve Helget – Norwood Young America Lions
Sponsored by Lion Dave Williams
- Lion Richard Kirchoff – Prior Lake Lions
Sponsored by Lion Bruce Reddemann
- Lion Corrin Kuntz – Prior Lake Lions
Sponsored by Lion Linda Hall
- Lion Patricia Schulze – Stewart Lions
Sponsored by Lion Orville Trettin
- Lion Robert Ayotte – Victoria Lions
Sponsored by Laura O'Neill
- Lion Jaye Sopkowiak – Waseca Lions
Sponsored by Lion Diane Beckmann
- Lion Anna Rosenthal – Winsted Lions
Sponsored by Lion Paul Gatz
- Lion Tami Rosenthal – Winsted Lions
Sponsored by Lion Paul Gatz
- Lion Mavis Weber – Winsted Lions
Sponsored by Lion Margaret Kritzeck

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	2,417	2,440
Added Members	3	136
Dropped Members	2	158
Closing Balance	2418	2,418
Net Gain/Loss	1	-22
Worldwide		1,374,516

Club Secretaries – PU101

Please have this form completed
And sent to both DG Joan and LCI
By May 1st. Top priority! Thanks!



Match Strikes!

If you would like to give a Lion a “spark” of recognition, please submit his/her name and the reason why to wfcurtis@embarqmail.com or lionjoanblank@gmail.com or leave a message at 507-304-5265. My hope is to fill this page up each month. Thanks.

DG Joan

- **Lion Jesse Starkson** -- Waseca Lions -- for volunteering to be chair of Waseca Lions annual Pancake Breakfast, scheduled for Sunday, March 30, at the Waseca American Legion Club. Submitted by Lion Mel Strand
- **Lion Diana Kroells and Lion Diane Hoffman** – Hamburg Lions – for presenting a great Liberty Day program to the 3-4 graders at Emmanuel School. Submitted by Liberty Day Chair PDG Mary Spille
- **Lion Robert Hunter** -- Waseca Lions -- for receiving special recognition by Waseca Lions for his work in many leadership positions at both the local and district Lions levels. Submitted by Lion Mel Strand
- **Lion Neil Fruechte** -- Waseca Lions --for receiving special acknowledgement from Waseca Lions for his active involvement in promoting Lions causes for many years locally and in the Zone. Submitted by Lion Mel Strand
- **Lion Stacy Kleinwachter** – Nicollet Lions – for receiving the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation for her work as the 5M11 District Newsletter Editor. Submitted by Lion Mary Pipping.
- **Lion Margaret Kritzek** – Winsted Lions – for sponsoring Lion Mavis Weber
- **Lion Paul Gatz** – Winsted Lions – for sponsoring two Lions – Lion Tami Rosenthal and Lion Anna Rosenthal
- **Lion Diane Beckmann** – Waseca Lions – for sponsoring Lion Jaye Sopkowiak
- **Lion Laura O’Neill** – Victoria Lions – for sponsoring Lion Robert Ayotte
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- **Lion Cliff Wuerflein** – Albert Lea Lions – for sponsoring Lion Michael Schuster



Dear Lion Leader,

One of the main goals of club leaders is to leave their club stronger at the end of their term. As club president, you have a responsibility and an opportunity to strengthen your club and position it for success. One of the most important steps you can take right now is adding new members to your club.

Family and Friends Month in April is the perfect opportunity to invite new members. When family and friends see the difference you’re making in your community, they’ll see just how important your club is. And when they do, I hope you’ll ask them to join you.

A great way to celebrate Family and Friends Month—and get new members—is by participating in the **Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th**. The Lunch Relay connects Lions around the world on a special day of family, food, and fun. It’s just around the corner, so register your club today!



Hamburg Lions Builds Library



The Hamburg Lions Club helped “The Little Free Library” organization get a little closer to their goal of 2,150 little libraries late last fall when they built one in Hamburg. In conjunction with the RAP program started by Past International President Wayne Madden, the Hamburg Lions wanted to do something unique to promote reading. After researching “Little Free Library” on line, Lion Diana Kroells decided this would be the perfect project and she knew the perfect person to build the library, Lion Willard Fuellner, an excellent craftsman. It was decided to model the library with a German theme. Lion Diane Hoffman assisted in the painting and even put little flower boxes on each window.

The library works like a neighborhood book exchange. Readers are encouraged to take a book out and replace it with one of their favorite books so that others may enjoy it. The mission of the “Little Free Library” is to promote literacy and the love of reading and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across the generations. Each library has a unique number and is registered with the Little Free Library organization.

The library is placed on the front lawn of the State Bank of Hamburg on Park Ave. Every time we look into the library, there are new books that people in Hamburg are sharing with others. Next time you are driving thru, please stop in to take a look.

We hope to have a little dedication ceremony this spring. To find out more go to LittleFreeLibrary.org.

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Joan Blank
SM-2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR
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Nicollet, MN 56074



Alden Fire Chief Jim Thunstedt, Alden Lion members Marlene Seipp and Bette Fulton.

International Peace Poster Winner!

Tongbram Mahesh Singh, a 12-year-old boy from India, is the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. He was sponsored by the Moirang Lions Club. Order your kit for the 2014-15 contest, "Peace, Love and Understanding."



Ashish Karki, a 12-year-old boy from Nepal, is the grand prize winner of the Lions International

Essay Contest. He was sponsored by the Kathmandu Ramechhap Lions Club. "We have to bring the light of peace, justice, brotherhood, responsibility and rational human behavior through education," Ashish wrote in his essay. Read Ashish's essay and learn how your club can sponsor the Lions International Essay Contest for visually-impaired students, ages 11-13

Each grand-prize winner will receive a special award and US\$5,000. Both winners will be recognized at this year's Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Congratulations and thank you to all the children and Lions who participated!

Together We Can Grow

We'd like to share an exciting new club contest with you. Together We Can Grow is a special contest that rewards high performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. One club in each district can win US\$250 in LCI club supplies or a US\$250 donation toward your club's next Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The contest period is now underway, and ends on July 31, 2014. The contest period bridges both the current Lion year and next year. We strongly encourage current and incoming club presidents to work together, just as we are.

NYA PANCAKE BRUNCH

WHEN: Sunday, April 13, 2014



TIME: 8:30 am-11:00 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 in demand, blueberry pancakes). 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"