

The 5M-2



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Editor **Bill Curtis,**

WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5M2



The lion Met DG Joan during her Journey for service



Lion Jack Webster, 5M2 District Governor Joan Blank Lion Sally Roesler & Lion Vern Breamer. This is Lion Jack Webster's last year doing the Journey for Service project; he has been doing this for 24 years. DG Joan, Lion Kevin Blank & Lion Jack visited the 63 clubs in the district,(12 counties),in three days. The money collected is divided among the various projects sponsored by the district Lions.

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District Governor Joan Blank is shown receiving a check from Waseca Lions President Diane Beckmann as DG Blank and Lion Jack Webster, Journey for Service Chairman toured the district on the annual fund raising journey.



Joan's Journal

Joan Blank

District Governor

Best Road Trip of my Governor's Year

What do you call spending three days with Lion Jack Webster from the Waterville Lions, traveling 700 miles, jumping in and out of a vehicle over 56 times, meeting great Lions at each stop AND collecting a check donation from each club? Lion Kevin and I call it "a remarkable and memorable BLAST! Most other Lions know it as "Journey for Service".

Lion Jack Webster is an amazing Lion! At 80 years old, Lion Jack is as sharp as a tack. Logistically speaking, trying to visit all 69 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in 2 ½ days during business hours is an incredible scheduling feat, but Lion Jack knows every road in District 5M-2 and has a schedule that is executed with precision and tons of fun along the way. (Don't ask for a bathroom break!) Lion Jack drives better than I as I witnessed him parallel parking numerous times, something I yet have trouble with. Lion Jack was impressed that I didn't slow him down, as we were never more than just minutes off.

But more amazing than that is that Lion Jack has been the Chair for Journey for Service for the last 24 years and single handedly has raised over \$360,000 thanks to all the clubs in the district that have participated in this journey over the many years. I don't believe any other Lion in 5M-2 can lay claim over this.

This was Lion Jack's last year as Chair for Journey for Service. Lion Kevin and I were so honored to make this last trip for him. Lion Jack is a great storyteller and we were enthralled with all his stories about riding his bike on this same journey (for sight) starting back in 1979. Lion Jack is so personable, has an infectious laugh and the huge heart of a Lion. I know we all wish Lion Jack the best with having a little more time on his hands now. However, I can guarantee that you can't take the Lion out of Jack.

This trip was not only memorable because of all the laughs and fun times we shared with Lion Jack; it was incredible because every club in the district participated! Lion Kevin and I were delighted to greet so many Lions at the stops and are very thankful to those who went out of their way to show Lion Jack their appreciation for his service. I was particularly impressed that Leos from Sibley East Jr. High, Sibley East Sr. High, Cologne and Northfield either showed up and/or contributed. The students brought a big smile to my face. The clubs in 5M-2 are so very generous, especially when these clubs just finished contributing to the Parade of Green. In the June issue of the Fire Up I will summarize where all the funds were distributed to, but rest assured all donations will go towards Lions endorsed projects.

Lion Kevin and I have stated that our Lions year has been truly heart warming and amazing, but the Journey for Service with Lion Jack will be imprinted in our hearts forever.

Thank you Lion Jack and thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos. As always, Lion Kevin and I are humbled and honored by your service.



District Governor
Joan Blank

District Governor Joan's Jaunts

- May 1 – New Richland Club Visit
- May 4 – Officer Training Mankato
- May 5 – Ellendale Club Visit
- May 6 – Zone 8 Meeting – Owatonna
- May 6 – Watertown Club Visit
- May 12 – Northfield Club Visit
- May 13 – New Auburn Club Visit
- May 15 – Albert Lea Noon Club Visit
- May 15 – Silver Lake Club Visit
- May 18 – Cabinet Meeting
- May 19 – Nicollet Club Meeting

Lions Measles Initiative!

I have an exciting announcement to share with you: in celebration of this year's World Immunization Week from April 24-30, LCIF has launched a 30 day challenge to raise US\$1 million for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative!

Did you know that each year, more than one million children will not make it to their 5th birthday due to a vaccine-preventable disease? This includes measles and rubella, which can cause illness, disability, blindness and death. That is why we must act now – we can help these children through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative and through events like World Immunization Week.

By accepting this challenge, you are helping us provide vaccinations to children in need and also helping to raise the awareness of just how important routine vaccinations are for global health. Together, I know we can meet this challenge.

And, not only are we issuing this challenge, but we are also receiving a generous matching contribution from the family of Abhey and Past District Governor Aruna Oswal to help us reach US\$1 million for measles. When you make a donation for measles during the month of April 2014, it will be matched on a 1:1 basis by the Oswal family, for a total of up to US\$500,000! Every dollar that you donate is doubled until we meet our goal.

You can learn more about the Million Dollar Measles Challenge online, as well as Lions' and LCIF's efforts to end measles, our partnership initiatives for measles and how to make a contribution.

As a Lion, you can help save lives, spread knowledge and make the world a healthier place for children. You can make a difference.

Sincerely, Wayne A. Madden

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Wayne A. Madden

HARRY'S CORNER

Harry Klenke
First Vice District Governor



By the time you read this the Zone meetings will be completed. I hope those who attended these meetings came away with a great appreciation of all the great Lions we have in our District. If you have never attended a Zone Meeting seriously think about it next year, especially the Spring Meetings when we hear about all the good work being done by individuals in the clubs. They all say it takes all the people of the club to make what they do happen. The "We Serve" attitude shows that the more Lions we have on a project the more we can accomplish. I am sure those that nominated Lions see that their members are also very deserving of an award. So nominate them again next year or some other year. And Lions who didn't nominate someone can think of a fellow Lion in their club who is deserving of a nomination. I would love to see all the clubs nominate a Lion, so First Vice District Elect Marvin's job will be as tough as mine was. It is also very rewarding to read about the great Lions of our District. At the Zone Meeting the club Presidents or their Spokesperson told of the good things being done by the clubs, so I know there could have been more nominations. It is not that hard to put down a few things about a fellow Lion. I have did it twice and found it rewarding, so if I can do it anyone can do it. When I was President I thought it was my duty to nominate someone and I found it hard to just pick one from my club. One last thing I must say is a big "Thank You" to Lion Loretta for making up the fine plaques that I had the pleasure of handing out.

Also completed by this time will be the Multiple Convention in Morton. I sure it will be a fun time. I hope I had a chance to visit with many of you. If not I am sorry, you know I will be the District Governor for all of you as have all the District Governors before me. As I have written before I find this a great time to network with other Lions from throughout the Multiple. One of the things that incoming District Governors do is to compare notes of how things are going for their preparation for the coming year. We all have things we would like to accomplish and with a lot of help from you fellow Lions we will keep moving our District forward.

Another thing that should be done by this time will be the Officers Training. I need to thank many people, but especially Past International Director Debra for all she did to make it happen. I want to thank all the Lions who have stepped forward to lead their clubs. I have never been Secretary or Treasure of our Club but we have the best duo in those positions that I could imagine. I am sure they could both lead the training if they so desired. I during the year you need help with anything just contact me or a Zone or Region Chair and we will get you answers.

MARVIN'S COMMENTS

Marvin Grimm
Second Vice District Governor



Barry Palmer has suggested we do?

My "dream" is to remind people about membership and more importantly retaining members. Your dream is really some things you will do and not think of it as a "dream." Several new lions joined this year. It is now our task to mentor and include them in our activities and make them feel a part of the organization. Retaining Lions is something we need to work on. Have an orientation for members so everyone thinks about Lionism. Orientation will help to tell the story about Lions and answer some questions that we wonder about. It will explain the organization of Lions and programs available. 2nd Vice District Governor elect Steve Wasserman has a video that can be shown to members to help acquaint Lions about Lionism. It is meant for new members but I feel it is good for all members to review.

Evelyn and I attended the Diabetes Foundation Open House at the Diabetes Imaging Center on the U of M campus. Having Diabetes is like carrying a heavy backpack. It is a big responsibility to keep healthy and tend to the medical need of your body. We saw the largest magnetic imaging machine that is being started up to make imaging more precise and also get a bigger, better picture of body cells. It is amazing the equipment and labs that are there. There is a lab named for the Lions where they are doing research on eyelets. The research and work on these eyelets is the latest possible cure for diabetes.

The Lions can be very proud of their contributions. We must keep up or increase our contributions because the more money they have, the more research they can do and the closer they will get to finding a cure for diabetes.

Have you considered getting a team of golfers together for jungle Days on August 4, 2014? It will be at the Glencoe Country Club in Glencoe sponsored by the Glencoe Lions. Contact PDG Ellsworth Becker at Glencoe to sign up. Along with the golf thoughts is to contact Chris Lund at chris.m.lund@edwardjones.com or cell phone 612-710-2107 to check out the details of the traveling golf trophy. If your club is having a golf tournament this summer, by all means contact Chris to get your club registered to get points toward the trophy.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



Thanks to all the Lions whom I called and were able to step forward for the District Cabinet. And if you were not able to at this time thank you for considering a position. I know we all have our own things going on in our lives at certain times. When you are asked next time it may be right for you. Keep doing the great work for your local club and your community.

HAMBURG LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT (SCRAMBLE)



The Hamburg Lions would like to invite you to play in their golf tournament. If you're not interested in golfing, please consider becoming a hole sponsor. Thank you for supporting the Hamburg Lions.

Saturday May 31st, 2014

Glencoe County Club, Glencoe MN – 7:00am Registration, 8:00am shot Gun Start

\$45.00 per person, (member of Glencoe County Club) \$65.00 per person, (non-member) includes Golf, cart and meal.

Mulligan's available for \$5.00, on course games, Men's long drive, Women's long drive, closest to the pin, longest putt.

Cash Prizes

Golfer #1 _____ (\$65.00 non-member, \$45.00 member)

Golfer #2 _____ (\$65.00 non-member, \$45.00 member)

Golfer #3 _____ (\$65.00 non-member, \$45.00 member)

Golfer #4 _____ (\$65.00 non-member, \$45.00 member))

Number of carts needed _____ [2 per Foursome]

Total amount paid _____

Hole sponsor \$25.00: Name on sign _____

Mail or e-mail Registration by May 23rd to:

Joel Franck

P.O. Box 121

Hamburg MN 55339

jfranck@embarqmail.com

you can also call the Glencoe County Club to sign up:

(320) 864-3023

If you would like to play but are unable to put together a full team, we will help fill your team

Question: call Joel at 952-237-7057

All Proceeds are used for Community projects.

Presented by District Governor Elect Harry Klenke



Todd Triethart Victoria Lions -Zone 2 Zone person of the Year



Lion Barb Skluzacek is Zone Three "Lion of the Year"



Ruth Klossner Zone 4 zone person of the Year. - Lafayette Lions



Lion Leonard "Bud" Gisvold LeSueur Lions Zone 5 Lion of the Year. Given posthumous recognition. Photo is wife Joyce and daughter Connie. Bud received his 50 year chevron in November and passed away in December of 2013



Zone 7 Lion of the Year is Robert Lee of Lake Crystal Lions.



Zone nine and the Albert Lea Clover Leafs are proud to name Robert "Bob" Miller as zone person of the year.





Special Olympics Summer Games

Lions Volunteers Needed!

Please Register Now!



Volunteers are needed for Special Olympics Summer Games, June 26, 27, 28. The event this year is at Stillwater High School.

It starts on Thursday morning June 26 with the set-up of the Healthy Athletes Village and ends Saturday June 28 around 1 to 2 pm. The Lions assist the doctors and medical professionals in vision screening and other health related screenings.

Lions usually have fun wherever they go, and this is no exception. The enthusiasm and excitement of the athletes greatly adds to the experience.

All are welcome, family and friends too! Just sign up!

We are asking you to sign up for a shift or more. If you have any questions or want to sign up by phone or email you can contact Lions Ray Moonen at 952-926-316, moonen@myinmail.com or Jim Cain 763-2320790, jhcain2@gmail.com.

The easiest way to sign up will be by going to the 5M5 Lions Website 5m5lions.org and clicking the link on the right hand side of the page for **Special Olympics Signups**. This will bring you to the form to fill out, choose you shift(s) and press **Submit** to send the form. We will then receive it by email. A sample view of the form and information required is below. We will send a reminder with a map and any special instructions for the event the week before to your email address.

We hope to get a lot of Lions registering for the event.

Thanks, in advance for your help and consideration.

Lions Jim & Ray

Your Contact Info	Please Type Here
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Middle Initial	
Last Name	
Home Address	
Unit Number	
Home City	
Home State	
Home Zip	
Home Phone or Cell w/ Area Code	
Email Address	

Please Indicate Your Shift Preferences	Yes	No
Set up – Thursday, June 26 - 8:30 am - 12:30 Noon		
Health Screening – Fri., June 27 - 8:30 am -12:30 pm		
Health Screening – Fri. June 27 - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm		
Health Screening & Take down – Sat. June 28 - 8:30 am - 2:00 pm		



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 Matt Bergmann for developing the idea, and chairing the 1st Annual Victoria Lions Spring Fling (it was a great success with 26 sponsors and over 300 attendees). Submitted by Lion Steve Frederickson

Waseca Lions Club - for another successful Pancake Breakfast on March 30 with Waseca Quik Trip donating much food, Waseca American Legion allowing use of facilities, and Waseca HyVee giving food discounts. Scouts helped with setting up, greeting, serving, and cleaning up for almost 500 people

Lion Matt Bergmann – Victoria Lions for sponsoring Lion Ryan Loney.

Lion Paul Schullo – Victoria Lions - for sponsoring Lion Dave Duncan and Lion Dave Sinner.

Lion Laura O'Neill – Victoria Lions -for sponsoring Lion Joe Scanlon.

Lion Laura Niesche – Carver Lions – for sponsoring Lion Vicki Beck

Lion Robert MacMullan – Carver Lions – for sponsoring Lion Kristy Mock

Lion Randy Sefkar – Carver Lions – for sponsoring Lion John Cantrell, Jr.

Lion Sandy Schneider – Cologne Lions – for sponsoring Lion Carrie Lein

Lion Gary Koch – Glencoe Lions – for sponsoring Lion Jenna Carlson

Lion Emmy Koch – Glencoe Lions – for sponsoring Lion Ron Ondracheck

Lion Shirley Hesperheide – Le Sueur Lions – for sponsoring Lion Sheila Liljander

Lion Troy Feltmann – Lester Prairie Lions – for sponsoring Lion Pernel Hentges

Lion Josh Zebell – Norwood Young America Lions – for sponsoring Lion Jennifer Wells

Lion Nate Plagge – Shakopee Lions – for sponsoring Lion Matt McKeand

Lion Matthew Mulcahy – Shakopee Lions for sponsoring Lion Mark Westrum

Lion Peggy Carlson – St. Peter Lions – for sponsoring Lion George Rohrich

Lion Neil Fruechte – Waseca Lions – for sponsoring Lion Ronald Terrell

Lion Jim Hansen – Waterville Lions – for sponsoring Lion Margie Jacobson

New Members

Please welcome these new members:

- Lion Vicki Beck – Carver Lions
Sponsored by Lion Laura Niesche
- Lion Kristy Mock – Carver Lions
Sponsored by Lion Robert MacMullan
- Lion John Cantrell, Jr. – Carver Lions
Sponsored by Lion Randy Sefkar
- Lion Carrie Lein – Cologne Lions
Sponsored by Lion Sandy Schneider
- Lion Jenna Carlson – Glencoe Lions
Sponsored by Lion Gary Koch
- Lion Ronald Ondracheck – Glencoe Lions
Sponsored by Lion Emmy Koch
- Lion Sheila Liljander – Le Sueur Lions
Sponsored by Lion Shirley Hesperheide
- Lion Pernel Hentges – Lester Prairie Lions
Sponsored by Lion Troy Feltmann
- Lion Jennifer Wells – Norwood Young America Lions
Sponsored by Lion Josh Zebell
- Lion Matt McKeand – Shakopee Lions
Sponsored by Lion Nate Plagge
- Lion Mark Westrum – Shakopee Lions
Sponsored by Lion Matthew Mulcahy
- Lion George Rohrich – St. Peter Lions
Sponsored by Lion Peggy Carlson
- Lion David Duncan – Victoria Lions
Sponsored by Lion Paul Schullo
- Lion Ryan Loney – Victoria Lions
Sponsored by Matt Bergmann
- Lion Joe Scanlon – Victoria Lions
Sponsored by Lion Laura O'Neill
- Lion David Sinner – Victoria Lions
Sponsored by Lion Paul Schullo
- Lion Ronald Terrell – Waseca Lions
Sponsored by Lion Neil Fruechte
- Lion Margie Jacobson – Waterville Lions
Sponsored by Lion Jim Hansen

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	2,420	2,440
Added Members	11	154
Dropped Members	10	173
Closing Balance	2421	2,421
Net Gain/Loss	1	-19
Worldwide		1,385,148

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Journey for Service



Prior Lake Journey for Service stop



Lion Gerald Jack and Joan



PDG Gordy, Lion Gerald Jack and Joan



Jack got a new car during his Journey for service trip (Prior Lake)

A SINCERE THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very heartfelt Thank You to each and every Lions, Lioness and Leo Club in 5M-2 for their fabulous support on the recently completed Journey for Service. I would also like to thank all of the members of those clubs for the great outpouring of appreciation, support, words and cards of thanks, gifts, pictures, etc. and especially to Lion Dar for the beautiful poem she presented me. It all means so very much that mere words can hardly express how I feel about all of you.

Starting with the great 'Sendoff Breakfast' in Faribault by Lions Debra and Steve right on through to the 'Completion Reception' by the Northfield Clubs, the Journey for Service

was another resounding success and proves what Lionism is all about. Dist. Gov. Lion Joan, Lion Kevin and myself had a great trip as we could hardly wait until the 'next stop' to see what awaited us. We were met at every stop, appreciated all of the 'goodies' that were presented us as well as sent along as 'survival kits', we appreciated the 'Free meals' along the way by various clubs, the various refreshments, the 'remember when's', etc. It all made for a great experience, a fun time, a worthwhile endeavor and 2 ½ days that will long be remembered.

Thanks again, and I can only hope that the coming Journey for Service trips will be as enjoyable.

Thanks again, Lion Jack Webster