

5M-2 PATH to SUCCESS



Bill Curtis



Albert Lea Lakeview Lions awards picnic.
 From left to right:
 Lion Sue Blenka, Helen Keller Foundation Award
 Lion Arline Richter, Hearing Foundation Fellowship Award
 Lion Alice Petersen, Progressive Melvin Jones Award
 Lion Pam Hobson, Melvin Jones Fellowship Award



First Vice District Governor Marv & Evelyn and Goldy Gopher



Waseca Lions Club strengthened the pride through membership development with the addition of two new members who joined recently. They are Lion Jaye Sopkowiak and Lion John Omans. Waseca Lions Club strengthened its membership by adding six new members this year.

Hilary receives award.

Hilary Wickenhauser Cologne Leos- was invited to speak at the US-Canada Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico . She also was asked to speak at the Europe Leo's Forum in Istanbul, Turkey in late August. She will be speaking about her 5M2 book drive and RAP challenge she developed for her club. She will also be speaking about Alpha Leo's role in our society and the need to strengthened the communications between Lion's and Leo's to learn and grow from each other. She was also notified by IPIP Barry Palmer she will be presented the "Leo of the Year" .



Harry's Journal

Harry Klenke
District Governor



District Governor
Harry Klenke

Hello fellow Lions we are off and running in our new Lions year. Toronto was fun, but very grueling. We had training sessions and meetings most every day. I told the people at work it was the same schedule as I have at work 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. You had places you had to be every day. But beside having a good trainer I met some fellow Lions who were great to be around. Much like the Lions of District 5M2. They had good ideas like the Lions of 5M2. They really liked our Zone Person of the Year idea. Thank you again Lion Jack for coming up with that idea.

Our communities have a lot of good things happening in them. And a lot of those things are happening because of the Lions of those communities. These Lions are on the "Path to Success" to make their communities better place to live. In many of our smaller towns our Lions Club is the only game in town. They organize town festivals and parades. They sell food and drinks to raise money to do things for their communities. In the activities reports we see all the good things you Lions do. We see that you improve parks for the kids, you hold events for the kids like Easter Egg hunts, pictures and visiting with Santa. Many of your clubs offer Scholarships for graduating Seniors. You play bingo with the senior citizens, you sing carols for them at Christmas, and you furnish them with meals at the holidays. When there is someone in need, whether it's a disaster such as a fire or storm or flood or possibly an illness who are the people that step forward it's the Lions. This doesn't go for just the small towns it means our larger communities Lions are doing many of the same things but in those communities there may be many other organizations that will help also. So if the club secretaries can keep reporting all your success's we can continue to spread the good news about Lionism. We need to stay on our "Path to Success" and keep letting people know about us. I know it's most Lions nature not to say anything about what you do because you follow our motto "We Serve". We serve because we like to.

President Preston wants us to "Strengthen the Pride" through service. There is a three year program leading up to the 100th celebration of the start of Lionism. He is asking that each club should try to come with a new service project during that time. Knowing the clubs of our District we will see the fine additions to what we already do for our communities. At the Region and Zone meetings I will pass out a page with President Preston's Theme and some information about him and his wife Lion Joni. The pride is a group of lions, and within that pride each lions has a role. Kind of like our local Lion's Clubs. But this is not the pride Lion Joe is speaking of. The pride he is speaking of is the pride of being a member of your Lion's Club. Lion Joe does not want you to boost about it but take pride and ownership in what you do.

Just another reminder, please schedule your club visits with the District Governor. The forms are on the 5M2 website, or call 952-445-0289 (home) Please leave a message if we are not home. Above all keep having fun.

Governor's Ride Along

- Aug. 4th -Jungle Days Glencoe
- Aug. 10th - Lakefront Days Parade - Prior Lake
- Aug. 21st - Prior Lake Annual Picnic
- Aug. 22nd- State Fair -Work Midway Ticket Booth
- Aug. 28th- Convention Meeting - Hutchinson
- Sept.7th -Bingo- Prior Lake
- Sept. 8th - Region 1 Meeting -Waconia
- Sept.10th -Sept. 14th - USA -Canada Forum -San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Sept 18th - Stewart
- August 9th Prior Lake -Lakefront Days Parade



It is truly an honor to serve as your new international president of Lions Clubs International. With my 40 years of service as a Lion, I know that we are much more than volunteers. We're an international family working together to strengthen our communities and the clubs we love.

Being a Lion has meant so much to me, but I wouldn't be in the position to serve this great association if someone hadn't asked me to become a Lion.

I was just a 21-year-old starting a career when a local businessman invited me to lunch. He didn't tell me where we were going, but he took me to a lunch hosted by my local Lions club. It was such a great experience, and the club invited me back to the next meeting...and the meeting after that. And before long, I was a Lion.

As Lions, it's our mission to serve, but it's also our duty to ask new members to join our clubs. I hope you will join me in strengthening our membership and our service throughout the year. Together, we can strengthen the pride!

Together in service,

MARVIN'S COMMENTS

1st VDG Lion
Marvin Grimm



By the time you read this, Jungle Days 2014 will be history. My hope is everyone enjoyed the day.

I will give some of the highlights, in my mind, of the 97th International Lions Convention held at Toronto Canada. There were hundreds of Lions from around the world in attendance.

What a large busy city, with a lot of construction. Both streets and buildings are under construction. Many of the buildings being constructed are 30 to 40 stories tall with retail on the bottom and condo rental units on top. Most of the convention was only 5-6 blocks from our hotel, but by shuttle bus it was at least a half hour or longer.

Our first full day we registered for the convention and spent time at the exhibit hall. The afternoon was spent touring the city on a "Hop on Hop off" bus ending with a harbor boat tour.

The second day was the International Parade of Nations. I marched in the parade with about 90 Lions from 5M. Very colorful and interesting parade. That evening Neil Sedaka gave a performance of songs that he has written starting in the fifties.

The next day was the opening Plenary session. International President Barry Palmer's year was highlighted. It was a very inspiring presentation. The Peace Poster and Essay Contest winners were presented their awards. Closing was the Flag Ceremony with the newest Lion Country first and closing with the USA where Lions began.

Early on the third day we attended a Midwest Breakfast. Here candidates for International Directors were introduced and spoke of their positions. Then there was another Plenary Session at which LCIF was featured with all the grants and aid given out in the World. A short Memorial Service and then nominations for Second Vice President and International Directors.

At the plenary Sessions there was some exciting, energetic entertainment. Real talent. There were seminars and shows one could attend. We attended some seminars.

The last day was the voting and installation of International President, District Governors and some entertainment. We missed most of this last day because of our flight connections.

Where did our summer go? It is already time to be thinking about Fall Region and Zone meetings. As a club member, do plan on attending one or both of these meetings. Become an involved Lion in your club. There are many opportunities to serve as our motto says, "We Serve". There are also opportunities to serve beyond your club. See me and I will help you find a niche.

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will" Karim Seddiki

PROUDLY GO...

2nd VDG Lion
Steve Wasserman



International President Lion Joe Preston has challenged us to "**Strengthen The Pride**" in the coming year. It is fitting that the first way he is asking us to "**Strengthen The Pride**" is through **Service**.

Service is really what we are all about as Lions. When Melvin Jones founded the organization in 1917, it was his belief that "you can't get too far in life until you do something for someone else". When Helen Keller challenged us to be "Knights of the Blind" in 1925, she called us to **service**. Today, there is nothing more simple (or more profound and powerful) than our motto "**We Serve**".

The Lions of District 5M2 are truly dedicated to **service**. Whenever I go on the MyLCI website, and look at the activity reports of our clubs, I am amazed by all that we do to **serve** our communities. Already this Lions year, the clubs in 5M2 have reported on 292 Lion hours of **service** benefitting 2285 people.

We are truly a strong pride of Lions when it comes to **service**. But the challenge isn't to **be** a strong pride, the challenge is to **strengthen** the pride. To meet that challenge, we must become even stronger. It is not enough to keep doing all the great things that we have been doing. We need to provide even more Lion hours of **service** to even more people in need.

For nearly 100 years, Lions have **served** their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and well-being of millions of people around the world. As we look toward our centennial celebration in 2017, Lions are encouraged to help reach the **Centennial Service Challenge** goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017 through participation in the **Global Service Action Campaigns**.

Our first opportunity to participate in that great challenge begins this month. The Global **Service** Action Campaign for August is "Engaging Our Youth". The Lions of 5M2 engage our youth in many ways. The Albert Lea Lakeview Lions guided elementary students from the YMCA through the County Museum. The Courtland Lions helped provide backpacks and school supplies to 475 kids in Nicollet County. The NYA Lions donated money for a yearly citizenship award at Central Schools. And I know many of our clubs will be donating dictionaries to third graders in the next few months.

But remember, the challenge isn't to be a strong pride, it's to "**Strengthen The Pride**". There are youth in all of our communities who have needs that aren't being met. If we find even more of those youth, and meet even more of those needs in August (and the months to come) we will truly "**Strengthen The Pride**"!

Lion Steve

P. S. Secretaries: Don't forget to report your service to youth on the MyLCI website under the special "**Centennial Service Challenge**" area, and click the button for "**Engaging Our Youth**". We won't meet our goal of **servicing 100 million people** if you don't report your activities.

You Are Invited!

The American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Area is currently planning our two largest programs of the year: Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint and our Diabetes Expo. I personally want to invite the members of your club to visit one or both of these programs this year.

Camp Needlepoint sessions are Sunday, August 10 to Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 to Saturday, August 23. Since registration and camper pick-up are the Sundays and Saturdays, we ask that you schedule a day during the week. The time at camp will include a tour of the camp facility, lunch with the campers and an opportunity to meet the medical staff, counselors and campers. Camp is located just south of Hudson, Wisconsin. Contact Chris Schaefer at 1-888-342-2383, ext. 6592 or by email at cschaefer@diabetes.org to schedule your visit. We ask that you not show up without first contacting us as we need to know who is on-site for the safety of the campers and staff.

Our Diabetes Expo will be held on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Hall E. It is billed as "everything you need to know about diabetes under one roof" including workshops, cooking demonstrations, fitness activities, free health screenings, an "Ask the Expert" area, and vendors offering the latest diabetes products and services. Last year nearly 8,300 people attended; we're expecting more this year. As a Lion, you and/or your club can get involved in several ways:

We invite you to come to learn more about diabetes.

We need many day-of-event volunteers for this activity. Lions Clubs may want to volunteer as a club. Many clubs helped last year; by wearing their vests they gained more recognition for Lions Clubs and what they do in the community. Volunteer for a few hours (time slots are 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM or 11:30 AM – 3:15 PM) or for the entire day. Please contact me at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or at cschaefer@diabetes.org if you or a club would like to volunteer.

Several areas outside of the Twin Cities worked on organizing buses to and from the Expo for members of their community. Clubs from several communities in your district could set up a bus route with several stops to pick up people. Work with your local clinics, hospitals, churches, etc. to get the word out. If you are thinking about having a bus please contact me at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or cschaefer@diabetes.org for more information. All people will have free admission to the Expo and there will be free bus parking at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

We appreciate the support we have received from Lions Clubs in the past and invite you now to see how that funding is helping people with diabetes.



New Members



Faribault Lions:

Paul Shallbetter

Sponsored by Elizabeth Shallbetter

Hutchinson Lions:

Monica Neubauer

Sponsored by William Korpela

Jordan Lions:

Scott Penney

Sponsored by Anthony Oldenburg

Jordan Jordaness Lions:

(4 new members)

Vicki Fricke

Sponsored by Julie Hendricks

Donelle McQuiston

Sponsored by Dawn Doheny

Kelli Hollingsworth

Sponsored by Wanda Breimhorst

Hollie Penney

Sponsored by Andrea Oldenburg

Le Sueur Lions:

Terrance Mattson (no sponsor listed)

New Auburn Lions:

Jessica Richardson

Sponsored by Catherine Lorenz

Norwood-Young America-W Carver:

Betty Bingham

Sponsored by Mary Nicholson

No deceased members reported.





Lions Club International Convention Toronto Canada





Monday, July 21, 35 foreign exchange students from 23 countries, 1 Minnesota student, and 4 chaperons blessed the Courtland Lions with their presence. The Courtland Lions have hosted the Youth Exchange Students for over 10 years. Each young person introduced him/herself and answered a few questions. We found that many of them had some type of involvement with a Lions or Leo Club; a member were part of the Leos. One of the questions dealt with their favorite American food. For many, pancakes topped the chart with donuts and burgers a close second. A food not getting a good rating was peanut butter! The youth were also asked about their favorites of Minnesota or the USA in general. Friendly people, green grass, lakes, and wide-open spaces impressed them the most. They also all loved to shop! Many were impressed that Americans are proud of our country and are so patriotic. Many of their countries are not. After a supper of taco-in-a-bag, the youth played Bingo. Candy bars and a necklace were the prizes. Many handled more than 1 card as they hoped to yell out "BINGO"! What a fun time!

Announcing the Lions Centennial Service Challenge

In 2017, Lions will celebrate 100 years of service. The Centennial Service Challenge encourages Lions to help reach our goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017 through participation in four Global Service Action Campaigns: Engaging Our Youth in August, Sharing the Vision in October, Relieving the Hunger in December – January and Protecting Our Environment in April. Let's celebrate 100 years by doing what Lions do best: making a global impact! More information will be available on the LCI website in August.

Membership Growth

One of our most important goals this year is to strengthen our membership. The best way to achieve membership growth in your district is to promote the Ask One campaign. If each Lion asked one person to join their club, imagine the impact it would have on membership growth in your district and the amount of service you can provide.

Courtland Lions

The speaker was Elaine Borning (and her husband Jeff) and the puppy is Perrie. She is a golden retriever and is about 5 months old. I believe I heard Jeff say that they are from Rosemont...up by the cities. We are volunteers for Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB). I am a volunteer puppy raiser and counselor for other puppy raisers in Southern MN. My husband helps with the puppy raising and some of our puppy raiser meetings.



Elaine is very excited about a new prison puppy raising program at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Lino Lakes which started in early July 2013. The Lions are involved with helping to support the prison raising initiative. There are currently seven puppies being raised at the prison facility as part of supporting programs that give back to the community. It is great to see the positive changes in prison raisers as well as the staff, once the puppies started arriving! The puppies learn positive behavior from the inmates, and the inmates learn about the responsibility of taking care of a puppy. In return, they get unconditional love from the puppies! This is a great WIN / WIN program.



Taylor Jo Stein, Jenna Britz, Gideon Bode, Austin Brandes, Megan Struss, David Zimanski. Not pictured Tyler Dittrich

The Courtland Lions also honored the 2013-2014 Scholarship winners with a special supper provided by Swany's. This year the Courtland Lions were able to give \$500 scholarships to each of seven very talented youth. We wish them the best in all they endeavor.



Success of the Pride

Waseca Lions Strengthened the Pride by honoring Partnerships that have existed for many years with Waseca Kwik-Trip and Waseca American Legion Post 228. Recognition wall plaques were awarded to Kwik-Trip for providing food at no cost for the annual Lions Pancake Breakfasts and to American Legion for free use of its facilities on the day of the breakfasts.

Waseca Lions Strengthened the Pride by Giving when recently sponsoring for the 66th time the annual Waseca High School Honors Banquet and awarding three college scholarships to deserving seniors.

Waseca Lions Strengthened the Pride by Serving the community with the donation of an all-weather flag and staff to be flown on the Waseca-Lesueur Regional Library Building in Waseca.

Waseca Lions Strengthened the Pride through Leadership provided by Lion Jesse Starkson who, by volunteering during his first year as a Waseca Lion to chair the 2014 annual pancake breakfast, successfully led the fund-raiser to one of the best attended ever.

Waseca Lions staging another successful golf tournament for the purpose of raising funds to enable the club to serve the world and the local community.

Waseca Lions Strengthened the Pride through Creativity by publicizing the club's accomplishments in articles published regularly in the local paper, in a local monthly magazine, in the Zone publication, and as the Club of the Month in the international LION.

Waseca Lions Strengthened the Pride through Membership Development by increasing the club's membership by almost 20 percent this past year and by frequently making its presence known throughout the community.

Upcoming Webinars

Calling All Lions! Strengthen the Pride by Growing your Club
Learn how President Preston's Ask One Initiative can help grow your club. Find out how to create a plan for membership growth and receive some effective recruiting ideas to ensure you start the year out right!

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. (CDT)

Keeping Your Members: How to Increase Member Satisfaction

Keep your members happy by implementing some of our best practices for member satisfaction. You will learn what you can do today to help re-energize your club and keep membership strong.

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 Noon – 1 p.m. (CDT)

Post, Tweets, Hashtags? Social Media Works!

This webinar will showcase easy ways to use social media to promote your club. Find out how other clubs use Facebook and LinkedIn to spread the word and get noticed in their communities.

Thursday, September 25, 2014 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. (CDT)

Waseca hosts Wagon Train



Lions provided breakfast at FarmAmerica on June 21 for about 130 parade participants before they set out on their 112 mile journey. Lion Neil Fruechte and Lion Jaye Sopkowiak are shown serving members of the train. Also helping with the serving were Lion President Diane Beckmann and members of her family. A typical farm breakfast was served with costs being shared by Waseca Lions and Waseca Kwik-Trip.

The Train, made up of 25 wagons and a few individuals riding horses, went first to Otisco and then on to New Richland with stops in a total of nine locations over the eight day ride. The Wagon Master was John Davis, who can be reached at 507 365 8064. In the past years over \$650,000, has been raised to help pay the tuition of \$900 per week per camper. Shown in the accompanying photo are some of the participating conveyances

Check out the new membership pulse

As we begin a new Lion year, we are excited to share the latest issue of Membership Pulse ! Find out what's new this year, and learn more about our new International President, Joe Preston. You'll also find our easy-to-use membership tools that will set up your club for a successful year!

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Special Olympics and Lions Clubs Internaeonal Opening Eye Clinic Summer Games, Stillwater High School ~ June 26th & 27th, 2014

A Big thanks to Lion Ray Moonen, MD5M Co-chair and Lion Jim Cain, 5M5 Special Olympics Project Chair for Co-chairing this event. (pictured to the leL)

Pictures submi@d by Lion Laura Maki, (photo right) MD5M Special Olympics Co-chair.



The Lions of 5M5 hosted Opening Eyes, a partnership program with Special Olympics, at the Summer Games in Stillwater with Lions from around the state coming to serve the athletes and provide them with an opportunity to see the world in a new light. LCIF provided a grant of \$19,550 to assist with this project. Some glasses were able to be cut onsite thanks to Donald Rosene, a sales consultant with Saninelli and the machine they had available. On Friday, June 27th, 400 pair of glasses were given, a record number in one day. With our team of Lions, sponsors, SOMN staff, optometrists, ophthalmologists, opicians, students, friends, kids and spouses, we sha@red last year's record! 530 athletes were screened with 55 referred for care and 611 pairs of prescripion glasses were provided. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

