



5M-2 PATH to SUCCESS



Bill Curtis



: LeCenter Lions officers installed by VDG Marvin Grimm. These Lions also received 100% attendance awards. Some had as many as 20 years of consecutive 100% attendance.



Above is a group of 15 Immanuel 11, 12, 13 year olds who just received materials from the Courtland Lions to participate in this year's Peace Poster Contest. Lion Sharon Retka and Lion Charlette Abbas of the Courtland Lions Courtland Lions Peace Poster Contest

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest is **"Peace, Love and Understanding."** Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 by November 15, are eligible to participate.



Photo of some of the 20 year charter members of the Winnebago Club. The charter members include David Nagel, Roger Hanson, Donald Selvig, Douglas Johnson, Harold Nelson, Leroy Hahn, Robert Nelson, Kevin Arndt Dc and Thomas Hoffman. As District Governor I was honored to present them with their 20 year charter chevron that evening. Norma Schmidt was not present, she received a 15 year chevron. 5M2 congratulates you on 20 great years of lionism. Also present were Zone 7 chairs Charlie and Janet Knakmuhs and Darlene and Vern Breamer.



Harry's Journal

Harry Klenke

District Governor

Lion Loretta and I attended the USA-Canada Forum in San Juan Puerto Rico last week. Weather was nice if you like it warm and humid. It was warm enough that it would take your breath away when you would step outside at 8:00 in the morning. That was when most sessions started in the morning. It was quite an expensive trip that is why many of the other District Governors didn't attend. Our District was well represented with 12 Lions attending. Our Multiple didn't win the prize like we last year I Kansas for having the most people attending but we still had a great showing with over 80 Lions attending.

We had many Lions from our District and the Multiple helping with the learning sessions. That was partly because Immediate Past International Director Brian Sheehan was in charge of the learning sessions. Leo Hilary Wickenhauser was part of a panel that discussed Recruiting younger Lions. She was part of a panel with a couple young Lions from 5M1 who have connections at colleges in our District. They said they would help us with recruiting for Campus Clubs for those colleges. Past International Director Debra Wasserman presented the Developing skills working with the visually impaired. She assembled a great panel of visually impaired speakers who answered questions. She did a great job with the presentation. 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Wasserman presented the Role of the supporting partner. Past International Director Maynard Rucks, Lions Anna Wickenhauser, Mike Voss were Moderators for some of the Presenters.

More importantly a person networks with other Lions who have ideas and things going on in their districts and clubs. And I always say good ideas are worth stealing. I know some of the ideas I have heard about membership and leadership can be brought to our clubs and districts. Mentoring seems to be a big area that we should improve on. Don't just get new members but teach and mentor them about Lions. Answering questions is how we can keep our new members informed. As we are told often there are no dumb questions, so let's help all our member understand what we are doing and why. One thing that we use often is abbreviations and as Lion Loretta said when she first joined Lions she had to ask me what DG stood for. I guess she knows now. So don't be afraid if a new Lion looks puzzled when someone uses an abbreviation that they might not understand.

Something that is being mentioned at Region and Zone meetings is about the Lions Leadership Institute in Mahanomen coming in March. We are allotted 6 spots from our District. You have to apply to me by December 1, so please contact me or get a copy at a Region or Zone meeting from Lion Loretta. I know we have many very good Lions who would enjoy the Institute.

The Midwinter convention committee has been hard at work so get your applications in soon. It should be found in the newsletter or 5M2 site. It will be a fun time. You will like our International Director for the weekend. She likes to have fun.

If anyone has a project of assisting children in need please submit it to me or the Bill Curtis for the newsletter.

Please try to get your club visits scheduled soon. Lion Loretta has the scheduling book along all the time so we can scheduling.



District Governor
Harry Klenke

Governor's Ride Along

- October 2 New Richland's Club visit
- October 4 Niece/godchild's wedding
- October 6 Zone 9 Albert Lea
- October 9 Lester Prairie Club Visit
- October 11 Food Drive Prior Lake
- October 12 Cabinet Meeting St Peter
- October 13 Kiester Club Visit
- October 15 Zone 1 Hutchinson
- October 16 Zone 4 St. Peter
- October 17 Detroit Lakes
- October 18 Council of Governor's meeting, Detroit Lakes
- October 21 Zone 8 Waterville
- October 22 Convention Meeting Hutchinson
- October 23 Zone 6 Cannon Valley-Northfield
- October 25 Thanksgiving for Vision Brooklyn Center
- October 25 Cologne Vegas Event
- October 27 Winsted Club Visit
- October 28 Zone 7 Lake Crystal
- November 3 Zone 3 New Prague
- November 5 Zone 5 West Carver/NYA
- November 6 Lake Crystal Club Visit
- November 11 Zone 2 Waconia



COURTLAND LIONS



PANCAKE, SAUSAGE, EGG



BRUNCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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

MARVIN'S COMMENTS

1st VDG Lion
Marvin Grimm



With the Fall Zone meetings now going on, it is my hope all clubs send their President and Secretary to attend their Zone meeting and bring along other club members as well. These meetings offer a time for Presidents to share their club activities and other highlights. It is a great opportunity to meet other lions in your Zone and also pick up some new ideas. I look forward to meeting you at the Zone meetings.

I will be looking for your club to send me nominations for "Zone Lion of the Year". About December 1, I will send Club Presidents a form that needs to be completed and sent to me before February 1, 2015. Every Zone has a Lion that is a super volunteer, who has provided notable and exceptional service. Awards will be given out at Spring Zone meeting.

Our District, 5M2, is looking for 6 candidates to attend the Lions Leadership Institute, March 26 – March 29, 2015. The Institute will be held at Shooting Star Casino in Mahanoman, MN. You must attend all sessions. Room costs, meals, except for 3 meals provided and transportation to Mahanoman are your responsibility. Cost of the course is \$150. On completion, \$100 will be refunded. Applications are available at MD5M web site or from me. Forms are due to Governor Harry by December 1, 2014. Fee does not need to be paid until you are accepted. This Institute is well worth your time. It is very educational and fun. We need more than 6 applications because if another District does not get 6 applicants, we may be able to have more than six.

As of July 1, 2015, our 5M2 newsletter will be going digital. Going digital means you will get your newsletter on line. With this change, we will need an editor to put together the news and photos. I will need your help to find someone to be editor. If you know of someone or you are interested, talk to me. You can email or call me. I would like to have someone on board by our Mid Winter Convention in February 2015.

CEP – Do not forget to get your club involved in CEP. 2VDG Steve Wasserman has an article in the September Path to Success newsletter that explains CEP. Check it out!

"The problem with doing nothing is not knowing when you're finished." Benjamin Franklin



PROUDLY GO...

2nd VDG Lion
Steve Wasserman



Proudly go...

by 2nd VDG Lion Steve Wasserman

International President Lion Joe Preston has challenged us to "**Strengthen The Pride**" in the coming year. My topic this month is how you can "**Strengthen The Pride**" through **Leadership**.

The dictionary defines **leadership** as "The position or function of a leader, a person who guides or directs a group." According to Wikipedia, **Leadership** has been described as "a process of social influence in which one person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task".

We often hear that some people are "**born leaders**". The implication is that there are some people who "can" lead, and that others "can't". While it may be true that some people are more prone to accept leadership roles and are more comfortable leading, I think that **leadership is more a skill that can be learned than an ability that we either have or don't have**.

Like all organizations, Lions Clubs are in need of quality leaders. Unlike most organizations, Lions Clubs have developed an extensive array of opportunities for members to improve their leadership skills and grow as leaders. At the recently concluded **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** in Puerto Rico, there were over 90 seminars. Forum seminars aren't just for District Officers. Many seminars were targeted to Club Members, and cover such practical things as developing service projects, creative fundraising, and using technology. There were seminars on building leadership skills, conflict resolution, public speaking, and time management. There were seminars on Lions projects such as Quest, LCIF, Disaster Relief, KidSight, Leos, LERCs, CEP (had enough acronyms?). There were great motivational speakers at the meals, and an opportunity to meet Lions from all over the US and Canada. While San Juan may have been a little far to go, The next USA/Canada Forum will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 17-19, 2015. That's close enough to drive, they have some great hotel rates (or you can RV it), and they are planning on having at least 120 seminars. Don't miss it! In fact, don't wait, you can sign up online now.

Can't get away for a forum? MD5M will be conducting a **Regional Leadership Institute** from March 26-29 in Mahanomen. While there aren't the wide range of topics you will find at a USA/Canada Forum, this institute does provide excellent training in leadership skills targeted at Lions who are potential future leaders in our clubs and districts. Our district is allocated six participants, and applications are due to DG Harry by December 1. Talk to anyone on the DG Team (or any past participant) for more information.

Want to work at your own pace? There are two great places to go online. The first is the **Lions Learning Center** on the LCI website. There you will (currently) find 22 different courses in four categories: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results, and Communication. Each course takes from 30 to 60 minutes to complete. There are also webinars available from the LCI website. October topics include "Effective Club Meetings" and "Harmony in the Pride", and past webinars are available for download.

The newest leadership training resource is the **Lions University**. This is actually connected with the USA/Canada Leadership Forum, and is offering Bachelor's (Leading Your Lions Club), Master's (Leading at the District Level), and Doctorate (Training Facilitator for Adult Volunteers) Programs. There are four webinars scheduled for October. Go to www.lionsuniversity.org for more information or to sign up for a webinar.

There is a great need for **Quality Lion Leaders**. We have the resources available. Now is time for you to "**Strengthen The Pride**" through **Leadership**.

Lion's Convention
February 12-14, 2015



HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
Please note that your reservations must be received by January 12, 2015 to receive the Lion's Convention discounted rate. Reservations received after this date will be booked at standard rates.

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 12, 2015.

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 11th: Full Refund

February 12th: One night charge will be applied, any other payment will be refunded.

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

Special Requests: _____

Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but we will try to accommodate as best we can.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

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

CC# _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Exp Date: _____ / _____ (mm/yy)

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)

Arrival Date – Select One

____ Thursday, February 12

____ Friday, February 13

____ Saturday, February 14

Cost for Three Nights

____ One King Bed \$315.00

____ Two Queen Beds \$315.00

____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$342.00

____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$342.00

Cost for Two Nights

____ One King Bed \$210.00

____ Two Queen Beds \$210.00

____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$228.00

____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$228.00

Cost for One Night

____ One King Bed \$105.00

____ Two Queen Beds \$105.00

____ King Bed w/ Sofa \$114.00

____ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$114.00

____ Handicap Access Room Required (room contains one Queen 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. If e-mail confirmation is preferred please include e-mail address. _____

9th Annual

Harvest Moon 2014

Food & Wine Extravaganza



Presented by NYA West Carver Lions

NYA Pavilion ~ October 24, 2014

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Tickets on sale now for \$20.00 at
Good Time Liquors, The Flower Mill
and Chameleon Salon

(Limited tickets available)

**Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 13, 14 & 15, 2015
City Center Hotel - Mankato, Minnesota**



Official Use Only
Date Rec'd _____

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY NOTE: This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect

Guest #1 Information Select One: () Lion () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest () 1st Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Need

Guest #2 Information Select One: () Lion () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest () 1st Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	State/Zip:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Need

The following are required in advance with registration:

- \$15.00 "Early Bird Special" Registration Fee per person
Post Marked on or Before Dec 15th
- \$20.00 Registration Fee per person After Dec 15th
- Full Meal Payment
- All meals include tax and gratuity
- Make Checks Payable to:

Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention

Mail to: Lion Bill Korpela
545 Graham St. SW
Hutchinson, MN 55350-2152

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to:
Lion Bill Korpela at above address

Refunds will be sent following the convention. Refund requests post marked:

- ~ On or before January 14, 2015 ~ Full Refund
- ~ From January 15 to February 6, 2015 ~ 90% Refund
- ~ After February 6, 2015 ~ No Refund

******IMPORTANT NOTICE******

1. The registration fee will apply to all attendees, including non-Lions. Only exemptions, visiting dignitaries and invite guest speakers.
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. 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 \$22.00	
		Saturday Banquet \$31.00	
		Sunday Buffet \$17.00	
		Meal Sub Total	
		Friday Supper with I.D. \$14.00 By Invitation Only ~ COST IS NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL PACKAGE	
		TOTAL MEAL COST	

*****REGISTRATION INCLUDES****

1. Goodie Bag
2. Friday Night Appetizers
3. Friday Night Music "The Tuxedo Band"
4. Friday Night Service of Remembrance
5. All Convention Seminars/Sessions
6. Saturday Night Entertainment "Crazy Airwaves"

Friday Night Supper with I.D. for Cabinet, Presidents & Secretaries.
Cost is **NOT** included in the "All-Meal Package" price

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

" EARLY BIRD SPECIAL" REGISTRATION IF PAID BEFORE DEC 15TH ~ \$15.00 PER PERSON	
REGISTRATION IF PAID AFTER DEC 15TH ~ \$20.00 PER PERSON	
REGISTRATION & MEAL GRAND TOTAL	



Soon after I became a Lion, I had an opportunity to drive a group of visually impaired young people to a center in Phoenix. This simple gesture helped open up their lives by connecting them with friends and needed services, but what I got out of it was even better – the satisfaction of making a difference in their lives.

In every community, there are people like you and me who want to make a difference. Let's give them an opportunity to serve their communities as Lions. New members increase our ability to serve, ensure club health, and prepare clubs for success today and tomorrow.

October is New Membership Growth Month, and I'd like you to set a goal of adding new members to your club. It starts by asking one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join your club. If every member asks one person to join, I think you'll be amazed by the results. Be sure to give your recruiting a boost with Ask One!

Earlier this month, Anne and I had the opportunity to attend the kick-off for the Special Olympics World Games, which will take place in 2015. We always have so much fun at Special Olympic events because there is a spirit of unity in the air that is just like the spirit of Lions clubs! It was during this event that **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** continued our support for Special Olympics as announced during the African Leaders Forum on Disability earlier this year.



Barry J. Palmer

Whether Lions are working with our partners or working locally in communities, you do a world of good, and LCIF is there to help you. **Our Foundation** recently approved almost US\$10 million in [SightFirst](#) and [Lions Quest](#) grants for projects around the world. In addition to these grants, LCIF continues to support humanitarian projects and disaster relief efforts.

Just a few weeks ago, [China was hit with a terrible earthquake](#). More than 600 people died because of the disaster and a large number of people were injured. What made the situation even worse was that more than 40,000 homes were damaged or destroyed! That means more than 40,000 families are in need of help. I am proud that Lions are there to help them.

LCIF immediately issued a US\$250,000 Major Catastrophe Grant through the [Disaster Relief Fund](#), allowing Lions to provide food, water, blankets, medicine and other necessities to people in need. With clubs in more than 200 countries, LCIF is ready to help whenever Lions or their communities are in need, regardless of their location. The road to recovery can be a long one, but Lions will be there for as long as needed while homes are rebuilt and communities are put back together in China.

I want to thank you for your support and your concern.

Waseca Lions strengthens its organization through leadership, creativity, and re-dedication by the much-appreciated and continued services of its experienced Tail Twister. Lion Jurgen Peters has promoted fellowship and enthusiasm with his stories and games at the start of each business meeting. This popular Tail Twister oftentimes could be called a Tale Twister as he enlivens meetings with his barbs of wisdom, a deck of cards, an insatiable quest for collecting dollar bills, and tomfoolery. Lion Jurgen's purpose is not to raise money but to inject fun and laughter into club meetings. This retired educator has the qualifications needed for an effective Tail/Tale Twister by being outgoing with a good sense of humor that could put any member of the group, including himself, on the spot. His leadership, creativity and dedication during countless meetings over many years has helped to spark the Waseca Lions to be an effectively outstanding service organization. (photo by Lion Karen Buum) Lion Melstrand, 507 835 2207

PLATO LIONS CLUB

CHILI LUNCHEON



October 12, 2014
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
PLATO CITY HALL

ALL YOU CAN EAT \$7

Includes Chili, garlic bread, beverage and bars

Chili available for take out by the Quart - \$8.00

HOT DOGS AVAILABLE \$3.50 FOR KIDS IF DESIRED

PRIOR LAKE LIONS DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

Supporting the
Prior Lake Lions Veteran's Fund

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Social 5:30-6:30

Dinner 7:00 Entertainment 8:00

Fong's Banquet Center

Highway 13 and County Road 21 (4770

Pleasant St. SE) Prior Lake, MN

The cost of admission is \$30 per person and
\$50 per couple

Tickets are available from Prior Lake Lions

members and at Fong's

Questions? Lion Sheila Stahler
612-716-5767/stahlers@hotmail.com



New Members



Belle Plaine
Wendy Thomas
Sponsored by Andrew Pint

Blooming Prairie
Greg Skillestad
Sponsored by Nels Lee

Hamburg
Cindy McGuire
Sponsored by Brian Herrmann

Lafayette Area
Andrew Maidl
Sponsored by Joe Maidl

Mankato Sunrise
Kate Pattison
Sponsored by Robert Wheeler

Northfield
Jerry C. Smith
Sponsored by David Ludescher

Silver Lake
Michele Ebert
Sponsored by Betty Stifter

Victoria
Stephanie Meuwissen
Sponsored by Todd Triethart

Watertown
Erica J Bossert
Sponsored by Heather Jarvis
Seth Bossert
Sponsored by Jeff Larson



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Harry Klenke
SM-2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR
602 E. 170th St.
Jordan, MN 55352-9341



NYA Pancake Brunch

WHEN: Sunday, October 12, 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

**NYA LIONS WILL
ALSO COLLECT
YOUR USED EYE
GLASSES TO
RECYCLE**



PICTURED from left to right are
FRONT ROW: A.J. Braulick, Riley Gieseke, Grace Mages,
Ethan Goff, and Gavin Bode
BACK ROW: Lion Charlette Abbas and Lion Sharon Retka

Courtland Lions Dictionary Project

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide. Founded in 1917, Lions are best known for fighting blindness. Lions also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects, including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve."

The Lions organization has donated 388,308 dictionaries. They have been implementing the project since 2002-2003, with at least 427 clubs/sections participating in the project. They have donated to over 1,369 school(s) nationwide!

So far in 2014-2015, Lions Clubs have donated 65,451 books, giving to students in over 809 schools, and with about 268 clubs participating. In Minnesota alone, the Lions have donated 107,513 dictionaries.

Five Immanuel Lutheran third graders, A.J. Braulick, Riley Gieseke, Grace Mages, Ethan Goff, and Gavin Bode, received dictionaries from the Courtland Lions on Friday, September 19, 2014.