

District 25C Chronicles



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Planning the FUTURE...

The District 25C theme for this Centennial Year of Lionism is "Planning the FUTURE by Surveying the PAST". At first glance, you would think that this is merely a tribute to my profession as a land surveyor, but there is quite a bit more to the story.

When a client contacts a land surveyor wanting to develop a commercial complex or residential subdivision, the surveyor must first go out and establish the boundary of the property in the same location as intended by the original government surveyors back in the 1850's. We have to survey the past in order to plan for the future.

When you look at the Lions' emblem, you will see two lions. The lion on the left is looking back at the accomplishments of Lions over the past 100 years, while at the same time, the lion on the right is looking forward to the opportunities to serve those who we will be called to serve in the future.

As we approach the Centennial Celebration of Lions, let's take a few moments to look back at what we have accomplished over these past 100 years and how we got there. One of the things I am wanting during my official visits is to hear about your "Remember when...?" moments. Here is an example:

Remember when PDG John Hurt was asked by Lion Wilson Smith if it was alright to run his fingers through his mashed potatoes? PDG John didn't think that Wilson would, so he said "Well, I guess not." Lion Wilson did massage the mashed potatoes and ended up getting the whole plateful in his lap.

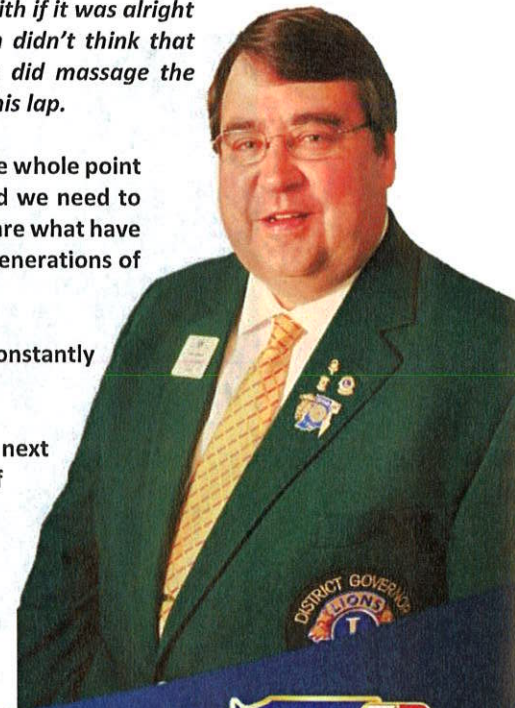
I want to hear your stories, and I may even tell a few more. The whole point is that we have the responsibility to remember the past, and we need to share these stories with our younger members. These stories are what have built our clubs, our heritage, and our legacy throughout the generations of Lions.

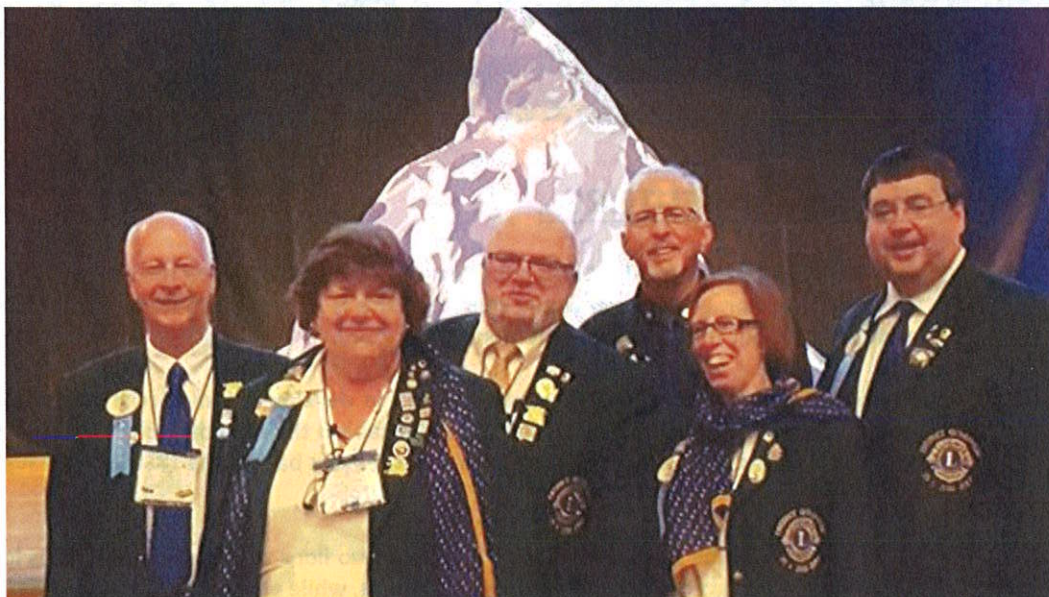
Don't get caught up though living in the past. We need to be constantly pressing forward in our mission of service to those in need.

Now is the time to start looking forward and planning for the next 100 years of Lionism, building on the successes and legacies of the past.

We're going to have a great year!

DG Ross Drapalik





DG Al Arnold (25A), DG Peg VanNevel (25G), DG Wayne Karanovich (25F), DG Steve Holtzleiter (25D), DG Patty Cooke (25A), and DG Ross Drapalik (25C) pose for a group portrait at the District Governor-Elect School in Fukuoka, Japan. International President Bob Corlew's theme for this year is "New Mountains to Climb."



District 25C First Lady, Lion Jennifer, is pulling the District Governor-Elect ribbon off of DG Ross' name tag following his installation as the District 25C District Governor.