

# 5M-2 PATH to SUCCESS

Logos include: Lions Club (Strengthen the PRIDE), Lions Club (L), 2014-2015 Path to Success DG HARRY KLENKE, LEO, and Lions Club.

Bill Curtis



Governor with youth exchange students that were placed in 5M2



Ron Theusch from Alden Lions and student Tal from Israel



DG Harry Klenke visiting the Winthrop club and members present.



Thomas Hoffman Lafayette with his wife and DG Harry receiving the Melvin Jones award.

# SEPTEMBER



Governor Harry with the Lafayette Lions club visit.



# Harry's Journal

Harry Klenke

## District Governor

The new year has begun for your Lions Club's. Hopefully your club is on their "Path to Success". The President has set his or her goals for your club.

Hopefully one of his or her goals is to have a membership night during the year. It would be nice if it was held early in the year, but anytime would be great. At that membership night make sure that you invite all of your members, especially members you don't see very often. We need to show those members that we don't see that often that we do have fun and do not just work on projects. Not that we don't have fun on our projects, but just show them why we are Lions. Membership night can be done many ways, it can be a special night or possibly just your regular meeting night with a few extra special things for people to enjoy. Sometimes inviting someone to help with a project is a way of introducing them to Lions and then you can ask them to come to a meeting. Past International President Palmer said "Just Ask" and President Preston tells to "Ask One". These are very simple little words but they could make a big difference in our clubs. That one possible new member that we ask could have a lot of good new ideas. One of the last new members of our club is so happy that her neighbor asked her to come to a meeting, she just loves to help. At that first meeting she was helping clean the tables and we said you are our guest and she said no I want to help. Sounds like she already knows the Lions Motto of "We Serve".

The other day at work a lady that I work with but only see every three weeks asked me about the trip to Toronto. Because of days off by her and I we hadn't seen each other since June. I had a chance to use one of my elevator speeches. I told her we are the largest service organization in the world with over 1.3 million members. Then she asked how many people were at the convention and I told her over 24 thousand and she said she thought it was only a few hundred. So the Brownston Lions I am talking for you.

At the Region and Zone meetings I will have examples I have made up that you can use to help you recruit new members when you are asked questions. Also at the Region Meetings I plan on having a list of Cabinet Members to hand out so you can invite those Lion's to speak at your meetings. This is a way of mentoring your members by having these Cabinet Members share what they do for Lions and why their commitment to that particular cause is important to Lion's . I hope to see a many of you at the Region and Zone Meetings and Lion Loretta will have the calendar book to schedule your club visits.



District Governor  
Harry Klenke

## Governor's Ride Along

- Sept. 7th - Prior Lake Bingo
- Sept. 8th - Region I Meeting - Carver
- Sept.9th - Winnebago Club Picnic
- Sept.10th - Sept. 14th - USA-Canada Forum -San Juan Puerto Rico
- Sept. 15th - Community Fest -Prior Lake
- Sept. 18th - - Stewart Club Visit
- Sept.20 - Camp Sweet Life's "Get Up and Glow Mankato"
- Sept. 22nd - Faribault Club Visit
- Sept. 23rd - Region II Meeting -Arlington
- Sept. 24th - Region III Meeting - Mankato
- Sept. 25th - Convention Meeting - Hutchinson
- Oct. 4th - Nieces Wedding -Godchild
- Oct. 6th - Zone 9 Meeting- Albert Lea ?
- Oct.9th -Lester Prairie Club Visit
- Oct. 10th - Zone 1 Meeting - Hutchinson
- Oct. 11th - Zone 4 Meeting - St. Peter
- Oct. 17th & 18th - Council of Governors - Detroit Lakes

## Peace, Love and Understanding

Peace Poster Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and PDG Sue Bowman. The theme for the 2014 contest is "Peace Love and Understanding". The Peace Poster contest is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to work with youth in their community to stress the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding. The contest encourages young people, ages 11-13 to think about peace, creatively express what it means to them and to share their vision with others.

Peace Poster kits (PPK-1) are available through LCI until October 1, 2014. A club can sponsor more than one school or youth group but a Peace Poster Contest kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. The kit includes all the information the club needs for sponsoring a successful contest.

The contest rules are on the 5M2 website, and promotional information is being emailed to each club. Information will also be available at the Region and Zone Meetings. The goal is to increase awareness of the benefits of the Peace Poster program and promote more club participation.

All club sponsored winning posters need to be received by PDG Sue Bowman by November 15, 2014. The district first place winner will receive \$300, a plaque and Sunday brunch at the Mid-Winter Convention; 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100.

Entries will be judged on three criteria. The criteria are originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "Peace, Love and Understanding".

If a club has questions or needs help in getting started with the Peace Poster contest contact either:  
Lion Paula Stephens (952)466-5776  
stephenspmt@gmail.com or  
PDG Sue Bowman (507)256-4669  
s.bowman@frontiernet.net

## MARVIN'S COMMENTS

1st VDG Lion  
Marvin Grimm



This month I will write about how I got to this point in my life with volunteering and leadership.

As a young person, I was in 4H for 12 years. Our club was one of the top clubs in our county because of the leaders. We had a Junior Leaders Club in our county which I became a member as I got older. During my last year in 4H, I received the Key Award, then the highest honor for 4H leadership. While in 4H, I won six trips to the State Fair. The highest honor was a purple ribbon for a demonstration on tractor maintenance.

Being a farm boy, I was in FFA in high school. In my seventh year as a FFA member, I received the American Farmer Award. The highest honor in FFA.

When I started at the Green Giant company, I was hired as an ag mechanic to repair harvesting equipment and help supervise the harvest crews. After 5 years, I was asked to be a Field Representative. This was working with farmers and supervising the harvest of peas and sweet corn. Also, as a Field Rep, I was asked to be the green bean Field Rep in Minnesota. The beans were processed in Wisconsin. The last eight years of my career with Green Giant, I was promoted to Agriculture Supervisor. This was a position where I was in charge of the Field Reps, the Ag budget and seasonal Ag help. There were other achievements, but I consider these the most important. All of the awards and promotions came about through hard work, doing what was expected of me and my desire to do well. The position in Lions has happened in the same way. Volunteering and doing what is needed for the betterment of the Lions Club and District. I was honored to be asked to run for District Governor. A challenge but I will work to do my best. My commitment to 1VDG takes precedence over some of my other volunteering for now.

I encourage all clubs to have their President and Secretary attend the Region and Zone meeting. Other club members are encouraged to attend also. There you will hear some good information and learn about some new challenges.

"The most powerful leadership tool you have is your own personal example."

John Wooden



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# We Serve

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## 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. Last month I wrote about ways to Strengthen The Pride through Service. This month, I would like to write about how you can "**Strengthen The Pride**" by **Strengthening Your Club**.

What does it mean to be a Strong Club? The first thing that comes to my mind is that a strong club is an **active** club. Strong clubs always have service projects and fundraisers going on. Another characteristic of a strong club is quality and depth of **leadership**. Strong clubs involve their members, always have new people stepping up to take club offices, and provide effective mentoring by experienced leaders. And, of course, strong clubs are growing in **membership**. If we are to **Strengthen The Pride**, we must become stronger in all three of those areas. Fortunately, Lions Clubs International has provided some excellent resources to help us do just that.

The **Ask One** campaign and the **Just Ask!** guide can be a great way to strengthen your club through membership growth. Don't let the name deceive you, the **Just Ask!** guide is really much more than telling you to "just ask" someone to join your club. It provides a step by step method for preparing your club, creating a club growth plan, implementing the plan, and welcoming new members. It is available on the LCI website, and really is worth checking into.

Our District has made great progress in implementing **CEP**, another resource that LCI provides to help us strengthen our clubs. **CEP** is a comprehensive assessment and planning tool that analyzes not only club leadership and member involvement and satisfaction, but also the needs of our communities. Sixteen clubs in our District have either completed **CEP**, or committed to doing it in this Lions' year. All have felt that it was of value in strengthening their club. We have trained facilitators ready and willing to work with your club on **CEP**, I strongly urge you to take advantage of the opportunity.

Not ready for **CEP**? Start with the **Blueprint for a Stronger Club** that is also available on the LCI website. It provides a simple process for drawing up your own Blueprint for a Stronger Club with an emphasis on four core dimensions: club operations, service, leadership development and membership.

The clubs in District 5M2 are strong clubs. We all do great things in our communities and around the world. But there is more that needs doing, and we could all be stronger. With the resources LCI and District 5M2 can provide, I know we can all "**Strengthen The Pride**" by **Strengthening Our Clubs**.

## Engaging Our Youth

The Centennial Service Challenge kicks off with this month's Global Service Action Campaign, Engaging Our Youth. Help us reach our goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017! Young people are the future of Lions, and inviting them to organize and lead service activities can teach them valuable life skills. Reach out to children in need through literacy programs, vision screenings, feeding projects and other fun activities

Visit the Engaging Our Youth page for more project ideas, and don't forget to report your activities using MyLCL.



### Serving Children in Need

Helping children to grow up healthy can have a major impact on their future. The following Lions programs focus on serving children:

- The Reading Action Program teaches children to read.
- Lions Services for Children Symposium Program (for districts and multiple districts) promotes children's health and education services.
- Lions Children First Program (for clubs) provides resources for serving children.
- Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box donations help schools disrupted by disasters.
- Recreational camps give kids with diabetes, physical disabilities and other special needs the opportunity to have fun.

### Watch the Latest Lions Quarterly

The latest issue of the Lions Quarterly (LQ) video magazine is available for viewing and downloading on the Lions News Network

Learn how Lions make a global impact by addressing childhood hunger through school meal programs and nutrition education and find out how a Lions vision screening helped save a young girl's life. Also in this issue: a Lions Down Syndrome Center teaches preschool children reading, writing and fine motor skills; and Lions establish a community facility that brings residents of all ages and backgrounds together.

Download LQ today and share it at your next Lions meeting or event!



  
**We Serve**

## New Members

  
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Greg S Skillestad Blooming Prairie Lions  
Sponsor is Nels Lee



Dear Lion Leader,

Lions are international leaders in humanitarian service because of clubs like yours and leaders like you. A club with strong leaders and engaged members can make a real difference in the community.

One of the keys to strengthening your club is creating a plan for success early in the year. The new Blueprint for a Stronger Club can help you develop your plan in three simple steps. The Blueprint helps you assess your club, establish goals and identify the steps to achieve them so your club can stay on track for a successful year. When you submit your Blueprint goals, your club will be recognized with a special Presidential Certificate.

For clubs that want to take planning to the next level, we offer the Club Excellence Process (CEP). CEP is a fun, interactive workshop that can help your club achieve new levels of success for years to come. Register your club to bring the power of CEP to your members. Don't wait...start developing a plan for strengthening your club today!



Kids who have diabetes have the opportunity to attend the only camp in the state of Minnesota for kids with type 1 diabetes, thanks to the Kiester Lions Club. Kiester Lions Club President, Cathy Van Hove, is presenting Robin Jordan, executive secretary of the organization Camp Sweet Life with a donation of \$125. They are standing in front of the rock wall that was brought to the camp for a day of fun for the kids ages 5-16. This year, 67 children attended the camp which is located at Camp Patterson, north of Mankato.

# Camp Sweet Life's 2nd Annual **Get Up & Glow**

Save  
the  
date!

**Lions Clubs and Families—**

**You are cordially invited to**

**come for the run...stay for the fun!!**

Saturday, September 20th

Sibley Park—Mankato

Kids K starts at 6:30 pm & 5K starts at 6:45pm

## **Events Include:**

**\*5M2 Lions Black Lite Glow Tent & Pictures**

**\*Kids Korner**

**\*Glow Swag**

**\*Dance**

**\*Silent Auction**

**\*Food & FUN!!**

Lion Clubs and Individuals who wish to donate to the silent auction or to volunteer to help at the event, please email:

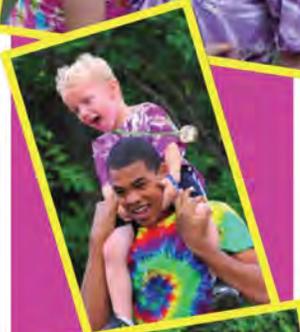
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All proceeds will go directly to:



Camp Sweet Life is the only camp in Minnesota for kids with  
Type 1 Diabetes.

Visit [www.campsweetlife.org](http://www.campsweetlife.org) for details!



# Jungle Days Golf



IPDG Joan handing DG Harry the gavel



New cabinet Members (Person not seen is Harry)

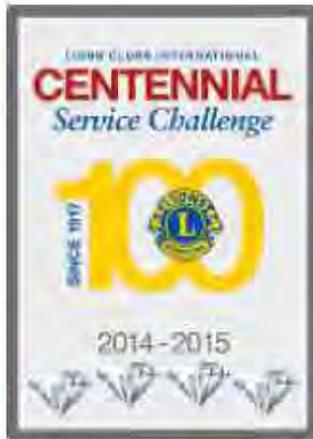


Membership award from PCC Dave Dominick presented to IPDG Joan for + 2 members in 5 M2



# Celebrate

Lions Clubs International will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017! I'm inviting you to be part of this special moment in our history by supporting a new global service initiative to celebrate our Centennial.



**The Centennial Service Challenge encourages Lions around the world to serve 100 million people** by December 2017. Every club can play a part in reaching our goal. Here's how you can join the Centennial Service Challenge:

- **Host service projects** throughout the year that impact Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment.
- **Report your service activities** through the Service Activity Report on MyLCI.
- **Earn a Centennial Banner Patch** with a progressive gemstone design for each year your club participates.

As Lions, we know that a single act of service can change a life. But when 1.35 million members come together to serve, we can change the world.

Learn more about the Centennial Service Challenge, and share it with your club today. Then start planning your next service project to help us meet our goal of serving 100 million people. There's never been a better time to serve than now!

## Lions Club International

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.

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.

## Earthquake in China



On Sunday, a terrible tragedy occurred. A large earthquake struck the Yunnan Province of China. Authorities estimate that nearly 600 people have lost their lives from the Zhaotong earthquake, with an additional 2,800 people injured across several counties. Even more people are missing. It is estimated that more than 25,500 homes were completely

destroyed, with an even higher number of houses damaged.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) immediately awarded a US\$250,000 Major Catastrophe Grant with money from the disaster relief fund, allowing Lions in affected areas to immediately begin providing assistance. These funds will help meet immediate needs by providing food, water, medicine, blankets and other necessities as quickly as possible. The funds will also support long-term reconstruction and recovery.

With approximately 21,000 Lions members in China, many of our fellow Lions have been directly impacted by this disaster. We must help them as they provide relief and assistance to their affected communities. I encourage you to consider making a donation to the Foundation for disaster relief. Donations to the disaster relief fund are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible and can make a real difference in times of need.

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## Can Do Canines August Lions Newsletter Submission

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide to those in need, free of charge. We're on track to graduate 46 new teams in 2014, an increase of ten additional teams over 2013. That's more dogs than we trained ever before! We plan to increase the number graduates annually and by 2017 expect to graduate more than 70 teams per year. To celebrate, we invite you to join us at the following events:

**CAN DO WOOFAROO – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014**

Join pet lovers, assistance dogs and their partners, volunteers and supporters for a fun and educational day at the Can Do Woofaroo.

Watch demonstrations of amazing dogs doing the jobs they love. Chat with Katie K-9 from myTalk 107.1. Enjoy live music, food, games for people and pets, vendor exhibit booths, prizes, tours of our facility... and the fundraising walk!

The Woofaroo 1-mile walk and festival are held at Can Do Canines, 9440 Science Center Drive in New Hope, Minnesota. Register today at [candowoofaroo.org](http://candowoofaroo.org) or call 763-331-3000 to request a brochure.

**FALL GRADUATION CEREMONY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014**

Mark your calendars and join Can Do Canines in celebrating the many months of hard work of our assistance dogs at our fall graduation ceremony on Saturday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.

After a puppy raiser takes a puppy into his/her home to train and love for up to 18 months, then they go through the emotional experience of giving the dog back to Can Do Canines for final training. But, it is all worth it when they participate in graduation by seeing their dog again and walking on stage to formally present the dog to their new life partner. It is a very inspiring scene that you don't want to miss!

The ceremony will take place at Can Do Canines, 9440 Science Center Drive in New Hope, Minnesota.

### ARE YOU A TOP DOG?

Can Do Canines "Top Dog" Award can be given to any club, member or non-Lion's member with a \$500 donation. If you or your club has made it to "Top Dog status" contact Kathy Broten at 763-331-3000 x152, [kbroten@can-do-canines.org](mailto:kbroten@can-do-canines.org) to receive your award.

