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**SUCCESS**



Waseca Lion Pastor Paige Whitney was selected by the local newspaper as one of the 20 young leaders serving the area. Not only does she serve as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, but she is also on the governing board of Waseca Lions and serves on Waseca's Human Rights Commission.



This is Jack Webster Waterville Lions Club Zone 8 Lion of the Year.



This is Zone 7 Lion of the year Lion Joan Braam from the Mankato Sunrise Lions Club.



This is Zone 4 Lion of the Year Lion Mary Nicklay from Courtland Lions Club.



# Harry's Journal

Harry Klenke  
District Governor



District Governor  
Harry Klenke

Wow what an adventure. I am talking about the "Journey for Service" trip. Sixty three clubs, one Lioness club, and four Leos' clubs in two and a half days. We were sure tired after each day. We collapsed early Wednesday night and were sure happy that we could sleep in our own beds Thursday night. Thanks to all the clubs who donated. The money that was collected will be distributed to the various Lions causes that the District supports. Thanks to clubs that hosted us for breakfast and lunch. And of course to the Prior Lake Lions who hosted us for beer and pizza Thursday afternoon. People fed us along the way also, so it's a good thing we had to get out often to wear off some of the food. Sorry if we couldn't visit you people more but the schedule is very tight time wise. Past District Governor Gordy as chauffeur and Lion Loretta as back seat navigator made a great team. We made a few wrong turns sound familiar Jack but Lion Gordy did a great job of making up time. Lion Loretta thought the phone had what she was doing figured out because she would type in a few letters and up would come the directions. Yes I was along mostly to try and spot the places we were looking for and once in a while I was of some help. Thanks to Past District Governor Gordy doing this for me and Lion Loretta being such a great "Partner in Service".

The first day was cold and windy. The second day started out with rain and again it was cold and windy. By the time we got to Prior Lake it was sleeting. The third day it was cold and windy again and the last few stops it was snowing. Needless to say we took most of pictures inside the last two days.

Lion Loretta and I are looking forward to finishing up the Spring Zone meetings and continuing with club visits. We also have several Club Anniversaries to attend. We also have a chance to do a club visit to Chanhassen. I know everyone will make them feel welcome to our District. They have transferred to our District from District 5M5. For those from the southern part of the District they were the only club from Carver County that was not part of our District.

The Multiple District was held in Bloomington April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Past International President Al Brandel was the International guest for the weekend. He was the International President when Minneapolis hosted the International Convention. He is a very good speaker.

## Governor's Ride Along

April 26	Cabinet Meeting
April 27	Chanhassen Club Visit
April 1	Blooming Prairie Club Visit
April 29	Zone 2- New Germany
May 5	Watertown Club Visit
May 6	Henderson Club Visit
May 10	Happy Mother's Day
May 12	Amboy Club Visit
May 18	Plato Club Visit
May 19	Hutchinson Club Visit
May 21	Albert Lea Noon Club Visit
May 21	Silver Lake Club Visit Eve
May 24	Niece's Graduation
May 25	Memorial Day
May 30	Bridging Prior Lake
June 6	D'feat Hearing Walk-Arboretum
June 6	Hilary W. and Nephew's Graduation
June 8	Courtland Club Visit

## Success of the Pride

**Success:** - Lion Paul Dale of Blooming Prairie Lions for success with his new Leaderdog.

**Success:** - We offer Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lion's great success with their future membership drive and future brunch.

**Success:** - All clubs in the district who contributed to the Journey for Service Campaign.

**Success:** - Chanhassen Lions for a great turnout for their Lions/Fireman's Breakfast Fundraiser. The Lions prepare the food and fireman serve the food.

**Success:** - DGE Marvin Grimm and Lion Evelyn for completing their District Governor training. Of course, they have more training in Hawaii.

**Success:** -St. Peter Lion's and induction of their new Lion's upcoming Breakfast and quick card sales.

**Success:** -Blue Earth Lions for purchasing special contact lenses for a local youth for treatment and to provide vision for a rare eye disease. Yes they did record this for vision for the Centennial Service Campaign

**Success:** - Jordaness Lions for a successful "City Wide Garage Sale"

**Success:** - For all the clubs in the district that provided a children's Easter event including Easter hunts, Easter Bunny Breakfast and visits to the Easter bunny to name a few.

**Success:** - To the clubs who have recorded a Centennial Service project this month. Road cleanup is coming, great environmental project.

# MARVIN'S COMMENTS

1st VDG Lion  
Marvin Grimm



As you read this, the Spring Zone meetings have been completed. Attendance was good, clubs are reported many activities and projects. Now is your secretary reporting your club activities to LCi, specifically for Centennial Service Challenge projects? By reporting these projects your club will be eligible to receive the Centennial Service patch for your club banner. You are doing the projects, so report them. Let's have 100% of the clubs receiving banner patches.' May 31 is Club Officer training at Bethal College in Mankato. We will gather at 3PM and hope to be finished by 5PM. Secretaries will have a hands on computer area to train for their duties. Let's have 100% of clubs represented. Zone and Region chairs will meet in St. Peter on May 30 in the morning. More info on these training events will be out closer to the dates.

Has your club completed C.E.P? There are excellent facilitators available to facilitate your clubs participation. This process could help your club recognize your weakness and strength with ideas to make improvements. C.E.P is a resource to help your club achieve excellence.

Jungle Days is coming August 3 at Shoreland Country Club near St. Peter. Jungle Days is hosted by the three Mankato Clubs. Remember there is a traveling golf trophy in our District. Get your team together and start gathering points for your club to win the trophy for a year. In June you can start sending news, photos, events and other Lion news to the electronic newsletter. 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com Lion Cindy Walters is our editor. The deadline is the 15th of each month. The newsletter will be out by the 1st of the month. Let's all get articles to Cindy so we can have a great newsletter.

"The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others." Albert Schweitzer



# PROUDLY GO...

2nd VDG Lion  
Steve Wasserman



In past newsletter articles, I have written about the ways that Lions International President Joe Preston has asked us to **"Strengthen The Pride"**. I have really enjoyed expanding on President Joe's ideas, and hope that my articles have provided useful information and maybe even some inspiration. I have covered each of the nine ways IP Joe has suggested we can **"Strengthen the Pride"**, so for this month, I would like to write a little bit about the Centennial Service Challenge.

IP Joe has challenged the Lions of the World to provide service to 100 million people by the end of our Centennial Celebration on June 30, 2018 in our four Global Service Action Campaign Areas (Engaging Our Youth, Sharing The Vision, Relieving The Hunger, and Protecting Our Environment). As we meet this challenge, we will obviously be helping many people in need. I believe we will also have many opportunities to strengthen our clubs.

Your club can earn banner patches for participation in the Challenge. The banner patches will have from one to four gems depending on the number of areas in which your club reports projects. Perhaps earning a banner patch will help motivate your club to undertake a new project. Perhaps your club doesn't have enough members, and will need help to do the project. Perhaps club members will ask someone they know to help with the project. Perhaps that person will eventually become a member of your club. Your club will then have become stronger by choosing to participate in the challenge.

When your club earns a banner patch for participating in the Centennial Service Challenge, you may be able to get a picture and/or an article in the local newspaper. Perhaps that article will mention that your club is part of a global network of 1.4 million members doing similar projects all over the world. Perhaps the article will mention some of the amazing things that Lions do. Perhaps someone will be inspired by learning that we not only clean ditches, we provide clean water in Africa. Perhaps someone will be inspired by learning that not only do we collect eyeglasses, we fund research on macular degeneration at the University of Minnesota. Perhaps someone will be inspired to join a group of people who not only make their communities better places, but make a global impact as the largest service club organization in the world.

The Centennial Service Challenge is a truly exciting opportunity set before us in the tradition of Melvin Jones and Helen Keller. I strongly urge your club to embrace this opportunity to **"Strengthen The Pride"!**



# You Are Invited to Camp Needlepoint & EXPO!

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 16 to Saturday, August 22 and Sunday, August 23 to Saturday, August 29. 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 Susan Klimek at 763-593-5333, ext. 6591 or email [sklimek@diabetes.org](mailto:sklimek@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 10th 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 over 8,300 people attended and 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 Molly Duerr at 763-593-5333, ext. 6652 or at [mduerr@diabetes.org](mailto:mduerr@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 Molly Duerr at 763-593-5333, ext. 6652 or [mduerr@diabetes.org](mailto:mduerr@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 your funding is helping people with diabetes.



On April 1 we traveled to Blue Earth. Chevrons were delivered for Lion James Connor and Lion Paul Fiebiger for 10 years, Lion's Barry Olson and Jeff Kramer for 25 years, and Lion Laverne Johnson for 35 years as a Lion. They were busy planning spring projects. They are a great asset to their community and promote service in their community. Keep up the great work.



Winthrop held a membership night. It resulted in four new members, two couples to work toward my goal.



During the zone four meeting, I was honored to bestow Chevrons to Lion Carolyn Proehl for 15 years and Lion Douglas Proehl for 30 years. Also delivered a 30 year chevron for Lion Thomas Frank. What great mentors for their new Winthrop Lions!



We had a wrap up Midwinter Convention Committee meeting on March 24. Some of the people involved to are pictured above. What a fabulous job zone one did.





## A BRIGHTER WORLD BECAUSE OF YOU

*Chad Wilson & Mobility Assist Dog Porter*

"Porter is one of the best things to ever happen to me. What he brings to me, in addition to physical support, is joy and companionship."

When Chad Wilson shares this over the phone about Mobility Assist Dog Porter, you can hear the smile on his face. A large dog, weighing in at 75 pounds, Porter has an ample personality to match. Chad describes him as a "funny guy" with a love for squeaky toys. Chad says Porter shakes his whole body and jumps around like a "bucking bronco" when he's excited.

Chad's mother Sandy says, "Porter is, most importantly, Chad's companion. He's always there for Chad, and it's clear that for Porter, Chad is number one. If you could see the way they interact, you would have no doubt."

Chad was born with muscular dystrophy, a condition which causes progressive weakness and loss of muscle mass. He was diagnosed at age four, and received his first electric wheelchair when he was 14 years old. Sandy says that the wheelchair has sometimes been a barrier, but that Porter serves as an "ice breaker," encouraging people to approach and engage socially with the two of them.

"Because of my disease, I get progressively weaker, and certain things become more difficult for me. I always try to find a way around these difficulties, which is where Porter comes in."

Chad's main concerns are falling and the loss of his ability to bend over and pick things up when he's dropped them. He has worked hard to stay as independent as possible in his daily life, and that continues to be his primary goal.

"Porter is a great help in making that possible," Chad says.

Porter acts as a brace for Chad when he falls, and retrieves any items he may drop. He's also been trained to get the emergency phone in case Chad needs some "non-canine" assistance,

To sum up their partnership, Chad says, "Having Porter is having peace of mind, knowing I can go out into the world and not have to worry about the things I can't do on my own. Porter allows me to have independence. Without Can Do Canines, I wouldn't have Porter, and in turn, my world would be a little less bright."



One noon day I visited the St Peter's Lions club. They do a lot of great things for their community, and they meet every week! Whata commitment. During my visit I was honored to deliver chevrons for service to Lion Jennifer Miller for 10 years, Lion Nancy Kluck and Lion Pat Pfeifer for 15 years, Lions Samuel Johnson for 30 years, Lion Gil Carlson for 35 years and Lion Z Samuel Gault for 60 years. I think Samuel became a lion at the age of ten. Your club serves the community of St. Peter well, keep up the great service.



April 7 we had a peaceful drive to Albert Lea to visit the AL Cloverleaf club. They are planning a membership drive and pancake feed. I was thrilled to honor Lions for service. Lion Anthony Thow for 10 years, Lion Don Warner for 25 years, Lion Wayne Thompson for 35 years, and Lion Eugene Thompson for 40 years. We want to wish them the best during their membership drive. What a bright bunch of guys.



During the 2003-04 year DG Harry was President of the Prior Lake Club and delivered PL Journey for Service check to the DG Debra. Believe it or not, he has that picture, This picture shows Lion PID Debra Wasserman giving the Faribault Journey for Service check now to DG Harry. Originally he received the check from Faribault's President Lion Connie Telschow.





On Thursday evening we were thrilled to be back in our own beds after visiting the Prior Lake Lions with Lion Kelly Norris as president delivering the check for Journey for Service with fellow PL Lions. This was the end to the rainy day. Sorry to say we got wiser on Thursday and took all the pictures indoors holding the sign. Diana, no mention of last name, was lucky Duane decided to go to an auction sale in the morning. He came home and reminded her it was Journey for Service day. She did make it to the bank to meet us, we were a little early.



We met up with the three Albert Lea clubs at MacDonald's for coffee. Present here are the Albert Lea Lakeview Lions presently the Check to DG Harry and Host driver Lion Gordy. The President is Mother Mary, Lion Mary Ferleman.



Lion Paul Dale and his new Leaderdog delivered the Blooming Prairie Journey for Service check. If you are ever in Blooming Prairie and you see Lion Dale walking his dog, he would be honored if you chose to walk with him Thank you Lions. Lion Gordy Affeld of Prior Lake was our Host for the three day Journey.



Spring is here! April Showers will bring May Flower, but do you know what else it brings? The 5M2 Lions Cup! Last year was the first year of the 5M2 Lions Cup that allowed Clubs in 5M2 to earn points for participating in 5M2 Lion hosted golf tournaments. Last year the Hamburg Lions took home the hardware. Lions Duane Kroells, Chris Lund and Richard Kroells pose with the trophy in the above picture taken at the 2015 Mid-Winter Convention. Lion Duane helped seal the deal for the Hamburg Lions at the Victoria Lions Club tournament. By the way, Lion Duane had never picked up a golf club prior to that tournament.

The concept for the 5M2 Lions Cup is to give incentive for Lions to participate in golf tournaments hosted by 5M2 Lion Clubs as they share service project ideas, fundraising ideas, and membership attainment/retention ideas and have fun being in the sun with other Lions. Each Club can earn 25 points for each member in good standing that participates in the 5M2 Lion golf tournaments. If a Club has a full team of members from their Club they can earn bonus points by playing a tourney inside the tourney against other 5M2 Lion Club teams. Even though the host club cannot earn points for their Lions participating, the Club still earns 300 points for hosting. The points double for Lions that attend Jungle Days.

The first shot to earn points for your Club comes May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Glencoe Country Club as the Hamburg Lions will be hosting a tournament. The Hamburg Lions Tournament will start at 8 am. The LeSeuer Lions will be hosting their scramble on June 15<sup>th</sup> starting at noon. Jungle Days will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Shoreland Country Club in Saint Peter. New Market Elko, Plato, and Victoria will also be hosting tournaments but specific dates, times and courses have not been given yet. Look at the 5M2 Lions Cup section on the District home page for further updates to coming tournaments and standings. If you are thinking of having a tournament or questions about the 5M2 Lions Cup please contact me: Lion Chris at [radahs71@msn.com](mailto:radahs71@msn.com) 612-710-2107.





Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

Dear Lions,

I was just preparing to send my message to you when a devastating earthquake struck Nepal. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) immediately granted a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant for relief and reconstruction efforts. This is a frightening reminder that disasters occur frequently and without warning. Please consider making a [donation](#) so the Lions of Nepal can continue their service to those most in need.



[World Immunization Week](#), April 24-30 this year, is an opportunity for Lions to continue advocating for routine immunizations alongside the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Foundation and other Lions partners. Every year, this week presents an opportunity for us to raise awareness of measles and the importance of vaccinations. Lions around the world are hosting events all week to show their commitment to the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#).

It saddens me to know that 400 people still die every day from measles, most of them children. Measles is highly contagious and can cause severe complications, including blindness. But there is a simple, cost-effective vaccine available. That is where Lions make a difference. With your help, millions of children have received this life-saving vaccine.

Keep your eye on our [blog](#), [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) account throughout the week for interesting statistics and information about immunization efforts around the world. Be sure to tag us in your own social media posts to let us know about your clubs' activities, and search [#vaccineswork](#) to join the conversation.

Thank you for your dedication to our immunization efforts!



Hall of Fame winner from 5M-2 PDG Marlys Meskan was presented her Award by Past International Director Debra Wasserman and Past International President Al Brandell at the 5M Multiple Convention in Bloomington on April 17, 2015. =



Friday we too spent the day with picture's inside . The fields were snowed cover as we traveled the middle part of the district. We stopped at the Lonsdale's Chiropractor where we met Lonsdale Lions for Journey for Service. Lion Denise Lieske, the Treasure of Lonsdale Lion's presented the check to DG Harry and Lion Gordy.



Newest Cologne Leo Callie Kirt is inducted by Past International President Al Brandel. Leo Callie was surprised to be called up on stage by PIP Al. PIP Al told the audience this was the first time ever he inducted a new Leo and he was thrilled. Those supporting Leo Callie are: Leo Raven Concagh, Leo Jordan Knutson, Leo Callie Kirt, PIP Al Brandel, Leo Trenton Knutson and Leo Hilary Wickenhauser.

## LCIF Awards Grants



At a recent meeting, the LCIF Board of Trustees awarded more than US\$5,000,000 in grant funding. These grants will support a variety of projects around the world, such as supporting a clean water and sanitation project in Mali and purchasing a mobile blood bank in Colombia. From equipping an Alzheimer's patient center in Turkey to purchasing machinery for an eye bank in Japan, these grants aim to improve the lives of countless people.





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# 5M2 Lions 2015 - 2016 Club Officer Training

**Sessions for:**

- Presidents/Vice Presidents
- Secretaries
  - Please indicate whether you are a new or returning secretary
  - **Bring your password!!**
- Treasurers/Club Finances
- Tailtwisters
- AND All Lion members



**Sunday - May 31, 2015**

Bethany College  
 Meyer Hall of Science & Mathematics  
 700 Luther Drive  
 Mankato, MN 56001

- 3:00: Registration & Refreshments
- 3:30: Opening
- 3:45: Break-out Sessions
- 5:00: Head Home

**Cost : \$9.00 - Checks payable to Green Isle Lions Club**

**RSVP: Lion Debra Wasserman, Global Leadership Team Coordinator**  
[Liondebra@charter.net](mailto:Liondebra@charter.net) or 507-332-2792  
 (Secretaries: Please indicate if you are a new secretary or returning)

**Please register by Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



This is Lion Ken Merrill President of Silver Lake Lions Club. Receiving the Four Diamond Patch for completing 4 Service Challenge Projects. Governor Harry Klenke is presenting the patch.



This is Zone 1 Lion of the Year Lion Karen Glennie from the Glencoe Lions Club.



## REMINDER....

As of June 1, start sending news items to the New Editor, Cindy Walters at [5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)  
 Deadline for the July newsletter is June 15.