

# The 5M-2



# FIRE UP



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Editor **Bill Curtis,**

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5M2



DG Joan getting award for Hearing poster shown on page 6



DG Joan was thrilled to install 4 new members to the Norwood Young America West Carver Lions Club during her club visit! Front row - L- R Marta Beckett, Julie Wigfield, Mona Bruers, Carol Oraskovich  
Back row - L-R : Pres. Lavonne, Gov. Joan, Sponsor for Marta, Kaarin Foede, Sponsor for Julie, Karen Halquist, Sponsor for Mona, Dar Mondor , sponsor for Carol, Mary Nicholson



Silver Lake Lions Get Down and Dirty on Saturday, May 17, the Silver Lake Lions had a good crew put together to clean the highway ditches. Looks like they found some "treasures".



DG Joan with her 2013-2014 Cabinet Members at her last meeting.



Zone eight - Zone person of the year is Dale Waage of Ellendale Lions.

# Joan's Journal

Joan Blank

**District Governor**

## Best Road Trip of my Governor's Year



"Fired Up" is what Lion Kevin and I have been up for the last year and for so many great reasons.

One year ago we "dreamed" we would meet many dedicated Lions with positive attitudes who knew how to impact others for the better. That dream came true every time we visited a club. We have found that there are 63 communities within our 5M2 District that are better off because they have been embraced by a Lions Club or Lioness Club or Leos Club. That is due to the fact that in each of these clubs we have found great leadership and vision, along with a little fun mixed in. Great combination. Lion Kevin and I will certainly miss seeing the many new Lion friends we have made and hearing about all the amazing projects that the Lions in 5M2 take part in. Lion Kevin and I came away each week after club visits impressed at how generous and active the Lions, Lioness and Leos are in our district.

I dreamed that I would find good qualities in each club and I was able to accomplish that dream by coming up with at least nine positive "headlines" for every club visit. Researching these headlines opened my eyes to all the good works and big hearts the Lions exhibit. I found it very rewarding to be able to highlight the many services of each club.

Lion Kevin and my passion for Lions has been burning bright this year, fueled by all that we have witnessed and experienced, but we know that the fire is slowly burning down and it will soon be time to sit back and enjoy the glow of my year as District Governor. I believe that Lion Kevin and I will even have time now to enjoy a bonfire and smores! Lion Kevin and I could not be prouder to be Lions in the company of all other Lions in 5M2. Thank you for allowing Lion Kevin and I to experience an amazing year!

DG Joan



## A BIG "THANK YOU"

A very heartfelt "Thank You" to District Governor Elect Harry Klenke and Lion Loretta and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect Marv Grimm and Lion Evelyn for their support through my year as District Governor. These two couples have been super to work with. I have been touched by their support, kindness, humor and wisdom. We always had a good time whenever we were together. The district will be in good hands with this District Governor Team, along with Second District Governor Elect Steve Wasserman coming on board.

Best wishes to DGE Harry and Lion Loretta. May your coming year be filled with great fun and inspiration.

DG Joan Blank and Lion Kevin

## New Members

**Please welcome these new members:**

Lion Vicki Beck – Carver Lions

Sponsored by Lion Laura Niesche

Lion Kristy Mock – Carver Lions

Sponsored by Lion Robert MacMullan

Lion John Cantrell, Jr. – Carver Lions

Sponsored by Lion Randy Sefkar

Lion Carrie Lein – Cologne Lions

Sponsored by Lion Sandy Schneider

Lion Jenna Carlson – Glencoe Lions

Sponsored by Lion Gary Koch

Lion Ronald Ondracheck – Glencoe Lions

Sponsored by Lion Emmy Koch

Lion Sheila Liljander – Le Sueur Lions

Sponsored by Lion Shirley Hesperheide

Lion Pernel Hentges – Lester Prairie Lions

Sponsored by Lion Troy Feltmann

Lion Jennifer Wells – Norwood Young America Lions

Sponsored by Lion Josh Zebell

Lion Matt McKeand – Shakopee Lions

Sponsored by Lion Nate Plagge

Lion Mark Westrum – Shakopee Lions

Sponsored by Lion Matthew Mulcahy

Lion George Rohrich – St. Peter Lions

Sponsored by Lion Peggy Carlson

Lion David Duncan – Victoria Lions

Sponsored by Lion Paul Schullo

Lion Ryan Loney – Victoria Lions

Sponsored by Matt Bergmann

Lion Joe Scanlon – Victoria Lions

Sponsored by Lion Laura O'Neill

Lion David Sinner – Victoria Lions

Sponsored by Lion Paul Schullo

Lion Ronald Terrell – Waseca Lions

Sponsored by Lion Neil Fruechte

Lion Margie Jacobson – Waterville Lions

Sponsored by Lion Jim Hansen



## HARRY'S CORNER



**Harry Klenke**  
**First Vice District Governor**

If you have been to meetings where Lion Loretta and I have been you will notice that she is often taking notes. I also take some notes, but usually Lion Loretta puts down what I think is important for later. I guess that comes from being together for over forty years we think much the same. Other District Governors Elect have commented that they would like to have her as their personal secretary. One of the reason's she takes the notes is because she says that she can't read my notes, and sometimes I do have trouble deciphering them myself. This brings me to the first position I was ever elected to, it was as class secretary in six grade in our small school. With my poor penmanship I thought there is no way they will select me to that position. I always tell people I must have been gone the days when they taught us kids how to put curves in the letters. The reason they picked me was because they all thought I did take thorough notes and always seem to pick out the main ideas. The school I attended from 1st through 6th grade was four rooms. It had three classrooms and a lunch room. We had two classes per room. The teacher would teach one grade while the rest of us studied. That was great so we had no homework to take home. We had ten kids in our class so we had lots of personal attention from the teacher and helped each other with problems. We were all successful students at the next level because of the help we gave each other. One special feature of our school when I first started there was the outhouse, yes we did have one. They put in indoor bathrooms before we started second grade.

Taking notes at meetings can be very useful. Hopefully people received some useful information at our officers training. I know the presenters worked hard on what information they presented. I hope people liked the venue we selected. I know the parking wasn't the best, but I think it was good for doing what we wanted to accomplish. Thanks to all who presented and all who attended. I know I went through my Presidents training quickly but I had a lot of material I wanted to cover. That is why that information was put on the 5M2 website by Lion Laura Maki, so people can look at their leisure. For those who were unable to attend hopefully someone has delivered your folders that were put together by Past International Director Debra and Second Vice District Governor Elect Steve. If you have not received yours yet contact me and I will make sure you get them. If you have questions don't be afraid to ask me and I will get you the information you need. We want you all to have a successful year and more importantly a fun year.

Secondly, I want to thank all the people who came forward and accepted cabinet positions, they too are great resources for clubs. I look forward with the guidance of PDG's of the District to assist you in having a fun and successful year.

## MARVIN'S COMMENTS



**Marvin Grimm**  
**Second Vice District Governor**

This is my twelfth writing about "Follow your Dream". I hope you had some Dreams and have tried to present them to your club to try out some new ideas.

I have written and spoke about CEP, a fun experience workshop to bring members together to talk about their club and how to improve it. CEP sessions can be held two or four times with facilitators. Sessions last one to two hours each. I have stated that CEP will be around for a while, so clubs should contact PID Debra Wasserman or PID Maynard Rucks to get information and get scheduled.

Another area of need is membership and Retention. We can add new members, but we must find ways to retain them. "Just Ask" is a handbook available on line. It is full of ideas of how to attract new members. Some ideas to target new members is to ask families, spouses, women, young adults, Baby Boomers, students and graduating Leos. Also, now there is a plan for Veterans to become members at a reduced membership fee. Let people know about the great programs Lions are doing at Club, District, Multiple and International levels. Cultivate a relationship with a new Lion, invite them to work a service project with you. At the recent Spring Zone meeting, it is to be noticed that some women were selected as Zone Lion of the Year. This tells women are leaders and also bring many good ideas to their clubs and zones. This is a great honor and consider nominating the deserving person in your club in the future.

Keep Jungle Days in people's minds. August 4, at Glencoe Country Club, will be here before you know it. Get your foursome registered now. Chris Lund has a traveling trophy to be won by a club in our District. Clubs should register their tournaments and also club golfers that participate in any golf tournaments. This is how to collect points towards winning the trophy for your club for the year.

Enjoy your summer. This is the time to attend Lions events, help with events and meet more Lions outside your club. Make sure your Lions Clubs are visible at your community events this summer. This is a way to get Lions known and attract new members.

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain. Dolly Parton



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# We Serve

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# Special Olympics Summer Games

## Lions Volunteers Needed!

### Please Register Now!



Volunteers are needed for Special Olympics Summer Games, June 26, 27, 28. The event this year is at Stillwater High School.

It starts on Thursday morning June 26 with the set-up of the Healthy Athletes Village and ends Saturday June 28 around 1 to 2 pm. The Lions assist the doctors and medical professionals in vision screening and other health related screenings.

Lions usually have fun wherever they go, and this is no exception. The enthusiasm and excitement of the athletes greatly adds to the experience.

All are welcome, family and friends too! Just sign up!

We are asking you to sign up for a shift or more. If you have any questions or want to sign up by phone or email you can contact Lions Ray Moonen at 952-926-316, moonen@myinmail.com or Jim Cain 763-2320790, jhcain2@gmail.com.

The easiest way to sign up will be by going to the 5M5 Lions Website [5m5lions.org](http://5m5lions.org) and clicking the link on the right hand side of the page for **Special Olympics Signups**. This will bring you to the form to fill out, choose you shift(s) and press **Submit** to send the form. We will then receive it by email. A sample view of the form and information required is below. We will send a reminder with a map and any special instructions for the event the week before to your email address.

We hope to get a lot of Lions registering for the event.

Thanks, in advance for your help and consideration.

Lions Jim & Ray

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Home City	
Home State	
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Health Screening – <b>Fri. June 27</b> - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm		
Health Screening & Take down – <b>Sat. June 28</b> - 8:30 am - 2:00 pm		



Jason Dahlke Zone One Person of the Year from Glencoe



Denise Lieske Zone 6 Zone person of the year from Lonsdale



Waseca Lions Club joined with Waseca Junior - Senior High School for the 64th year to co-sponsor the annual Honors Banquet. Lion Karen Buom hosted the celebration and also offered Lions scholarships to three deserving seniors. Shown in the attached photo with Lion Buom (center) are Corrine Dennis (left) and Konnor Harris. Not shown is the third recipient, Andrew Haley. Since the Lions Scholarships are based on community service and academics, applicants had to detail community service and also write a well-constructed paragraph of no more than 250 words explaining first college choice and intended field of study.

## SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Now is the time for each member to **SUBSCRIBE** to the **DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**.

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Dear District Governor,

Thousands of Lions clubs celebrated the Lions World Lunch Relay and Family and Friends Month in April. It was a great success that shows just how committed Lions are to adding new members and growing their clubs. Clubs around the world are doing their part. Now it's time to do yours.

I am asking every district governor to charter at least one new club by the end of the Lion year. Chartering new clubs is critical to the growth of your district and the health of our association. Don't slow down because you're nearing the end of your term. Keep working to grow and expand your district, and you'll get rewarded when you do.

One of the most visible ways your legacy as a district governor will be measured is by the number of stars on your Dream Achiever Awards Gold Pin. Finish the year strong by earning a star in Period 4, and then wear it with pride for a lifetime!

## Touching Lives Everyday ...With Hope



Hope is realized the first time a deaf child hears the sound of a parent's voice. Hope is renewed whenever a hearing-impaired adult can return to a sound-full and active life. Each time the wonder of sound is restored, we **Touch a Life With Hope.**



**Newborn Hearing Screening:** The Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide newborn hearing screening program in 1999 with more than \$417,000 in Lions contributions and a matching grant from LCIF.



**Hearing Aid Loaner Bank:** The Hearing Foundation established the Lions Hearing Aid Loaner Bank providing free hearing aids to infants and children who are newly identified with hearing loss, while their parents and medical team implement a treatment plan.



**Lions Children's Hearing Center:** was created in 2005 to focus on the complex needs of deaf and hard of hearing children in MN and the Upper Midwest; uniting research, education, family support and a multidisciplinary clinic devoted to addressing all aspects of pediatric hearing loss.



**Research:** The MD5M Hearing Foundation is dedicated to supporting cutting-edge research into hearing loss and bringing future medical ideas to fruition by providing the space, equipment and seed money necessary to cultivate promising ideas.

**The MD5M Hearing Foundation, would like to thank all of you for your past contributions and ask for your continued support of our mission to provide hope to children diagnosed with hearing loss.**



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DG Joan donated this poster the Hearing Foundation.

## 5M2 Lions Cup

Lion Chris Lund



5M2 Lion members believe it or not - Summer is here! With Summer brings about many outdoor activities including golf. Several Clubs in 5M2 will be hosting golf tournaments with a few already taking place. To encourage 5M2 Lions to participate in the various golf tournaments hosted by 5M2 Lion Clubs the inaugural season of the 5M2 Lions Cup officially kicks off at the end of May. The 5M2 Lions Cup will be awarded to the club with the highest point total at next year Mid-Winter Convention. Clubs can earn points in three ways.

First, 50 pts for each member, in good standing, that plays in a 5M2 golf tournament. Secondly, 300 points to the Clubs that host a tournament as they will not earn points for Club members that participate in their own tournament. Third, the tourney inside the tourney points awarded to the top performing 5M2 Lion Club teams against other 5M2 Lion Club teams.

**May 31st** will be the first chance to earn points as the Hamburg Lions will be hosting a golf tourney that morning at the Glencoe Country. 7 am registration. 8 am shotgun start with lunch and prizes to follow after the round.

**June 2nd** the LeSueur Lions will be hosting a tournament at the Le Sueur Country Club.

**June 13th** the N.E.W. Lions will be hosting a tournament at Creeksbend Golf Course in New Prague. Registration at noon and shotgun start at 1 pm. Dinner and prizes to follow the round as well.

I look forward to seeing everyone out at these events and the ones coming later in the year. The 5M2 trophy will be on display at all of these events. In the rare chance you are unable to attend any of these golf tournaments here is what the trophy looks like. If anyone has any questions please contact me at [radahs71@msn.com](mailto:radahs71@msn.com) or call me at 612-710-2107.



# Match Strikes!

**Lions Laura and Joe Maki** – Arlington Lions – for giving a great presentation about Special Olympics at the Glencoe Lions Club social night. Submitted by Lion Janet Hall.

**Lion Eric Youlden**– Albert Lea Lions - for sponsoring Lion Joe Ubl

**Lion Laura Maki** – Arlington Lions - for sponsoring Lion Donald Alexander

**Lion Sandy Bellig** – Carver Lions – for sponsoring Lion Sandra McGraw

**Lion Anna Wickenhauser** – Cologne Lions - for sponsoring Lion Craig Winterfeldt

**Lion Sandy Schneider** – Cologne Lions - for sponsoring Lion Sandy Dellwo

**Lion Allie Larson** – Ellendale Lions – for sponsoring Lion Becky Larson

**Lion Gene Gilman** – Lake Crystal Lions – for sponsoring Lion Dan Beert

**Lion Charles Suedbeck** – Lester Prairie Lions – for sponsoring 4 new Lions members: Lion Marie Mochinski, Lion Tom Mochinsky, Lion Melissa Williams and Lion John Williams II. Well done!!

**Lion Wallace Thomas** – Mankato Sunrise Lions – for sponsoring Lion Debra Thomas

**Lion Paul Gorman** – Mankato Sunrise Lions – for sponsoring Lion Wallace Thomas

**Lion Lyle Matson** – Northfield Cannon Valley Lions – for sponsoring Lion Candice Bigjohn

**Lion Mary Ann Brodin** – Northfield Cannon Valley Lions – for sponsoring Lion Jennie Redfield

**Lion Kaarin Foede** – NYA West Carver Lions – for sponsoring Lion Marta Beckett

**Lion Darlene Mondar** – NYA West Carver Lions – for sponsoring Lion Mona Bruers

**Lion Mary Nicholson** – NYA West Carver Lions – for sponsoring Lion Carol Oraskovich

**Lion Karen Hallquist** – NYA West Carver Lions – for sponsoring Lion Julie Wigfield

**Lion Mark Conover** – St. Peter Lions - for sponsoring Lion Mikkil Haugen

**Lion Laurretta Whitley** – Veseli Area Lions – for sponsoring Lion Elizabeth Ransom

**Lion Laura O'Neill** – Victoria Lions – for sponsoring Lion Brent Romenesko

## “Dream Catcher Award”

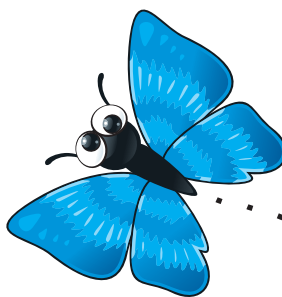
The MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Inc. would like to thank the Lions Clubs of Minnesota for your contributions to diabetes research and programs. We would like to remind you to please check with your District Diabetes Co-Chairs if your club or individual members are eligible for a Dream Catcher Award. A total of \$1,000 in donations is needed to qualify for this award.

**Starting July 1, 2014, to qualify for a Dream Catcher Award, a club or individual must have accumulated \$1,000 in donations to the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.** All accumulated donations for any diabetes contribution in the past are still eligible for qualifying for the Dream Catcher Award. There is no time limit for the accumulation of donations toward the award.



The Best News Yet!!!!

On May 14, our club held a “Fun and Friendship” meeting open to guests wanting to learn about Lions and the Jordaness. Several of these guests decided to join our organization. We are very excited to welcome new members: Lions Hollie Vandenberg, Doni McQuiston and Kelli Hollingsworth. Thanks to the committee for putting on a special red carpet night complete with stars highlighting our club activates and fun and friendship. Pictured are Lions Christy Trutnau, Julie Beckius, Julie Hendricks and Sue Hovland presenting the theme and goals of lions complete with F and F (Fun and Friendship)



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Can Do Canine Chairs receive Award Darlene and Vern Breamer & Debra Koehnen



DG Joan with Lions from Shakopee Valley, who hosted a great Zone 2 meeting.

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.**



**-WANTED-**  
 To say...

**~THANKS~**

Lions, Lions Clubs, District Lions Businesses & Community Members

For "SADDLING UP" and going after that  
 Silent Deadly Killer "Diabetes"!!

We raised over \$60,000 with our raffle to support diabetes research!!

- UTV Winner: Jerome Yourczek, Little Falls MN
- \$500 Winner: Worthington Lions Club
- \$250 Winner: Kelly Fleming, Garden City MN

**REWARD**

*"To Improve the Lives of People with Diabetes"*

**THANK YOU!**



Mankato Sunrise Lions celebrated their 30th Anniversary by hosting a celebration at the WOW Zone in Mankato with beverages and appetizers. DG Joan installed two new members: Lion Deb Thomas and Lion Wally Thomas. Charter members present were Lion Dave Dorland, Lion Gregg Giersdorf, Lion Dennis Sandersfeld and Lion Steve Valenta. Congratulations to the Mankato Sunrise Lions for 30 years of great service!

