

The Grape Vine

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Lion Frank Loken and Lion Jim Diehl presenting the \$75,000 matching grant check from LCIF to Can Do Canines, director Lion Al Peters. This took place Saturday August 13 at a Can Do Graduation ceremony.



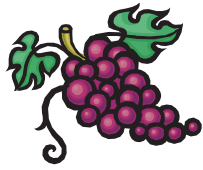
Back: Diane Timmies, Anna & Don Wickenhauser, Suzanne Overbeck, Bat - Erdene Tserenkhoo (Monsolia). Front: Megan Timmeis, Jack Wickenhauser, Vinnie Wickenhauser, Hilary Wickenhauser, Ayse Dicel (Turkey)



The Henderson Lions passing out candy/garbage bags before the Sauerkraut Days Parade from left to right Lion Lou Longhenry, Lion Bill Deno and Lion Steve Fries all of Henderson



Lions quest teacher training



Grape Vine



I Believe Courage Commitment Action

My Club My Family Ideas for Success

Talk about job perks, no one has it over Lion Bill and myself. We knew going into the position of District Governor there would be numerous opportunities to meet many new Lion friends and see and hear what the Lions of the district are doing. It has been great fun these past two months as we begin our travels throughout the district, the hospitality has been warm and friendly..

Another unanticipated perk of the job is the additional communication time Lion Bill and I have as we travel to club visits. One evening we were taking about our childhood recollections, in particular of our "family rules". Lion Bill's #1 rule growth up: Keep the barn neat and clean and all the hay bail stings picked up. He said he did not have any house rules, most of his time was spent in the barn or at school.

I also grew up on the farm, but really never had any farm chores except getting the cows from the pasture (woods) to the barn for milking. Most days the cows were easy to find, except if I waited too long to look for them; they would go deep in the woods. As a child, as now, I was directionally challenged, so it was pretty scary having to go deep into the woods, fearful of not finding my way home. Rule #1 Never come home without the cows!

It is pretty interesting to reflect on what experiences from childhood influence us as adults. Certainly our childhood rules are helpful to develop character and discipline.

President's Tams theme is "I Believe", My Club My Family. The strength of the Lions organization is in our clubs and all the dedicated, energized members in our clubs. I believe we can strengthen and retain our membership by taking care of our fellow Lions members as if they were family. To help us be successful, let us take a look at and practice these "Lions Family Rules".

Rule # 1 Help each other be right not wrong. As human we are quick to judge. One way to stop judging others is to realize most of our judgments are fallacies.



District Governor
Sue Bowman

Rule # 2 Look for ways to make new ideas work not reasons why they won't.

Rule # 3 If in doubt - check it out. Do not make negative assumptions about others. When a person's behavior does not match your expectations, you can try to change their behavior, or let go of your expectations. The first is an exercise in frustration, the second is also difficult, but possible. Learn to let go.

Rule # 4 Speak positively about each other, about your club, and about the organization at every opportunity. Look for and recognize the good in others.

Rule # 5 Help each other win and take pride in each other's victories. "You can have anything you want in life, if you will just help enough other people get what they want."-Zig Ziglar

There are other "Lion Family Rules" to share, but enough for now.

Lion Bill and I will be gone most of September and will have very limited access to email. If you have questions or issues, please contact VDGs Ron or Joan.

Thank you to the Veseli Lions and Prior Lake Lions for hosting a successful Jungle Days. Mark your calendar for August 6, 2012, next summer's Jungle Days at Wedgewood Cove Golf Club, Albert Lea.

Governor's Travels District Governor Sue Bowman

September

- 7 Region 3 Meeting Applewood / Mankato
- 8 Amboy Club Visit/30th Anniversary
- 9-21 Sea and Land Tour of Alaska
- 22-24 35th Annual USA/Canada Leadership Forum
- 27 N Y A West Carver Club Visit
- 28 Region 1 Meeting Cologne
- 29 Region 2 Meeting

October

- 3 Mid-Winter Convention Meeting
- 5 Carver Lions Club Visit
- 6 Lake Crystal Club Visit
- 10 Kiester Club Visit
- 14 Travels to Mahnomon
- 15 Counsel of Governor Meeting / Mahnomon
- 16 90th Anniversary Northfield and Faribault Lions Clubs
- 17-21 Wisconsin Dells family get away
- 22 Lions Leo Leadership Conference / Hudson, WI
- 24 5M2 Cabinet Meeting St. Peter
- 25 Albert Lea LakeView Lions Club Visit
- 26 Zone 5 Meeting / Henderson
- 27 Zone 8 Meeting / Waterville
- 29 Thanksgiving for Vision / Earl Brown Center, St. Paul

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
First Vice District Governor



Wow! It's hard to believe that Summer 2011 is nearly over! Many households will again adjust their schedules to allow for school and after-school activities.

Equally important is the resumption of Lions Clubs activities, especially for those clubs which meet sparingly during the summer months. If you are not as involved as you would like to be, plan to attend your club's next meeting. Many clubs are beginning the planning process of their many fundraisers and community service projects for the 2011-2012 club year. Contact your new President or your immediate Past President. They can direct you to the Committee Chairperson(s) who, I am sure, will welcome your help.

Plan now to attend your upcoming Region Meeting and Zone Meeting. It's a great way to meet Cabinet Chairpersons, who will be on hand to answer your questions and to schedule visits to your club. It is also an opportunity to network and share ideas with other clubs in your Zone and Region.

This is also a great time for clubs to revitalize the recruitment of new members! Every member should have two-minutes of Lions Clubs "talking points" that they can share with a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative. Then follow-up with an invitation to a meeting or other event, so they can see first-hand the Lions story of who we are, what we do, and why we serve!

On August 12-14, Lion Jean and I participated in a tour to Leader Dog for the Blind facilities at Rochester, Michigan. What an amazing experience!

We learned all aspects of the Leader Dog Program; from persons who host "Mom" Dogs in their home prior to delivery; from puppy raisers, who raise a dog from the age of 7 weeks to 12 months of age; from the actual trainers of these magnificent dogs and finally, from persons whose lives were changed forever, due to receiving a Leader Dog and training at no cost to them.

We also were fortunate to observe a group of "students", who just received their Leader Dogs four days before our visit. The group included blind and visually impaired persons of all ages, from all walks of life.

It was certainly gratifying to watch these "students" begin using life-changing mobility skills, knowing that donations from our Club, our District, and from us as individuals have helped make these miracles happen. We did find our individual "Bricks", purchased several years ago, and we were reminded that the "Buy a Brick" program does continue. I will let our District Leader Dog Chairpersons, Lion Shirley, and 2nd VDG Joan explain this donation option in their presentations.

Another highlight was the opportunity for Lion Jean and myself to each "test drive" a Leader Dog. We were blindfolded and I took hold of the harness of "Maverick", a strong, dark-haired German Shepherd, who helped me maneuver a short course, stopping me abruptly, before I would have stepped off a curb, and kept me walking straight on a sidewalk. Jean's Leader Dog "Dillon", a Golden Retriever, was equally skilled and moved her along the course without incident also.

Although we were deprived of our vision for only a few minutes, it drove home several things. First, the remarkable degree of training these dogs have received. Second, the total trust that a visually impaired person must have in his or her dog. And third, how grateful it is to be a part of Leader Dogs, a

Joan's Thoughts

Joan Blank
Second Vice District Governor



August was a month of "firsts" for me. I started the month off attending "Jungle Days" in New Prague which is the first Cabinet meeting for DG Sue and the first Cabinet meeting in my new role of 2nd Vice District Governor. We have a great group of Lions serving as Cabinet members this term and I was excited to see some new faces, along with friendly familiar faces, on the Cabinet. Welcome aboard all who have taken on new roles within the 5M2 District.

My second "first" was attending the Lion Quest Training session in Chaska on Saturday, August 6th made possible by the earnest and energetic work of the Lions Quest Co-Chairs, Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams. If you are unfamiliar with Lions Quest, this is a comprehensive, positive youth development and prevention curricula that builds strong character in students for use at school, home and the community. I hate to admit this, but I was a little reluctant to attend, just thinking I would be sitting indoors all day, watching the instruction of teachers. WOW was I wrong! I thoroughly enjoy the day, was interactive with the other teachers and become much more informed. I was so glad I had decided to attend. What a wonderful program Lions Quest is! It is shame that more schools don't take advantage of the curriculum that is at their fingertips. However, 15 teachers were trained and I know they and their students will benefit and grow from this training. If you would like more information, go to www.dictionarproject.org

My third "first" was deciding my Club should undertake "The Dictionary Project", thanks to the help of VDG Ron Dahlke and the Glencoe Lions. Here, again, is a project that has been mentioned at numerous Lion meetings, but one I have not given much thought to since I knew little about it. VDG Ron gave me the website, www.dictionarproject.org, sample letters to participating schools and sample dictionaries. Before I could say "The Dictionary Project", I was given the go head from my Club AND our school superintendent and am ready to move forward with presenting the dictionaries to the third graders in our school district in September or October. The third grade teachers have their choice of dictionaries and the sample I had even has the longest word in it! I bet you don't know what it is! This project could be a wonderful legacy left by your club. It is a simple educational and worthwhile project and I would be more than willing to help jump start the process for you. Let me know if I can help. Fact: Literacy is crucial to economic success and prosperity of a country.

program which has restored mobility and self-confidence with more than 14,000 dogs placed since 1939!

Remember--Your Club's Activities Do Make a Difference in your Community, in our Country and in our World! Thanks for all that YOU do!

White Cane Safety Awareness Day



Friday, October 14
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Minnesota State Academy
for the Blind
400 SE 6th Ave
Faribault MN 55021

Join us for the Proclamation,
White Cane Walk, Picnic
Lunch and MSAB Campus Tours.

We are looking for donations to help make this day a success. If your club would like to donate, please contact: MSAB Foundation President Rolland Baldwin at info@msabfoundation.org. If you would like to participate in our day, please register at: <http://www.msab.state.mn.us/index.aspx>

“White Cane Equals Independence”

Governor Sue's Contest **2011-2012**

Winning Clubs will be awarded the Governor's Personal Banner Patch

All the following are required:

- Club has a net gain in membership or sponsored a new club
- Club is current on dues
- Club has reported **activities** and **membership** on LCI WMMR web sight

Club representation at:

- Region Meeting
- Fall Zone Meeting
- Spring Zone Meetings
- Mid-Winter Convention

At least five of the following are required:

- Club submitted district newsletter article: club news / project / Proud Lion
- Club has conducted Community Service Needs Assessment (MK9AEN)
- Club has conducted a written exit survey for any/all dropped member(s)
- Club has 100% participation in the Parade of Green
- Club has participated in Journey for Service
- Club has participated in tree planting project
- Club has a website (“e-Clubhouse” template available www.lionsclub.org)
- Club has participated in at least two youth activities:
 - Peace Poster
 - Write Off
 - Advisor for a LEO Club or sponsor new LEO Club
 - Youth Exchange host family
 - Sponsored Liberty Day program
 - Sponsored Quest in the school
 - Other community based youth activity

Eye of the Lion

It has been the custom of the “Eye” columnist to take a brief sabbatical in July of each year. However, Lions never seem to take vacations, sabbaticals or respites, so I am breaking from my “customary” ways and focus this column on a very important Lions project.

PROJECT NEW HOPE

The mission of Project New Hope is to provide all combat veterans and their families the education, training and skills, at a retreat in a relaxed rural setting, that elevates their ability to manage life experiences. Project New Hope is free to soldiers and their families. No one is turned away. The camp locations are rural, pristine and private for a relaxed environment. Sessions are based on the veterans need and pace. Child care is provided so couples can focus on session time. Licensed professional counselors are 100% volunteer and available 24/7.

Why do Lions feel a need for this project?

-50% of the more than 1.6 million troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan have been deployed twice or more.

-2 out of 3 veterans that require some form of help are not getting or seeking help.

-Suicide rates for veterans age 20-24 are 400% greater than their civilian counterparts.

-Recent military study shows that 75% of all suicides are the result of a failed relationship once the soldier returns home.

-Veterans that have died by suicide now out number the number of combat veterans killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan combined.

-Statistics say every 40 minutes a soldier tries to commit suicide. Every 80 minutes a soldier does commit suicide.

-Many veterans may be in denial or not recognize issues resulting from their time of service. Family members can be encouraging and support in seeking help for themselves and their soldier. They come home to “normal” life....that is often a “new normal”.

Although, many of these statistics are based on Iraq and Afghanistan soldiers, this program is available for all veterans; including Korean and Vietnam veterans.

Please share this information with family members, clergy, medical providers, counselors, American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc. and help Lions spread the word to our veterans who may be suffering. For more information on Project New Hope go to:

www.ProjectNewHope.net

As we celebrate our many freedoms on July 4th and throughout this month, remember these veterans and their families. Thank them and let them know the Project New Hope cares how they are adjusting to their “new normal”.

Please remember if you, or someone you know, has an interest in the Lions organization please contact any Lion member to join us for a membership meeting on the second Wednesday of each month; 6:30 pm at MVEC.

“From The Field”



Banana boat rides in the Oslo Fjord. This group got to ride the waves from a cruise ship. Joe Maki, Lion Kjell Johansen, Monia Pastorino, California girl attending another Lions camp and Matteo Comparini

Lions Youth Exchange to Norway

By Laura & Joe Maki

We stayed with Lions Stefan and Helle Soos at their cabin near Töcksfors, Sweden with four students from Italy before the camp. Their cabin was larger than our typical home with six bedrooms. We had the pleasure of watching a construction crew from Denmark work on an addition to the cabin with enough space to sleep 54 people. The family runs four kindergartens (we call them nursery schools); one of the requirements for the students is to participate in an overnight outing before beginning school. This addition will assist them with fulfilling that requirement.

The Lions of District 104 hosted the Innovation and Environment Camp. We stayed at a school in Vestby, about 35 minutes south of Oslo. Eight clubs from the Zone planned an activity and outing, usually to visit something within their community. Representatives from that club would accompany us for the day. This provided opportunities to learn about some of their fundraisers and projects. There were 8 boys and 19 girls from Belgium, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and of course the US. The camp language was English although several youth had more difficulty and relied on others from their county to translate for them,

We visited many sites that taught us about the history and legends of Norway. Our prayers and thoughts go out to those that were affected by the bombing at the government center and shootings at the Labor Party Youth Camp. We were very fortunate to have visited the area around the government center just 24 hours before the bombing. We heard it was being reported that it happened at a “youth camp.” This prompted us to have all the students contact their parents to reassure them it didn't involve us. Some of the activities that were planned for us were canceled as a result. It definitely changed the mood of the country and the students immediately wanted to know what they could do wanting to donate blood and/or help clean-up the streets; truly demonstrating the Lions motto “We Serve.”

We also had the opportunity to spend a few days at the home of Lion Christer Hedenskog from the Skiptvet Lions and his wife Birgit. Their son, Nicholai, participated in the Lions Youth Exchange Camp in Italy. While there, we visited with the District Governor, Roar Eng, who is there neighbor. Both Christer and Roar raise honeybees.

Part of the experience is participating in everyday activities with the host family. One of the activities we did with both host families several times was “plunking kanterell” an edible mushroom that

grows in the deciduous and coniferous forest. They have a characteristic appearance, smell and taste. I also had the opportunity to go into the rain swamp and pick moltebeere (English translation is cloudberry), a very rare berry in Central Europe. We also picked rips (redcurrants) and made juice and jelly from them. We tried many new and different foods some we enjoyed and some not so much. Learning they throw away over ripe bananas prompted our making banana bread. We ended up making four batches, two at each home. They enjoyed the taste and thought of it more as a cake and the eight loaves went very quickly; thus the recipe was shared with everyone.

Our Lions family has grown and we will treasure this experience of a lifetime.

Jordaness Lions

We ended our year end with a performance of the Jordaness Church Basement Ladies at the multiple convention and scholarship donations. The club is on task and running smoothly under the leadership of President Amy Piotrowski and the new board. Committee positions for the new year's projects are filling up. The idea for 3 new fundraising ideas are being researched. (No telling yet...). The summer months are a bit quite for us. We worked the concession stands at the high school baseball tournament held in Jordan, made a donation (bought a brick!) to the Helen Keller Memorial/Knights of the Blind Walk, and had a newspaper article on Project New Hope published in the Jordan Independent the week of July 4.

The club was mulling over hosting a fall garage sale (we sponsor a city wide in the spring). This has been tabled until fall of 2012 and we may do a boutique like sale (high end garage sale stuff...but VERY valuable junk!).

The Jordan Car Cruise will be held on Sept 9, the Jordaness will be selling the freshest, crispiest French fries in the area and on Sept 10th, at Heimatfest, our menu changes to corn dogs, cheese stick and reuben balls! The activities of this weekend are great community fun.

In October, the Jordaness Lions Social Cats and board members will be hosting a Lions 101 event for new members and for any seasoned members wanting a Lions refresher course. The evening includes a light supper, info on Lions history and our activities, member and board responsibilities and a chance to relax and get to know each other.

Our annual Holiday Show is scheduled for November 19th. The event is held at the OK Corral in Jordan. The committee once again, is being very creative for the theme of this year's event...but it is top secret. There are door prizes, raffle items, a great lunch, creative fashion and entertainment. Could the Jordaness Green Day/Lions Church Ladies make an appearance once again??? Don't miss this event! More info to follow on ticket sales and prices.

The 19th Jordan ornament will be going to production soon. The design is under wraps and premier sale of the ornament is at the Holiday Show on the 19th of November. Members have been informed about the regional meeting in Cologne on Sept.28, the zone meeting on Nov. 14 and the Jordaness/Jordan/Governor's visit in December.



WINTHROP LIONS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday, August 16, 2011, the Winthrop Lions traveled to the Good Samaritan Society of Lafayette to help Orville Saxton celebrate his 79th birthday. Orville is a charter member of the Winthrop Lions. Along with Orville, Winthrop Lion John Chrest also celebrated his birthday. Both men are very service minded people. As John Chrest stated, "Service is the price you pay for the space you occupy."

Many of Orville's family were in attendance; they provided a cake. The Winthrop Lions hosted a potluck supper with corn on the cob as a special treat.

Zone 4 Chair Charlette Abbas presented Lion Orville with DG Sue's 2011-2012 pin.

*Thank you for your prayers and thoughts of my illness. I have recovered and ready to go to work. Your thought fullness will be remembered.
Marvin Grimm.*

Governor Sue's Goals

2011-2012

- To achieve a net positive membership growth.
- To reduce the membership drops by 40; reduce Governor's body mass by 30 lbs.; reduce Adult Traveling Companion's body mass by 30 lbs.
- To never miss an opportunity to compliment or to say something encouraging to someone.
- To have all clubs in all 9 Zones submit a nomination for Zone Lion of the Year.
- To remind all clubs to be careful with criticism and liberal with praise, to build up member, to treat each other as family.
- To charter one new Lions Club.
- To organize a minimum of one new LEO Club.
- To have an "Open Door" policy for any members / clubs to express opinions and insight.
- To have tons of fun and meet hundreds of new Lion family members.
- To arrive at and return home from each Lions function in one piece, (i.e. no accidents).
- To have each member in 5M2 proud and happy to be a member of the Lions Family.

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The Governor would like every member to receive the newsletter. Have your club subscribe every member to this important communication.

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Lafayette Area Lions

Like many other service organizations, the Lafayette Area Lions Club has helped many young people finance their college educations.

The club is proud to have awarded a total of \$89,800 to 182 graduating high school seniors over the last 16 years. Individual scholarships have usually been \$500, but occasionally have been less, depending on funds available. The 12 recipients of this year's Lafayette Area Lions \$500 Scholarships are Megan Nutting, Adam Portner, Bradley Portner, and Michelle Youngblom of New Ulm High School; Meghan Gleisner of New Ulm Cathedral; Cameron Grommersch and Samantha Scheurer of Nicollet; and Brittany Dummer, Courtney Guenther, Kendra Lange, Jacob Sjostrom, and Emily Steiner of GFW High School. The number of awards is based on funds available, as well as the number of qualifying applicants. As many as 28 applications have been received in a year, with the club only able to present scholarships to half. Other years, every applicant received a scholarship.

When there are more qualifying applicants than funds available, applicants are ranked on volunteer experience and service in the community, school, and/or church; grade point average/academic achievements; work experience, sports and other extra curricular activities; and an essay on future plans. In addition, students must live in close proximity to Lafayette, as illustrated on a map attached to scholarship applications.

The Lafayette "scholarship area" is larger than most other organizations, and membership in the Lions club is not a requirement nor does it improve an applicant's score in the ranking process. Scholarship recipients and their parents are encouraged to attend the Lions club's scholarship banquet, to be held Tuesday, July 12 this year. The Lions scholarship committee encourages input from the community and the club is always open to new membership. Growth of the local Lions organization is good for the community and members benefit in return. Anyone interested in joining the Lions is asked to contact current president, Brad DeBoer (276-7613) or any current club member.

**Please attend
the region
meetings in
September**



Believe in Youth

4th Annual 5M Leo Leadership Conference

October 20-22
Camp St. Croix
Hudson WI

Registration materials available at
www.e-clubhouse.org/site/site%2Farchive%2Fpage-6.php
Or call Kris Obrien at 320-266-0661 to get on the email lists

Pin Traders Extraordinaire!



MD5M Pin Traders Swap!

Saturday, September 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Becker Community Center, Becker MN
The 5M Pin Traders Club pin swap is open to all Lions. If you would like to become a member, cost is \$20.00 for 2 years. Along with membership you will receive 20 pins. Contact Lion Jim Hazeltine at 320-743-4126 / jm3hz@frontiernet.net

If your club is interested in making a pin, we can help you.

"Lions First—Pin Traders Second!"

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Club Request for Governor's Visit

Please fill out the form and send it as soon as possible.

Club Name _____

Name and location of the meeting place _____

Dates in order of preference:

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Time of meeting _____ If social time _____

Breakfast, lunch or dinner: Yes/No

Joint meeting with another club?

Name of other club _____

Contact person: name, address, phone #, e-mail

List any functions you would like the governor
to do such as awards, inductions etc.

Send request by October 1, 2011

DG Sue Bowman

PO Box 215 Geneva, MN 56034

Alden Lions Sponsor Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show

The Alden Area Lions are planning a big event for Sat. Sept. 24, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Alden-Conger School in Alden, MN. We are hosting a Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show. On this evening, the Harlem Ambassadors will be taking on the Alden Lions All-Stars for a night of unforgettable high-flying leaps, slam dunks, and fantastic family entertainment. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults and seniors and \$6 for students age 15 and under. We also have discount 20-ticket packs available for \$160. Admission at the door is \$2 more than the advance price. Concessions will be available, including hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, and chocolate malts, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Gymnasium seating will open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from any Alden Area Lion or by calling Pam at 507-383-5344 or Ada at 507-265-3720. We will be at the September Zone meeting and will have tickets available at that time for your convenience. Please consider purchasing tickets for your own use, gifts, or even as giveaways to community members or school children.

Blue Earth Lions

The Blue Earth Lions hosted the Wells Lios Club at our annual corn & chicken feed on August 10th. On August 12th, the Lions assisted at the Relay for Life Cancer Walk at the Faribault County Fairgrounds.

Lions members along with other volunteers helped put out several thousand luminary bags to line the walking track around the fairgrounds.

The Cloverleaf Lions with the help of the LakeView Lions sponsored a ring toss at the Freeborn county fair. The Cloverleaf Lions will be sponsoring a pro wrestling event on September 8 2011.

Albert Lea LakeView Lions assisted the Cloverleaf Lions in the Ring Toss stand at the Freeborn County Fair. Volunteered at the Library Bookstore and Hospital. Donated to Ecumenical Food Shelf and volunteered at the Ecumenical Food Shelf. Delivered Senior Meals. Ushered at Community Theatre.