

# The **5M-2** **R.O.A.R.**

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Editor **Bill Curtis,**



Plato Lions Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of their Club Charter, with 4 of 5 Charter Members attending: Seated; Lion Harlan Wilkens, Standing (L to R); DG Ron, Lion Ken Franke, and Lion Edwin Dummer. Unable to be present was Lion Tom Pinske.



Zone 1 Lion Person of the Year- Lion Stan Horstmann of the Silver Lake Lions Club



Zone 4 Lion Person of the Year- Lion Jane Gulden of the Courtland Lions Club



Zone 2 Lion Person of the Year- Lion Tim O'Hara of the Chaska Lions Club



Zone 3 Lion Person of the Year- Lion Donna Wills of the Jordanness Lions Club

## A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke  
District Governor



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Ron Dahlke

April proved to be a very busy month for our District, with the completion of the Zone Meetings and the "Step Up to the Plate" Event. Many thanks to all who were involved with the planning for these events, the presentations for these events, and to those who took time from their busy schedules to attend.

The Spring Zone Meetings were well attended and it was very gratifying to hear of all the activities the Clubs have participated in and also, the plans for upcoming events. Congratulations to the "Lion of the Year" Award winners from each Zone and to the nominees from each of the Clubs.

The 37th Annual US/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is being held at Overland Park, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City) on Sept. 19-21, 2013. To accommodate travel to the Forum, the Wendinger Travel Agency of New Ulm has a motorcoach/lodging package available which leaves on Sept. 18 and returns on Sept. 22. If you would like more information, please contact Wendinger Travel at 888-363-9104 or you can also contact me for more details.

I would like again mention a very important recognition from Lions Clubs International, which is the Club Excellence Award for 2012-2013. A copy of that award application (da-1) appeared in the April issue of the ROAR.

So Club Leaders, let's take a good look at the application **NOW**, and determine if your Club qualifies (or will qualify) by June 30, 2013. If you need to accomplish one or more of the guidelines, you do have three months to do so. The completed application needs to be submitted to me after July 1, 2013, but prior to September 30, 2013.

One of the criteria is a net increase in membership from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. As of this writing, twenty-two of the Districts Clubs have at least a "plus one" in their membership, with nine more Clubs who are "even". Another 18 Clubs are either a -1 or a -2 in membership, which can be overcome with a successful recruiting effort.

Let's have a "push" for increasing Club Membership as we near the final laps of this Club Year Race. I have noticed that Clubs have reported various means of holding membership drives.... **NOW** is the time to do some serious asking of friends, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances to join you in the fun, fellowship, and volunteerism of our Lions organization.

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!

## Saving Sight

In my 32 years as a Lion, I have long been involved with efforts to save sight around the world. It is important work. Did you know that globally, 80 percent of all visual



Wing-Kun Tam

impairment can be prevented or cured? We have already helped millions of people through our sight-saving efforts and Foundation, and I know we can reach millions more.

I recently attended the 13th International Congress of Ophthalmology and Optometry in China. There, I had the honor of speaking about our Lions and our work. Our efforts to provide vision care for all, including vulnerable populations like children, people in developing countries and people with intellectual disabilities, are making a lasting impact. We are able to accomplish so much with our partners and with our clubs around the world.

According to the World Health Organization, visual impairment has decreased in the last twenty years. This is largely a result of combating infectious diseases, such as river blindness and trachoma. LCIF's SightFirst program addresses these diseases, and also screens vision, provides cataract surgeries, researches ways to make our efforts more efficient, and so much more, helping us realize our dream of vision for all.

Melvin Jones once said that "dreams are the simple ideas of yesterday that become the important miracles of today." Through our work to save sight and prevent blindness, we are helping the dream of vision for all to become an important miracle, every day, everywhere. Thank you, Lions. We would not be able to save sight around the world without your service and contributions.



**DG Ron's Routes  
May**

- 2 - 5 MD5 Multiple Convention- Rochester
- 7 - Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions Club Visit
- 14 - Waconia Lions Club Visit
- 16 - New Auburn Lions Club Visit  
(rescheduled from 4/18)
- 20 - 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting- St. Peter

## Written with "Pride"

**Joan Blank**  
District Governor Elect



## Harry's Corner

**Harry Klenke**  
First Vice  
District Governor Elect



### Step Up to the Plate

April has been the most challenging month this year as far as the weather has been concerned. As I write this we are in yet another winter storm warning. It seems that every person you run into has some negative comment about the weather and who can blame him/her? I have to admit I have done my fair share of grumbling and being down.

However, I do try to find the bright spot of each day or each situation. I have certainly found that this month of April and that would have to do with the Zone meetings I have attended each week. There have been three occasions where the Zone Chairs questioned whether the zone meeting should take place or be canceled due to the weather. The Zone 3 meeting did have to be rescheduled, but the other two stayed on track without Lions getting stuck in snowdrifts!

Even though there is not green grass or buds on the trees at this point, attending the Zone meetings was a breath of fresh air. Listening to each club report on special activities or giving a summary of all their recent activities was like listening to all the robins outside happily chirping away. A fellow Lion cannot possibly walk away from those meetings without feeling inspired by what all the Lions in 5M2 provide for services. A special part of the spring Zone meetings is the presentation of the "Zone Lion of the Year" which I have had the honor and pleasure of choosing. What a challenging and yet exhilarating experience this has been. Every Lion nominated has been an outstanding candidate. I am guilt ridden knowing I can only choose one per Zone. I have encouraged each club that has submitted a nominee that was not chosen this year to please re-nominate that Lion or present that Lion with your "Club Lion of the Year" award. This year's "Zone Lion of the Year" are:

Zone 1 – Lion Stan Horstmann, Silver Lake Lions

Zone 2 – Lion Tim O'Hara, Chaska Lions

Zone 3 – Lion Donna Will, Jordaness Lions

Zone 4 – Lion Jane Gulden, Courtland Lions

Zone 5 – Lion Richard Kroells, Hamburg Lions

Zone 6 – Lion Otto Luknic, Faribault Lions

Zone 7 – Lion Paul Gorman, Mankato Sunrise Lions

Zone 8 – Lion Neil Fuechte, Waseca Lions Club

Zone 9 – Lion Jim More, Minnesota Lake Lions

Congratulations to all of you for all your service to your club and to your community. The award was well deserved by each of you.

My next duty is helping host the Spring Training for new officers with PID Debra Wasserman and a great coaching staff. We have been working hard to have each class of officers leave with valuable knowledge and resources to use for their incoming year. You will read more about that in the new issue of the ROAR.

Lastly, Lion Kevin and I will be attending the Multiple Convention in Rochester the first weekend in May. We are extremely excited about this weekend as we get to meet International Vice President, Barry Palmer, who will be elected as the new International President at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. I will see if I can't find a photo op with VP Palmer sometime that weekend!

Thank you, Lions, for all your hard work, your service and for all those newly elected officers who "stepped up to the plate" for their club in the new Lion year. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Spring is here or is it. With all kinds of snow on the ground it looks more like winter and we should be writing about Christmas. The birds I see out my window are looking for me to come out and feed them. A couple days ago the robins were walking around on the ground looking for worms and now they up back up in the trees eating the old crab apples and other berries. This weather has made for interesting travel to "Spring" Zone meetings. I have thought my travels were tough, but then I think about how District Governor Ron and Lion Jean have how many more meetings to go to and I think my travels aren't so bad. We had to postpone our last Dinner meeting, but on the same night District Governor Ron had a club visit. I am sure he won't forget his spring as District Governor.

The Spring Zone meetings have been very enlightening. The information the clubs report on at these meetings has been insightful. All the clubs reporting have different ideas on things they do to help their communities. Each club finds things that will help their individual community. Some clubs join forces with neighboring clubs to do projects. I know that some of the things mentioned are brought back to other clubs who try to do this in their own communities. That's the great thing about Lions is we are always willing to help fellow Lions to make their clubs better. The Zone Chairs have continued to change things up at the meetings. Some have been more like what we are used too and others have tried to challenge us to really think about our clubs and ourselves as Lions. One thing that was brought up was how we can grow our clubs. The number one thing I think we need to do is "Ask". If someone asks us about Lions we should ask them to come to a meeting or an event we are hosting. At the Zone Meeting District Governor Ron has been giving the numbers of the clubs and how they are doing for the year and many of the clubs are doing quite well. With a little more effort our District may even come up with a plus in membership. I know that the Zone meetings have also been a lot of fun even though we all have been keeping an eye on the outside to see what the weather is doing, so we can make it home safely. One thing that this has done is to keep my speeches shorter, which has made everybody happy.

At the Spring Zone meetings District Governor Elect Joan has been talking about Spring Training. She has invited all clubs to send their new officers to some exciting training. With computers for all the secretaries to use and our Districts technology people there to help you we should have all the secretaries feeling good about stepping up to the plate for their clubs. I am sure all the other officers will be happy with the training that is being planned.



## Bringing better vision to Honduras with recycled eye glasses

With a population of just over 7.5 million, Honduras is the second poorest country in Central America and has an extraordinarily unequal distribution of income and high unemployment. The economy relies heavily on a narrow range of exports, notably bananas, coffee, and pineapples making it vulnerable to natural disasters and shifts in commodity prices.

Lion Orville Trettin of The Stewart Lions, and an active participant in Food for Kidz program, explains the following life's mission of Vision Honduras and how the Lions Club International and Wisconsin Lion's Foundation Eye Glass Recycling Center has assisted in providing recycled prescription eye glasses to poverty stricken children, men and women in remote mountain villages of individuals in Honduras.

Lion Orville shares, "While attending a worship and praise service 6 years ago in a remote Honduran village during a visit to a Food for Kidz feeding site, a young woman asked if she could use my prescription glasses to read her Bible. The next day after my now son in law, Bob Wacker of New Germany, Minnesota, and I purchased eye glasses for her, I looked around and realized the only people, young or old, who wore glasses, were those who were visiting from America. It was my fourth trip to Honduras at the time, but had never noticed the lack of eye glasses before.

Bob and I decided there had to be something we could do to help change that. Vision Honduras ([visionhonduras.com](http://visionhonduras.com)), a non-profit 501c3 organization to fit and distribute eye glasses was born out of the result of a simple request to borrow a pair of prescription glasses.

Upon our return to the United States, Lion Elvera and I as members of the Stewart Lions Club began our search knowing that Lions Clubs International collects used glasses for redistribution. The eyeglasses, some new and some recycled, were obtained through the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Eye Glass Recycling Center, where they utilizes the local correctional system as a source for processing collected eye glasses. Inmates using lensometers are trained to sort eye glasses and label them with the proper prescription information. We worked for a year to organize Vision Honduras and make arrangements to travel there with gifts of vision for the people of Honduras.

Once in Honduras, Jan and Charlie Brown from International Health Services in Texas provided training on how to fit and distribute the eye glasses. The Vision Honduras volunteers were taught to use auto refractors, administer vision

tests and match prescriptions to available eye glasses as closely as possible.

Weeks prior to their arrival, the Hondurans requesting glasses received a "ticket" in a lottery as admission into the vision clinic. When

people then arrived at the clinic with their tickets in hand, most walked overnight or up to eight hours.

The team was impressed with the patience of the people who waited without complaint for their turn to have their eyes examined and receive a pair of glasses. There was no confusion and an amazing lack of noise as the grateful Hondurans waited to be seen.

When his or her turn came, the recipient's vision was tested using a wall eye chart. Then the eyes were tested using an auto refractor. Once the prescription was determined the search for the prescription eye glasses began. The glasses available probably would not exactly match the prescription needed, but the team volunteers search diligently for something as close as possible. The recipient was then fitted with recycled or donated eye glasses and retested with the prescription or reading glasses using a held eye chart. After a few adjustments to the eye glasses, people were able to read the Spanish language New Testaments clearly (also distributed by the Vision Honduras team volunteers) or thread a needle to sew for their family some for the first time in years.

The oldest person to receive glasses was 91 years old and the youngest was only 2-1/2. One woman grinned from ear to ear and said, I have not been able to read in 40 years. In all, more than 1,000 people received the gift of clear vision. The team was able to help between 90 and 95 percent of the people they saw. Those they could not help were referred to clinics in the city of El Progreso which is a 10 hour bus ride from home. That was 6 years ago.

The Vision Honduras team of 2013 just returned after another successful mission trip. The team of 9 plus translators fitted 3,900 pair of recycled and new reading glasses plus sun glasses to more very poor mountainous but happy residents. With each pair of eyeglasses the team gives a homemade cloth eye glass case and a Spanish New Testament.

As interesting side note, during the last day of a clinic in 106°F temps, seven men showed up to be tested: the youngest man was 85 and the oldest was 96. The men had heard that there was an eye clinic and had walked 5 hours over very mountainous trails to reach the team clinic sight. The team helped 4 but the others were referred to the El Progreso Eye Clinic for further assessment. When the team offered if our van could take them home, we were told that there were no roads to their homes.

On behalf of the Vision Honduras Team and the individuals we serve who receive recycled, prescription eye glasses, thank you for donating your used eye glasses to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Eye Glass Recycling Center.

If you have an interest in joining the team for 2 weeks or 4 weeks, please contact Lion's Elvera and Orville Trettin 320/562-2500. The next Vision Honduras mission trip is planned for February 4th 2014. Are you coming?

Vision Honduras is a 501c3 organization



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Zone 7 Lion Person of the Year- Lion Paul Gorman of the Mankato Sunrise Lions Club

Zone 9 Lion Person of the Year- Lion James More of the Minnesota Lake Lions Club

**Landscap**e Arboretum

**Chaska, Minnesota**

**Lions Children's Hearing Center**



**2013 Second Annual Walk**

**D-Feet Hearing Loss**

**June 8, 2013**

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Hamburg Lions Club &  
Hamburg Fire Department Relief Association

# ZUMMERFEST 2013

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 14, 15**

City-Wide Garage Sales Thursday, Friday & Saturday (8:00 am)

EVENTS <u>FRIDAY JUNE 14</u>	EVENTS <u>SATURDAY JUNE 15</u>
<p><b><u>FOOD STAND</u></b> <i>Opens @ 4pm Featuring Burgers, Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos, French Fries, Onion Rings, Root Beer Floats, Ice Cream, Sweet Corn</i></p>	<p><b><u>FOOD STAND</u></b> <i>Opens @ 9am Featuring Burgers, Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos, French Fries, Onion Rings, Root Beer Floats, Ice Cream, Sweet Corn</i></p>
<p><b><u>CLASSIC CAR SHOW &amp; CRUISE</u></b> <i>Vehicles to Admire &amp; Appreciate Registration @ 5pm; Cruise @ 7pm</i></p> <p><b><u>Music by CASTAWAYS</u></b> <i>Tunes of the 50's, 60's plus FREE! From 3:30 pm – Midnight Lion's Shelter</i></p> <p><b><u>Adult Bingo</u></b> <i>6:00-8:00 pm Lion's Shelter</i></p> <p><b><u>KIDS BOUNCE HOUSES</u></b> <i>Available Both Days</i></p> <p><b><u>ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW</u></b> <i>All day Saturday at Bi-Centennial Park</i></p>	<p><b><u>YOUTH BASEBALL GAMES</u></b> <i>Starts @ 9 am at Bi-Centennial Park</i></p> <p><b><u>TEXAS HOLD 'EM</u></b> <i>In Lion's Shelter @ 9:00 am</i></p> <p><b><u>TRACTOR &amp; TRUCK PULL</u></b> <i>Starts @ 11:00 am at Bi-Centennial Park</i></p> <p><b><u>Free YOUTH ACTIVITIES</u></b> <i>Starts @ Noon for 12 &amp; under Kids Bingo (20 games), Face Painting, Coloring Contest and a Grand Prize - Bicycle</i></p> <p><b><u>MAGIC SHOW by MATT DUNN</u></b> <i>Including live animals @ 1:30 pm</i></p> <p><b><u>KIDS PEDAL PULL</u></b> <i>Registration @ 2:30 pm Ages 4-11 Pull Starts @ 3:00 pm</i></p> <p><b><u>CLASSIC BBQ CONTEST</u></b> <i>Judging @ 4:00 pm</i></p> <p><b><u>PEOPLE'S CHOICE BBQ CONTEST</u></b> <i>Pork Shoulder – Fee for Tasting &amp; Ballot @ 5:00 pm</i></p> <p><b><u>Music – BLURRED VISION</u></b> <i>Great Music FREE! From 8:00 pm – Midnight Lion's Shelter</i></p>

# HAMBURG LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT (SCRAMBLE)



The Hamburg Lions would like to invite you to play in their golf tournament. If you're not interested in golfing, please consider becoming a hole sponsor. Thank you for supporting the Hamburg Lions.

Friday May 24th, 2013

Winona County Club, Winona MN - 1200 Registratives, 1:00 shot Gun Start

\$45.00 per person, (member of Winona County Club) \$60.00 per person, (non-member) Includes Golf, cart and meal.

Multiple's available for (50.00, on course games, Men's long drive, Women's long drive, closest to the pin, longest putt.

## Cash Prizes

Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50.00 non-member, \$45.00 member)  
 Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_ (\$60.00 non-member, \$45.00 member)  
 Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_ (\$80.00 non-member, \$45.00 member)  
 Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_ (\$60.00 non-member, \$45.00 member)

Number of carts needed \_\_\_\_\_ (2 per foursome)

Total amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Hole sponsor (\$25.00): Name on sign \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or e-mail Registration by May 24<sup>th</sup> to:

Joel Frueck you can also call the Winona County Club to sign up  
 P.O. Box 123 (507) 854-3025  
 Hamburg MN 55309 If you would like to play but are unable to put together a full team, we will help fill your team  
[frueckjoel@comcast.com](mailto:frueckjoel@comcast.com)

Questions call Joel at 552-250-7057

All Proceeds are used for Community projects



President Lion Wayne Madden

Dear Lions,

It's April. That means we are now three quarters of the way through this Lions year. Only three more months to go. Are you going to save enough fuel to finish the race, or are you going to accelerate toward the finish line? How you answer that question will really define your year.

I want you all to accelerate!!! With three months to go, there is still so much we can accomplish – like chartering new clubs and inviting new members.

As we approach our 4<sup>th</sup> and final pit stop, district governors should be encouraging clubs to participate in our global action campaign "Protecting our Environment," and striving for at least 50% club participation in our Reading Action Program. This is also the time to end the year on a high note by chartering a new club and a net increase in membership (a requirement for the District Governor Team Excellence Award)

Club presidents should ensure that their club is in good standing and has a net growth at the close of the year (a requirement for the Club Excellence Award). Currently, more than one-third of our clubs have not invited a new member this year. That represents an opportunity to add at least 15,000 additional members by the end of the year.

I'm very pleased to report as of the end of March, we have surpassed 60,000 Reading Action Program activities, serving over 6 million people worldwide. That's an amazing accomplishment, and indicative of the Lions spirit to serve the underserved. For clubs that have not yet participated in the program, there is still time. It's easy, and a great way to make a real difference in your community.

Finish strong! Make sure every bit of fuel in your tank is used by the end of the year.



## COLOGNE LEO CLUB CAN-DO CANINES FUNDRAISER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

All items can be personalized with your Lions Club name for an additional \$2.00

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: COLOGNE LEO CLUB**  
 Return form with payment to: Cologne Leo Club, Attn: Denise,  
 1080 Chaparral Ct., Chanhassen, MN 55317

PRODUCT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	CLUB NAME OR LEO TEAM	Total
Tie-Dye Shirt: \$18.00 (Add \$2.00 for 2-3XL)								
Polo Shirt: \$18.00 (Add \$2.00 for 2-3XL)								
W. Zip Sweatshirt: \$30.00 (Add \$2.00 for 2-3XL)								
Tote Bag: \$10.00								
Beard Hat: \$8.00								
							TOTAL \$	



Thank you!!!

To: MD5M USA Canada Forum  
Attendees

Have you thought about how you are traveling to Overland Park, Kansas?

Consider a motor coach!

Contact your District Governor or USA  
Canada Forum Chair for info before  
5/1/13.

## Miss Teen Minnesota 2012 Gabby Taylor presenting flowers to Hilary Wickenhauser 4th Runner up

The Cologne Leos really have something to Roar about. Charter member Hilary Wickenhauser was 4th runner up in the Miss Teen Minnesota Pageant held in St. Cloud March 16th. Her speaking platform was P.A.W.S. People and Animals Working Side by Side. She is partnering with Can Do Canines in New Hope to help raise awareness of this program. The Cologne Leos are currently raising money to name a puppy and Hilary and her family are being trained as puppy raisers for Can Do Canines. The Cologne Leos have been busy with speaking engagements, distributing their "Birthday Boxes", officer nominations, moving to a new Clubhouse and partnering with the Cologne Lions on service projects. Klein bank awarded them a check for \$660.00 on behalf of Kleinbanks Blue Jeans Friday Campaign. The Cologne Leos meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays at Louis Hall in Cologne.



Leo Nick Goede, Glencoe Lions President Gary Koch, Leo Attrea Ferro-Schug speaking at the Glencoe Lions Meeting. Contact lionannaw@gmail.com if you would like to schedule a club visit.



**We Serve**



## District 5M-2 Jungle Days 2013

**18 Hole Tournament  
4 Person Scramble**

**Monday, August 5th, 2013**

**Valley View Golf Course**

**\$85.00 per golfer – includes golf cart, dinner & prizes**

**11:00 a.m. – Registration**

**Lunch will be available**

**12:30 p.m. – Tee off shot-gun start**

**Dinner @ approximately 5:30 p.m.**

**Additional Dinner Tickets available for \$15.00**

**Registration Deadline Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013**

**Tournament Participants – Teams of 4**

	Dinner	Cart
Name: _____	Yes/No	Yes/No
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Extra Dinner Tickets x \$15.00 per ticket = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payable to: **Jordaness Lions Club**  
Send Payment to: **Lion Amy Piotrowski**  
104 Arabian CT  
Jordan, MN 55352

For questions please email:  
[jordanesslions@gmail.com](mailto:jordanesslions@gmail.com)  
(952) 492-6290



## SAVE THE DATE

*Jungle Days Annual  
Golf Tournament  
4 Person Scramble*

**August 5, 2013**

**Registration @ 11:00 AM  
12:30 PM to 5:30 PM**

**Valley View Golf Course**  
23795 Larsdo Avenue  
Belle Plaine, MN

**(952) 873-4653**

**18 Hole Golf  
Tournament**

**\$85 per Golfer**  
(Includes Meal)

**Male & Female Team Awards**



**For More Information:**  
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