



5M-2 PATH to SUCCESS



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Editor Bill Curtis



DG Harry visited the Northfield Noon Club on President's day. This club is vying for the most new members by a club this year in the district. Great Job, keep recruiting. Chevrons were delivered for Lion Gerald Hasse 50 years and Lion Robert Gill 55 Years. What a great accomplishment by these two Lion's, Northfield Lion's give an important service to their community.

Le Sueur Lions Club, Leader Dog Founders Tributes given to Lion Randy Baum and Lion Tim Ziebarth, Dream Catcher to Lion Phil Lee, Helen Keller to Lion Larry Hylarides, Hearing Research Fellowship to Lion Tom Seitzer and Progressive Melvin Jones to Lion Dale Sunderman. 20 Year Chevrons to Lion Shirley Hespeneheide, Lion Donna Carmody and Lion Frank Fettig. 25 Year to Lion Larry Hylarides and Lion Phil Lee.



We were honored guests to the Montgomery Lion's. We presented chevrons to Lion's Donald Hora and Daniel Roberts for 10 years, Lion's Mark Brahs, Daniel Hardel, Michael Chapman and Darlene Wondra for 15 years, Lion Dick Grundhoffer for 25 years, Lion Glenn Wondra for 30 years, and Lion Joseph Koldin for 35 years. This is Montgomery's 35th year of it's Lion's club serving their community. Congratulations, and continue to serve your community with pride.



New member Lion John Favolis being inducted by DG Harry Klenke along with sponsor Lion Todd Redmann.



Harry's Journal

Harry Klenke
District Governor



District Governor
Harry Klenke

We have started the Spring Zone Meetings. They have been fun so far and informative. The Zone Chairs are doing a fine job of making them entertaining and the host clubs have been making the meetings fun. The Zone Lion of the Year have been great Lions and have been very appreciate of the Award. That Award is a great idea. Recognition is one of the ways we can use to keep our Lions. This is one of the things President Joe Preston wants us to work hard on. Beside his plan of "Ask One" he wants us to "Keep One". Meaning we don't need to just ask people to join our clubs we need to make them feel wanted so we keep them long term. We have added many members but we have lost many more. We need to find out why these Lions are leaving and find a way of making them feel happy and wanted. That is what I have been talking about a lot lately. Other Districts in our Multiple have plus membership and we are way down on our numbers. I know you people are working hard at trying to recruit members. Many of your clubs have been holding membership nights. Thank you for that. Keep in touch with the people who come and make them feel wanted. So keep building our pride by getting new members.

We just finished our 3rd Council of Governors meeting Saturday. At the end of it the next years Council Chair is chosen, you can be happy to hear I was not chosen. It will be District Governor Kathy Jensen of 5M4. We had 5 good candidates. At the meeting earlier in the day I got to help Council Chair Earl and Past International Director Debra present an Award and a check to the young lady that won the Visually Impaired Writing Contest for our District also was also the Multiple winner. She was very appreciative. We also had chance to sing happy birthday to her. We need to keep members of our clubs aware that the Visually Impaired Contest runs along with the Peace Poster Contest. I know we will have more candidates in the future. If you have any questions for next year's contest contact Past International Director Debra. The contest theme is the same as the Peace Poster theme.

Another reminder for your clubs that elections need to be held and the Officers sent to LCI and myself before May 1st. We want all our clubs to be in the LCI Directory. If it isn't done I and District Governor Elect Marvin are notified. This form is called the P101. At the Zone Meetings Lion Loretta is passing out a manila envelope with the forms in and a self-addressed stamped envelope to me. Also in this packet is the Club Excellence Award form. And on the manila envelope Lion Loretta has written what your plus or minus membership number is for the year. You have to be plus 1 or better to qualify. For those clubs we won't see until late in April we will be mailing them to you.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter. Happy Spring.

Governor's Ride Along

March 30	Zone Eight Waseca
March 31	St. Peter Club Visit
April 1	Blooming Prairie Club Visit
April 5	<u>Happy Easter to All Lion's</u>
April 7	Albert Lea Cloverleaf's Club Visit
April 8 -10	Journey For Service
April 14	Belle Plaine Club Visit
April 16	Prior Lake Club Visit
April 17-19	Multiple Convention-Bloomington
April 19	Prior Lake Bingo-"The Pointe"
April 20	Zone Nine Alden
April 21	Belle Plaines "25 th " Anniversary
April 21	Zone Six LeCenter
April 22	Shakopee Valley's Club Visit
April 23	Winnebago 20 th Anniversary
April 24	NYA West Carver 25 th Anniversary
April 26	Cabinet Meeting St. Peter
April 29	Tentative Zone Two
April 30	Albert Lea Club Visit
May 5	Watertown Club Visit
May 6	Henderson Club Visit
May 10	<u>Happy Mother's Day</u>
May 12	Amboy Club Visit

Success of the Pride

Success: - Waconia Lion's Club for a successful "Wild Game Night"

Success: - Shakopee Lion's Club for a successful "Ice Golf" event

Success: - Hamburg Lion's for a successful Spring Bingo event

Success: - Shakopee Valley Lion's for a successful Bingo Event

Success: - Carver Lion's for a successful Sunday Brunch

Success: - Cologne Leo's for Organizing and a successful "Food for Kidz" event

Success: - Lafayette Lion's for a successful Pancake and Waffle event.

Success: - Glencoe Lion's for a successful Spring Brunch event

Success: - Plato Lions for a successful "Spring Brunch"

Success: - To the clubs who have or will receive their Centennial Service Award Patch-Keep reporting your activities, there is still time to accomplish this patch.

MARVIN'S COMMENTS

1st VDG Lion
Marvin Grimm



March has been one busy month, Zone Meetings, DGE training, plus other things that one wants to do. We still have some Zone Meetings in April. Try to attend your Zone Meeting to get new information and hear what other clubs are doing. It is also great to get to know the Lions of your Zone and District.

Also in April is Journey for Service with Gordy Affield making the route for the first time. Remember your scheduled time to meet Gordy and Governor Harry.

April 17,18,19 is the MD5M Multiple Convention in Bloomington at Airport Marriot Hotel. The hotel is located along 494 by Ikea and Mall of America. The Convention has a list of good speakers and many friendly Lions. When attending a Multiple Convention, there are Lions from all of Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and a great part of Manitoba. A great opportunity to meet and visit Lions, learn new ideas and enjoy the atmosphere of a great Convention.

Start making your plans to attend Jungle Days, Monday, August 3, 2015 at Shoreland Country Club by St. Peter, MN. The cost is \$75 per golfer which includes ½ golf cart, dinner and prizes. If you only want to come for dinner, the cost is \$16. So start planning now and remember, 5M2 has a traveling trophy, so get your clubs out for golfing and start collecting points.

Do some work with your members to retain members. We do not want to have a large drop of members at the end of our Lion's year, June 30 and at the beginning of our next Lion's year. We want to encourage our Lions to stay and be active.

Our electronic newsletter begins July 1, 2015. So get your news items in by June 15 for the first issue. Our editor is Cindy Walters. Email news to her at 5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com

We want all clubs to participate at some time during the year. Continue to support the present newsletter with new items, photos and events.

DGE Marvin Grimm

PROUDLY GO...

2nd VDG Lion
Steve Wasserman



International President Lion Joe Preston has challenged us to **"Strengthen The Pride"**. My topic this month is how we can "Strengthen The Pride" through Courage and Conviction.

Courage is perhaps the single quality that most clearly distinguishes Lions from other service organizations. Since 1917, our very name and emblem have been the embodiment of courage. In 1925, when Helen Keller challenged Lions to be "Knights of the Blind", she was asking us to have the courage to take up the battle against preventable blindness. Courage implies strength in the face of pain or grief. Lions certainly demonstrate courage when we are among the first to arrive at the scene of a natural disaster. Lions demonstrate courage when we set a goal to eliminate river blindness, to plant a million trees, or to provide service to 100 million people in our four global service action campaign areas (Engaging our youth, Sharing the vision, Relieving the hunger, and Protecting our environment) by the end of our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Your Lions Club can demonstrate courage by establishing a goal to provide service in each of those four areas of our Centennial Service Challenge. Perhaps your club has set a goal to give a dictionary to every third grade student in your school system, to provide eye exams for every student in need in your community, to supply a holiday meal to every family that cannot afford one, or to provide a clean stretch of highway or a park for the residents of your community to enjoy. It takes courage to undertake such projects, but we Lions have no lack of courage.

But courage alone is not enough. We must also have conviction. As Lion President Joe says, "a roar without conviction is just a loud noise". A conviction is a firmly held belief, an "article of faith". Lions have the conviction that each individual act of service is of value. We have the conviction that by working together we can accomplish great things. It is that conviction that translates our courage into action. It is through that conviction that we have been able to eliminate river blindness in South America and will soon in Africa. Our conviction resulted in our planting over 20 million trees, and it is our conviction that will drive us to meet our Centennial Service Challenge.

It is also that courage and conviction that will enable us to grow our clubs and our organization. When we have courage and conviction, we are better able to speak with passion about the many things our clubs do to better our communities. When we have courage and conviction, we can more easily ask friends to help with a project. When we have courage and conviction, we realize that asking someone to join our club is really giving them an opportunity to enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that our service makes a difference. We need to continue to tap into our strengths and beliefs to "Strengthen The Pride" through Courage and Conviction.

Happy Easter!



Belle Plaine 25th Anniversary

The Belle Plaine Lions Club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The organization was chartered in April, 1990 with 23 members joining the Lions Club at that time. To commemorate this milestone the Club is having a dinner and program on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Borough Bowl Party Room beginning with a social hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. You, as an officer and Cabinet member in our District, are cordially invited to this celebration dinner. The program that evening will include a social hour with entertainment, followed by the dinner, presentation of awards, speakers and drawings for prizes. The featured speaker will be Lions PDG and MN House Rep Bob Vogel. The Borough Bowl in Belle Plaine is located at 235 S. Ash Street (corner of Ash and W. Commerce Drive which is the frontage road on the north side of Highway 169). Ash Street is located at the east end of Belle Plaine about three blocks west of the east entrance to the city. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Everyone attending will receive the Clubs new 25th anniversary pin. We hope that you can attend this celebration. Please RSVP by April 14th to 952-873-6553 or email to wjwolf@frontiernet.net.



Lion Dean Williams of LeSueur Lion's was bestowed the honor of Zone 5 Lion of the year. He spoke after receiving the award of how the Lion's commitment to the blind had assisted him in his personal life with his own visual deficits and acceptance of his visual losses.

He is an inspiring Lion and it was an honor to present this award to him. Thank you DGE Marvin.



St. Patrick's day took us to the Chaska Lion's club and the traditional Irish food of coked cabbage and corn beef. Yes, green beer was available, but we observed no Lion's partaking of that beverage. It was a great night and the Chaska Lion's are busy planning and inspiring to draw new members to their club. We are sure with there energy and enthusiasm we will listing new members for Chaska soon. They live the motto of Melvin Jones "we serve". We delivered Chevrons for Lion Ken Haasken 20 years, Lion Alan Riesgraf 25 years and Lion Gary Riba for 40 years.

Waseca Lions Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, April 12
7:30 am to 12:00 noon

AMERICAN LEGION CLUB

Adults: \$6.00
Kids age 12 & under: \$2.00 at the door
Toddlers: Free

Proceeds to be used for...
Waseca Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
Scholarships
Lions Eye Bank



PROJECT NEW HOPE

"NEW HOPE...NEW LIFE"



Thanks for all the donations on the "Parade of Green," towards Project New Hope. 20 veterans and their families will be able to attend our retreats.

Lion Darlene Wondra

Upcoming Retreats

May 15, 2015	Camp New Hope - McGregor, MN
July 31, 2015	Camp Vanasek - Brainerd, MN
Oct 2, 2015	Ironwood Springs Ranch - Stewartville, MN
Dec 4, 2015	Inspiration Point Camp - Clitherall, MN



The club visit to Waconia was to a local brewery. The club toured the site and enjoyed fellowship after the tour. We presented chevrons for Lion's Chris Tuttle, James Sanborn, Roy Champagnes, Tony Eshlemn, and Shanon Sweeney all for 10 years, for 15 years Lion Mike Werner, Lion's Thomas Kaliher and Mike Lievermann for 20 years, Lion's James Renner and Kim Mackenthun for 30 years, for 35 years Lion R Lawrence Harris, Lion's Tom Beck, Ron Everson and C Russell Heagle MD for 40 years, and Lion DR. Kermit Ohlsen for 50 years of service. Waconia Lion's were recognized by the State of MN for one of the top organizations in donating to their community and other entities in need. Keep up the great work and continue to serve in the name of Lionism.



On February 24 we visited the NYA west Carver Lion's Club. They are busy planning for there clubs 25th Anniversary later this spring. What a great group of energetic Lion's serving their community. Keep up the motto" We Serve" in your community.



We were honored guests at the Ranchero of the NEW Lion's. We wish you luck with your spring event and recruiting more members. We bestowed chevrons to Lion's Cheryl Friedges and Tracey Friedges for 10 years, Lion's Donna Weimelt, Gerald Bacon, and Paul Weimelt for 15 years, Lion Thomas Trenda 20 years, Lion's John Mahoney, Laura Vogel, Caryl Vogel and Ann Ettlin for 35 years, and Lion's Bob Vogel and Robert Zweber for 40 years of service. DG Harry and PDG Bob teamed up and inducted two new members into the NEW Lion's. A great club who is living Melvin Jones spirit of serving as Lion's.



A short trip for us to visit the Shakopee Lion's. A great group of men who are instrumental in making Shakopee a great community through their service and support. We gave chevrons to Lion's Don McNeil, Andy Frank, Dean Bohn, Duane Kriese Sr., Peter Petrinin, Scott Breimhorst, and Shawn Bouley for 10 years, Lion's Bren Bakken, Mark Heller, Steve Wagner and Robert O'Brien for 15 years, Lion's Steve Gunderson and Robert Greeley for 20 years, Lion Duane Krautkremer for 25 years, Lion Donald Mertz 30 years and Joseph Theis for 40 years. DG Harry also inducted Four new members to the Shakopee Lions Club. Keep recruiting and serving your community.



We were guests of the Glencoe Lion's club. While there we awarded chevrons to Lion Kenneth Farrell for 25 years, Lion's Michael Witthus and Elmer Schuette for 30 years, Lion Sylvan Becker for 35 years. Lion's Leonard Noga, Mervin Gifferson and Bill Curtis for 40 years, they received the 40 year Charter Chevrons. Congratulations on 40 years for the Glencoe Lion's club for the great service and support of your community and Lionism.



New Members



Arlington Lion's
Lion James R Kreft
Sponsored by Lion Dan Hislop

Belle Plaine Lion's
Lion Randy J Millard
Sponsored by Lion Rex Ernst
Lion Schuyler W Thompson
Sponsored by Lion Rex Ernst

Carver Lion's
Lion Donna M Nelson
Sponsored by Lion Sandy Bellig

Faribault Lion's
Lion Brad Harper
Sponsored by Lion Holly Nordmeyer

Green Isle Lion's
Lion Tom Eibs
Sponsored by Lion Carl Belz

Le Sueur Lion's
Lion John R Favolise
Sponsored by Lion Todd Redmann

Nicollet Lion's
Lion Chris Compart
Sponsored by Lion Victor Johnson
Northfield Lion's
Lion Todd J Bornhauser
Sponsored by Lion David Ludescher

Shakopee Lion's
Lion Doug R Gurholt
Sponsored by Lion Micheal Tangeman
Lion Steve J Kickert
Sponsored by Lion Brian Norris
Lion Shawn K Larson
Sponsored by Lion Todd Christianson
Lion Tracy A Pink
Sponsored by Lion Nate Plagge

Shakopee Valley Lion's
Lion Debra K Parizek
Sponsored by Lion Jean Pauly

St Peter Lion's
Lion Arne K Jessen
Sponsored by Lion Herbert Chilstrom

Victoria Lion's
Lion Mark Hines
Sponsored by Lion Jack Hines

Waconia Lion's
Lion Todd Hann
Sponsored by Lion Darrin Rothstein

Winsted Lion's
Lion Darlene Kiefer
Sponsored by Lion Paul Gatz
Lion Daryl L Kiefer
Sponsored by Lion Paul Gatz

Winthrop Lion's
Lion Lynn Drinkall
Sponsored by Lion Scot Kuester
Lion Russell Drinkall
Sponsored by Lion Scot Kuester
Lion Keith Richer
Sponsored by Lion Scot Kuester
Lion Marge Richer
Sponsored by Lion Scot Kuester



COURTLAND LIONS



PANCAKE, EGG, SAUSAGE BRUNCH



SUNDAY, April 26, 2015

ADULTS: \$7.00 CHILDREN 5 - 12: \$4.00 UNDER 5: FREE

COURTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
COURTLAND, MN

SERVING 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE FOOD SHELF
BRING OLD EYE GLASSES & HEARING AIDS FOR RECYCLING



We're on our way to reaching our goal of helping 100 million people through the Centennial Service Challenge. And thanks to you, we've helped 20 million people in just the first six months, and we're looking forward to serving millions more. To keep the momentum going, I am inviting you to join me for a special Centennial Service Challenge event in May.



The Worldwide Week of Service brings Lions around the world together for a special week of service during May 16-22. You can join us by hosting a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment. If you're looking for another great way to serve, consider hosting a project to help children in need in your community.

The Centennial Service Challenge is a great opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club and earn recognition. Be a part of our once-in-a-lifetime Centennial celebration. Don't miss out...start planning your Worldwide Week of Service project today!



Henderson Lions Club
Spaghetti Feed

Henderson Community Building

Sunday - April 26, 2015
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adults....\$9.00
Children ages 5-10....\$5.00
Children under 5....free



Proceeds used for Henderson skating rink improvements

Can Do Canines'



Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge. We'll be graduating more than 20 new assistance dog teams on Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m. at Can Do Canines facility (9440 Science Center Drive) in New Hope, MN. Please join us in congratulating them!

Below is a follow-up story to a graduate, Beth Klingellhofer & Diabetes Assist Dog Faith who was partnered with a Can Do Canines assistance dog in 2013. Thank you again for your support of our organization.

A Prayer Answered

Beth Klingellhofer & Diabetes Assist Dog Faith

When Beth Klingellhofer was driving to New Hope to pick up her Diabetes Assist Dog Faith from Can Do Canines, she knew she was headed into a hope-filled future.

Beth, who has Type 1 Diabetes, had previously experienced numerous, frightening episodes of low blood sugar. These episodes had drastically limited her outside activities and isolated herself at home. She was afraid to venture out for activities or chores that most would consider "routine," without her husband along to make sure she was safe.

Then a Google search revealed Can Do Canines based in New Hope, Minn. and the rest is history. Faith, a beautiful black lab, was trained for Beth, and the final confirmation of good things to come happened on the trip to New Hope to bring Faith home. On the radio, a song called "The Prayer" played, and the lyrics that stood out to Beth validated everything: "Give us faith, so we'll be safe."

Faith has indeed made Beth safe. "She saves my life at least three times a week," says Beth.

Beth, who has hypoglycemic unawareness, does not know when her blood sugar levels are low. But, Faith does. By smelling her breath, Faith can alert Beth by nudging her, letting her know it's time to test and thus averting an emergency. In return, Faith has a family who adores her.

"Having Faith has allowed me to be more independent, to do more things—especially to do more things with my kids, and without the help of my husband. He can even go on business trips now without worrying that something might happen to me while he's gone."

Faithful to her breed, the assistance dog has a deep love of retrieving—tennis balls are her favorite. In fact, when the weather prevents playtime outside, there's a place in the house where the tennis ball can be thrown. She is so enthusiastic, though, that Beth has to place pillows in front of the wall so that Faith doesn't hurt herself crashing after the ball. She loves retrieving so much that the balls have to be hidden away when the rest of the family is tired of throwing them for her.

At 45 pounds, Faith is small for a Labrador retriever, and Beth has had people inquire if she is indeed fully lab. Beth's reply? "She's mostly lab, mixed with a little bit of angel."

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Save the Date

**Belle Plaine Lions Club
25th Anniversary
Dinner and Program
April 21, 2015**



**MD5M
2015 CONVENTION**



Great News!!!! It looks like over 400 Lions will be attending our 2015 MD Convention in April!!!
In addition to listening to great speakers on Saturday afternoon, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve", you also have the opportunity to participate in a great service opportunity.

Saturday afternoon, from 2:00 to 4:00, up to 140 Lions, Lioness, and Leos can work packing meals at the "Feed My Starving Children" facility right near the hotel. If you are planning to participate in this service activity please send an email to Lions Steve Knudsen at steven.knudsen@usfamily.net, provide the name of each individual, name of Lions club, and the individual's email address.

We are close to selling out our rooms at the Marriott Airport Hotel. If you are planning on attending and have not made your hotel reservation there are several hotels in the area you can call if the Marriott is sold out.

Hotel Name	Phone Number	Nightly Rate (Dollar \$)	Address	Miles from Minneapolis Airport Marriott (Driving)
Radisson Blu Mall of America	(952) 881-5258	\$157 Average Nightly Rate	Mall of American, 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425	1.1 Miles
Ramada Bloomington Minneapolis Airport	(952) 854-3411	\$154 Average Nightly Rate	2300 East American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.1 Miles
Radisson Hotel Bloomington By Mall of America	(952) 854-8700	\$110 Average Nightly Rate	1700 East American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.3 Miles
Fairfield Inn & Suites Minneapolis Bloomington	(952) 858-8475	\$94-104 Average Nightly Rate	2401 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.5 Miles
Courtyard Marriott Bloomington	(952) 876-0100	\$99-109 Average Nightly Rate	7800 Bloomington Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.6 Miles

April 17-19, 2015

Marriott Airport Hotel
2020 American Blvd East
Bloomington MN 55425 1-800-228-9290
<http://lionsmd5m.org/MD5M/MD5MConvention/MD5MConvention.htm>

Where There's a Need, There's A Lion

Vendor Recognitions

- **Paul Scheuble** – Chumly's
- **Paul Trnka** – The Saloon
- Jerry Volkenant – American Legion
 - Accepted By **Tom Kaliher**

Years of Service Recognition (thru May 2015)

- 5 Years - **Jeff Boser** (May, 2005)
- 5 Years - **Paul Scheuble** (November, 2009)
- 5 Years - Dale Dietel (December, 2009)
- 10 Years - **Tony Eshleman** (January, 2005)
- 10 Years - **Jim Sanborn** (January, 2005)
- 10 Years - Chris Tuttle (April, 2005)
- 10 Years - Shannon Sweeney (October, 2004)
- 15 Years - Mike Werner (December, 1999)
- 20 Years - **Tom Kaliher** (January, 1995)
- 25 Years - None
- 30 Years - **Jim Renner** (March, 1985)
- 30 Years - Kim Mackenthun (October, 1984)
- 35 Years - Larry Harris (April, 1980)
- 40 Years - **Ron Everson** (October, 1974)
- 40 Years - **Russ Heagle** (March, 1975)
- 40 Years - Tom Beck (October, 1974)

- 50 Years - Kermit Ohlsen (October, 1964)
 - Accepted By **Doug Ohlsen**

Half Century of Service Award

- Kermit Ohlsen (October 1964) >> **50 Years**
 - Accepted By **Doug Ohlsen**
- **Paul Melchert** (October, 1961) >> **53 Years**
- **John Devins** (July, 1957) >> **57 Years**

Lifetime of Service Award

- **Will Yetzer** (November, 1945) >> **69 Years**

Waconia Lion of the Year Award

- **Jason Wagener**