

# The 5M-2



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## WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5M2 USA/Canada Forum



Leos Hilary Wickenhauser and Megan Timmers sharing a few laughs with DG Joan after the Saturday Banquet at USA/Canada Forum.

Lion Anna Wickenhauser (Cologne Lions) at the USA/Canada Forum in Overland Park, KS being strongly encouraged to attend the 2014 USA/Canada Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico!

The USA/Canada Forum was held in Overland Park, Kansas on September 19-21, 2013 and 5M2 had a great representation of Lions. The theme for the weekend was 'Follow the LEADERSHIP Road to your Dreams'. The weekend was packed with numerous seminars, exhibitors, motivational speakers and over 2000 Lions from the USA and Canada. Of course, Dorothy and Toto showed up too! The Forum offers 3 days of opportunities to learn and meet new people and Lion Kevin and I were able to meet International Director Stephen Glass and his wife, Lion Cindy, who will be attending our Mid-Winter Convention. Both are very warm and personable and will have much to offer at our convention! Those who attended from our district were: PID Maynard and PDG Eunice Rucks, PID Debra and Lion Steve Wasserman, PDGs Mary and Tom Ferleman, 1st Vice District Governor Harry and Lion Loretta Klenke, 2nd Vice District Governor Marv and Lion Evelyn Grimm, Lions Don and Anna Wickenhauser, Leos Hilary Wickenhauser and Megan Timmers, Lion Sandy Schneider, Lion Shirley Hesperheide, Lions Duane and Diane Kroells and Lion Kevin and myself.

Many thanks to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the Forum.







# Joan's Journal

Joan Blank  
District Governor



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Joan Blank

As I write this, I have been home just 24 hours after arriving back from my first USA/Canada Forum in Overland Park, Kansas. This has been a year for many first, and all of my experiences have proved to be most rewarding. The Forum's theme was "Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams" and it was quite entertaining to have Dorothy or the Tin Man or the Courageous Lion show up at various times.

The mission of the USA/Canada Forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of idea, and support the programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. The host planning committee from Kansas more than accomplished this goal. Lion Kevin and I attended some seminars together but split up most the time to cover as many as we could. As much as we enjoyed all the different topics we attended, we thought the guest speakers delivered the best motivational messages. Two speakers really impacted us by their overcoming of extremely difficult situations.

Thursday night's speaker was Ed Hearn, a member of the World Champion New York Mets in 1986. The following year with the Kansas City Royals, he was set to make those big "million bucks" when suddenly a serious shoulder injury brought a premature end to a very promising career. Less than six months later after his baseball career ended, he was diagnosed with three potentially life threatening health conditions. Ed went from the penthouse to the outhouse, as he likes to put it. He explained how one nurse and young male patient made him "think outside himself" and persevere through the curve balls life was throwing at him. His courage, faith and determination spoke volumes about how we go about facing life's challenges. Ed reminded us over and over that each of us have the gift of making a difference in someone else's life.

On Saturday night at the closing banquet over 2000 Lions were amazed with the story of our speaker, Patrick Henry Hughes. Patrick was born without eyes and without the ability to fully straighten his arms and legs, making him unable to walk. Additionally, two steel rods were surgically attached to Patrick's spine to correct scoliosis.

Despite circumstances that may seem overwhelming, Patrick, now 26 years old, has overcome these physical issues to excel as a musician, student, performer and public speaker. Believe it or not, he started playing the piano at nine months old. Patrick is also an accomplished trumpet player and sings. He even participated in the University of Louisville Marching Band for five seasons with the help of his Dad, who tirelessly maneuvered his wheel chair through the formations of the other 220 plus members of the Cardinal Marching Band. Patrick wowed the Lions with his piano playing and as an encore finished with "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Patrick showed us how to accentuate the positives in our lives and use these to make a difference. It was powerful.

One of the best benefits from attending this Forum was the opportunity to meet service minded Lions from all over the US and Canada. The exchange of ideas and friendship is priceless. Lion Kevin and I are already dreaming about attending next year's Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico!

## PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW LION MEMBERS.....

- Lion Matthew M Helgerson - Jordan Lions Club  
Sponsored by Lion Gerald Langsweirdt
- Lion Katie Pals - Kiester Lions Club  
Sponsored by Lion Roger Oldfather
- Lion Gina M Cooper - Lake Crystal Lions  
Sponsored by Lion Tom Cooper
- Lion Ryan L Yunkers - Lake Crystal Lions  
Sponsored by Marston Pendergast
- Lion Rita A Chlan - New Market-Elko-Webster Lions  
Sponsored by Lion Gary Lyons
- Lion Judy A Pladson - New Market-Elko-Webster Lions  
Sponsored by Lion Gary Lyons
- Lion Kendall W Koehn - Norwood Young America Lions  
Sponsored by Lion Dave Williams
- Lion Dave Potzin - Norwood Young America Lions  
Sponsored by Lion Roger Zellmann
- Lion JoAnne Hansen - Waterville Lions  
Sponsored by James Hansen
- Lion Chasten Fenger - Winnebago Lions  
Sponsored by Lion Kevin Amdt

### Monthly Membership Report

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	2,422	2,440
Added Members	12	36
Dropped Members	4	46
Closing Balance	2,430	2,430
Net Gain/Loss	8	-10

Worldwide 1,353,762



### District Governor Joan's Jaunts

- October 1 - Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions
- October 2 - Waseca Lions Club
- October 3 - Lake Crystal Lions
- October 7 - Zone 9 (Albert Lea)
- October 8 - Belle Plaine Lions
- October 14 - Kiester Lions
- October 15 - Zone 4 (Courtland)
- October 16 - Wells Lions
- October 17 - Mid-Winter Convention Meeting
- October 19 - Council of Governors Meeting
- October 22 - Zone 7 Meeting (Vernon Center)
- October 23 - Zone 1 Meeting (Winsted)
- October 26 - Thanksgiving for Vision
- October 27 - Cabinet Meeting
- October 28 - Faribault Lions
- October 29 - Zone 5
- October 30 - Zone 3 (Jordan)





## HARRY'S CORNER

Harry Klenke  
First Vice District Governor



Fall is here, its football time. After helping sell tickets for people to have a chance at the Game Ball signed by the players, it made me think of how important teamwork is for success. The Prior Lake team looked out of sink at the start of the game. They were not working as a team. Once the coaches got the players all on the same page as they say, they took over the game. Later on when the coach put in some different players to get them experience, it took a few plays to get them working together. Having helped coach my second son's football teams when he was younger showed me that you have to have everybody knowing their plays and working together to make them work. My job on game days was to chart the plays. I would chart who handled the ball and how many yards they gained. I would chart who made the defensive tackles. But probably the most important job I had was making sure we had the right number of players on the field. Yes I can count to 11 without taking my shoe off and no we never had too many players on the field. It doesn't sound like much but the head coach thanked me after the season for doing my part for the team. He also had the players sign a card thanking me for my efforts on helping them win.

Speaking of the Game Ball and team work we have success at this because we have Lions Paul and Sheila heading this up every year and a good group of Lions helping on every home game night. On our first night this season we didn't have a lot of takers, but on our second night we had our Lion Bob there who is a real good salesman and seems to know everybody in town so we had lots of sales. Lion Bob was our Zone person of the year a couple years back, so you see we think a lot of him as a Lion. He is part of a team of good Lions we have in our community. We all have our strengths and we utilize them to the best of our abilities.

This also goes for at other levels in our Lions organization. We have teamwork between Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, Vice District Governors, and the District Governor. The members of the Cabinet know that they can also count on each other if they need something. I myself used Past District Governor Wayne's help on Constitutional and By-laws issues. And I am always using my mentor PDG Lion Gordy for advice. I hope that anytime anyone asks me for help I can do my best to give them a good answer or find the proper information. That is part of being a good teammate for Lionism. So in the future if someone asks for your help on the Cabinet, don't afraid to say yes because you are not sure you can do it because you can always count on a fellow Lion's to help you through it. I wasn't sure when I was asked to be a Zone Chair, but I asked PDG Lion Gordy and he said you can do it.

So you can "follow your dreams" of your club, zone, region and district and get "fired up" to make your "dreams" a reality for the success of Lions and the team.

## MARVIN'S COMMENTS

Marvin Grimm  
Second Vice District Governor



In August I was invited to a Quest Leader dinner and the next day training seminars. I could not attend the training, but the message at the dinner made me want to attend. Attending the dinner was the Educational Program Specialist and a professional trainer from Lions International. There were six Quest leaders along with Cathleen & Mike Williams. Lions Quest is a K-12 positive youth development program that teaches life skills that support character development, social and emotional learning, civic values, substance abuse and violence prevention, and service learning.

There was a very positive discussion on the benefits of using the Quest program in schools. The leaders had a lot of positive feedback from teachers that have the program in their schools. Our district needs to step up the need of another chairperson in the southern area of the district. The program needs to be promoted in schools in this area. Contact the Williams with your questions about being a chairperson for Quest.

"Usher in New Era for Lions", headline message from Lions Clubs International President, Barry Palmer. President Barry is talking about women in Lions. He has been amazed by the generosity and gifts of women. His dream is to increase female membership by 5.5% to bring female membership to 30%. We need the gifts and talents of women. They bring a different perspective, a different skill set and a bundle of can do energy and enthusiasm. Take a look around, in 5M2, we are fortunate to have a lot of very active women. Many in leadership roles that affect many Lions. I believe they are well respected and encouraged to lead. To me this is a place to consider adding new members. Ask your spouse to be a Lion. Some Lions are looking for a way to have more time with their spouse. A Lion said to me, "This could be a date night. We could spend time together rather than me going alone and feeling guilty of leaving my spouse home alone." Look around and think about bringing your spouse with you. Evelyn and I joined as a couple, we enjoy doing things together. If one of us takes on a project, the other is there to help. We don't think of it as "date night" but as something we just do.

October is Fall Zone meeting time. I want to encourage all Presidents and Secretaries to attend and tell what your club has been up to, successes and unsuccessful things your club does. Also encourage new members or other members to attend. This is not only for Presidents and Secretaries.

Remember, our clubs can gain members by "multiplication by addition", add a spouse.





# Match Strikes!

If you would like to give a Lion a "spark" of recognition, please submit his/her name and the reason why to [wfcurtis@embarqmail.com](mailto:wfcurtis@embarqmail.com) or [lionjoanblank@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanblank@gmail.com) or leave a message at 507-304-5265. My hope is to full this page up each month. Thanks.

DG Joan

Match Strikes for the month of September:

**Lion Joe Maki** – Arlington Lions - received 1st Place in his division at the Special Olympics Area 9 Golf Tournament and 4th Place at the state Fall Games tournament.

**Winthrop Lions Club** – celebrated 30 years of service

**Lion Carolyn Proehl** - Winthrop Lions - received International President's Letter of Appreciation

**Lion Tom McCarthy** – Winthrop Lions – received International President's Letter of Appreciation

**Lion Gerald Langsweirdt** – Jordan Lions Club – for sponsoring new member Lion Matthew Helgerson

**Lion Roger Oldfather** – Kleister Lions – for sponsoring new member Lion Katie Pals

**Lion Tom Cooper** – Lake Crystal Lions - for sponsoring new member Lion Gina Cooper

**Lion Marston Pedergarst** – Lake Crystal Lions – for sponsoring new member Lion Ryan Yunkers

**Lion Gary Lyons** – New Market-Elko-Webster Lions for sponsoring two new member Lion Rita Chlan and Lion Judy Pladson.

**Lion Dave Williams** – Norwood Young America Lions – for sponsoring new member Lion Kendall Koehn

**Lion Roger Zellmann** – Norwood Young America Lions – for sponsoring new member Lion Dave Polzin

**Lion James Hansen** – Waterville Lions – for sponsoring new Lion JoAnne Hansen

**Lion Kevin Arndt** – Winnebago Lions – for sponsoring new Lion Dr. Chasten Fenger

**Leo Hilary Wickenhauser** – Cologne Leos – For spearheading Cologne Leo Book Drive.

**The Cologne Lions Club** – held membership drive and recruited 10 new members

**The Alden Lions Club** – held membership drive and recruited 4 new members with potential for several more.

**The Lake Crystal Lions** – held membership drive and signed up 3 new Lions

**Lion Jerry Johannsen** – Winnebago Lions – Dreamed the city of Winnebago needed to honor their veterans with a memorial and after two years built and commemorated an awesome Veterans Memorial in Winnebago Park.



President Lion Wayne Madden

Dear Lion,

It's difficult to explain to people exactly what Lions do. After all, we do so much. It's far easier to explain why we do what we do – we want to give back to the community and make dreams come true. Your community needs you. In fact, it needs more people like you.

October is New Membership Growth Month, and I'd like your club to set a goal of adding at least one new member. New members bring fresh ideas, keep clubs healthy, and increase your ability to serve. When Lions sponsor and report a new member in October, they'll receive a Membership Growth Award Pin. And if your club adds new members in both October and April, you'll receive a Membership Growth Award Banner Patch.

Be sure to give your recruiting a boost with Just Ask!, and remember that men and women make great Lions!

NYA Lions

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday,

October 13, 2013

8:30 am-12:00 pm

NYA PAVILLION



Looking to have a great Breakfast? Come have one with us. We will be serving Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce, and of course great Pancakes (including our much demanded, blueberry pancakes). We also will serve real homemade maple syrup. Best of all, all proceeds go to projects in our community.

**COST: FREE WILL DONATION-All proceeds go back to the community as projects and donations!**





Lion Carolyn Proehl receiving her International President's Letter of Appreciation from DG Joan Blank and PID Debra Wassermen.



Lion Tom McCarthy receiving his International President's Letter of Appreciation from DG Joan Blank and PID Debra Wassermen.

## Winthrop Lions Celebrate 30 Years of Service

The Winthrop Lions hosted their 30th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 14th at Hahn's Dining & Lounge in Winthrop. Guest speaker was Past International Director Debra Wasserman, who spoke on International President Barry Palmer's theme of 'Follow Your Dream'. Master of Ceremonies was President Tom Fatticci. Approximately 75 Lions enjoyed good fellowship, great food and many laughs. Special presentations by PID Debra included an 'International President's Letter of Appreciation' presented to Lion Carolyn Proehl and Lion Tom McCarthy for their many years of service.



The Winthrop Lions Club

**Another Project Sponsored by the**  
**Lions Hearing Foundation**  
*Helping Children and Adults Receive the Gift of Hearing*  
[www.5mhf.org](http://www.5mhf.org)

The Lions Hearing Foundation was busy grilling hamburgers & hotdogs for approximately 150 cochlear implant held on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at a park in Golden Valley. The Lions Hearing Foundation donates all the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, magician and other miscellaneous supplies to make the day a roaring success. A big thank you to Lion Jim Walters from 5M-2 for supplying the grill and being our grill master for the day. Also a special thank you to Lion Dave O'Connell (5M-7); Lion Jim Bremer (5M-5), Lion Arline Richter (5M-2) and Lion Marlene & Jerry Martinek (5M-6). The children enjoyed playing with beautifully carved cars donated by the Minnesota Lake Lions (5M-2) as well as a play dough station, painting station, fish pond & of course painting their head pieces for their cochlear implants (see a jello mold of the brain with the cochlear implant attached). The magician provided much joy for children and adults. Many of the cochlear implant recipients thanked the Hearing Foundation for their generosity!





The winners of a \$500 scholarship each were: Travis Bode and Grace Bode (pictured). Not pictured are: Clarissa Waibel, Denver Hertling, and Ben Kuester.

## Courtland Lions

The Courtland Lions held their Annual Scholarship Banquet and Installation of Officers on Monday, July 8th. The new Courtland Lions officers were installed by 1st Vice District Governor Harry Klenke. They are as pictured on the right in order: Lion Lowell Abbas-Treasurer, Lion Mary Johnson-Secretary, Lions Charlette Abbas and Lion Gene Retka-Vice-Presidents, and Lion Brenda Jones as President. Also installed were Lion Wally Sagmoen as Tail Twister and Director, and Lion Sharon Retka as Membership Chair.





**COURTLAND LIONS**



# PANCAKE, SAUSAGE, EGG



# BRUNCH

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**SUNDAY, October 20 2013**

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**ADULTS: \$7.00 CHILDREN 12-5: \$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 YOUR USED EYE GLASSES OR HEARING AIDES FOR RECYCLING**





Pictured Left to Right are Sponsor Lion Dave Elling, New Lion Dennis Tumberg, Sponsor Lion Dave Williams, New Lion Ken Koehn, Sponsor Lion Roger Zellmann, New Lion David Polzin and Past District Governor Mary Spille.

## Norwood Young America Lions welcomed their newest members.

The new members are Dennis Tumberg, Ken Koehn and David Polzin. They were sworn in at the regular meeting by Past District Governor Mary Spille. Also with the new members were their sponsors/mentors Dave Elling, Dave Williams and Roger Zellmann.

NYA Lions are excited to welcome the newest members to the club. We are honored to have these newest members join the best service organization in the world.

Lions International is dedicated to helping the community through projects and donations. Norwood-Young America Lions do many projects throughout the community such as pancake, porkchop and sweet corn feeds, Christmas tree sales and sponsoring various events. All proceeds go back into the community as donations and sponsorships. The Lions motto is "We Serve". The Norwood-Young America Lions Club always welcomes new men and women members. If you are interested in becoming a Lion please contact Lion Dave Williams at 952-607-5617 or at dmwpls@aol.com



It was a special honor for PDG Mary Spille to be able to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to her daughter Katie Spille.

ANNUAL  
**GLENCOE LIONS CLUB**

# Sausage/Ham Supper

Please bring a food item for the Food Shelf

Lions Original Sausage Recipe, Ham  
Scalloped potatoes, corn, applesauce, bars, coffee & milk

BANQUET STYLE  
**Pla-Mor Ballroom, Glencoe, MN**  
All You Care to Eat  
**Thursday,**  
**October 24, 2013**  
Serving 4:31 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Collection boxes will be available for your used eye glasses & hearing aids

**Take Out Meals Available**  
Take Out Parking Near Door

ADVANCE ADULT TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:  
FRANKLIN PRINTING, HUTE HARDWARE,  
& FROM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS

*Proceeds to be used toward Community Projects*

**TICKETS**

Advance Adult \$8.00  
At Door - \$9.00  
Child - \$4.00 (4-10)  
3 and under FREE



### Presidents:

Don't forget to schedule a visit with your District Governor at your earliest convenience in order to reserve the date you want. You can call me at 507-304-5265 or email me at

### SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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

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## Winnebago Lions

Lion Neil Royer was gracious enough to invite club members and guests to his garage after the Winnebago Lions Annual Picnic on September 10th to show off the Pietenpol plane he is building. Lion Neil dreams 'big' as he is over 90 years old and



Winnebago Lions Club in front of the newly finished and magnificent Veteran's Memorial made possible by one Winnebago Lion by the name of Jerry Johannsen. The Memorial is a powerful statement to the community's veterans.



Carver Lions in the Carver County Parade. Back row is Pommie Hron, Lee Ostlie front row Darrel Swanson and Tom Larson



## Veseli Lions

Front Row: Thomas Johnson, Lion Jenny Malecha, Paxton Malecha-Novak, Lion Roxanne LaPierre & Lion Shelly Johnson. Back Row: Lion Jeff Kubes, Lion Danny Skluzacek, Lion John Kubes, Lion Jay Pexa & Lion Brent Johnson. Missing from Photo: Lion Carrie Kubes & Jeffrey & Angie Kubes

Members of the Veseli Area Lions Club participated in the Webster Harvest Days Parade on Sunday, August 25th and received a trophy for the Best Commercial/Most Patriotic