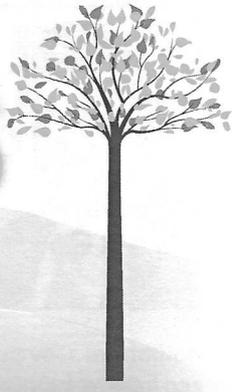




5M-2

# PATH to SUCCESS



June 2015

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Editor Bill Curtis



A early Morning club meeting in Amboy. Chevrons were delivered for Lion Arlyss Dirx 15 years, Lion Richard Schultz for 20 years, Lion Gary Kranz for 25 years, and Lion Orin Pederson and Lion Duayne Day for 30 years. The Amboy club has just completed a successful "auction" for a fundraiser. Keep up the great service to your community.



On a Monday evening we were guests of the Plato Lions. What a vibrant and fun club. They are busy planning summer events including hamburger in the park, music in the park and the town festival event. I was honored to bestow Chevrons to Lion Connie Rau for 10 years, and Lion Lanette Dammann for 15 years. This club lives the motto of "we serve".



Lion Hanna Elshoff of Chatfield Minnesota is touring the United States in a Solar Bicycle to promote Lions, attempt to increase donations to "Leader Dog for the Blind" and she is a German immigrant in 1961. She is 72 years of age, her biggest reason for her two year tour of the United States is to thank veterans and Americans for "freeing" Germany after World War II. She has a face book page if you wish to follow her travels. Otherwise google her for a great story. She is a spitfire. If you can ever meet her, she is entertaining in the stories she has to tell. She was in Hutchinson the evening of our club visit.



On April 22 were guests of the Shakopee Valley Lions. They are to be congratulated on the largest percentage of growth for a club in the district this year. DG Harry inducted a new member again during his visit. Lion Julie Brown (new member inducted) and Lion Jean Pauly was honored with a 10 year Chevron. They are busy planning a "fun night", softball tournament, and bingo event. Keep up the great work ladies.



### REMINDER....

As of June 1, start sending news items to the New Editor, Cindy Walters

at [5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

Deadline for the July newsletter is June 15.

# Harry's Journal

Harry Klenke  
District Governor



District Governor  
Harry Klenke

Fellow Lions I have had the honor of serving you as your District Governor this past year. It has been challenging for me as I am sure it has been for all the Lions who have went before me. I didn't accomplish all the things I wanted to get done. Some of the things that I feel I wanted to get accomplished are still works in progress. One thing I wanted people to do is work on having an elevator speech ready to deliver to people and I heard people mention about it during the year. Also many clubs had some type of membership night. Some were successful and others not so, but it has people thinking about what they can do in the future. Clubs that had success are talking about doing it again in the next couple of years.

Lion Loretta and I have had a wonderful time visiting all the clubs. Yes at this writing we have a few clubs left, but I am sure they will also be pleasant. We are learning so many interesting things about clubs. The dynamics of some clubs really surprised us. It is especially fun to see how clubs all have little differences in how they function. All I know is no matter how they go about it they all do good things for their communities. We have been treated like we are something special which we are not, but thanks everyone for treating the office of District Governor with such respect.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me along the way in this journey. The Lions of Zone 1 for doing such a great job on the Mid-Winter Convention, the people of the Cabinet for working so hard in their individual areas, the Region and Zone Chairs for their good and fun meetings, the Clubs that hosted the meetings, and the District Governors Team who were always there to give a helping hand and give good advice. Least of all I would like to thank every Lion of the district for their commitment to serve, you have made Lions who they are and you have impact on your communities.

But the only person I will mention by name is Lion Loretta. She is more than a just a spouse. She is more than as I call the Executive Secretary, she is the glue that keeps me together. She is a great sounding board. She has many great ideas. I talk about people that work great behind the scenes to make things happen, that's Lion Loretta.

## Governor's Ride Along

May 25	Memorial Day
May 30	Bridging Prior Lake
June 6	D'feat Hearing Walk-Arboretum
June 6	Hilary W. & Friends Graduation
June 7	Cologne Leo's
June 8	Courtland Club Visit
June 14	Vesili Club Visit
June 17	Lonsdale-Induct Officers
June 18	New Auburn Club Visit
June 22	Hamburg Club Visit
June 25 -29	International Convention- Honolulu, HI.

## Success of the Pride

**Success:** - Hamburg Lions for a great "Food for Kidz" food packing event.

**Success:** -To all the clubs and Lions who have recruited new members this year

**Success:** - All clubs in the district who contributed to the Journey for Service Campaign.

**Success:** -Lion Hanna Elshoff for a successful trip on her Solar Bicycle

**Success:** -All the clubs in the district who will have a plus in membership by June 30, 2015

**Success:** -To all the clubs who assisted in Memorial Day events in their communities.

**Success:** -Amboy Lions for a successful "Auction" event.

**Success:** -Mankato Lions clubs for a successful "Pioneer Power Days".

**Success:** -To the clubs who have recorded aCentennial Service project this month.

**Success:** - To all the Lion's in 5M2 for a great and service filled year. Keep on your "**Path to Success!**"

# MARVIN'S COMMENTS

1st VDG Lion  
Marvin Grimm



In early May, Lion Evelyn and I took a road trip to Bozeman, Montana to attend the college graduation of a granddaughter. We were gone eight days, as we extended our time away to include Yellowstone Park and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The weather was cool and even snowed a couple times. The trees and flowers in Bozeman were as far advanced as ours at home, so they had some warmer weather before we got there. As it was early in the season, part of the National Parks were closed, either by snow closed roads or construction. I didn't get another chance to drive across the Big Horn Mountains. It was a great time away.

Officer training will be over by the time you read this. It was my hope for 100% club attendance at this training. I want our officers to know what is expected from them and for them to have a great year leading their clubs.

Thank you for all the Zone and Region Chairs that attended their training. These Chairs are a great link between Clubs and with the District Governor. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Jungle Days will be held at Shoreland Country Club near St. Peter on August 3, 2015. Do you have your teams ready to compete for the District 5M2 traveling trophy? Get registered to play at Jungle Days. The day will be hosted by the three Mankato Clubs. Your support is needed for this fun event. The cost is \$75 which includes golf, ½ cart, dinner and prizes. In the May newsletter, Lion Chris Lund has an article with the information on the Lion's District Trophy.

This is the last hard copy newsletter. The July newsletter will be electronic. The new deadline for news will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Get the news of your club, events and photos to the editor, Lion Cindy Walters at [5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com) I look forward to District 5M2 continuing with a great newsletter. PDG Bill Curtis is retiring as news editor and I want to thank Bill for volunteering for 30 years of editing and doing the newsletter. A service above and beyond the call. It was a big responsibility for him to get it out every month. Also a big thank you to Franklin Printing in Glencoe for the years of service and dedication to the newsletter and getting it formatted and printed. A great effort by all.

Thank you for your support this past year. With my next article, I will be the DG. Evelyn and I will have enjoyed our trip to The Lion's International Convention in Hawaii where I will be installed as DG. Looking forward to a really great year!

It's not what you say, it's what you do! Al Brandle

# PROUDLY GO...

2nd VDG Lion  
Steve Wasserman



For my last newsletter article as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, I would like to encourage you to **"Strengthen The Pride"** by accepting one more challenge in the coming Lions year. In addition to the Centennial Service Challenge, Lions Clubs International has initiated a Centennial Membership Program. My challenge to you is to embrace this new program by becoming a Centennial Sponsor.

Any Lion who sponsors a new member between April 1, 2015 and June 30, 2018, will be immediately recognized as a Centennial Sponsor. The Sponsoring Lion will receive a limited edition sponsor pin and certificate honoring them for helping to grow their club. The new Lion will receive a limited edition Centennial Lions Membership Pin and Certificate. In addition, if the new Lion remains a member of the club for one year and a day, the member and sponsor will be recognized as Silver Centennial Lions. If the new Lion remains a member of the club for two years and a day, they will be recognized as Gold Centennial Lions, and after three years and a day of active membership, they will be recognized as Diamond Centennial Lions.

You can also help earn recognition for your club. Any club that inducts three new members during any fiscal year, who remain active for at least two years and a day, will be recognized as a Premier Centennial Club, and if the club inducts three or more members in each of the three years of the campaign, they will be recognized as a World Class Centennial Lions Club.

I believe these recognitions being offered by Lions Clubs International can be of great value to our clubs in a number of ways. First, I think being a Centennial Member would be a pretty cool thing. I will admit that part of my decision to run for District Governor when I did was that I thought it would be pretty cool to be a Centennial Governor. The special recognition given to the new member may be a factor in their joining. They will be joining our organization at a very special time in our history. What an honor!

Secondly, being a Centennial Sponsor would be a pretty cool thing as well. It is your opportunity to be recognized for shaping a successful future for your club and Lions International. Perhaps it is the little extra motivation you need to step out of your comfort zone a bit and ask someone to join.

And thirdly, the presentation of these recognitions can provide a great public relations opportunity for your club. A new member induction is a great photo-op, and a Centennial Member Induction is even better! Your club may be able to use that event to get additional media coverage and as an opportunity to let your community know about our great 100 year history of service and our great ambition for the next 100 years.

There are many reasons to take advantage of the Centennial Membership Program, but certainly the best reason is that it's the right thing to do. Our clubs need new members to insure their success in the future. More information about this new recognition program is available on the Lions Clubs International website ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) and in your 5M2 Officer Training materials. I urge you to make a special effort in the coming year to **"Strengthen The Pride"** by participating in the Centennial Membership Program.



Can Do Canines' Lions Newsletter Submission – June, 2015  
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.

Attention Lions! Save the date for the Can Do Woofaroo. Our annual fundraising walk (with dogs!) will take place on Saturday, September 12 at our facility in New Hope, Minn. Keep an eye out for details on how to get involved in next month's issue!

In the meantime, here is a powerful story about a recent graduate, Sandy McKie, who was recently partnered with a Can Do Canines Hearing Assist Dog named Alea. And, thank you for your continued support of our organization!

A Little Bit of Comfort

*Sandy McKie & Hearing Assist Dog Alea*

One of Sandy McKie's favorite quotes is from Neale Donald Walsh, who states ... "life begins at the end of your comfort zone." Little did Sandy know that being diagnosed with degenerative adult onset hearing loss in both ears would make her live out of her comfort zone 24/7.

In the beginning, her life didn't change drastically. The hearing aids, amplified phone, and audio assistance devices she bought helped. She told family and friends, but not co-workers, about her condition and life went on.

However, through the years, each check-up revealed increased hearing loss, and everyday life became more difficult. Sandy, who works at a junior high school in Scandia, Minn., found herself relying on co-workers more and more to alert her to the bells, alarms, and announcements she could no longer hear.

"And at home, I wasn't doing much better." Sandy says. "I burned meals, had an oven fire—due to not hearing the timer—and was late for work because I couldn't hear the alarm."

After expressing her frustrations, her audiologist suggested applying for a Hearing Assist Dog with Can Do Canines. Almost a year later, Sandy met Alea, a terrier-mix, adopted from the Animal Humane Society and trained by Can Do Canines. Sandy says that Alea has transformed her life in so many ways by alerting her to sounds both at work and at home.

"At home, Alea is able to alert me to alarms, timers and, because I live in a rural area, deer, crows and other critters," Sandy says "At work, she alerts me to bells, announcements and drills. I am confident that if any emergency situation should arise she will alert me to that as well."

When she's not working, Alea is like any other dog who loves to run outside, play and fetch. Sandy has begun having Alea pick up items such as keys when she drops them, because she can't hear the sound. As a result, Alea has begun to pick up everything

for a reward. Sandy is hoping that housekeeping will be next!

Sandy says she is eternally grateful to Can Do Canines for this gift of an assistance dog. She no longer feels sad or anxious about her hearing loss.

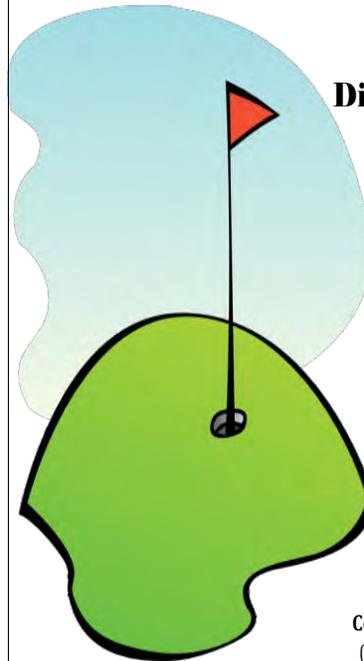
"Yes, my life will continue to change as everyone's does," Sandy says. "But with Alea's help, she will push me past my comfort zone with confidence."

## Hamburg Lions have a huge service project

Huge service project we just did today! Thank you very much to everyone that came to help fill bags for Food For Kidz. I heard that we packed over 39,000 meals. That is absolutely amazing. I am sorry I had to leave early but the Pride we all should have in our small group to get over 100 people to come and pack meals is tremendous. My hat is off to all of you.

Special thanks goes to the group that put it all together - Lions Diana, Kim, Mallory and Richie thank you all for stepping up and organizing the project. What we did today was Lions true and true. We served today. We will not be able to sleep tonight that meals will be provided to those that cannot provide for themselves.

## \* Save the Date \*



**District 5M-2 Jungle Days**

**2015 Golf Tournament**

**18 hole Best Ball Tournament**

**Monday, August 3rd, 2015**

Registration @ 11:00 AM

Shotgun Start 1:00 PM

Dinner approximately 6:15 pm

**Shoreland Country Club,  
St Peter, Mn**

**Cost: \$75 per golfer**

(includes ½ cart, dinner, prizes)

**Dinner only: \$16**

**Male and Female Team Awards**

**Registration information to follow.**

**RSVP Deadline: Monday July 27th**

Hosted by:

Key City Lions Club

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Sunrise Lions Club

Contact: Phone 507-345-8257

Email [bvander@eventis.net](mailto:bvander@eventis.net)



# The Train

At birth we board a train and meet our parents. We believe they will always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train, and they will be significant - siblings, friends, the love of your life, children, and many others. Some will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realize they vacated their seats. The train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, good-byes, and farewells. A successful ride requires having a good relationship with all passengers. We must give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is, we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life. I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey. Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train. Thank you all. DG Harry and Lion Loretta



We were honored guests of the Silver Lake Lions prior to Memorial Day weekend. The Silver Lake Lions were busy this month. Funds for a student to attend Camp Needle point, Donated funds for local swimming pool, sponsored the car show, sponsored a student to McLeod For Tomorrow , a leadership program for youth. Also donated \$\$ for new windows in the Silver Lake Auditorium. They will be a sponsor for "Dairy Days". We delivered chevrons for Lion Patrick Hiltner for 10 years, Lions Steven Wagner and Bernice Gehren for 15 years, Lions Hubert Schermann and Norbert Schermann for 25 years as Lions, and Lion Kenneth B Merrill for 40 years of service. What an active and inspiring club.



PDG Joan Blank receiving her plaque from LCI for serving as District Governor for 2013-2014 at the district cabinet meeting. What a way, "**Fire Up**". Thank You Lion Joan for your great Leadership!!



Zone 2 Lion of the Year is Lion Richard Beckett from the Waconia Lions Club.



Zone 6 Lion of the Year Alice Nesby from Northfield Lions Club.



This is Lion Evelyn Grimm receiving the 4 diamond patch for Centennial Service Challenge award for the Carver Lions.



## New Members



*Belle Plaine Lion's*

**Lion Jenna Boulton**

**Sponsored by Lion Robert Denn**

*Chanhassen Lion's*

**Lion Curt Kobilaresik**

**Sponsored by Lion David Hess**

**Lion Randy W Thiele**

**Sponsored by Lion Kelli Hollingsworth**

**Lion David Hess**

*Lester Prairie Lion's*

**Lion Kelly Mattson**

**Sponsored by Lion Troy Feltmann**

*Mankato Lion's*

**Lion Jim A Reed**

**Sponsored by Lion William Vandersluis**

*St. Peter Lion's*

**Lion Chanelle Braekkan**

**Sponsored by Lion Pat Pfeifer**

**Lion Arne Jessen**

**Sponsored by Lion Herbert Chilstrom**

*Veseli Area Lion's*

**Lion Bonnie Herda**

**Sponsored by Lion Barb Skluzacek**

**Lion Jerry Herda**

**Sponsored by Lion Barb Skluzacek**

*Waconia Lion's*

**Lion Clayton Kamann**

**Sponsored by Lion Charles Anderson**

**Lion Michael Larkin**

**Sponsored by Waconia Lion's**

*Winnebago Lion's*

**Lion Gina Hendrickson**

**Sponsored by Lion Roger Hanson**

**Lion Jane M Simon**

**Sponsored by Lion David Nagel**

If you live in the Albert Lea area, there is a club for you if evenings do not fit your schedule. The president has young children and wants time for his family, so this club meets at noon. It can claim to be the oldest club in Albert Lea. We enjoyed our visit, and were honored to disperse chevrons to Lions Ellen Kehr and Eric Youlden for 10 years, Lion Donald Westland for 15 years, Lions Lowell Olson and Don Schroeder for 20 years, Lions Jeffrey Shaft and John Peterson for 25 years, Lion Craig M McCormick for 30 years, and lastly Lion Roger Truax for 50 years of service. Keep up your great work.



We were honored to be able to assist Belle Plaine in celebrating 25 years of service to their community and to Lion's. Earlier we gave a 10 year chevron to Lion Joshua Friendshuh. In the photo above the 25 year Charter Members include: Lion's James Erickson, Paul Gatz, Robert Denny, Ted Weber, Thomas Kaletka, and Warren Wolf. Belle Plaine Lion's had completed a renovation with new athletic complex building for the community and school to update their athletic complex. They invited local contacts and businesses who assisted in the project and honored those businesses during the celebration. PID Maynard Rucks was guest speaker with other notables from the District in attendance. Congratulations to Belle Plaine Lions.



On April 16 we visited our home club of Prior Lake. DG Harry gave a 10 year Chevron to Lion Tom Kourajian, 15 year Chevron to Lion Karen Huerd, and Lion Linda Hall received a 20 year service chevron. It was great to see my home club Lion's.



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## Chevrons delivered for clubs we visit in June.

Courtland Lions : Lion Bruce Hendrycks and Lion Duane Fiemeyer for 20 years of service. Lion Eugene Retka for 30 years of service. I know the Courtland Lions live up to the motto" reserve." New Auburn Lions: Lion Joey Schuft for 10 year chevron. The New Auburn club is working on some great projects for their community. Hamburg Lions: Lion Harriet Latzke for 15 years as a Lion, Lion Gene Siewert for 20 years as a Lion. Another great 5M2 club.



We were honored to visit the Hutchinson Lions Club and the Hutchinson Lioness Club. They are busy with summer events including handing out water at Memorial Day Parade. They also have many other summer events including their city's celebration. They just gave scholarships to two seniors. I gave a 25 year service chevron to Lion Janet Sebesta. While at the club visit, I also installed officers for the Lions and Lioness Club's. Hutchinson keep serving your community and Lions. Good luck on your membership drive.



On April 23 we were thrilled to celebrate 20 years of service to Lions and the Winnebago community. The 20 year charter chevrons were delivered last fall. PID Maynard Rucks and PDG Eunice were in attendance. PID Maynard was DG when Winnebago originally chartered. Lion Ken Irvine from Amboy was their guiding lion and other Amboy Lions also in attendance. Best wishes to the Winnebago Lion's for many more years of service.



On May 5 we were delighted to be guests of the Watertown Lion's Club. We delivered chevrons for 10 years of service to Lions' Al Heidorn, Dave Smith, Dr. Curtis Whisler, Heather Jarvis, Eric Luoma, Glenn Pysick, Pat Lynch, Ron Oxley, Victor Thonn, and Charlotte Johnson. 15 Year chevrons were delivered to Lions' Michael Shanahan, Ken Grotbo, Jim Lindgren, and Graham Parsons. A 20 year chevron was given to Lion David Dibb. 25 Years of Service chevrons to Lion Joe Pfeiler and Lion David Sloneker. Lion Richard Stadlander received a 30 year chevron. Receiving 35 year old chevrons included Lions' Paul Nesvold and Don Gabrelcik. Lion Jerome Hirsch was honored for 40 years. Lion Allen Chadwick was bestowed a 45 year chevron. The Watertown Lions are busy planning for summer projects including " Rails for Trails" and clean up projects. Keep living the spirit of Lionism, we serve.



On April 24 we were delighted to celebrate 25 years of service for the Norwood-Young America-West Carver Lions. 25 Year Charter Chevrons were bestowed to Lions' Cathleen Williams, Darlene Mondor, Lavonne Kroells, Mary Richter, Mary Spille, Miriam Brelje, and Patricia Clark. Also including in the photo is NYA West Carver president and master of ceremonies Tricia Mackenthum, DG Harry, and Guest Speaker International Director Lion Mike Molenda. This club did an outstanding job on throwing a 25 year celebration. Congratulations and best wishes in you future Lion's endeavors.

## Congratulations

I am congratulating club leaders for helping Lions Clubs International surpass 1.4 million members. To keep our momentum going, I'm encouraging clubs to continue inviting new members and keep current members involved. I am sharing some customizable PR resources to help clubs promote their Worldwide Week of Service project during May 16-22. I am also asking club leaders to promote the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards so we can reward our Lions for strengthening their clubs and growing our great association.

Let's work together to make the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards a huge success!

Together in service,  
Joe Preston



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## Thank You!

The Lions of 5M2 would like to express their gratitude to PDG Bill Curtis for his commitment to the Lions of 5M2. This will be the last issue of the 5M2 newsletter that Lion Bill will edit. He has served as editor of the newsletter for over 30 years. Hats Off and a big Thank You to Lion Bill. You exemplify our motto of "We Serve".

## It's been fun and I will miss it

By PDG Bill Curtis  
 Newsletter Editor

This is the last issue of the ~~Hard Copies~~ of the 5M-2 Newsletter.

With everything comes change. The next newsletter will be done e-mail.

I have enjoyed doing this 5M-2 Newsletter for over 30 years and will miss every months deadline. I wish to thank everyone I have had to deal with over the years. It was really an enjoyable time.

I wish to thank Franklin Printing for doing a wonderful job and putting up with me over the year. The last few years was with Kimberly. What a joy to work with her.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for allowing me to serve the Lions of 5M-2 as the Newsletter Editor.



Waseca Lions co-sponsored the 63rd annual Waseca High School Honors Banquet and also awarded three scholarships based on academic achievement and community service. Shown with Lion Diane Beckmann (l) and Lion Karen Buun are Katie Tlusty, who will attend Augustana College; Matthev Wendland, Iowa State University; and Noah Battenfeld Bethany Lutheran College



On April 27 we were privileged to visit the Chanhassen Lions. Yes, they are the new club in 5M2. They are a hard working group of Lions who spent the night planning future fundraising events. They recently loss a member of there Club, our sympathy to you on Lion Jim Lyon on his passing. he was the club's First Vice President, the club gave out three Helen Keller awards: Lions' Dave Hess, Chad Junkeb, and Jim Sloss. Above is Lion Dan Mertens receiving his Melvin Jones award. Lions Dennis Fisher and Dan Mertens received 10 years chevrons. President Glenn Kaufmann, also in the photo was instrumental in getting the club transferred from 5M5 to 5M2. Welcome to 5M2 Chanhassen.



May 6 took us to the river city of Henderson. They are a smaller club, but there members are active in attempts to keep the community looking well with clean up projects. They are also planning a membership project and community celebration. was privileged to honor Lion Lon Berberich with a 30 year chevron. This club has definitely left their print on this community and we are proud to call them Lion's of 5M2.