

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

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Editor **Bill Curtis,**



## LIONS QUEST

A total of 27 educators from five schools recently received training in Lions Quest. They will be bringing the information they received back to approximately 566 students. Lions Quest is a life skill program which teaches the children leadership skills, respect, team building, anti-bullying, service and self-esteem. This year long program works with the school, parents and community. Results have shown that students who receive the training improve in school attendance, less trips to the principal's office and improve grade point averages. Area Lions Clubs, along with a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundations, pay for the teacher training.

## GREEN ISLE LIONS CLUB *Blast From The Past*



Please join us to celebrate the  
**Lions 40th Anniversary**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Green Isle Community School  
Social hour from 6pm to 7pm**

**Dinner at 7:pm**

**Entertainment to follow**

**Special Guest Speaker:**

**Brian Sheehan**

**Lions Club International Director**

**Please RSVP 507-964-2733**

**or [king70@frontiernet.net](mailto:king70@frontiernet.net)**

**by Oct. 20th**

## A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke, District Governor



District Governor  
Ron Dahlke

The Lion Year is off a great start! With the return of autumn, many clubs are becoming increasingly busy with fund-raising events and service projects. It's great to see the activity and the involvement of Lions in 5M-2.

Lion Jean and I just returned from the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum in Tampa Bay, Florida, where we were two of the 2,180 persons in attendance. What a great experience and a great opportunity to learn, to network, to share, to hear from Lions International leaders and to become a better Lion.

If you have not attended a USA/Canada Forum, or if it has been a while since you have attended one, please consider attending the next Forum which will be held at Overland Park, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City) on September 19-21, 2013.

Already, the MD5M Council of Governor's are checking the possibilities of organizing motor coach travel to Overland Park with pick-ups in all Districts. More information will follow and will be shared in upcoming issues of the "ROAR".

As I mentioned in a previous issue of the "ROAR", Lions International President Wayne Madden is emphasizing and promoting literacy, with the Reading Action Program (RAP). More than ONE billion persons in the world (or about 26%) cannot write their name or read at a 10 year-old level. In the United States nearly ONE in SIX persons (or about 21 million) cannot read a billboard sign, read a recipe, or complete a job application form. As you can see, the ability to read is crucial to developing an individual who will be productive and able to succeed.

How can we as Lions help? There are many opportunities available to insure our students get the help they need to excel in reading.

Clubs are encouraged to contact schools and libraries in their communities to determine how Lions like you and I can become involved. This involvement may be reading to, or listening to, students in a reading class or on a one-to-one level, or volunteering to read to a children's group at the local library. Another possibility is donating new paper-back books to particular grades in a school.

It all begins with a contact to the school administration or the librarian in your community. Most schools and libraries will welcome your club members' offers to volunteer. Each club that documents a reading or other literacy activity through the online service activity reporting program will receive a specially designed "Reading Action Program" club banner patch. Also, please let me know by e-mail, if your Club has (or will) participate in any literacy activity and provide any photos that document your activity.

Among the resources that are referenced in IP Madden's article is Reading Is FUNdamental [www.rif.com](http://www.rif.com) and Scholastic Books [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com). Your school or library may have other resources available, and ideas of how you can help.

I am looking forward to the Zone Meetings that are being scheduled for October and November. While some Zone Meetings will have a "traditional flavor" with all Club Members invited, some will take on a more concentrated effort to have

only the Club Officers (Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairpersons) attend. This concept is used in many Districts and this is also an acceptable method of having communication from Lions International, and from the DG Team flow to the Club level.

Please--- Be safe in your travels and in your activities in this busy season.

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!

## DG Ron's Routes October

- 2- Mid-Winter Planning Committee Meeting – Waseca
- 3- Wells Lions Club Visit
- 4- Zone 4 Meeting @ Nicollet
- 6- MD5M Hearing Foundation Meeting @ St. Cloud
- 8- Waterville Lions Club Visit
- 11- Zone 9 Meeting @ Minnesota Lake
- 15 - Zone 6 Meeting @ Le Center
- 16 - Zone 8 Meeting @ Ellendale
- 18 - Zone 2 Meeting @ Watertown
- 19-20 - Council of Governor's Meeting @ Mahnomon
- 22 - District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting @ St. Peter
- 23 - Zone 7 Meeting @ Lake Crystal
- 24 - Shakopee Valley Lions Club Visit
- 25 - Glencoe Lions Annual Sausage/Ham Supper @ Pla-Mor Ballroom
- 27 - MLVF Thanksgiving for Vision @ Brooklyn Center

## SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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

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## Written with "Pride"

**Joan Blank**  
First Vice District Governor



On the first weekend of September for the past three years, Lion Kevin and I take a "working" vacation to Ely, MN to attend the Harvest Moon Festival. It is more a vacation for me and more work for Lion Kevin as we run a Kettle Korn stand for some friends of ours. I take the money and Lion Kevin does all the popping and bagging. Sweet deal for me! Every year we go, we support the Ely Lions Club, who serves a blueberry pancake breakfast each morning of the festival. They serve out of a food trailer and patrons eat under a huge timber shelter. Over the years we have learned that the Ely Lions Club is an older, smaller club who has been challenged by declining numbers. This year, in my conversation with the 75 year old only female member (and the youngest), I learned that the Ely Lions had their food trailer up for sale as they cannot continue to man the pancake breakfast due to the age and small number of members (7 or 8). I was saddened by this fact, wondering if in the next few years this club may not exist.

At Region and Zone meetings PDG Tom Ferleman has been advocating long range planning and asking if clubs in 5M2 have a five year plan. I wonder how many clubs even address this line of thinking. For many Lions it is hard to think that far in advance. We usually are just trying to get through the next Lions event! However, there is good news on the horizon! LCI has developed a workshop to give every club the resources to re-energize and strengthen their club in order to secure the future of their club and maximize their service. You have read about CEP in DG Ron's column last month and PID Debra Wasserman and PID Maynard Rucks have started to promote this at zone meetings. I am excited to be part of this new adventure and look forward to having clubs utilize this resource. Here is a quick overview from PID Debra: The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a workshop program developed by LCI. It is dedicated to helping clubs examine, analyze, enhance and improve their service mission as well as their member's experience. A club participating in the CEP will be guided by a facilitator through four steps of approximately an hour each. A participating club will examine their community's needs, analyze their membership experience, use resources and develop action plans. Each Lion attending a CEP Workshop will be completing several assignments under the guidance of the facilitator. Two of these assignments are the Community Needs Assessment and the How Are Your Ratings? The program consists of four steps that are approximately an hour each. The program can be delivered in one, two, or four sessions. Each workshop session can be held at a club meeting, club retreat or other gathering. The entire process should take no longer than 4 months.

The GLT/GMT has been busy this last month developing the CEP program and recruiting facilitators. A huge "thank you" to all who have agreed to help with this process. I know we will have an awesome team willing to help the leadership team implement this program. Once training has been completed for facilitators, clubs will be asked if they would like to participate. It will be enlightening and fun. Please consider being one of the first clubs to participate!

## Harry's Corner

**Harry Klenke**  
Second Vice  
District Governor



Loretta and I just returned from a vacation in Colorado. She mentioned early on that almost all the towns we traveled through had Lion's signs posted along the road. We even traveled through Lyons, Colorado with its Lion's sign posted proudly at the entrance to town. My cousin and her husband were interested when we mentioned seeing the sign. Later on when we had returned to their home, we talked more about Lions. He was a teacher and later a principal in a military school near Hamburg, Germany. He mentioned while in Germany there the local Lion's club had brought a group of orphaned children from Poland to their community. This occurred soon after the Berlin wall had been torn down.

We then traveled south to the Colorado Springs area. There we stayed with Loretta's cousin. She had a couple of her grandchildren stop over at different times and they talked about all the different things she did for them and the community. One mentioned how she chaperoned a youth church group to New York City and Rome. These teenagers worked with the poor. When they needed something extra Grandma came through for the entire group. She may not be a lion, but she is helping her community.

While visiting her, one of her sons came over with his family. They were talking about how they participated in a walk for diabetes the day before in their community. Their second son was diagnosed with type one Diabetes around the fourth of July. They were very interested when we talked about the Spring Point project. They said they would be checking on the internet about the project and what the University of Minnesota and the Lions are doing. Hopefully they will become members of a local Lion's Club after learning more about the diabetes research we are sponsoring.

If we mention Lions just about anywhere we go people seem to have heard of us. The more we talk about Lions the easier it becomes to talk about them. So if all of would get an elevator speech or as District Governor Ron wrote in last months "The Roar" we should all have two minutes of "Talking Points ready when people ask us about the Lions.



# PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS

# Win a Toro Lawnmower

## Steering for Better Hearing

## Purchase Raffle Tickets thru October 25, 2012



Raffle

Contact: HF Treasurers,  
Mike/Sue Vos  
20472 371st Ave.  
Green Isle, MN—55338-2172

Email: [sue@vosconstruction.com](mailto:sue@vosconstruction.com)

## So Little Ears Can Hear!

Lion Bob Harms, Secretary for the Lions Hearing Foundation & Executive Secretary for Multiple 5M, rode a Toro Zero-Turn lawnmower (donated by Toro) from the Canada Border to the Iowa Border (approximately 485 miles) at the hyper speed of 7 miles per hour. Lion Bob started his trip on August 20 at the Canadian border, 10 miles north of Roseau on Highway 89 to Minnesota 71 and then headed straight south, arriving at the Iowa Border on August 29 at approximately 12:16 p.m. His days were long often on the road at 7:00 a.m. and not arriving to his daily destination until 7:00 p.m. Once arriving to his daily destination he was greeted by local Lion Club members from the respective city he arrived in as well as nearby towns. The clubs often paid for lodging and meals. Lion Bob was accompanied by his "pit crew" PDG Jim Aasness from Dilworth, MN. PDG Jim would support Lion Bob by making lunch and parking his motor home, which towed a covered trailer of supplies, including a motor scooter for PDG Jim to follow Bob on the trip. The motorhome boasted a large banner identifying the fundraiser and pictures of both Lion Bob & our poster child, Maren. Maren was hearing impaired at birth but was not correctly diagnosed until 21 months and was treated at the Lions Children's Hearing Center. Because (continued

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Maren and her family learned first-hand how valuable going through the Lions Children's Hearing Center was to them personally, they allowed the Hearing Foundation to use Maren as the face behind the story. Jennie (Maren's mom) stated she didn't want other children to wait 21 months to be properly diagnosed and treated so they were happy to share Maren's beautiful picture and story.

Because lawnmowers are not built to take on a 500 mile road trip, Toro made some modifications to the machine as well as specially designing a canopy to fit the Toro Zero Turn lawnmower so that Bob would be shielded from the sun and elements. Lion Bob pulled a two-wheel utility trailer behind the lawnmower which carried a cooler for water and supplies and a gas can.

Lion Bob and PDG Jim's days were long often out of bed by 5:30 a.m. to either change oil on the machine, grease the wheels on the two-wheel utility trailer or other preparations to begin the long day's ride. Bob stated he was averaging about 5 miles per hour when you took in breaks for interviews, lunch and gassing up the machine.

Lion Bob's ride met with State wide radio coverage as well as front-page newspaper coverage in 25-30 newspapers. The Willmar Newspaper's coverage caught the attention of the Associated Press which took Bob's ride both nationally and internationally. So Bob not only created awareness for the Lions Hearing Foundation, but allowed the general public to understand how far Lions will go to change the lives of others.

During the ride Bob reported being chased by mean ugly farm dogs, literally soaked by 18-wheelers during rain, but the most humiliating experience was after 200 miles on his lawnmower ride, a jogger had the audacity to pass him up and wave! But it was the beautiful little face of 2-year old Maren that kept Bob going through it all. Lion Bob, who suffered hearing loss himself as a child after repeated ear infections wanted to improve the lives of children with hearing impairment. As Bob stated to one of the reporters, it is so important that these kids be diagnosed and treated by the age of 6 months, because with that early treatment their speech will progress at the same rate as their normal hearing peers.

On August 28, 2012 a celebration was held at the Windom Toro Plant where Lion Bob met up with 2-year old Maren and her family as well as Toro employees & Lions. At that time Maren's parents presented Lion Bob Harms & Lion Marlene Martinek with plaques that read: "**Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear**" ~ **Mark Twain**. Lion Bob presented Maren with the gift of a Lion. Maren has adopted Bob as her Grandpa and repeatedly called him "Grandpa Bob".

Lion Bob would like to raise \$50,000.00 for the Lions Hearing Foundation and the Lions Children's Hearing Center at the University of Minnesota so that all little ears can hear! To date we have raised approximately \$20,000.00. Please help Lion Bob and the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation raise another \$30,000.00. Consider buying raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 a ticket, but if clubs choose to purchase tickets and win, they can possibly consider raffling off the Toro as a club fundraiser.

Raffle tickets can be obtained from the Lions Hearing Foundation Treasurers, Mike & Sue Vos, 20472 371st Avenue, Green Isle, MN—55338-2172. Or email them at [sue@vosconstruction.com](mailto:sue@vosconstruction.com)



## 5M Hall of Fame - New Award for Lions, Lioness in Multiple District

**PURPOSE:** To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

**AWARD:**

There will be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon. The first honorees will be inducted May 21-23, 2004 at the MD5M Convention.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients will receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients will appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, will be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees will be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

**CRITERIA:**

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in MD5M, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club at the time of their death.

**PROCESS:**

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District.

There will be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee will be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction will be sent to MD5M and will be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the

District's Mid-Winter Convention.

Each individual District will annually hold an election at their Mid-Winter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor will have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame will not be announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations will use the standard form, no others will be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination will not be considered.

All successful candidates will be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor will ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.



**COURTLAND LIONS CLUB**

# PANCAKE, SAUSAGE, EGG



## BRUNCH

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**SUNDAY, October 21, 2012**

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

**COURTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
COURTLAND, MN**

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

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COURTLAND LIONS CLUB SHOULD CONTACT A LION MEMBER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee: Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service Family Work length of service, positions/offices held, community service projects. Attach additional sheet if more room is needed.**

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**Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?**

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**Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.**



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## PUPPY IN PRISON

Susan Youngberg can't imagine life without Bali, her black lab. Youngberg has a rare disorder which paralyzed her right arm and both legs.

Bail is the reason why Youngberg can live independently. The dog fetches whatever Youngberg needs -- the phone, a bottle of water from the fridge, and even clothes from the dryer.

Bali came to Youngberg with an uncanny ability to understand 50 commands.

"That tender side and loving side came from the puppy raiser," said the woman.

Bali got that tender, loving care in prison.

Greg Wickman is one of a select few inmates who gets the chance to help raise and train dogs like Bali at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Faribault. The pups will eventually be given to people with disabilities.

"Avery, go get the juice. Get that juice," Wickman said to his latest puppy project. "She brightens my day. She gives me a reason to be happy when I have trouble finding other reasons to be happy."

Wickman ended up in prison after becoming addicted to drugs. He turned to crime to support his habit. This is his third prison trip, but he vows it will be his last time. Now, he is working on his fourth year of sobriety.

Wickman and Avery share a small cell with another dog and three other inmates. "We'll do a lot of training in here so she can get used to being in a home environment," said Wickman.

They're all part of a program called "Anything's Pawsible," which started out 8 years ago as a way to make unwanted shelter dogs in the Faribault area more adoptable.

The prison also teamed up with Can Do Canines, which matches the specially-trained dogs with people with disabilities.

Inmates earn the right to do this. Those who get picked often go through their own kind of transformation after working with the dogs.

The dogs are specially bred by Can Do Canines for service. Inmate trainers will spend the next year shaping them for a life of helping others -- just like Bali does for Susan Youngberg.

"She is just a happy dog, loves people, loved me immediately and you can tell that's the way she was raised in prison," said Youngberg.



## Can Do Canines Fall Graduation

Sunday, October 28, 1 PM – 2 PM at Can Do Canine 9440 Science Center Drive New Hope, MN 55428

Graduation is our favorite time of year! Twice each year, in Spring and Fall, we celebrate our graduating assistance dog teams.

Each team receives its official identification cape, Nylabone, diploma and mortarboard cap. The event lasts about an hour, and is followed by an informal reception with refreshments. Graduations are free and open to the general public.

Many people find our graduations to be a heartfelt, emotional experience. Wonderful photo opportunities are available, including an on-stage class picture with all the teams participating. We would love to see you there!

