The **5M-2**









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Editor Bill Curtis,

What's Going On In 5M2

1st Vice District Governor Harry Klenke walking with Leader Dog representative and a Leader Dog at Leader Dog School.





The Waterville Lions held club meeting at PDG Larry and Marlys Meskan's cabin in Waterville where DG Joan presented the following awards: Leader Dog's Founder Tribute to Lion John Scholljegerdes, Founders Tribute to Lion Marge Boyd, Can Do Canines Top Dog to Llon Jack Webster and Diabetes Dream Catcher Award to Lion David Berg. Congratulations to all!



Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer presented a check from the Minnesota Lake Lions for \$150.00 to Lions 5M-2 District Chairman Kevin Blank. The money came from the "Tip Box" at the Lions Pork Burger stand during Festag. Contributions came from the public. Tips were desginated to the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation.



Nicollet Lions Club ready to work the Demo Derby at the Nicollet County Fair on Friday, August 9th and Saturday, August 10th.

Joan's Journal

Joan Blank **District Governor**



District Governor Joan Blank

September is synonymous with saying good-bye to summer and saying

hello to the start of school. The media is full of back to school advertisements. It would be hard to miss one of those and we all know someone or some family who is gearing up for the start of school. One can feel a new energy in the air as activities seem to pick up. September feels that way to me also in terms of the Lion year. Although starting in July, the Lion year seems to really gear up and take off in September.

The 5M2 Cabinet met on August 5th at Jungle Days in Belle Plaine and I was excited over all the reports that Cabinet Chairs presented with many great opportunities ahead of us. This new Cabinet is deemed my "Dream Team" as each presented their dreams for what they would like to accomplish in the following year.

I believe International President Barry Palmer would be well pleased with the dreams and leadership in 5M2.

September is when we have the opportunity to meet the Cabinet Chairs at the Region meetings. If you have not attended one and would like to know about any of the projects that 5M2 endorses and supports, this would be the time to attend. The Cabinet Chairs would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your club. The dates for the Region meetings are as follows:

Region 1 – Tuesday, September 17th at Ridges of Sand Creek in Jordan Region Chairperson is Lion Wanda Breimhorst (Jordaness Lions)

Region 2 - Tuesday, September 24th at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter Region Chairperson is Lion Charlotte Abbas (Courtland Lions)

Region 3 – Monday, September 30th at Applewood Restaurant, Mankato Region Chairperson is Lion Bill Bowman – Albert Lea Cloverleaf September is a great time to gear up for these 5M2 projects:

Peace Poster Contest: Co-Chairs Lions Paul Stephens from the Cologne Lions and PDG Sue Bowman from the Albert Lea Lions are dreaming of having 100% club participation. Wouldn't that be great? Reach for the stars, I say! Theme for this year is "Our World, Our Future". Contact either Lion Paula or PDG Sue for more information.

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille from Norwood Young America Lions is kicking this off again and letters should have gone out to each club outlining the guidelines for this contest. If you have ever heard the winners read their essays at the Mid-Winter convention, you would be inspired to offer this contest at your local school.

Liberty Day – PDG Mary Spille from NYA West Carver Lions and Lion Denny Hewitt from Nicollet Lions dream about expanding this extremely worthwhile program.

Club Excellence Process: Past International Director Maynard and Past International Director Debra have been worked together to help train six CEP facilitators in 5M2 who will engage and instruct clubs on how their club can grow and serve in their community. It is both IP Barry Palmer's and my

dream to have two clubs from each zone complete this process.

Cologne Leos Book Drive: The Cologne Leos are dreaming of collecting 63,000 books on the weekend of October 5-6, 2013. That is so exciting! Again, a letter should have been sent to each club. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Leo Hilary Wickenhauser at hwic97@gmail.com or 952-220-0516.

As one can read from the activities listed above, it is time for Lions to formulate their dreams for the coming year and to gear up to put their thoughts into action. We have so many excellent opportunities to serve. I would be very pleased if every Lion in 5M2 is part of the "Dream Team". Happy planning and serving.

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW LION MEMBERS.....

Lion Robert L. Lobeck – Hutchinson Lions Club Sponsored by Lion William Korpela Lion Pam Kind –Mankato Sunrise Lions Club Sponsored by Lion Pamela DeMarce Lion Sally A. Roesler – Minnesota Lake Lions Club Sponsored by Lion Maxine Daly Lion Jerry M. Anderson – Victoria Lions Club Sponsored by PDG Wayne Neubarth Lion Michael Walters – Watertown Lions Club Sponsored by Lion Luke Fischer

Lion Stephen Washburn – Watertown Lions Club Sponsored by Lion Heather Jarvis

Lion Diane L. Wichmann – Albert Lea Lakeview Lions Club Sponsored by PDG Mary Ferleman

Monthly Membership Report		
	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	2,433	2,440
Added Members	7	22
Dropped Members	5	27
Closing Balance	2,435	2,435
Net Gain/Loss	2	-5
Worldwide	1,347,589	

District Governor Joan's Jaunts

Sept 5th – 8th - Ely (Little Get-Away)

Sept 10th - Winnebago Lions Picnic

Sept 12th – Alden Lions – Membership Drive

Sept 14th – Winthrop Lions 30th Anniversary

Sept 17th - Region 1 Meeting

Sept 18th – Mid-Winter Meeting

Sept 19th - 22nd - USA/Canada Forum -

Overland Park, KS

Sept 23rd – Winsted Lions Club Visit

Sept 24th – Region 2 Meeting – St. Peter

Sept 28th – Daughter Lion Becky and

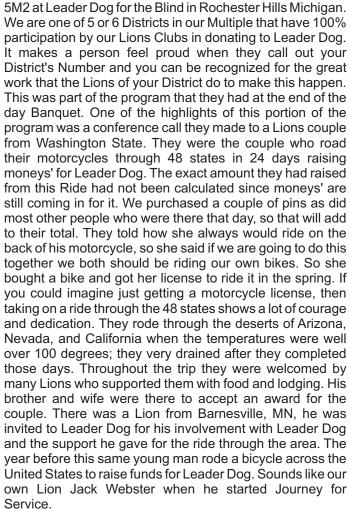
Lion Brent Stevensen's Wedding

Sept 30th – Region 3 Meeting

HARRY'S CORNER

Harry Klenke First Vice District Governor

Last week I and Lion Loretta had the honor of representing District



They had a couple speak who came from the Detroit area. He had just became totally blind a couple of years ago. His wife called Leader Dog and asked how much it cost to raise a dog, and when she was told that it was about 35,000 to 40,000 dollars she just hung up. The next day the lady from Leader Dog called the couple back and explained to them that yes it cost that much to raise one, but to them there was no charge. He told about how he had a tape made of him going around town, so they could see how he got around with a white cane that had been furnished by Leader Dog. I went over and mentioned to him how I had assisted in making a video for a man in Prior Lake just few years before. He had adapted very well to his dog and traveled to many places like the college where his daughter was attending. He said she was very proud to meet him there for lunch.

We had a tour through all parts of the facility and a chance to walk blindfolded with a dog. It shows how you have to complete faith in your dog. We traveled to downtown

MARVIN'S COMMENTS

Marvin Grimm Second Vice District Governor

"Follow Your Dream"



The dictionary definition of dream is: a sequence of thoughts, images, and feelings passing through a sleeping persons mind. I think we dream more when awake!

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As one gets older, many of our dreams have been met or have fallen by the waysides. Hopefully your dreams have been met. Most of my dreams have been met. Writing these articles was not a dream of mine. I thought I was at an age where I could kick back, enjoy the things I wanted to do, and enjoy my senior years. That does not mean I would stop volunteering, but to stay active and volunteer where needed. However, plans change and now I have a new challenge and will do my best to full fill the demands of 2nd Vice District Governor. New challenges make you think back on what you have accomplished and draw from your experiences to help fulfill the new challenges.

I dream of a large attendance at Region and Zone meeting. So I would encourage all Presidents and Secretaries to attend your Region meetings. Encourage new members and other club members to attend also. This is a great time to meet your District Governor Joan as well as the new Cabinet members. It is time to get dates for the Governor and Cabinet members to visit your club. You should have at least two Cabinet members attend a club meeting every year. They have good information and the Region meeting is a good place to make a choice. The Cabinet members do not attend the Spring Zone meeting unless they have something new to share.

Evelyn and I are looking forward to attending the USA/Canada Forum on September 19-22 in Kansas City. We have checked the seminar list and are looking forward to the seminars and meeting fellow Lions.

We will be attending the 30th anniversary of the Winthrop Lions on September 14.

Evelyn and I worked a shift at the Carver County Lions booth at the Carver County Fair. It was a time to explain Lions to some interested folks.

I close with a quote from International President, Barry Palmer, "Don't forget to Dream about what you can do! Lofty Dreams Lead to Great Service"



Rochester to see their training area down there. They had 5or6 dogs walking with trainers and a Prius and a motor bike driver around to see what the dogs had learned. Then back at the facility they had a question and answer session, with 3 men who had Leader Dogs, They had the first questions asked by one of the staff and then we could join in with our questions. That was very informative and as they said no question is a dumb question.

If you have any questions ask me or our great Leader Dog representatives, Lions Shirley Hespenheide and Steve Wasserman.



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 or 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 August:

Lions John and Chris Volz – Minnesota Lake Lions - for celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations!

Lion Dave Williams - Norwood Young America Lions - for setting up the plans, the committee and the Carver County Lions booth at the Carver County Fair in Waconia.

Lion Tim Craig and Lion Eric Watkins – Carver Lions - for being part of the committee and for their work at the Carver County Lions Booth at the Carver County Fair.

Lion Amy Piotrowski and Lion Julie Beckius – Jordaness Lions – for Co-Chairing Jungle Days

Lions Mike Williams and Cathleen Williams – NYA Lions and NYA West Carver respectfully – for hosting a QUEST training program.

Lion Bob Wills – Nicollet Lions – for chairing the Nicollet County Demo Derby.

Lion Bill Korpela – Hutchinson Lions – for sponsoring new member Lion Robert Lobeck

Lion Pam DeMarce – Mankato Sunrise Lions – for sponsoring new member Lion Pam Kind

Lion Maxine Daly – Minnesota Lake Lions – for sponsoring new member Lion Sally Roesler

PDG Wayne Neubarth – Victoria Lions – for sponsoring new member Lion Jerry Anderson

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Lion Dave Berg – Waterville Lions – recipient of the Dream Catchers Award from MN Lions Diabetes Foundation.



COLOGNE LEOS BOOK DRIVE Saturday, October 5th & 6th

Did you know that in an average income Minnesota neighborhood there are 13 books per child. In a low income neighborhood there is one book for every 300 children! Every member of our club has owned a book. Because of that we cannot fathom hundreds of children, some the same age as us, not owning a book. Please join us and help make a difference.

The Cologne Leos will host a used book drive on the weekend of October 5-6, 2013. When we heard about Immediate Past International President Madden's literacy project we became very interested. When we found out it will be a 10 year campaign we decided to do something about it. We are inviting your club to host a similar book drive on the same weekend. Here's how:

- 1. You would advertise it throughout your community.
- 2. Then set up a drop off site and sort the books into two categories: children's and adults.
- 3. Finally, you would arrange transportation of the books collected to the Mankato Ziegler Equipment drop site on Tuesday October 8, 2013.

We are challenging each club that participates to collect 100 books and make a donation of \$50-\$100 dollars. The money will be used towards the cost of shipping the books both nationally and internationally.

The books collected will be distributed in the following manner: 25% - Internationally, 25% - Locally, 50% - Nationally

Ziegler Equipment has very graciously offered to help us gather the books in one location and hold them until they are picked up for distributed. Books will be divided and donated to different organizations including: Bernie's Book Bank in Chicago (www.berniesbookbank.com), Operation Paperback and the Reading Action Program (supported by LCI) to help start a library in Africa.

Please contact me if you are participating so I can answer any questions or offer any help. Also keep track of how many books your club collects. It will be fun to tally the numbers and report back to everyone involved.

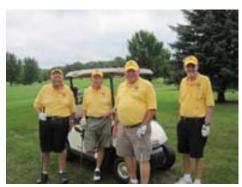
Contact Cologne Leo Hilary Wickenhauser with any questions at: hwick97@gmail.com or 952-220-0516.

Mail any correspondence to: Cologne Leo Club, PO Box 174, Cologne, MN 55322











DG Joan couldn't be happier winning the Wall of Wine!







THREE CLUB SALUTE TO JORDANESS LIONS FOR HOSTING FANTASTIC JUNGLE DAYS!

On Monday, August 5th, approximately 105 golfers converged on the Valley View Golf Course in Belle Plaine for a fun-filled afternoon of playing 18 holes of golf. The Jordaness Lions were in full force, first setting up the Clubhouse for the 5M2 Cabinet meeting and then quickly converting to registration of golfers as the Cabinet meeting went longer than expected. The Jordaness Lions also set up a raffle table with a number of great raffle baskets or items; including the "Wall of Wine" which consisted of 23 bottles of wine (each Jordaness Lion donated her favorite bottle of wine).

Prizes were given out for:

Longest drive men + women Longest putt men + women Closest to the pin men + women Find the circle on the green game Putting contest



The winning teams were:

Men's Flight Winners: <u>Hamburg Lions</u>: Lion Chris Lund, Tyler Path, Lion Rich Kroells and Lion Joel Franck

Women's Flight Winners: <u>Jordaness Lions</u>: Lion Amy Piotrowksi, Lion Julie Hendricks. Lion Brenda Kubesh and Sunny Klein

A huge "Thank You" goes to the Jordaness Co-Chairs Lions Amy Piotrowski and Lion Julie Beckius. Others on the committee included Lion Christy Trutnau, Lion Wanda Breimhorst, Lion Julie Hendricks, Lion Brenda Kubesh and Lion Betty Huebner. The Jordaness Jungle Days Committee would also like to thank all the Lions who participated in the Cabinet Meeting, purchased chance tickets, played in the golf tournament, donated to the Wall of Wine and the raffle baskets and last but not least, the incredible volunteers that helped out unconditionally. Mention should also be given to Valley View Golf Course for having such a great venue to host both the Cabinet Meeting and Jungle Days and being so wonderful to work with. Submitted by: Lion Christy Trutnau and DG Joan Blank



36 youth, DG Joan and Lion Kevin Blank, and the Courtland Lions.



DG Joan Blank presenting a 2013 5M2 pin to one of the foreign exchange students.



Courtland Lion Wally Sagmoen helping a youth with Bingo.

Thirty six youth from 20 countries arrived at the Courtland Community Center on Monday, July 22, to play bingo and have a taco-in-a-bag supper. The Courtland Lions hosted the event. Each of the youth spoke about their families, host families, and experiences they have been having in Minnesota. Each youth said he/she enjoyed the hospitality of all the people they have met. They also have enjoyed the weather, but not the mosquitoes. None had experienced a taco-in-a-bag meal before but all enjoyed it!

Seven youth have parents who are in a Lions Club in their country; five belong to a Leo Club. They are all aware of what the Lions/Leos stand for and what these clubs do.

DG Joan Blank also spoke, telling the youth how impressed she is with their ability to travel to a different country and experience life away from home. She presented each youth with her District Governor's pin. Courtland Lion Sharmen Christopherson presented each youth with a small American flag.

Bulgaria - Valeri Nikolov and Dean Manasier

Belgium – Charolotte Mangan

Brazil - Camila Costa, Leo Fonseca Jr., and Natalia Souza Santos

Denmark – Aske Ryskow Kjaer and Henrik Peterson

France - Victoire LeBel and Etienne Roussey

Finland - Terhimaria Kaski and Linda Korhonen

Germany – Viktoria Micke, Victoria Radspieler and Claudius-Moritz Rommelfange

India – Mekhla Shrivastav

Italy – Chiara Torta and Chiara Coffano

Israell - Almog Apelman and Omei Arzi

Japan – Yuko Tsuchiya and Masayoshi Fujitaka

Norway - Hilde Stensby

Mexico – Luis Mario Guijarro Mayo and Rodolfo Perez

Mongolia - Enkhmaa Byambaa and Dulguun Itgelt

Poland - Dominik Czerczak

Spain -- Claudia Cerri Romero and Patricia Poyatos Vega

Sweden – Therese Hansson

Turkey – Ece Mutluer and Yelda Icoz

The Netherlands – Nicole Van Wijk and Rochelle Mwders

USA - Charlie Walters



Lion Cindy Walters (Chaska Lions) with partial group of Lions Youth Exchange students who spend half a day preparing dishes from their native countries at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell, MN on Saturday, July 27th. Food was delicious! Lion Cindy is extremely instrumental in making great memories for the exchange students who visit each summer.



The Cologne Leos have had a very successful summer Reading in the Park program. Every Tuesday from 10am-11am at the Cologne Lions Park the Leos would do a craft, read a book and have snack with local preschoolers. Their idea came from the RAP. On average there were 30 children who attended the free program and played in the park afterwards. August 20th was the last day of the program and through the generous donation from 5M2's Youth Activities and DG Joan Blank the kids were able to take home 3 new books and a sling bag with the Leo reading logo on it. The Leos have also raised the \$1500.00 to name a Can Do Canine. They presented a proposal to Bob Wilcox of Lakeview Clinic and were able to use their parking lot during the Carver County Fair to charge for car parking. This event raised \$1500.00 During the Glad Days celebration in July the Leos sold concessions and raised \$450.00. We are currently weeding twice a month at the Cologne Community Center and will be working along with the West Carver Lions at Stiftungsfest the weekend of August 24-26. Our next adventure will be doing our second Can Do Woof a Roo walk on September 7th in New Hope.



With Lion Joe Maidl's encouragement, program counselor Chelsey, from New Hampshire, felt the branches of a Christmas tree.



Bryson from Utah shared his excitement of holding a kitten with program coordinator Charlene Guggisberg. Watching in the background were Lafayette Lion Alan Youngblom and his wife Marlene.



The campers and counselors were excited to feed hay to the steers at Al Guggisberg's farm.



Holding a baby chick was a new experience for camper Quinn Metcalf from Mankato.

Lions support helps Buddy Program Sight-impaired campers experience rural life

The last three weeks of July were a mind-boggling experience for seven campers and three counselors involved in BLIND, Inc.'s Buddy Program. Through the program, the teens and pre-teens shared a myriad of new experiences, both in the Twin Cities and in rural Minnesota.

Charlene Guggisberg, a Lafayette native and a former occupational therapy assistant at New Ulm Medical Center, coordinates the program. Blind since the age of two, Guggisberg has never expected special treatment because she's blind—and wants other sight-impaired people to live life the same way. Through the visit to the New Ulm area, she helped the campers and counselors experience some of the same things she did while growing up on a farm.

Program participants travelled by van from the Twin Cities to visit the farms of Guggisberg's cousin, Tony Guggisberg, south of New Ulm, and that of her brother Al, north of Lafayette. The campers and counselors met chickens, chicks, geese, goats, and kittens at Tony's, then touched calves and fed hay to the cattle at Al's place. Their excitement was apparent, as they repeatedly asked for another chance to touch, pet, and feed the animals. At Tony's, they also felt the branches of Christmas trees grown on the farm.

Through the Buddy Program, youngsters from nine to 14 years old spend three weeks in Minneapolis, living with the counselors in apartments in uptown Minneapolis and commuting by city bus to the BLIND, Inc. headquarters in South Minneapolis.

"It takes a brave step for their parents to send them here," Guggisberg said. "We get the kids to problem solve—we get them to say 'I can,' not 'I can't."

During the July 13 to August 3 program, the students learned Braille and cane travel—as well as things their sighted peers do. They had computer and cooking classes, did their own laundry, learned home and personal management, built bird houses, and went rock climbing, paddle boating, and on the water slides at Wild Mountain. They took outings to McDonalds and an ice cream parlor to

practice independence.

Guggisberg added, "At the end, we call the parents in for a seminar. The kids expect more from themselves than they did at the start—those three weeks give them a taste of where they can go. We encourage parents to give the kids the freedom to do things for themselves."

Charlene's enthusiasm for her work, and the program in particular, is contagious.

"Blind kids of this age get overlooked. Most youth programs aren't funded until age 14. There are only three programs like this in the U.S," Guggisberg explained. "We had grants but, with the economy, some of them were cut back."

This year's program got a big boost from the Lafayette Area Lions Club, of which Charlene's dad, Wallace, has been a member since 1980. Upon learning of the funding shortage, the club contributed \$5,000 to this year's program, allowing it to reach out to youngsters to make them more self-sufficient. Lions members also met the kids and counselors when the group visited the area.

Three of this year's campers were from Minnesota and one each from Texas, Utah, Michigan, and New Jersey. The three counselors, who are also blind, came from Nevada, New Hampshire, and Illinois.

For more information on the program, call 612-872-0100 or email Guggisberg at cguggisberg@blindinc.org.



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Jean Lundquist, her Diabetes Assistance Dog Juno, Lion Charlette Abbas, Lions Darlene and Bern Breamer.

Courtland Night Out!

The Courtland Fire Department held a Courtland Night Out on Tuesday July 30, 2013. Among the attractions was Jean Lundquist and her Can-Do-Canine Diabetes Assist Dog Juno. Lion Charlette Lowell of the Courtland Lions requested the help of Lions 5M-2 District Co-Chairs Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer in getting someone with a Can-Do-Canine assist dog to come and talk to the public. Jean gave a very interesting talk about why she decided to request a diabetes assistance dog from Can-Do-Canine Assistance Dogs located in New Hope, MN. Lions are one of many service organizations that help support Can-Do-Canines Assistance Dogs. These dogs are given to people with, diabetes complicated by hypoglycemia unawareness, mobility challenges, hearing loss or deafness, seizure disorders, or autism. Dogs, training, medical treatment, food supplies, and ongoing suppor are provided to their clients free of charge. For more infromation check out their website: www.can-do-canines.org



Lion Eric Watkins and Lion Phil Hamlin at the Carver County Fair in Waconia.



Minnesota Lake Lion members and guests at the Old Mill Park in Minnesota Lake.

The Minnesota Lake Lions held their annual club picnic at the Old Mill Park on Wednesday August 14. We had a Pot Luck supper with the meat and beverage furnished by the Club. There was 26 members and guests present. Our next meeting will be Wednesday September 11, 2013. We will meet at 6:15 A.M. at the Old Mill Bar and Grill. Come early for breakfast. People interested in learning about our club are always welcome to join us.

