

The 5M-2



FIRE UP



July 2013

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Editor Bill Curtis,

WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5M2

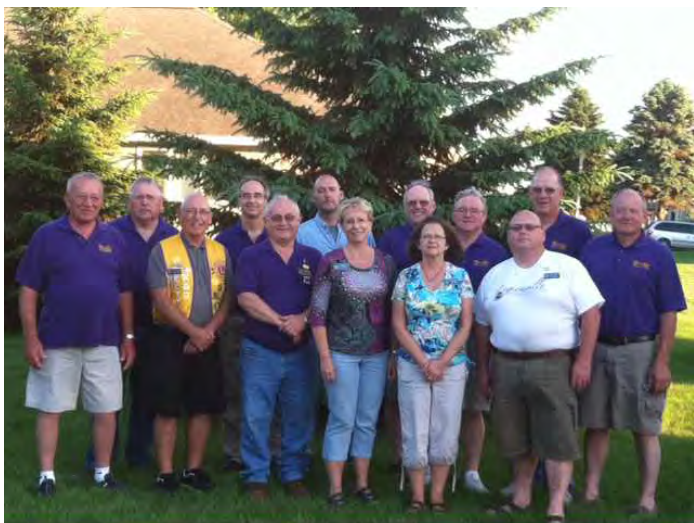


Ron Beaty receives Melvin Jones Fellowship at joint picnic with all three Mankato Lions Club present. Pictured Mankato Lions Chris Hoffman, Dave Stinocher, Ron Beaty, Bill VanderSluis and Don Hoffman



New Officers for Lafayette Lions Club:

Back Row: Lions Brad DeBoer, Arden DeBoer, Scott Portner, Mary Trebelhorn and Mark Dick **Front Row:** Lions Harold Olson, Ruth Klossner, Wendy Gjerde Elmari Kamm and C.F. Maidl.



New Nicollet Officers:

Lions Vic Johnson, Claus Peukert, Walt Hanish, Bill Blashack Larry Hewitt, Chad Johnson, Mary Pipping, Dick Lange, Kris Hanish, Denny Hewitt, Dave Vulcan, Tom Wilking and Kevin Blank



Lion Stanley Youngblom receives Melvin Jones Award at Lafayette's Scholarship Banquet. Special bonus was being pinned by his son, Lion Alan Youngblom.

Joan's Journal

Joan Blank
District Governor



District Governor
Joan Blank

Summer Greetings to all Lions in 5M2. It feels different writing this column as I am in transition from being District Governor Elect to District Governor, which will not take effect until July 9th at the 96th International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Lion Kevin and I have dreamed about attending this International Convention for two years and as you read this, it should be a reality for us. As we have dreamed about taking this trip of our lifetime, we have also been planning and been in training for the last two years to take over the reins from District Governor Ron. For those of you who have met me, you know I love to laugh, joke around and enjoy every Lion event I attend. However, I do take the position of being your 2013 –2014 District Governor very seriously and pledge to serve you and the District to the best of my ability. I thank District Governor Ron for leading the District through a great past year.

Throughout the coming year you will hear and read about two themes that tie in nicely together. The first theme is from our new International President, Barry Palmer, who hails from down under in Australia. IP Barry's theme is "Follow Your Dream". Lion Barry is challenging every Lion to follow their dream to reach new heights. He emphasizes that we are a global network dedicated to service and we all need to share the dream of a world without suffering. As the new officers of your club take office, now is the time to dream big and plan your year of service and growth.

In order to follow your dream, you need to "Fire Up". That will be my theme for the coming year, "Fire Up for Lions". Due to our passion of spending as much time outdoors as possible, Lion Kevin and I love to go camping. We can't find time to do much of it now (and the weather has not been cooperative this year), but we thought there was nothing better than spending the day outdoors with our three children, either hiking, sightseeing, exploring or swimming and then spending the evening around a campfire. I have always been fascinated with how just a spark from a match can start a small fire that will continue to grow when feed with sticks and wood. The more wood the bigger the fire. The warmth and glow of a fire is very comforting. A Lion can dream, but in order for the dream to be fulfilled, one needs to take action. A spark has to be ignited, a flame will appear and how big that fire takes off depends on the support we Lions give each other. With dreams and fire inside us, the possibilities are limitless.
DREAM BIG!

Turkish Lions adapt to Lions Quest

Lions Quest helps foster personal development, positive thinking and a sense of unity among students who participate in the



social and emotional learning program. To Lions in Turkey, these principles also seemed perfect for sports programs. To test the idea, Lions held a one day workshop for volleyball sports coaches and managers. The workshop was a success. Now, Turkish Lions are working to adapt Lions Quest even further for sports based on workshop feedback, creating team spirit, a positive climate, improved group dynamics and – perhaps most important – fun.



District Governor Joan's Jaunts

- July 1 - July 4th • Hamburg, Germany
 - DGE Training
- July 5th – July 9th • Hamburg, Germany
 - 96th International Convention
- July 9th – July 13th • Berlin, Germany • Vacation
- July 15th • Winthrop Lion Club
 - Installation of Officers
- July 16th • Chaska Lions Club
 - Installation of Officers
- July 18th • Alden • First Mid-Winter Convention
 - Committee Meeting
- July 22nd • Courtland Lions
 - Picnic with 35 Youth Exchange Students
- July 27th • St. Cloud • Council of Governors Meeting
- July 27th • St. Cloud • Farewell Dinner with Youth Exchange Students

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 lionjoanblank@gmail.com.

Thanks! DG Joan

Harry Klenke
First Vice District Governor



This month I need to thank District Governor Ron and Lion Jean for their year of service to the District. I know they have put a lot of time and energy into the year. The number of members in our District has been a constant for the year, which is good. This is a product of leadership throughout the District. The leaders of individual clubs and the good work of the members of these clubs are responsible for the good membership numbers. I think every chance we get to mention something we do as Lions is important in promoting our motto of "We Serve".

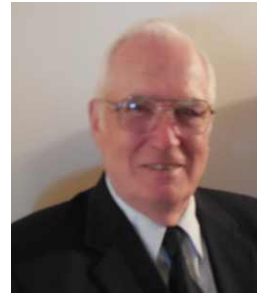
In the past couple of weeks I have been traveling in the northern part of the District. When I see a student is from a town I am going to or have been to I mention the Lions. Many of them have never heard of the Lion's, but when you mention some of the things we do, such as giving scholarships or giving dictionaries they remember those things. Once in a while when talking to parents after a road test the student will mention this and I tell them they should check into their local Lions club. If we keep promoting our clubs we will get more members and be able to do more for our communities.

In my limited travels I am growing to more appreciate the work of a District Governor. I am also seeing the joy that comes from hearing all the good the people of these clubs are doing for their communities. And with all the good you hear about you also hear about the fun they are having planning and executing these plans. I attended a meeting of the Veseli Lions. They are planning for their towns July 4th celebration. They have many exciting and interesting events planned. Last Saturday Lion Loretta and I traveled to Hamburg to be Judges at their barbecue rib cooking contest. This is was a part of a wonderful event put on by the Lions and other community groups. The Cologne Leos were there helping out and the Norwood Young America West Carver Lions also had a booth there. It is fun to see how these clubs work together. The hard rain we had just as we were getting to Hamburg put a damper on a few things, but everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Monday evening Lion Loretta and I traveled to Nicollet for their summer picnic and installation of officers. It was a great evening and the food was great. It was fun spending time with District Governor Elect Joan or by the time you read this District Governor Joan and Lion Kevin. The entire Lions club was so welcoming. Wednesday night we attended the meeting and installation of officers for the Lonsdale Lions. They have a nice memorial service at the Cemetery before they have their dinner meeting. They remember each past member at this service. Again we had a great meal and enjoyed the camaraderie of the club.

On June 8th we attended the DeFeet Hearing walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. It is a good event, not as well attended as hoped but I think the weather forecast kept some people away. Past District Governor Mike and Lion Sue and the rest of their group did a great job organizing. I hope many more of you in the District will plan on attending in the future. Lion Loretta and I had a good time helping the Lions from Carver with the serving lunch.

Marvin Grimm
Second Vice District Governor



As I embark on this new journey, I will tell a little about myself. I was born and raised in Big Stone County in western Minnesota. I have three brothers and one sister. I am the oldest. My second from the youngest brother died in February of 2012. I graduated from Ortonville High School in 1952. While in high school, besides farming, I participated in football, basketball and track. As a youth I belonged to 4H and FFA (Future Farmers of America).

After high school, I stayed home and ran the farm as my Father died when I was fourteen years old. As my brothers got older, they wanted to run the farm so after eight years of farming at home, I left to work on a large dairy farm. In 1965 I started working at the Green Giant Company in Glencoe, MN. I retired in 1989.

Since 1989, I drove school bus in Chaska for 5 years and have done a ton of volunteering. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Thrivent Financial Chapter Board, Thrivent Builds Habitat for Humanity, East Union Lutheran Church property committee chair and council, Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women and Carver Lions are places where I have volunteered.

My hobbies include traveling, fishing, yard and garden, woodworking and collecting farm toys. Woodworking has evolved from minor shelves and small items to lawn furniture, toy and quilt cabinets and the latest, intarsia (wood art). Some of the intarsia has appeared in the hospitality rooms at mid winter.

Evelyn and I will be married 25 years in November. We each have 3 adult children. We have 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. At this point, none are Lions, so there is work to do.

I read an article in the newspaper about "committing yourself for success". The article made me think that it is similar to Lions Clubs. The article stated there are four kinds of people. First, there are the cop outs. These people have no goals and no decisions. Second, there are the hold outs. They have a dream but are afraid to respond to its challenge because they aren't sure they can make it. Third, there are the drop outs. They start to make their dream come true, they know their role, they set their goals, but when going gets tough, they quit. Finally, there are the all outs. They know their role. They want and need and are going to be stars. They want to inspire others, set goals, never quit, are dedicated and committed. If you are committed and do everything you can, you will be successful. I am looking forward to a successful adventure!



Match Strikes!

I am introducing a new column in the newsletter called "Match Strikes". Match Strikes are Lions who have sparked an idea or taken on a project and maybe stepped into a leadership role or sparked a reason to be acknowledged or recognized "just because". It can be as simple as being a passionate Lion for many years to chairing a new project. Anyone can submit a name to be listed in this column as a special recognition for being a source of inspiration to another Lion or Lions Club. A "Match Strike" does not have to be a member of your Lions Club, but does have to be a Lion.

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

During the month of June I have seen the following Lions be Match Strikes:

The three 2013 – 2014 Region Chairs:

Lion Wanda Briemhorst – Jordan Jordaness Lions - Region 1 Chair

Lion Charlette Abbas – Courtland Lions Region 2 Chair

Lion Bill Bowman – Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions Region 3 Chair

All the Zone Chairs:

Lion Chris Hall – Glencoe Lions– Zone 1

Lion Sandy Schneider – Cologne Lions – Zone 2

Lion Jennifer Malecha – Veseli Lions– Zone 3

Lions Gene and Sharon Retka Lions – Courtland Zone 4

Lion Nancy Mathwig – Arlington Lions– Zone 5

Lion Lori Klein – Faribault Lions – Zone 6

Lions Janet and Charlie Knakmuhs - Lake Crystal Llons – Zone 7

Lion Bob Hunter – Waseca Lions – Zone 8

Lion Ron Theusch – Alden Lions – Zone 9

Lion Dave Williams – Norwood Young America Lions - for chairing Carver County Fair Booth coming up in August.

Lion Tim Craig – Carver Lions– for Co-Chairing with Lion Dave Williams for the Carver County Fair Booth.

Lion Ron Beaty – Mankato – recipient of Melvin Jones Fellowship

Lion Stanley Youngbloom – Courtland Lions– recipient of Melvin Jones Fellowship

Lion Gary Koch – Glencoe Lions – visited with the "Minnesota Millers", who are a baseball team of players who are all legally blind, at the Multiple Convention. Lion Gary spearheaded hosting the Minnesota Millers at Glencoe Days.

PDG Mike and Lion Sue Vos - Green Isle Lions - for chairing and coordinating a very successful D-Foot Hearing Walk. Look for more information about this event in August Fire UP.

CONGRATULATIONS LIONS!



If your Club is involved in any summer activities, please take pictures and submit to "Fire Up" by either emailing newsletter editor, Lion Bill Curtis, at wfcurtis@embarqmail.com or District Governor Joan at lionjoanblank@gmail.com. We look forward to highlighting your Club!



District 5M-2
Jungle Days 2013

18 Hole Tournament
4 Person Scramble

Monday, August 5th, 2013
Valley View Golf Course

\$85.00 per golfer - includes golf cart, dinner & prizes

11:00 a.m. - Registration

Lunch will be available

12:30 p.m. - Tee off shot-gun start

Dinner @ approximately 5:30 p.m.

Additional Dinner Tickets available for \$15.00

Registration Deadline Monday, July 22nd, 2013

Tournament Participants - Teams of 4

	Dinner	Cart
Name: _____	Yes/No	Yes/No
Name: _____	Yes/No	Yes/No
Name: _____	Yes/No	Yes/No
Name: _____	Yes/No	Yes/No

Extra Dinner Tickets x \$15.00 per ticket = _____

Total Payment: _____

Check Payable to: Jordaness Lions Club
Send Payment to: Lion Amy Piotrowski
104 Arabian CT
Jordan, Mn 55352

For questions please email:
jordanesslions@gmail.com
(952) 492-5290

Club Excellence Process is Given Thumbs Up by Cologne Lions.



The Cologne Lions had the privilege of participating in the CEP Program through LCI. PDG Mary Spille and Eunice Rucks were our facilitators. We had a good turnout the 2 sessions that were scheduled. We had approximately 15 members present. It was definitely a great experience to share ideas and collaborate on some future goals. The facilitators presented in a very friendly, open minded manner that kept the conversation and ideas flowing. During our sessions we were able to recognize where our weaknesses and strengths lie as a club and what we need to do going forward to make improvements within our club. We strongly suggest if your club is given the opportunity to take the time and be a part of the process. Your club and members will benefit from it.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Sandy Schneider and Lion Anna Wickenhauser
Cologne Lions

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PLATO LIONS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 12, 2013

11:00 A.M. - Registration - 1:00 PM Shot Gun Start



Glencoe Country Club



\$50.00 per person (Glencoe club member)

\$60.00 per person (non Glencoe club member)

\$40.00 per person (Glencoe Club member & your own cart)

4 Person Scramble



Entry fee includes cart, dinner & prizes



Registration Fees after August 5, 2012 will be \$10.00 more per foursome

To Register

Contact Ken - 320.238.2370

kmfranke@embarqmail.com

If you are not interested in golfing, please consider becoming a hole sponsor at \$25.00 per hole or donating a door prize.

Thank you for supporting the Plato Lions



All Proceeds go to local projects



61st FESTAG DAYS

Sat July 13th
Livestock Show

TUESDAY

The Johnny Holm Band : 8-11:30
FREE Street Dance

WEDNESDAY

• Giant Twilight Parade
• FREE Street Dance
DJ - Music in Motion

Carnival
Rides



Pork
Burgers

Food
Stands

July 16 & 17

Minnesota Lake

FESTAG
Festival of Agriculture

www.minnesotalake.com

2013 Peace Poster Theme “Our World, Our Future”

Contest Rules

Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15, 2013. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2000 through November 15, 2002.

The kits are available, and the cost is \$10.95 plus tax and postage/handling. Check on-line or in the Lions Magazine for more information.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches.

Drawing paper can be found at Office Max.

Do not mat or frame the artwork.

All media are accepted. Chalk, charcoal, and pastel entries must be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

All artwork must be the individual student's original creation.

Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted.

The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster is not allowed.

Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping. Do not fold artwork.

*****The students name, school, birthdate and age must be written on the back of the poster. Student must also have a quote on peace written on the back of the poster.**

Posters will be judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of theme.

If your club has more than one school participating, a Peace Poster kit is needed for each school. The more schools the merrier!

You may view winning posters by using the following Lions address: <http://www.lionsclubs.org>. Click on English, then Youth Programs, and lastly Peace Poster.

Contest Deadline

The posters must be sent to the Peace Poster Chairperson PDG Sue Bowman, PO Box 215 Geneva, MN 56035 by November 15th 2013. Posters sent to the 5M2 District Governor will not be judged. The 5M2 winning poster will be sent to the Council Chairperson by December 1, 2013.

Monetary gifts will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place (\$300, \$200, \$100 respectively) from 5M2.

A plaque, certificate of appreciation and Sunday Brunch for 4 will also be given to the first place winner.

If you have any questions, please contact the Peace Poster Chairpersons: Lion Paula Stephens, 313 Louis Street E. Cologne, MN 55322 (H) 952-466-5776 or © 952-797-4116.

Email stephenspmt@gmail.com OR PDG Sue Bowman PO Box 215, Geneva, MN 56035 (H) 507-256-4669 email: s.bowman@frontiernet.net

Leader Dogs for the Blind Update:

Read how two passionate Lions are making a huge difference in the lives of people using the services of Leader Dogs for the Blind. I was able to meet Mark Mansell when the District Governors Elect toured Leader Dogs last fall, shortly after Mark completed his cross country bicycle ride. Mark has a big heart, a warm smile and many heart-warming stories of the great Lions he met across the state, including Minnesota. – DG Joan

Two Lions on Motorcycles – “It's all going to the dogs.”

If you think riding a motorcycle 24 straight days for a total of nearly 10,000 miles sounds like fun, then you would get along famously with Lions Mark and Debbie Mansell from the La Center Lions Club. Starting June 15, these two Lions from Washington state will embark on this, their latest adventure in support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Last summer, Lion Mark rode his bicycle 3,500 miles from coast to coast in support of Leader Dogs for the Blind and in the process raised more than \$100,000 for this cause.



“We met so many Lions and Leader Dog supporters last summer that we thought it would be fun to visit as many of them as possible this summer as a way to say thanks,” said Mark. What started out as a “thank you tour” quickly turned into another adventure and national fundraiser. “We thought since we only had a few weeks of vacation this year, we would need to skip riding bicycles and travel on our motorcycles, instead. It has always been a goal of ours to travel through all 48 states, and since we would be traveling through so many of them to thank people for supporting us last year we thought, why not go for it and ride through all 48 states in one shot!” Lion Debbie added.

The Mansells have been preparing for this trip for months and have been going on many training rides, working out all their gear (totally self-supported), planning their routes and aligning with Lions and other Leader Dog supporters from around the country.

You can follow along with Mark and Debbie through weekly posts here at the Lions Blog, or through their Facebook page. To learn more about this project go to www.leaderdog.org. There you will find more information about the trip, Leader Dogs for the Blind as well as how you can help support this terrific Lions effort.

CARVER COUNTY LIONS JOIN TOGETHER TO PROMOTE LIONISM AT CARVER COUNTY FAIR

5M2 Lions: I was asked to install the officers at the Norwood Young America in June and while doing so, became aware of Lion Dave Williams involvement with a group project at Carver County Fair, August 7 -11.

The project is hosting a Lions booth at the fair. I asked if Lion Dave would write up how the idea started, how the idea evolved and what were the expectations of this joint venture. Lion Dave submitted the excellent article below:

Hello Lion Joan, Where the idea came from is a mixture of events over a short time line. I guess to start out with, I have made the comment to my club on several occasions that I thought Lions were the best kept secret - we do wonderful work, but do not promote what we do. Because of this, one of my goals has been to try to get our club's events into the media as much as possible. I also try to get the word out to the public who attends our events.

How the fair idea came about is because of my job and the 4-H activities of my daughter, I spent a considerable amount of time at the Carver County Fair. As I was at the fair, I observed the various vendors and realized that I had never seen a booth for Lions at the fair. I noticed a Lions presence because the Waconia Lions have a food booth and the Cologne Lions work the gates at the fair. That basically put the thoughts into motion. At the same time, I observed Lions at the MN State Fair and the idea became finalized. I approached the NYA Lions Club and presented my ideas and was encouraged to pursue it by several members. I went onto the Lions district website and located addresses and contacts for the clubs in Carver County. I made up a letter and mailed it or sent it as an email to the contacts from the site. At the 2013 Midwinter Convention I handed out copies of the letter to the Carver County clubs that were in attendance. Again, the response I received was positive and encouraging.

A short while later I started to receive emails from some of the contacts that I sent out. They were excited and liked the idea. One response was from Lion Tim Craig from Carver Lions...he replied with excitement and enthusiasm and said that he "had wanted to do something like this for a loooong time." He also offered to co-chair the event before we even had our first meeting. The responses that I received were very positive, exciting and encouraging. So based on the responses I had received, I emailed all the clubs representatives who had gotten back to me. Together we scheduled our first meeting on April 4 at Island View Golf Course. At the meeting there was alot of great ideas and conversation. The group identified several goals that they wanted to accomplish with the Fair Booth project. The goals are promote Lionism, promote the local clubs events and membership

recruitment.

At the meeting the members created the format that they wanted to use. We chose me as Chairman and Tim Craig as Co-Chair, we decided that each club would contribute \$100 towards the project and we would open a separate account for the project. The NYA Lions offered to maintain the account. The next step was to bring back to the individual clubs, all the items we had discussed and decided on and see if they would want to participate. Happily, all the clubs who had been at the meeting wanted to participate in the event.

At our second meeting on May 9 at Island View Golf Course we continued with the project details. Various members offered to follow up on tasks, such as equipment that would be needed, free items to hand out, advertising, club brochures, and other ideas. We also decided to have a PowerPoint running during the event. Each club representative would send me photographs and material for the PowerPoint. We also decided that we would promote all the Lions Clubs including visitors who were not from Carver County, but inquired about Lions in their community. Each club is already scheduling their own members for their assigned shifts. At our next meeting tonight, we plan to set up our display and finalize the details. We are excited about the potential this project may generate. We hope that we can educate the public about Lions International and our individual clubs events and hopefully increase the membership in our clubs. It is also hoped that we can continue this as a yearly event.

It is because of the participation and enthusiasm of the committee members that this project became a reality and is what it is. The CC Fair Project Committee is comprised of the following members:

West Carver-Lion Cathleen Williams and Mary Spille
Carver-Tim Craig, Eric Watkins
Victoria-Lions Jeff Williams, Jerry Schmieg
NYA--Lion Dave Williams
Chanhassen-Lion Glenn Kaufmann
Hamburg-Lion Diana Kroells, Duane Kroells
Chaska-Lion Jay Molnau
Cologne-Anna Wickenhauser, Betsy Pysick
Cologne Leos are also participating in the project.

Please support the Carver County Lions by visiting their booth at the fair. DG Joan



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ALL GAMES HELD AT BROOK PETERSON FIELD

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JULY 12
7 PM

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VS. MINNESOTA CELEBRITIES

Including:
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JEFF DUBAY (KSTP Sports) BRIAN WILLIAMS (New York Giants)
BEN LEBER (MN Viking) EVERETT LINDSEY (MN Viking)
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AMPUTEE
SOFTBALL TEAM



*** MEET THE PLAYERS & MUSIC OF THE WARRIOR SPIRIT BAND**
FOLLOWING GAME AT WACONIA AMERICAN LEGION *

SAT
JULY 13

10:30 A.M. * GAME ONE *
WOUNDED WARRIORS
VS.
WACONIA FIRE DEPT.

12:30 P.M. * MEET & GREET
THE WOUNDED WARRIORS PLAYERS

1:30 P.M. * GAME TWO *
WOUNDED WARRIORS VS.
WACONIA AREA POST
9-11 VETERANS

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GAME TWO
ALL VETERANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM
A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO HONOR ALL OF OUR WACONIA AREA VETERANS.

SPECIAL GUEST
LOCAL SINGER
JEN BOSTIC

SAT
4:30 PM

FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC AND MUSIC AT THE
CARVER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
FEATURING THE WARRIOR SPIRIT BAND, FROM HOUSTON, TX.








L.C.I.F. SAYS THANK YOU!

As this year comes to an end, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation. I am grateful to have visited many of your humanitarian projects around the world. Every day, you remind me of how Lions are able to make big things happen with the help of our Foundation.

This past year was a significant one for LCIF. Millions of children received measles vaccinations when the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge grant was met. We celebrated the vision screening of more than 16 million children through 10 years of our Sight for Kids partnership with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care. Students are learning positive life skills in 81 countries as Lions Quest continues to expand globally. Communities affected by disasters around the world - including towns flooded in Thailand, devastated by tornadoes in the USA and destroyed by earthquakes in China - were given hope through relief efforts. And, so much more has occurred through hundreds of grant projects.

Thank you, Lions. Your efforts are helping millions of people in many different ways, meeting the needs of your communities and global needs as well. You put your heart into everything that you do, and it shows. I am proud to be a Lion.

I believe that together, with your support, we can continue to make a difference around the world in the years to come.
Wing-Kum Tam Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation