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January 2013

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Editor Bill Curtis,



Front Row: Danny Skluzacek, Barb Skluzacek, Carrie Kubes & Barry Boehland. Middle Row: Santa, Elise Boehland & Nikki Kubes. Back Row: Jenny Malecha, Steve Hyde, Roxanne LaPierre, Shelly Johnson, Brent Johnson & Terry Rexac

The photo was taken after the Veseli Area Lions hosted their Annual Holiday Party and Santa Visit/Photo's for local area youth. The holiday event was held at the Most Holy Trinity Church basement in Veseli, MN on Saturday, December 15th @ 1:00 p.m. 86 area youth ages 10 and under were able to share their Christmas Wishes with Santa, have their photos taken & participate in craft projects with the assistance of the Webster Willing Workers 4-H Club. Each child received a Holiday Gift Bag from the Veseli Area Lions.



2nd Vice District Governor Harry Klenke presented Melvin Jones awards to Lion Richard Kroells & Non-Lion Connie Kroells and also a Helen Keller to Lion Donald Dammann at the Hamburg Lions Christmas Party.



Plato Lions "Breakfast with Santa" Kitchen Crew
Lions Peter Rushmeier, Earl Harff, Tom Smith, Orville Wilkens, Ron Templin, Doris Schrupp, Orville Schrupp, Ed Dummer and Sharon Dummer (not in correct order)



HAPPY NEW YEARS

A Lion's View

Ron Dahlke
District Governor



District Governor
Ron Dahlke

Happy New Year! May it be a prosperous and a healthy year for all!

This month's article will focus on lots of reminders....

Pit Stop Time! In keeping with International President Wayne Madden's schedule, it is time for the 2nd Pit Stop. Each Club and every Cabinet Member needs to take time to:

Review the goals set early in this Club Year,

Assess the progress made toward achieving those goals,

Make the adjustments or corrections that are necessary to insure a successful Club Year.

Mid-Winter Convention- Reminders.... "Start Your Engines" February 8,9,10

You need to complete your registrations with the City Center Hotel prior to JANUARY 8 in order to receive the Lions reduced room rate. Also advance registration for the Convention will help the Convention Committee with making necessary plans and will save you some \$\$\$.

- Please bring your Club Banner for the Opening Ceremony on Friday evening and have one or two persons available to participate in the procession.

- Each Club is asked to bring a \$15.00 Door Prize which will be awarded at the Saturday Luncheon and the Sunday Brunch.

- All Clubs must send the names of their selected delegates to the District Secretary. The Delegates need receive their credentials on Saturday, February 9, prior to the Business Meeting.

- Bring your used eyeglasses and hearing aids to the Mid-Winter Registration Desk. (Separate hearing aids from the eyeglasses). Have a "count" of the number of each that your Club is bringing. This information will be recorded at the Registration Desk. It will be interesting to note the total number of eyeglasses that 5M-2 will provide to the Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center at Sauk Rapids, MN and the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center at Rosholt, Wisconsin.

- Parade of Green Notes- For Clubs making donations from Gaming Funds, please take time to write your checks to the various foundations, using the exact name of the foundation as found on the organization's 501 (c)(3) form. If you are not sure, please check the 5M-2 Website for this information.

- If your Club has not completed the nomination process for the 5M-2 "Hall of Fame" recognition, I must receive it no later than January 8th.

- If your Club has not completed the nomination process for the 5M-2 "Zone Person of the Year" recognition, it must be sent to 1st VDG Joan Blank prior to February 15th.

From the monthly reports on the WMMR, it is evident that many of the Clubs in our District continue to provide much

needed service to others in their communities. Santa Helpers collecting gifts for those in need; Providing fruit baskets to shut-ins; Making donations to food shelves; Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army...the list goes on and on. On behalf of those who benefit from these activities, I thank you for your efforts.

But stop for a moment...without a Lions Club in your community, what would happen? How would these projects continue? With the many hands-on projects such as those listed above, think of the effect if there were not enough Lions' volunteers, men and women like you, to do these deeds.

That is why it is important to extend an invitation to a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative to join us in accomplishing our goals. As you read this article, I know each of you have several persons in mind, who share your passion to help others. Remember, only YOU, as a Lions member, can extend the invitation to a friend and give them the opportunity to grow as you have. Make it YOUR New Year's resolution to ask at least one person NOW to be a Lion.

Last week I heard from several Clubs asking if or how donations can be channeled to help those affected by the tragedy in the community of Newtown, Connecticut. I did check the Newtown (Connecticut) Lions Club website and was pleased to see the Club has a Foundation, which is a 501 (c)(3) organization, which was set up years ago to assist the Lions Club with Community Projects. The response from their Club President for our personal donation appears below:

Dear DG Ron and Jean,

I never imagined how great the Lions organization is until I heard from people like you. Any support that your group can give us is much appreciated. There is a great need for counseling, particularly for the volunteer EMT's, Volunteer Fire and Police who responded. The scene was horrific and they need all the help that they can get.

Thank you,

Best Regards

Yours in Lionism www.newtownlions.com

Ray Keegan

President Newtown Lions Club Foundation

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 January

- 2- Henderson Lions Club Visit
- 3- Mankato Sunrise Lions Club Visit
- 3- Mankato Lions and Mankato Key City Lions Club Visits
- 8 - Mid-Winter Planning Committee Meeting – Waseca
- 13- Veseli Area Lions Club Visit
- 15 - Le Center Lions Club Visit
- 17 - Silver Lake Lions Club Visit
- 21 - Brownton Lions Club Visit
- 22 - Mayer-Watertown Dandy Lions Club Visit
- 23 - Victoria Lions Club Visit
- 24 - N. E. W. Lions Club Visit
- 28 - Northfield-Cannon Valley Lions Club Visit
- 29 - Mid-Winter Planning Committee Meeting – Waseca

Written with "Pride"

Joan Blank
First Vice District Governor
A Happy New Year to all of you.



I am happy to report that the Mayans were incorrect about December 21st being the last day of the year as this is the day I am writing this article. I am delighted to still be alive and kicking and am excited about the beginning of a new Lions year.

At the same time, as I write this, I am saddened by how 2012 is ending with all the news coverage surrounding the school shooting in Connecticut. I am sure that this has touched all of us deeply, bringing up many questions about that state of this nation. As we struggle to make any sense of this tragedy, I happened to see Ann Curry from NBC News talk about her twitter to perform "20 acts of kindness". Facebook users increase the number to 26 acts to honor all those who lost their lives. Seems like this has caught on like wildfire and acts of kindness are being reported all over the world. Don't get me wrong, I do think this is a great idea, but I thought to myself "the Lions Clubs have been performing acts of kindness for years and will continue to do so for years to come" and I am grateful that it does not take a tragedy to spur us on. Such an event just confirms how important it is that we are visible in our community, setting an awesome example for those we come in contact with. The world would be a much better place if we all carried out little acts of kindness each and every day.

As I was pondering this, I wondered if Newtown, CT had a Lions Club. Sure enough I goggled their homepage and found this "The Newtown Lions Club has been shaken by the recent horrific events that has besieged our community. We ask that your thoughts and prayers are with the victims', families, our town, and the country. We need to come together as a nation to address the deeper underlying societal challenges that affect us all. God help us and bless us". Please keep the Newtown Lions in your prayers and there may be an act of kindness waiting to reach out to one of our sister Club, the Newtown Lions, to let them know we are thinking about them.

On a brighter note, I was asked by Lion Doris Schrupp to help out the Plato Lions on December 8th for "Breakfast with Santa." That was my first time to visit the town of Plato and the Plato Lions and what a joy that was. The Plato Lions host this event each year as a way of giving back to their community, and from the looks of the attendance, the community greatly appreciates it. Thank you Plato Lions for your "act of kindness" and for making Lion Kevin and I feel so welcome and for all the lives that your Club touches.

I want to invite you all, along with DG Ron, to the Mid-Winter Convention in February, with the theme "Start your engines". It will be fun and informative. I will be hosting a "hospitality room, campaigning for the District Governor seat. Please stop by and visit (and don't forget to vote!)

Hope to you soon.

Harry's Corner

Harry Klenke
Second Vice
District Governor



I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Our son's will all be over for Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing my second son Adam's girlfriend who just finished radiation for breast cancer. They say everything has gone fairly well. She's a strong young lady and my son really takes good care of her.

I had a wonderful evening in early December when I was invited to the Hamburg Lions Christmas Party. It was a magical evening as the Hamburg Lion's would say. They had me hand out awards to three very deserving people. You notice I didn't say Lions, because one Melvin Jones recipient is not yet a Lion but a valued member of their group. I hope she will consider joining this fun loving Club. They had entertainment and great food. Some Cologne Leos were there to entertain and enjoy the festivities, which did include games and a marvelous magician. Again thanks to the Hamburg Lions.

Now that the holidays are over and we have a new year ahead of us it is time to look at our lives and our clubs. Have we met some of our goals? Do we need to reassess what is happening in our clubs? If we didn't set goals or if we have already met our goals we need to look at where we are and where we are going. I know District Governor Ron wants to see all clubs increase their membership. Some have done a great job already and others like my club are struggling to encourage new people to join. Another important goal District Governor Ron has is to have all Club Secretaries reporting all the good things their clubs are doing. During the Fall Zone meetings we heard some good things being done by our District's Club. I hope you enjoyed the different style of Zone Meetings. I thought the Zone Chairs came up with a lot of good ideas to enlighten us and to possibly stimulate us to action.

During the Zone Meetings I spoke about how we need to have nominees for the Hall of Fame sponsored by the Multiple. We have so many Great Lions in our District so we should never have a year like last year when we didn't have anyone entering the Hall of Fame. People who have been nominated before but were not selected by our District would be great candidates. 1st Vice District Governor Joan needs lots of candidates for Zone Lion of the Year. Let's make her job tough this year, because I know she will want you to make my job even tougher next year if I am elected 1st Vice District Governor. District Governor Ron wants all the Clubs in the District to enter a car in the Pinewood Derby. This should be great fun to see all the men turn in to little boys with their cars. Women don't be offended, but you know what I mean.

I hope we have a great turnout for the Mid-Winter Convention. I know members of my club and my friends from the Veseli Lions and my wife Loretta have lots of good fun planned for our Hospitality Room. And the Mid-Winter Convention Committee from Zone 8 has plenty of fun planned, so please plan on attending in February. It would be great to see lots of First Timers there this year to see all the fun we have and learn more about our District and Lions as a whole by attending seminars of their choosing.

Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 8, 9, 10, 2013
City Center Hotel – Mankato, Minnesota
REGISTRATION FORM



Official Use Only
 Date Rec'd _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Guest #1 Information **Select One:** () Lions () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest

Last Name	First Name	E-mail Address
Address/PO Box	Club Name	Phone #
City	State and Zip Code	() Check if 1 st time convention attendee
Check if you have received any of these recognitions from <u>January 2012 through January of 2013</u> (Saturday Luncheon Recognition) () Helen Keller Award () Melvin Jones Fellowship () Hearing Foundation Award () DreamCatcher () Top Dog () Other _____		

Guest #2 Information **Select One:** () Lions () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest

Last Name	First Name	() Check if 1 st time convention attendee
	Club Name	
Check if you have received any of these recognitions from <u>January 2012 through January of 2013</u> (Saturday Luncheon Recognition) () Helen Keller Award () Melvin Jones Fellowship () Hearing Foundation Award () DreamCatcher () Top Dog () Other _____		

***** The following are required in advance with registration:**

- \$15.00 Advance Registration Fee per person (Lion, Lioness, Spouse/Guest).
NOTE: If not pre-registered, the "On-Site" Fee will raise to \$20.00 per person.
- Full Meal Payment.
- All meals include tax and gratuity.
- Make Checks Payable to: **Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**
- Mail to: Lion Jane Cummsisky, Registration Co-Chair
 247 Main Street East
 Waterville, MN 56096

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to the Registration Co-Chair Lion Jane Cummsisky at the above address.

Refunds will be sent following the convention. Refund requests postmarked:

- *On or before January 7, 2013 – Full Refund
- *From January 8 to January 31, 2013 – 90% Refund
- *After January 31, 2013 – No Refund

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. The registration fee will apply to all attendees, including non-Lions.
2. Name tags will be distributed with your convention registration materials and need to be worn in order to gain admission to all meals, activities, and seminars.
3. **This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect.**
4. Registration fee and all meal costs must be included with your registration form.

MEAL REGISTRATION

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost per Person	Total
		All-Meal Package \$65.00	
		Saturday Lunch \$22.50	
		Saturday Banquet \$32.50	
		Sunday Buffet \$15.00	
		Meal Sub Total	
		Friday Supper with I.D. \$12.50** By Invitation Only- COST IS NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL PACKAGE	
		TOTAL MEAL COST	

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

TOTAL REGISTRATION (\$15.00 per person)	
TOTAL MEAL COST	
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED	

- ***Registration Includes**
1. **Goodie Bag**
 2. **Friday Night Hors d'oeuvres**
 3. **Friday Night Music "The Del Counts"**
 4. **Friday Night Service of Remembrance**
 5. **All Convention Seminars/Sessions**
 6. **Saturday Night Entertainment: Cozy Lil' Duo**

****Supper with I.D. Cabinet, President's & Secretaries.**
****Cost is not included in the all meal package.**

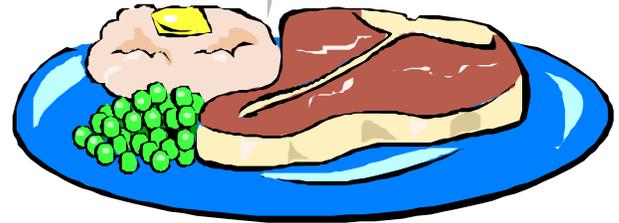
Every year at this time, I send my personal greetings to you, the members of my Lions family. This year is no different, except I want to take the extra time to reflect on what we have accomplished together through our Foundation. Thanks to your donations and your service, we have met needs all over the world and made a great impact in many people's lives.



Together, we met the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge grant to raise US\$10 million for measles. Through this major accomplishment, we helped vaccinate 157 million children against measles in 2012.



NYA LIONS STEAK FRY



Friday, January 4, 2013

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

**Wilkommen Park Pavillion-NYA
Steak, Baked Potato,
Salad and Bread**

All proceeds will be donated locally

Lions International Pin Traders Youth Scholarship



ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER FOR DISTRICTS
AND LEO CLUB NEWSLETTERS



The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of \$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2013**.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

Lion Julie Nielsen
Name of Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman

Contact Information: 3832 232nd Avenue NW #110

Address

St. Francis, MN 55070

City/State/Zip

763-753-3536

Phone

scrappin75@man.com

E-Mail

Please place the above message in your sub-district and district bulletins and post on your websites. Please be aware that Scholarship Applications and information are on the LITPC website.

Go to: www.litpc.org

Mid-Winter Reminders

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS

Please bring:

A \$15 door prize gift

(please leave it at the
Convention Registration desk),

Your Club Banner

(Have one or two people selected to
carry your Club Banner during the Opening Session.

Have them ready to line up at
Pool Side by 6:30 p.m.

Parade of Green Reminders....

The following is a list of organizations
supported at the Parade of Green

- Lions Clubs International Foundation (L.C.I.F) **
- Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation **
- MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation **
- Project New Hope **
- Leader Dogs for the Blind **
- Can-Do-Canines **
- 5M-2 Diabetes
- 5M-2 Youth Exchange / Youth Camp
- 5M-2 Youth Outreach (includes Quest, Peace Poster, Liberty Day, Write-Off)

** Indicates which organizations have a 501(c)(3) status

SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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

The Governor would like every member to receive the newsletter. Have your club subscribe every member to this important communication.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: District 5M-2

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Everyday
...With Hope*



Hope is realized the first time a deaf child hears the sound of a parent's voice. Hope is renewed whenever a hearing-impaired adult can return to a sound-full and active life. Each time the wonder of sound is restored, we **Touch a Life With Hope**.



Newborn Hearing Screening: The Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide newborn hearing screening program in 1999 with more than \$417,000 in Lions contributions and a matching grant from LCIF.



Hearing Aid Loaner Bank: The Hearing Foundation established the Lions Hearing Aid Loaner Bank providing free hearing aids to infants and children who are newly identified with hearing loss, while their parents and medical team implement a treatment plan.



Lions Children's Hearing Center: was created in 2005 to focus on the complex needs of deaf and hard of hearing children in MN and the Upper Midwest; uniting research, education, family support and a multidisciplinary clinic devoted to addressing all aspects of pediatric hearing loss.



Research: The MD5M Hearing Foundation is dedicated to supporting cutting-edge research into hearing loss and bringing future medical ideas to fruition by providing the space, equipment and seed money necessary to cultivate promising ideas.

The MD5M Hearing Foundation, would like to thank all of you for your past contributions and ask for your continued support of our mission to provide hope to children diagnosed with hearing loss.



Lions  Children's Hearing Center 

For appointment or referral:
866-523-2134 • 612-625-7753 (local) • 612-625-2101 (fax)
www.ent.umn.edu/ent/lions/home.htm

Relief from disaster

Lions also provided disaster relief worldwide following typhoons, flooding, tornadoes, wildfires and other disasters this year. One recent example is Superstorm Sandy in the United States. Many Lions gave generously, and even Lions who were affected by the storm were out serving their communities the next day.

In addition to disaster relief, Lions and LCIF have been continuing to fight preventable blindness. When I was in Thailand for the 10 year celebration of Sight for Kids with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, I was able to see the impact that a simple vision screening can have in a child's life. It is easy to see why organizations like Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Bausch + Lomb, The Carter Center and more partner with us in our efforts to save sight.

Our Foundation has also supported youth in many ways during this year. The Lions Quest program is continually growing to help provide children with positive life skills. The U.S. State Department is helping the program expand in Africa, while the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is working with Lions Quest curriculum in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe.

I am amazed at all the different kinds of service that we are able to provide together. Though I have been Chairperson of our Foundation for just six months, it is easy to see all the good that we have accomplished this past year, and every year since the Foundation was created. All of our accomplishments are because of your generous donations. I invite you to see the impact your donations have made by viewing this video.

As this year ends, I look forward to a new year full of service and caring. Though we always pray for no disaster and diseases in this world, they still happen. Please continue your support to LCIF so that we can strive for a better world to live in with no disaster and diseases in the coming future.



5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 8, 9, and 10, 2013

"START YOUR ENGINES"

Friday

Registration starts at 1:00 pm
Opening Ceremony 6:45 pm
Service of Remembrance 7:15 pm
Social / Mixer: The Del Counts

Saturday

Breakfast on your own
Saturday Breakfast Buffet in 101 Main Restaurant
(\$1 bounce back to 5M-2 Lions for each buffet)
Diabetes Screening (NOTE: For those not already diagnosed as being diabetic)
Morning Seminars beginning at 8:30 am
Dr. Lion Erick Bothun - MN Lions Children's Eye Clinic
Lion Bob Harms - Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation,
"Steering for Better Hearing"
PDG Robert Hoofnagle - Director, MN Lions Eyeglass
Recycling Center, Sauk Rapids
Updates from Project New Hope and Leader Dogs for the
Blind
Write-Off Contest Finalists
Luncheon Buffet 11:45 am
District 5M-2 Business Meeting 2:00 pm
Pre-Banquet Reception 5:30 pm
Meet International Director Marvin and Lion Lynne
Chambers, Fillmore, Saskatchewan, Canada
Governor's Banquet 6:30 pm
Social / Mixer: Cozy Lil' Duo AND
5M-2 PINEWOOD DERBY!!!

Sunday

Ecumenical Service 8:00 am
Brunch 9:00 am with Awards and
Parade of Green to follow



8'x14' concession trailer

4 sinks, gas water heater, and exhaust hood

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PANCAKE BRUNCH

Sponsored by

Hamburg Lions Club

Sunday, January 20, 2013

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Hamburg Community Hall
Hamburg, MN

Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs,
Apple Sauce, Beverages

Adults	\$7.00
Children 5 - 10	\$3.00
Children 0 - 4	Free

Please donate old eye glasses

Proceeds will be donated towards the purchase of
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VOTE LION JOAN BLANK

Candidate for

District Governor

2013- 2014



As I start on the last half year of being 1st VDG, I am energized and “on fire” for the position of District Governor. I have met so many great Lions this past year and look forward to meeting many more. As District Governor, I plan to “ignite” new ideas, “spark” more enthusiasm and “glow” with good humor and camaraderie with fellow Lions. Lion Kevin and I have enjoyed all of our training thus far, with more to come, and welcome the opportunity to use all of our newfound Lions knowledge.

Please attend the Mid-Winter Convention and show your support by casting your vote to help me secure this high honor. Hope to see you there.

Lion Joan

Lions Service

- Lions member for 23 years
- Club President/Secretary/Board Member
- Best Lion Club Position – Tail Twister
- Campaign SightFirst II Zone Chair
- Zone 4 Chairperson
- Leader Dogs for the Blind Co-Chair
- Graduate of the Lions Regional Leadership Institute
- Chaired Mid-Winter Convention
- Melvin Jones Fellow
- Helen Keller Sight Award
- International President’s Award