



5M-2 PATH to SUCCESS



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On October 22 Minnesota Lake Lions President Maxine Daly presented Lion Kevin Blank, a Trustee for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc., with a check for \$150. This was the amount off money that was collected in the Lions tip box at our Lions Pork Burger stand during Festag. We want to thank all the people who made a donation for a cure for diabetes.



Waseca Lions Club had as a recent speaker District Governor Lion Harry Klenke who is shown with Waseca members Lion Ken Lenz, Lion Pete Fog, Lion Don Wynnemer, and local club president Lion Justin Gode. District Governor Klenke complimented the local organization for its many accomplishments and the members' wide range of ages from the twenty year olds to those in their eighties.



Zone 8 - Zone person of the year- Dale Waage Ellendale



Installation of officers at Winthrop during Club Visit - July 21.



Harry's Journal

Harry Klenke

District Governor

This month I want you to be thinking of attending the Midwinter Convention. Past District Governor Eunice is working hard on the Memorial Service. She needs the names of Lions who have passed away and some information about them as soon as possible, so she can do another great job on the service. We are planning a fun night on Friday night with the Tuxedo Band that performed last year. Remember we are going "Back to the Sixties". So find some 60's wear for the contest. I am sure 1st Vice District Governor Marvin and 2nd Vice District Governor Steve have big plans for their hospitality rooms. This year we will have pull tabs set up for the evening. The Seminar Speakers we have planned for Saturday Morning are going to give us some very good information. From what I have heard about them or what I have seen of them they will make you cry because of their stories or laugh and cry both at their stories. Our Noon Speaker will enlighten us about a real positive program we as Lions are involved in. The Business meeting will keep you well informed on what is going on in the District. This is where you get to vote on the Hall of Fame candidates that you should be submitting to me by December 15th. We had 5 deserving candidates last year, so I know we have many more for this year. And don't forget to be there to hear the Parliamentarian give his words of wisdom for the meeting. Clubs make sure that you have your second half dues paid for so you are eligible to be delegates and vote at the business meeting.

The speaker for the Evening Banquet is International Director Karla Harris. She will have an uplifting message for us. She is a very positive person who is looking forward to coming to our convention and meeting as many of you Lions as possible. You are going to really like her and Lion Clarence is very open to visiting with other fellow Lions. If you have some pins you might want to show Lion Clarence I am sure he would like to see them, he is in trader. They like to have fun, so be prepared for a fun weekend with them. They are from Wisconsin, our neighbors.

The Sunday Morning Brunch will have a knowledgeable Speaker that will help to close out a fun weekend. Many award will be handed out and we will hear about how much has been collected at the Parade of Green. This year I hope every club can at least give a little to LCIF, because remember all the money we give to LCIF is used for disasters for example, and they have no Administrative Fees.

I would love to see all the clubs be represented when we have the Parade of Banners Friday evening to kick off the Convention. I know of some clubs that haven't been to the convention in a while and I hope that you bring your banners. After the Opening Ceremony and the Memorial Service be prepared to go "Back to the Sixties".

On January 13th 2015 I would like every Lion show their pride by wearing some form of Lions apparel that day. I can't wear it to work but I will wear something later that



District Governor
Harry Klenke

Governor's Ride Along

November 24	Waterville Club Visit
November 25	Albert Lea Lakeview Club Visit
November 27	Happy Thanksgiving to All
December 1	Green Isle Xmas Club Visit
December 4	Arlington Xmas Club Visit
December 7	5M-2 PDG Xmas Dinner
December 8	Prior Lake Senior Xmas Dinner
December 10	Jordan/Jordaness Xmas Club Visits
December 14	Nicollet Xmas Club Visit
December 16	Norwood Young America Club Visit
December 18	Prior Lake Club Xmas Party
December 25	<i>Merry Christmas</i>
December 28	Prior Lake Bingo
January 1	<i>Happy New Year</i>
January 8	Convention Meeting
January 9-11	5M-9, 5M-5, 5M-6 Conventions

Joe Preston - International President

Thank you for joining us on this journey to Lions Clubs International's Centennial in 2017. As we approach 100 years of service as an association, Lions around the world are celebrating by coming together to meet our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people. Every club can play a part in this historic event that will showcase the strength of Lions and the power of service to the world.

To honor the legacy of our founder, we're kicking off the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January to celebrate the birthday of Melvin Jones. Lions all over the world will be participating, and we want you to be a part of it! It's a great way to get involved in the Centennial celebration and show your friends and family what it means to be a Lion.

Visit the Lions Worldwide Week of Service website and start planning your project today. Remember, when Lions join together in service, we can change the world!

night. This can get people asking us about the Lions and we can hook them with our "Elevator Speech's" that we have prepared. Why January 13th well that is Lions Founder Lion Melvin Jones birthday. What a day to "Ask One". This idea a received from a young lady from the Northfield Cannon Lions and you know me I'm not afraid to steal what I think is a good idea.

I forgot to wish everybody a joyful Thanksgiving, but Lion Loretta and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MARVIN'S COMMENTS

1st VDG Lion
Marvin Grimm



As I write this, I wonder if the cold weather is here to stay. If so, we are in for a long winter. We live in Minnesota, so we should be ready for any type of weather that is given to us. It's all part of our "Theater of Seasons".

The Fall Zone meetings are all completed. There was good attendance and everyone should have picked up new information and hopefully new ideas.

Be thinking about your club's nomination for Zone Lion of the Year. Every club must have at least one Lion that is an exceptional volunteer and gets things done. These nominations need to be sent to me by February 1, 2015. I will send the form to the President of your club around December 1, 2014.

Have you registered for the 2015 Mid Winter convention in Mankato? The dates are February 13 – 15 of 2015. Early bird discount before December 15, 2014. Friday night music by the Tuxedo Band. Come and meet Lions from District 5M2 plus enjoy the hospitality rooms. There always are great speakers for you to gain more knowledge about Lionism.

The 96th Annual MD5M Multiple convention will be held in Bloomington on April 17- 19, 2015. It will be at the Airport Marriot Hotel along 494. So it is easy to get to. Registration is discounted until March 15, 2015. This is an opportunity to visit a Multiple Convention and see and hear what goes on. Another good opportunity to meet Lions from Minnesota and Canada. In 2016, District 5M2 will be hosting the multiple at Mankato and the committee will be looking for help.

The First VDG will have a new jacket color for 2015-16 when they are District Governors. The slate blue fabric is no longer available, so the new color jackets will be dark navy blue. The color of the slacks will be taupe. The tie chosen will blend in well with the chosen colors.

Lion Evelyn and I wish everyone a Blessed Holiday Season. Honor and celebrate in your chosen way and plan for the best in the New Year.

"It all begins and ends in your mind. What you give power to, has power over you."

Leon Brown

PROUDLY GO...

2nd VDG Lion
Steve Wasserman



International President Lion Joe Preston has challenged us to **"Strengthen The Pride"**. My topic this month is how you can **"Strengthen The Pride"** through **Creativity**.

President Preston equates creativity with the ability to adapt to a changing environment. Just as a pride of lions in the Serengeti needs to adapt as they migrate to new areas and face new challenges, We Lions need to adapt to our changing environment. I can think of three areas where our environment has changed, and we need to adapt if we are to thrive as a Pride of Lions.

First, we must be creative in **what we do**. While we don't migrate like the lions in the Serengeti, our communities are changing under our feet. They are becoming more diverse, more mobile, and younger. The needs of our communities are changing, and in order to **Strengthen The Pride** in this new environment, we must be creative and adapt. Are those diverse, mobile and younger members of our communities coming to your fundraisers? Are they benefitting from your service projects? If not, it may be time to get creative and do things differently, or maybe even drop a project and find something else to do. One great way to get ideas for new projects is to conduct the Club Excellence Process (CEP) to get input from local leaders on community needs.

Second, we must be creative in **how we communicate**. While traditional means of communication (newspaper, radio, TV, telephone, etc) still have their place, those young, mobile, and diverse members of our communities don't communicate using those "traditional" tools. If we want to "talk" to our daughter, son-in-law, or grandchildren, we don't call, we send them a text message. Young people don't read a newspaper, listen to radio, or watch much TV, but they are almost constantly communicating with each other using text messaging, facebook, twitter, instagram, snapchat, pinterest, and other social media. What used to be a "phone", has turned into a social media communication device. Just as we gave up trying to call our daughter, our clubs must engage the public through social media if we are to **Strengthen The Pride**.

Third, we must be creative in **how we recruit new members and what we expect from them**. While traditional values such as fellowship, camaraderie, longevity, and loyal attendance at meetings appeal to many people, those young, diverse, and mobile members of our communities aren't necessarily great meeting attenders. They do, however, want to make a difference in this world, and that is the most important quality of a Lion. So, find out what needs they see in the community, engage them through social media, ask them to help on a service project, and don't worry if they can't make it to every meeting. Show them the great things that we do together to make this world a better place, then ask them to be a part of making that difference. Be creative, **Strengthen The Pride!**



We Serve



First and second place winners in Lafayette Charter School Peace Poster contest are, from left, Anna Stovall and Alexis Hacker.



Twenty-four third and fourth graders at Lafayette Charter School received their own personal dictionaries through the sponsorship of the Lafayette Area Lions Club November 12. Lions on hand to make the presentation were, back row, from left: Mark Dick, Clarence Maidl, Stanley Youngblom, Marilyn DeBoer, Arden DeBoer, Joe Ness, Scott Jakel, and Sally Webster. Not pictured: Ruth Klossner.



Lafayette Charter School Peace Poster contest entrants are pictured with members of the Lafayette Area Lions Club. Entrants are, front from left: Anna Stovall, Victoria Zacate, Emily Pena, Alexis Hacker, Kendra Lyimo, Cole Hesse, and Elly Apitz. Lions pictured are, from left: Mark Dick, Sally Webster, Scott Jakel, Arden DeBoer, Clarence Maidl, Marilyn DeBoer, Stanley Youngblom, and Joe Ness. Not pictured: Ruth Klossner.

Lafayette Lions present Peace Poster awards

Nine Lafayette Area Lions were on hand when Peace Poster awards were presented to students at the Lafayette Charter School assembly November 12.

Contest winners were Anna Stovall, daughter of John and Linda Stovall of Hanska, first place; and Alexis Hacker, daughter of Holly Hacker of Lafayette, second place. They received cash prizes of \$25.00 and \$15.00, respectively, from the Lions club. Stovall is a seventh grader, Hacker an eighth grader. Stovall's poster has been sent to the district level where it will compete for additional honors.

In addition to the winners, LCS students Elly Apitz, Cole Hesse, Kendra Lyimo, Emily Pena, and Victoria Zacate completed posters for the contest.

Lafayette Lions present dictionaries to LCS students

The Lafayette Area Lions made a special presentation during the weekly assembly at Lafayette Charter School Wednesday, November 12. Nine members of the club were on hand to present *Webster's Dictionary for Students* to the 24 students in third and fourth grade.

The presentation was made in conjunction with The Dictionary Project, a national program that traces its roots to 1992. Over 18 million children have received dictionaries because people and organizations have seen the need in their communities.

The books are usually presented only to third graders but—since this was the Lafayette Lions first donation—the club opted to present books to both third and fourth grades this year.

5 M -2 Parade of Green

The following is a list of organizations Supported at the Parade of Green.

- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)**
- Minnesota Lion's Vision Foundation **
- MD5M Lion's Hearing Foundation**
- Leader Dogs for the Blind**
- Can Do Canines**
- Diabetes (can be given to either or both)
 - Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation**
 - 5M-2 Diabetes (stays in 5M-2)
- Lions Quest
- 5M-2 Youth Exchange/Youth Camp
- 5M-2 Youth Outreach (includes Peace Poster, Liberty Day, and Write Off)
- Project New Hope**

**Indicates organizations having a 501©3 status
PLEASE NOTE:

To alleviate any potential problems with donations to a project with 501©3 status from gambling accounts, pleases have checks written EXACTLY as shown above. If not written as above, an audit by the Minnesota Gambling Control at the club level may show discrepancies, needing additional time consuming explanations.



District Governor Harry Klenke, right, with charter members Earl Wise, left, and Clarence Maidl.

Lafayette Area Lions Club celebrates 35th anniversary

The 35th anniversary of the Lafayette Area Lions Club was celebrated in fun fashion with a member and guest dinner at Hahn's Dining in Winthrop Tuesday, November 18. In addition to recognizing the club's first 35 years, longtime members were recognized and district officers presented greetings.

District Governor Harry Klenke and Vice District Governor Marvin Grimm spoke briefly. Both asked members to think about the year 1979 and what happened that year.

In addition to the district governors and their wives, Lions members from Gibbon, Winthrop, Courtland, and Nicollet joined the fun.

Ten charter members of the Lafayette Bernadotte Lions have reached 35 years of membership. Two—Earl Wise and Clarence Maidl—were present at the dinner. Additional charter members who still belong to the club are Arden DeBoer, Dwight DeBoer, Howard Hoffmann, Jim Langhoff, Steve Langhoff, David Martin, and Bob Wise. 35-year member Tom Hoffmann passed away unexpectedly in October.

Wise was recognized for starting the club. He transferred to Lafayette from Gibbon where he had also been a charter member. The Lafayette-Bernadotte Lions Club was chartered with 57 members May 5, 1979. The club name was officially changed to Lafayette Area Lions on July 22, 1986.



Between them, Earl Wise, left, and Edgar Taggatz have been Lions for 108 years. Wise was a charter member of the Gibbon club before he transferred to Lafayette when that club was formed. Taggatz was in college when the Gibbon club was organized, but joined two years later and has been a Gibbon Lion for 53 years.



Lafayette President Mark Dick added some fun to the program when he used Turkey Trivia for the tail twisting that wrapped up the program.



On a cold and blustery night we were honored guests for the "Thanksgiving meal" at the Well's Lion Club. Chevrons were awarded to Lion Brad Heggen for 10 years, Lion Joseph Linder and Lion Darin Magnuson for 15 years, Lion Andrea Groskreutz and Lion David Skellenger for 20 years, and Lion Donald Beckmann for 30 years of service. This club serves the lion's motto well.



DG Harry was delighted to attend the Waseca Club Noon meeting. He delivered Chevrons for Lion Brad Medvec for 10 years, Lion and Zone 7 Chair Robert Hunter for 10 years, and Kevin Bernhardt for 20 years of Lionism. Waseca keeps the motto "We Serve".

American Diabetes Association EXPO Results

The American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Area wants to thank the Lions of Multiple 5M for their continued support (through funding, volunteers, and offering transportation to members of their communities) for our Diabetes EXPO. Your support has contributed to the success of EXPO for people in Minnesota and the surrounding states. I am including some of the numbers here so you can see the impact you have helped make on the lives of people with diabetes, their families, friends, those at high risk, and the health care professionals who help them manage their diabetes:

TOTAL FOR 2014 EXPO: 8,343 people

TOTAL FOR 2014 Healthcare Professional Breakfast: 96 people

Other info about EXPO:

77 Exhibitors

8 buses that had a total of 17 stops to pick up attendees in WI and MN

Numerous participants rode MetroTransit with the Free pass to EXPO

559 people spoke with Experts in the Ask the Expert Area

2,320 people received screenings (12 types of screenings provided)

1,870 people pre-registered for the Diabetes EXPO

Comments from other participants included:

- Words can't express how grateful I am to have the Diabetes EXPO making such a profound impact on people like me!!!!
- I was diagnosed 3 weeks ago and I am so happy to be able to come to the EXPO and learn all I can.
- I always learn something new at the Diabetes EXPO.
- Thank you to everyone for taking the time to educate us.
- Please pass my thanks on for a great EXPO. My family and I had a great time getting to find out about the different products, medical care options, and helpful info from the expo.
- I attend the EXPO every year and share what I have learned with my neighbors and other community members.
- I drove over 3 hours to get to the EXPO and have for many years now. It's an event I wouldn't want to miss!

Next year's EXPO will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center. See you there!

Get Involved in the 2015 Environmental Photo Contest

Show your pride and commitment to preserving the environment by taking part in the 2015 Environmental Photo Contest. Categories include Animal Life, Plant Life, Landscapes and Weather. Clubs are encouraged to hold a local Photo Contest and submit the Best of Show photo to their district office. Lions Districts must send their winning photo to their Multiple Districts by January 15, 2015. Winners in each category are chosen at the Lions Clubs International Convention.



I am inviting you to join me and Lions around the world for a special Centennial Service Challenge event.

The Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a week of service during January 10–16. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club to potential new members, and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

This year, I'm calling on Lions around the world to rededicate themselves to the mission of our founder and the humanitarian goals of our association. You can put your dedication into action by hosting a Worldwide Week of Service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment.

Whatever you do for the Worldwide Week of Service in January, make it a special day!

Alden Visitation



Lion President Kathleen holding the Turkey for tail twisting. Purchase feathers for a chance for a prize, all the prizes were related to the Thanksgiving meal. What a great in different tail twisting idea. There Tail twister is great fun.



We had an entertaining evening when visiting the Alden's Lions. We presented Chevrons to Lion Dean Sorensen and Lion Verliiss Wittmer. Both Lion's had 15 years of service. The Alden Lion's are great supporter's of there School and community.

Success of the Pride

Success: - Lafayette Area Lion's Club 35 years of Lionism, congratulations to your years of community service, you live the lion's motto of "We Serve".

Success: - Zone Chair's Lion Chris, Lion Sandy, Lion Jennifer, Lion Brenda, Lion Jim and Lion Nancy, Lion Lori, Lion Charlie and Lion Janet, Lion Robert and Lion Ron and host Clubs for successful and entertaining Fall Zone meetings.

Success: - All Clubs who have hosted or plan to host a "recruiting" New Member's event.

Success: - All Clubs who have completed or plan a "Senior" Holiday party or event.

Success: - All Clubs who are planning to assist the needy through an assistance project or donation during this Holiday Season

Success: - The efforts of all Lion's Club in 5M-2 to recognize the gift of giving through their time, talents and riches to make their communities better and bring the riches of Lionism during the entire year, not only the Holiday season.



New Members



Carver Lion's

Lion Robert Kuhlman

Sponsored by Lion Ashley Marston

Lion Deidre Moynagh

Sponsored by Lion Tim A Craig

Chaska Lion's

Lion Robert Kuhlman

Sponsored by Lion Amy Myers

Lion Christian L Schmidt

Sponsored by Lion Bryce Ehrman

Cologne Lion's

Lion Tanya J Golka

Sponsored by Lion Elizabeth Pysick

Lion Nicki Luskey

Sponsored by Lion Sandra Schneider

Glencoe Lion's

Lion Abbra C Williams

Sponsored by Lion Gary Koch

Hamburg Lion's

Lion Raymond A Bracht

Sponsored by Lion Brian Herrmann

Lion David A Zelinsky

Sponsored by Lion Diana Kroells

Jordan Jordaness Lion's

Lion Ann Stocker

Sponsored by Lion Christy Trutnau

Lake Crystal Lion's

Lion David L Richard's

Sponsored by Lion Thomas Cooper

Owatonna Lion's

Lion Troy Hinrichs

Sponsored by Lion F Wayne Starman

Lion Jory Mages

Sponsored by Lion Duane Ludewig

Lion Michael Meger

Sponsored by Lion Duane Ludewig

Shakopee Valley Lion's

Lions Ashly Fischer

Sponsored by Lion Rachel Walker-Heine

Lion Jennifer Theisen-Schmitz

Sponsored by Lion Casey Pauly

Lion Rachel M Walker-Heine

Sponsored by Lion Debra Ham

Watertown Lion's

Lion Warren Latham

Sponsored by Lion Ryan Hartshorn

NYA LIONS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

WHEN: November 28-December 17th

TIME: November 28 (10 am-7 pm)
Weekdays 4-7 pm
Saturdays 10 am-7 pm
Sundays 12 pm-7pm

WHERE: next to Econofoods lot in NYA

Tree Sizes:
6-7 foot
7-8 foot
9-10 foot

**FRESH CUT TREES
AND ALL THE
PROCEEDS GO
BACK TO THE
COMMUNITY!**



WE SERVE!

Attendees to the 5M-2 Midwinter.

The hotel will again be offering a free hot continental breakfast for hotel guests on Saturday morning . Hope to see many of you at the Midwinter.

DG Harry

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Ellendale Lions Club at their Halloween Party. Money from costumes and games was raised for our OPERATION CHRISTMAS event in Dec. that supplies gift cards for those in need.



New Lion's who attended there first Zone meeting in Waconia, Zone 2.



Lions Jim More, Chris Volz, Matt Daly and 5M2 District Governor Harry Klenke.

On Nov. 12, 2014, 5M2 District Governor Lion Harry Klenke and his wife Lion Loretta visited the Minnesota Lake Lions. DG Harry presented membership chevrons to Lions Jim More for 20 years, Chris Volz for 10 years and Matt Daly for 15 years.



On October 27 we were guests of the Winsted Lion's Club. They live up to the Lion's Motto "We Serve". If you have not been to Winsted please plan a visit, what a great vibrant community.



Lake Crystal Lion's Club hosted the DG. I was very honored to deliver 55 year Chevron to Lion Norman Sieling. Also had Chevrons for Lion Laurie Williams 10 years, Lion Al Davis and Lion Joel Anderson for 15 years. It was great to hear about the great projects of the Lake Crystal Lion's Club.



During our visit to Northfield Cannon Valley we were honored to have the Peace Poster Contestant's from the local Parochial School present their posters. Gave me a moment to promote Lion's to their parents. It was great to see the children with their posters and the winners.