

The 5M-2



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Editor **Bill Curtis,**

WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5M2



Zone 9 invites all Lions to come on down to the City Center Hotel for the Mardi Gras social, Friday night, February 7th at the Mid-Winter Convention. Come and "LET THE GOOD TIMES ROAR!"



Norwood Young America Lions celebrating 25 Years of Service.



DG Joan at Club Visit with the Blue Earth Lions



Lions Diane Hess and Donna Will present Choir Director Brian Ohnsorg with a check for \$1000 to help defray the costs for much needed choir robes for the Jordan High School Choir.

Please welcome 5M-2's newest Lions:

Lion Steve Hennager – Lake Crystal Lions

Sponsored by Lion Norman Sieling

Lion Kenneth Long – Lake Crystal Lions

Sponsored by Lion Phillip Bachman

Lion Randy Hytjan – Lake Crystal Lions

Sponsored by Lion Robert Lee

Lion Barb Overlie – Lake Crystal Lions

Sponsored by Lion Don Overlie

Lion John Fovarge – Bloomington Prairie Lions

Sponsored by Harvey Farr

Lion Mark Asmus – Carver Lions

Sponsored by Lion Tom Larson

Lion Ashley Marston – Carver Lions

Sponsored by Lion Tim Carroll

Lion Leon Goetze – Carver Lions

Sponsored by Lion John Lenzer

Lion Tim Shanahan – Carver Lions

Sponsored by Lion Cindy Hagen

Lion Troy Lenz – Carver Lions

Sponsored by Carver Lions



Joan's Journal

Joan Blank
District Governor



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My year as District Governor is more than half over and I have to say that it is a little sad to reflect on this as Lion Kevin and I have been having such a great time meeting so many wonderful Lions and visiting clubs within our district that are passionate about their service projects. Lion Kevin and I have been warmly received wherever we visit and we leave each club visit amazed at how active each club is whether they have just 10 members or if they have 90. When I have the opportunity to install a new member at a club meeting, I tell them that it is a privilege to be joining the largest service organization in the world. Well, Lion Kevin and I have to say that it is, indeed, a privilege to be the District Governor and Partner in Service of 5M-2 and to have so many opportunities to be introduced to kind, caring and selfless individuals that are Lions. Lion Kevin and I want to thank all the clubs we have visited in the last six months for being so gracious and hard working. We feel blessed to be in your ranks as Lions.

As part of my responsibilities as a District Governor, I keep a close watch on the membership numbers of our district. I have a report on the Lions International website where I can check daily if our district is up or down in membership. I do check this report weekly and am always delighted when I see a positive growth in membership, which happens quite regularly. In fact, thanks to the hard and dedicated work of the clubs in 5M-2, I received an email from International President Barry Palmer congratulating me on earning a "Dream Achiever Awards Gold Pin and first star" for membership and retention. IP Barry Palmer concluded the email by saying "Thank you for your hard work and dedication." I thought to myself, "it is nice to receive awards, but this is not my doing". I received this award due to the fact that many Lions throughout 5M-2 have taken the initiative to ask a person to join an organization they truly believe in. It is humbling to receive such an award, knowing that the award signifies how great the Lions are in my district. Special recognition goes to the Lake Crystal Lions who have a net increase of 6 members, Cologne Lions also have a net increase of 6 Lions, Jordan Jordaness have a net increase of 5 Lions and Silver Lake Lions have a net increase of 4 Lions. A heartfelt "thank you" to every Lion in 5M-2 who has sponsored a new Lion in your club.

The topic of membership never goes away as new members bring more opportunities to serve, new energy, new ideas and new leadership. Lions International has designated **APRIL** as the **FAMILY AND FRIENDS MONTH**. I encourage all clubs to invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your Lions in April. Here are some great ways to make your Family and Friends Month a success:

- Plan an Open House – invite family and friends to learn more about your club and the difference you are making in the community.
- Organize a service project – let your family and friends feel the satisfaction of service by involving them in a

project for the environment, literacy, or a cause that's important to your club.

- Host a Picnic or Barbecue – celebrate with family and friends so they can get to know your club.

Remember that family members receive a special membership discount on membership dues when they join the same club. The first family member pays full international dues of \$43.00 and up to four additional family members pay only half the international dues (\$21.50). What a great way to spend more family time together!

I challenge all Lion and Lioness clubs to dream about hosting a "Family and Friends" event in the month of April. I would love to hear about your plans!



District Governor Joan's Jaunts

- Feb 7 – Mid-Winter Convention
- Feb 8 – Mid-Winter Convention
- Feb 9 – Mid-Winter Convention
- Feb 12 – Minnesota Lake Lions Club Visit
- Feb 15 – Diabetes Foundation Meeting/St. Cloud
- Feb 17 – Glencoe Lions Club Visit
- Feb 18 – Le Sueur Lions Club Visit
- Feb 20 – Silver Lake Lions Club Visit
- Feb 22 – 5M-13 Convention/Brandon, MB
- Feb 23 – 5M-13 Convention/Brandon, MB
- Feb 24 – Montgomery Lions Club Visit
- Feb 26 – Shakopee Lions Club Visit
- Feb 28 – Cologne Lions Club 40th Anniversary

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	2,441	2,440
Added Members	10	118
Dropped Members	13	120
Closing Balance	2438	2,438
Net Gain/Loss	-3	-2
Worldwide		1,356,200

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

HARRY'S CORNER



Harry Klenke
First Vice District Governor

It's winter or should I say Mid-Winter convention time. Lion Loretta and I have been attending other Districts Mid-Winter Conventions. We have attended Districts 5M5, 5M6, 5M1, and 5M7's Conventions. At 5M5 we attended their Saturday Noon Luncheon. It was hosted by a Past District Governor, because the First Vice District Governor was not feeling up to it. District Governor Elect Diane is awaiting a liver transplant and has her good days and bad. I hope and pray that everything works out well for her because she is a nice person. Their noon luncheon is not as well attended as ours, probably only about 150 people. They had members of a couple of their Leo's Clubs present programs and answer questions. The young people did a great job and said they hoped to be Lions when they get older. Also I got to meet a Can-Do-Canine dog by the name of 'PDG Darwin.'

In the evening we attended District 5M6's Banquet. The banquet was hosted by a Past-District Governor. International Director Mike Molenda from District 5M6 had the honor of introducing another International Director from the Board. It was International Director Cindy Gregg from Pennsylvania. She spoke on International President Barry Palmers' theme of "Follow Your Dreams". After that District Governor Paul Kowitz passed out some awards. Lions Paul, Mike Molenda, Allen Heidorn, Joan and Kevin Blank were all at the Lions Leadership Institute when I attended it in Mahanomen several years ago.

On Sunday January 12th we traveled to Rochester to attend District 5M1's Church service and the Brunch. Past International Director Debra and Lion Steve also were there. They had a couple of fantastic speakers from "Can-Do-Canines." The one lady was wheelchair bound and had an assist dog that helped her pick up things. She worked at Macy's where she helped stock the shelves and helped customers. Her dog Blue had his own blanket to lie on in the back room. The other speaker had an assist dog that she was training who didn't pass the last test which was a smoke alarm, so she chose to keep him. Jack was the first facility based assistance dog at the Mayo Clinic. He began serving in that role in 2002 and now is retired but he now visits Olmsted Community Hospital. Jack just seems to recognize what the people need. He helped a young boy who wouldn't take his medicine after brain surgery, by eating ice cream with him. He helps patients who are dying to relax. He stayed with a patient on his bed for 4 hrs just lying on the persons hand to comfort them.

We attended District 5M7's Luncheon on this past Saturday. It was hosted by the Immediate Past District Governor. They had a second level head table for all the Zone Chairs and their spouses. The tail-twisting was done by the Past District Governors in attendance. They just went around with buckets taking our money. We were hit up by several different District Governors, so that got a little expensive. The District Governor was the speaker for the luncheon. We then attended a couple of the seminars they held that afternoon. Neither one was Lion related but both were very informative.

We have been attending these conventions to support the other incoming District Governors as some will attend ours. Also we are seeing what happens at these conventions, so we

MARVIN'S COMMENTS



Marvin Grimm
Second Vice District Governor

Have you registered for the Mid Winter Convention? There is a Mardi Gras in Mankato, Minnesota this February. Come and join in the fun as well as some seminars. The Friday evening Memorial Service will remember fellow Lions that have passed on. There will be speakers at the Luncheon and Saturday evening banquet. Get your Mardi Gras costume ready for Friday evening entertainment party at the Mid Winter Convention. Party with your fellow Lions!! Delegates need to attend the Saturday Business meeting. Lions Steve Wasserman has reviewed the By Laws and has some recommended changes that need to be voted on. Also delegates will vote on the next District Governor and Vice District Governors.

The District has many new Lions join this past six months. This is very good, now to keep them and also keep present members. The need to keep all members involved and interested so they remain Lions is a challenge to all Lions. Everyone needs to be involved, needs to feel like they belong and are included in events and projects. A good way to help new Lions feel more knowledgeable about Lions is to have an orientation for them. Steve Wasserman has an orientation power point that could be used. This also may let some of the other Lions be better informed about Lionism.

Consider attending the 5M Multiple Convention at Jackpot Junction at Morton, Mn April 25-27, 2014. This is a good opportunity to meet fellow Lions from our Multiple District. There will be seminars, good food and entertainment (German theme). It is an easy drive to Morton and I encourage you to attend.

During the Holiday, Evelyn and I received some good family news. Our grand daughter, Rachel, announced her engagement with wedding plans for late summer of 2015. Our oldest grandson's Christmas card had a picture of great grandson Cameron holding a sign, "I'm going to be big brother in June 2014". That will be the fifth great grandchild for us.

A quote: "If you can dream it, you can do it."



can possibly improve are already great convention. As you know I am not against stealing good ideas from other Lions. As we have found out all the District's conventions are done differently. None that we have seen to this point use the rotating Zone method of planning, but when we mention it, they think it is a good idea. And don't feel bad about the price of meals at our convention they the same or less than what we have seen so far.

The Multiple District Convention is at Jackpot in Morton April 25-27. The weather should not be a problem. Please consider to attending to meet other lions in our multiple and learn about their clubs.



5th Annual Lions Research Update | March 29, 2014

Hosted by: Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. and the University of Minnesota

25.8 million people in the United States are living with diabetes. More than 375,000 people in Minnesota have diabetes and that number is on the rise.

You and a guest are invited to hear about exciting developments in diabetes prevention and cure research from world-leading scientists at the University of Minnesota.

Learn from nationally recognized scientists who are leading some of the most promising diabetes research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes and tour the immunology research labs and imaging magnets where this research takes place.

When: Saturday, March 29, 2014

- 9:15 a.m.— Tour Option 1
- 10:30 a.m. — Tour Option 2
- 11:30 a.m. — Light lunch and Program to follow

Tours of the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research and the Immunology Lab are limited at each of the tour times listed above. The same tours will be conducted during each of the morning shifts. Please select Tour option 1 or Tour option 2 when you RSVP. If you are a member of the board, please select Board Member Tour when you RSVP.

Where: Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, University of Minnesota, 2021 Sixth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN

Program Highlights:

- Dr. Brian Fife will provide a diabetes overview and then give a research updated funded by the Lions. This research is focused on identifying and selectively removing the destructive cells that cause diabetes.
- Dr. Michael Garwood will present the exciting advances in the islet imaging research funded by the MN Lions. This research focuses on viewing transplanted islets inside the body pre and post-transplant.
- You will hear a personal story from a patient at the University of Minnesota

RSVP by Friday, March 7:

Please RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/2014LionsUpdate

For questions or to RSVP via email, please contact Kerry at kerryl@umn.edu with your name, address, guest name, and tour option. You will be emailed an event confirmation and directions following your RSVP.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc 5M2 Posse Update

Saddle Up Lions and Stop in @ www.mnlionsdiabetes.org To see how the hunt is going!



Cowboys
(50 tickets sold)
Chaska Lions Club
Zone 2/5M2
District 5M2



Ranch Hand
(25 tickets sold)
Dynamite Duel Joan & Lion Kevin
Zone 5/5M2
Zone 8/5M2



Deputy
(100 tickets sold)
District 5M2



5M2 Mid-Winter

“Let the Good Times ROAR!”

Convention Reminders & Schedule

Clubs - don't forget to bring your club banner and a \$15.00 door prize!

Friday:

2:00 Cabinet Meeting

5:30 Supper with International Director Stephen Glass and wife, Lion Cindy Glass.

All Club Presidents and Secretaries are invited, along with all Cabinet members and all PDG's. Cost is \$12.00. RSVP Required.

6:45 Opening Ceremony - Parade of Banners - WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ALL CLUBS REPRESENTED.

7:15 Service of Remembrance

8:30 Friday night mixer with "The Tuxedo Band" with Mardi Gras Theme.

Saturday:

7:30-9:00 am - Diabetes Screening

8:30 am - Project New Hope - Speaker Zach Robertson

9:15 am - Finding them and Keeping Them for Life! - ID Steve Glass & Lion Cindy Glass

10:00 am - MN Lions Diabetes Foundation - Speaker David Thoen

10:45 am - Camp Sweet Life - Lion Cathy Van Hove

11:15 am - Write Off - Lion Jim Spille

11:45 am - Lunch - Guest Speaker - Leo Sabastian Mugazambi from Zimbabwe, Africa
- Leo Hilary Wickenhauser

2:00 Business Meeting

5:30 Governor's Reception - all Lions are invited (dress up affair)

6:30 - Governor's Banquet - Guest Speaker ID Stephen Glass

9:00 - Music and Karaoke by Crazy Aiwaves

Sunday:

8:00 am Ecumenical Church Service - Clergy Lion Chuck Brooks

9:00 am Brunch - Guest Speaker Pauline Ulrey and Leader Dog "Gundy"
Peace Poster Winners



Watch the January Issue of Lions Quarterly

The latest issue of Lions Quarterly (LQ) video magazine is now available to view and download on the Lions News Network. Watch how Lions continue to respond to Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines in November. Lions in Iceland restore their environment by planting trees and grass, while Wisconsin Lions plan a successful statewide "Stuff the Bus" event that provides school supplies and books to children in need. Finally, get a sneak peek at the fun and excitement in store for the 2014 Lions International Convention in Toronto!

Lions Services for Children Symposium Funding Reimbursement

A Lions Services for Children Symposium is an effective way to address the health or education needs of underserved children in your area. Consider organizing a symposium to develop your local literacy program for children. The Lions Services for Children Symposium Program can provide limited funding reimbursement for allowable expenses incurred for a pre-approved and qualified symposium. Access the guidelines, Rules of Audit, application and more on the Lions Services for Children Symposium Program page.

No one is more important than family and friends, but many of the people we're closest to don't know about the important work we do as Lions. That's why Lions clubs around the world are inviting family and friends to join them in a special Family and Friends Month event in April.



International President Berry Palmer

Family and Friends Month is an opportunity to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. It's a time to show family and friends how much they mean to you, and how much your Lions club means to the community. It's a moment to show your Lions' pride—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!

A message to District Governors from International President Berry Palmer

It may seem like you're more than halfway through your year as district governor, but there is much more work to be done. Did you know that more than half of all new Lions join a club in the second half of each year? Now is the time to recommit yourself to the goals you set for your district, which will define your term as district governor.

Here are some key action steps that can help you achieve your goals:

Charter New Clubs— How many new clubs have been chartered in your district? So far, more than 200 districts have formed at least one new club, and almost all of those districts are experiencing positive growth. Make chartering new clubs your focus right now. Work with your DG team and GMT/GLT district coordinators to charter new clubs in your district. Remember, chartering new clubs is the one area that allows you to personally control the growth inside your district.

Promote Family and Friends Month— Work closely with your clubs to plan a successful Family and Friends Month event in April. Family and Friends Month is a time for clubs to invite family and friends to learn more about their clubs and what we do as Lions. It's also a great opportunity for clubs to invite new members and involve family and friends in service.

Download the Family and Friends Month flyer today, then encourage your clubs to host a special event in April!

Invite New Members— Work with your DG team and GMT/GLT to invite new members to existing clubs, and put an emphasis on membership satisfaction to boost retention in your district.

Continue to use the LCI resources available to you to meet

Ten Thousand Vision Screenings and Counting

Thanks to your support, more than 10,000 children will receive vision screenings where needed most in Asia through LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care's Sight for Kids program!

Through the Donate a Photo smartphone application, we can provide vision screenings for up to 30,000 underserved children. It's an easy way to provide a needed service this holiday season. Now through January 31, 2014, you have the chance to make a difference.



How to Get Started

1. Download the FREE "Donate a Photo" app for your Apple or Android device by searching for it in iTunes or Google Play/Android.
 2. Once downloaded, follow the easy, in-app steps to set up an account and profile.
 3. Choose LCIF's cause: "One Photo helps protect a child's sight... with Sight for Kids."
 4. Take a picture – any photo will work! Or choose a photo from your device's library or album.
- The entire setup process should only take around two minutes.

Thank you for your support and for protecting children's sight!

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.

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Match Strikes!

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

The Waseca Lions Club – for distributing grade-level dictionaries to about 170 third graders this academic year. Since Lions started this distribution, about 1300 Waseca students have received their own copy of the reference book. Submitted by Lion Mel Strand.

Lion Karen Buom – Waseca Lions – is responsible for many of the professional-level photos used to accompany Lions publicity articles printed in two local publications and the LION magazine, published by Lions Clubs International. Submitted by Lion Mel Strand.

The Jordan Jordaness Lions – for presenting Choir Director Brian Ohnsong with a check for \$1000 to help defray the costs for much needed choir robes for the Jordan High School Choir. Submitted by Lion Wanda Breimhorst.

Lion Norman Sieling – Lake Crystal Lions – for sponsoring new member, Lion Steve Hennager.

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Lion John Lenzen – Carver Lions – for sponsoring new member, Lion Leon Goetze.

Lion Cindy Hagen – Carver Lions – for sponsoring new member, Lion Tim Shanahan.



Sight for Kids Changes Bhavani's Life

With 12.8 million children visually impaired due to uncorrected refractive error (URE) in Southeast Asia, it isn't surprising that S. Bhavani was diagnosed with myopia (nearsightedness). In children, URE is especially devastating because poor vision at a young age can impede their ability to learn.

The LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Sight for Kids (SFK) program provides much needed eye health education and conducts school-based visual screening for underserved children in cities across Asia. The program also provides referrals to professional eye care for eyeglasses and surgery. It is through this program that Bhavani received a vision screening and a referral for his myopia.

It was at the L. V. Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad, India, that Bhavani received the follow up care he needed, including free eyeglasses provided through SFK. Now, Bhavani is reading well and participates in extracurricular activities. He also has great aspirations for his future: "I am so happy and confident. Now with this pair of spectacles, I am able to do all my activities without any difficulty. My thanks to you," said Bhavani. "I will become a doctor, helping my parents and society."



Listen to Lions Online Radio



The Lions Clubs International Online Radio is now streaming music for free for your listening pleasure! Listen to your favorite songs on stations including Greatest Hits, Oldies, Country Hits and Classic Country. You'll also stay up-to-date with regular international news announcements that affect Lions everywhere. Access the Lions Radio directly from the LCI website, or visit the Lions Radio page and choose a media player of your choice (Windows Media Player, Quicktime, Winamp, etc.). Enjoy!

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MINNESOTA LAKE LIONS

NIGHT OF BINGO SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2014

TIME: Meal 6:00 PM (extra chg)

(pulled pork sandwich, chips, bars and beverage.)

BINGO 7:00 PM

**WHERE: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC
CHURCH BASEMENT (HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE)**

MINNESOTA LAKE, MINNESOTA

ADVANCE TICKETS \$20.00 AT THE DOOR \$25.00

Advance Bingo tickets available from Minnesota Lake Lion members.

Tickets available at Frandsen Bank and Trust

Must be 18 to play

Wayne A. Madden Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank you for all of your admirable service work through your clubs and through Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF would not be what it is without your support and dedication to service.

This can easily be seen through your disaster relief response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. As I was shown the devastation and wreckage during my visit recent visit there, I was humbled and saddened by what I saw. But I also saw Lions' efforts to provide aid, including where other organizations could not. This filled me with great pride. Lions on the ground have made a huge difference in the month following the typhoon.

Lions around the world are helping to amplify typhoon relief efforts through more than US\$ 1 million in disaster relief donations to LCIF. The Lions, Multiple Districts and countries that have made large contributions and commitments for the Philippines can be found on the LCIF website.

Along with Lions, our partners at VSP Global should also be recognized for their commitment – they are matching every dollar that VSP Global employees donate to LCIF for disaster relief in the Philippines, up to US\$10,000. We are grateful for everyone's support – every dollar helps and can restore hope when someone has lost everything.

I witnessed more of Lions' dedication to supporting LCIF at several recent fundraisers. Contributions made at local golf events in Japan and MD 300 Taiwan will strengthen humanitarian programs. And I am looking forward to attending a Lions golf fundraiser and tournament in Spain this March. Lions must register by January 31, 2014. The tournament proceeds will support LCIF's efforts to stop measles worldwide.

Lions around the world are truly making a difference. I am excited to see what the next few months hold for Lions and LCIF as we continue our humanitarian efforts to change lives.



Environmental Photo Contest

The 2013-14 Environmental Photo Contest (EPC) is a wonderful opportunity for Lions from around the world to showcase the beauty of their natural environment. All multiple districts are encouraged to submit one photograph for the international contest that will be held during the 2014 International Convention in Toronto. Many of the EPC photos are featured in the annual LCI wall calendar. To learn more about the contest and to purchase the 2014 calendar, please visit the Environmental Photo Contest webpage.