



Lions, Start Your Engines!

A Message from Governor Jim

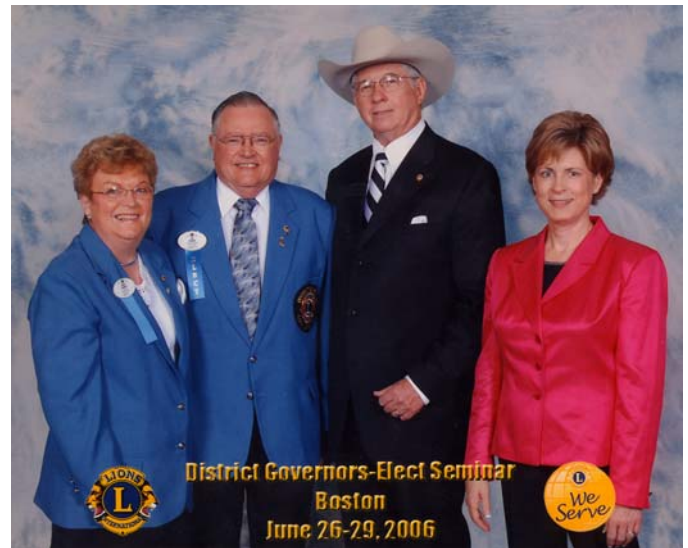
July! This means picnics, reunions, time on the lakes and the start of a new Lions year. I want to congratulate all of the new club officers, board members and committee members on being chosen to work for this wonderful organization. We can all look forward to having an exciting and rewarding year.

Marge and I recently returned from Boston MA where we attended the District Governor Elect Training and the Lions Clubs Int'l. Convention. We took a few extra days to do some sight seeing in the area as we had never visited that part of the country. We were very impressed with the Boston area and it's people. Traffic is a nightmare but the drivers are patient and polite.

We had the opportunity to hear several speeches by Int'l. Pres. Jimmy Ross. Jimmy is a rancher from Texas and he looks the part as you can see by the photo in this newsletter. He talked about how cowboys back in the 1800's had loyalty to the "brand" such as the Pitchfork, the XIT, etc. This year, we are all giving our loyalty to the JR brand. All of the incoming Dist. Govs. received gifts with his JR brand stamped or embroidered on them.

The International theme for this year is very simple: ***We Serve***. This is what we have all been doing since Melvin Jones founded our association back in 1917. Int'l. Pres. Jimmy stressed first serving your community, then look to the outside. I couldn't agree more. As we all know, membership is the life blood of any organization but this year we are not going to have a big push for members. Do a good

job in your community and the members will come. Elsewhere in this newsletter are my goals and you will see that I am asking for each club to increase their membership by one person during this Lions year. Very easy and very attainable.



**Lion Marge Demaree & DG Lion Jim Demaree
International President. Lion Jimmy Ross and wife, Velda**

As you can see, I have chosen a racing theme for this newsletter. My personal theme for the year is "Putting your Club in a Position to Win". There will be a section in each newsletter called the Winner's Circle. Each month I will pick five clubs or individual Lions who I feel have performed in such a way as to be called winners. This month they are all individuals as I have not yet received any July club reports. Congratulations to each and every one of them!

As always, we are looking for articles or notices to put in this, your newsletter. Please get the info either to me or Newsletter Editor Robert Kensinger

by the 10th of the month and we will have the newsletter posted on the website by the 20th.

Remember, "Put Your Club in a Position to Win"!



Going on a Lion's Journey

with Vice District Governor Deb Harms

July 4, Bob called from Boston. The 2006 Lions International Convention was over. That call meant two exciting things: one Bob was coming home after being gone for nearly two weeks and second, I am officially the Vice District Governor for 5M4. A couple of days later, Bob arrived home safely and now I'm starting my next Lion's Journey.

For those of you who don't know me, let me introduce myself. I'm Lion Deb Harms. My first Lion's journey started in 1988 when I joined the Lakeville Lioness club. I was there for almost two years and I was club secretary for one of those years. My next Lion's journey started when Bob and I moved to Kingston in 1990. We joined the Kingston Lions club. On that journey, I served as Club Director, Vice President, President and Membership Chairperson.

My next Lion's journey started when PDG Lion Russ Sandry asked me to serve as the Youth Exchange Chair for 5M4. At the District level, I have also served as a Zone Chairperson and the MERLO Team Retention Chairperson. My next Lion's journey started when PID Ross Thorfinnson asked me to be an instructor at the first Lion's Regional Leadership Institute in 2005. My next Lion's journey is the most exciting yet and I am looking forward to serving all of 5M4 as your Vice District Governor.

About me personally, Bob and I have been married for 27 years. We have three boys, Mike (wife Toni), Scott, and Tim (girlfriend Melinda). Mike and Toni live in Farmington and have two of our grandsons, Ryan 18 and Brent 17. Scott lives in Litchfield and has our third grandson Cam 6. Tim lives in Forest City.

Bob and I attend First Baptist Church in Cokato and currently I serve as the Financial Secretary at church. I have been employed at Farm Credit Services of Minnesota Valley for the past three years as a Customer Service Associate. Bob works as the Executive Secretary for MD5M. I don't have a lot of spare time for non Lion's activities, but when I do, I like to put puzzles together, solve Sudoku puzzles, go for bike rides in the summer and cross country skiing in the winter. Oh, I almost forgot my two special babies, Duke and Chester. Duke is a five year old Chihuahua and Chester is a ten month old Chihuahua. Duke has been to several mid winters and multiple conventions; Chester has been to one mid winter and one multiple.

I hope you know me a little better now. If you see me at a Lion's function, please come up and say hi. I'm really looking forward to this next Lion's journey and I'm excited to be sharing it with all of you!



2006-2007 GOVERNOR JIM'S VISION STATEMENT

To foster within our District a positive attitude that will promote goodwill within our clubs, our communities and our multiple district.

GOVERNOR JIM'S THEME

PUT YOUR CLUB IN A POSITION TO WIN

GOVERNOR JIM'S GOALS

1. All clubs in 5M4 will have a *net increase* of one or more members.
2. Continue to encourage use of *online reporting* to International.
3. All clubs will submit the *5M4 monthly report* by the 5th of the month following.
4. Every club in the district will be represented at the *Midwinter Convention*.
5. Every club will be represented at all *Zone Meetings*.
6. Every club will have a *Communication Contact Person*.
7. Communication Contact Persons will make the *District newsletter* available to all members.
8. All clubs will pay their *District & Int'l. Dues* by September 1 & March 1.
9. Five more clubs will sponsor a *Peace Poster Contest* in their community.
10. All clubs will donate and/or pledge to *Campaign Sight First II*.
11. All clubs will participate with a fundraiser for *Leader Dogs 30th Anniversary*.
12. All clubs will be represented at *Officer Training*.
13. All clubs will *donate* to the *eight major Lions projects*: Eye Bank, Hearing Foundation, Diabetes, Leader Dog, MN Hearing & Service Dog, LCIF, Youth Outreach, and Youth Exchange.
14. One *new Lions Club* and one *new Leo Club* will be chartered.

Welcome to the 30th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Get Ready - The 30th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum with its theme "Discover a New World of Leadership & Service" will be held in Columbus, Ohio on September 14-16, 2006 and is only a few months away. If you want to save a few dollars on the registration, complete and mail the form **prior to July 1st**. During the July, 2006 Executive Planning Committee Meeting, all aspects of the Forum will be finalized to insure that each of you attending will find the Forum to be Educational, Inspiring, Motivational, and the opportunity to interact with Lions, Lioness and Leos in attendance. The Seminars are a very important part of every Forum. You will find a list in the Registration Form and Brochure so you can get a good idea of the broad number and type of subjects covered during these sessions. You might also want to start thinking about the ones you wish to attend. You will have the opportunity to attend four seminars on Friday and four on Saturday. The Host Committee is planning a special dinner on Friday evening that will involve a good meal and some entertainment. Since Ohio State and Cincinnati Universities will be playing a football game on Saturday, Columbus may have many fans crowding the restaurants on that evening so this will give you an opportunity to enjoy a good meal and entertainment while visiting with your friends. Looking forward to seeing you in Columbus in September at the 2006 Forum. Download additional information and registration forms at: <http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org/>

Yours in Lions Service,
PCC Jack Harris
General Chairman

Featured Speakers

Thursday Afternoon Opening



Tom Krause is one of America's most powerful, inspirational, and motivational speakers. His heartwarming presentations have inspired thousands of people to bring out the best in themselves for their future. An educator and coach in the Missouri Public School System for over twenty years, Tom is also known for his contributions to several books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series. His inspirational poetry has been read by over three million people worldwide. Learn how setting goals in your life can lead to motivation and self-satisfaction.

Visit his website at: <http://www.coachkrause.com/>

Thursday Night Opening



Connie Podesta radiates a super-charged presence that immediately involves people. She tackles our most serious issues with humor and pizzazz. Her diverse educational background along with her entertaining style, allows her to deliver an unforgettable message to educators including: support personnel, central office staff, classroom teachers, administrators, and board members, as well as the community, parents, and business leaders/partners

Visit her website at: <http://www.conniepodesta.com/>

Friday Luncheon



Sam Glenn, they call him the "Chalk-Man" and for eight years, he has made a positive impact on organizations all over America! When we think small and believe small, we limit ourselves. We limit our profits in life -- who we can become, what we can give, where we can go and even what we can achieve. The key is choosing to live big and that's one of the powerful lessons I love to communicate. But it has to start on the inside with our choices and gradually the power of choosing to live big works its way out into all areas of our life.

Visit his website at: <http://www.samglenn.com/>

Saturday Night Closing



John Cassis is fun uplifting and down-to-earth. Using a rare blend of humor, entertainment and content, he has been delighting audiences since 1980. He shares real life stories for his experiences as a former professional baseball player, minister, publisher, pre-game speaker for the Chicago Bears (1983-1995), loving husband and father. As a professional speaker, John challenges you to step into the arena and live your dreams. In keeping with his philosophy, John became a professional golfer in 2002. His ability to connect with an audience is uncanny and his humorous, yet inspirational presentations encourage people to face adversity, embrace change and meet the daily pressures of life head on! His genuine style helps audiences re-energize lives, careers and relationships.

Visit his website at: <http://www.johncassis.com/>



GOVERNOR'S VISIT REQUEST FORM



Club Name: _____

Name & Location of meeting place: _____

Date of meeting: First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

Time meeting begins: _____ Social hour: _____ AM ___ PM ___

Will a meal be served? YES ___ NO ___

Is this a joint meeting with another club? YES ___ NO ___
Name of other club(s) _____

Will Lion's Spouses be invited? YES ___ NO ___

Lion Requesting visit: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would you like the Governor to: Install officers? YES ___ NO ___

Install new members? YES ___ NO ___

Present Special Awards? YES ___ NO ___

If yes, to whom and what award? _____

Cabinet Sec/Treas. Marge will be accompanying me on all visits

Please return this form ASAP but no later than Oct. 1, 2006, to reserve your date

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Lions Club

Communication Contact Person (CCP)

To insure that communications with District 5M4 are quick, effective and as cost free as possible, DG Jim Demaree wishes to again have each club designate a CCP, such as DG Kent did last year. The cost savings in time, printing, and postage was substantial. The CCP will need to have a personal Internet connection or access to one. Their job will be to receive information from the District and to see that this information is then distributed to the various club members. The main use will be the distribution of the District Newsletter.

Please fill out the following and return to DG Jim as soon as possible:

Club Name: _____

**Communication
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*This information is for the use of District 5M4 only!

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DISTRICT 5M4 GOVERNOR'S CONTEST

2006-2007



- _____ Our club has increased *membership* by one or more since June 30, 2006. 500 points
- _____ Our club's President & Secretary attended all *Zone Meetings*. 500 points
- _____ Our club had members who attended the *5M4 Midwinter Convention*. 500 points
- _____ Our club had members who attended the *MD5M Convention*. 250 points
- _____ Our club had members attend the *USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum*. 500 points
- _____ Our club has a *Communications Contact Person*. 250 points
- _____ Our club submitted the *PUI01* to the proper people by May 15, 2007. 500 points
- _____ Our club sponsored a *New Lions, Leo or Branch* club. 1000 points
- _____ Our club hosted a *Youth Exchange* student in our community. 250 points
- _____ Our club had a *Fund Raiser* that involved 75% of the members. 750 points
- _____ Our club had a *Service Project* that involved 75% of the members. 750 points
- _____ Our club had the *District Governor visit* before March 31, 2007. 250 points
- _____ Our club's President, Secretary and Treasurer attended *Officer training*. 750 points
- _____ Our club submitted 75% of the *monthly reports* by the 5th of the month. 750 points
- _____ Our club sponsored a *Peace Poster Contest* in our community. 500 points
- _____ Our club contributed/pledged to *Campaign Sight First II*. 500 points

Our club contributed at least \$2 *per member* to the following:

- _____ MN Lions Eye Bank, Children's Eye Clinic & Mac Center 100 points
- _____ 5M Hearing Foundation 100 points
- _____ LCIF 100 points
- _____ Leader Dog 100 points
- _____ MN Hearing & Service Dog 100 points
- _____ Diabetes 100 points
- _____ Youth Exchange 100 points
- _____ Youth Outreach (Quest) 100 points

_____ **Total Points**

Submit this form to the District Governor by July 15, 2007. Results will be tabulated and awards presented at the January 2008 Midwinter Convention.

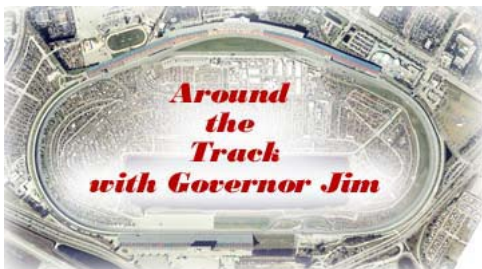


Welcome to the Winner's Circle!



The following are Governor Jim's Top Five Finisher's for the month of July.

1. **PDG Kent Beissel** – For the terrific job of mentoring me through the past 18 months!
2. **VDG Deb Harms** – For stepping forward and volunteering to be our Vice District Governor and for training our zone chairs.
3. **Lion Robert Kensinger** – For undertaking (no pun intended!) the job of newsletter editor.
4. **Lion Lori Sheehan** – For the great job she done for our Spring Leadership School.
5. **All of our Zone Chairs – Lions Ken, Gene, Duaine, Lee, Sheri, Derek, John, and Dennis**, for taking on what are probably the toughest jobs in the district.



JULY

1-5 Int'l. Convention - Boston
 9 Family Reunion
 18 Alex Sunrise Installation
 20 Alex Golden Bros Visit
 21-22 Gov Council St Cloud

AUGUST

5 Cabinet Meeting - Alex
 10-13 LCI Hqtrs & Leader Dog
 19 PDG Social
 28 State Fair

SEPTEMBER

13-17 USA/Canada Forum
 27 Sauk Centre 60th Anniv

OCTOBER

18 Glenwood Visit
 20-22 Gov Council Mahnomen
 25t Sauk Centre Visit
 28 Thanksgiving for Vision

NOVEMBER

9 Lowry Visit
 Cedar Mills-Cosmos-Darwin Visit
 13
 18 Pennock 25th Anniv
 21 Spicer Visit

DECEMBER

4 Starbuck Visit
 7- Hector Visit
 11- Morris Visit
 12- Willmar Evening Visit
 25- Merry Christmas!

2007

JANUARY

1 Happy New Year!
 5-7 5M9 Mid Winter
 15 Benson Visit

16 Dawson Visit
 19-21 5M5 & 5M7 Mid Winters
 26-28 Cabinet Meeting
 26-28 5M4 Mid Winter

FEBRUARY

2-4 5M1 & 5M8 Mid Winters
 9-11 5M2 & 5M10 Mid Winters
 14 Atwater-Grove City Visit
 16-18 5M13 Mid Winter
 25 - Mar 1 ND Fishing Trip

MARCH

16-18 Gov Council
 24 Cabinet Meeting

APRIL

MAY

18 Gov Council
 18-20 MD5M Convention
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JUNE

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