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5M4 NEWSLETTER

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DAVE'S DESTINATIONS

June 21:
Spicer Installation of officers
June 24: Ashby Elbow Lake Wendell
Golf Tournament
June 29–July 9:
Seattle International Convention

THE SWEN REPORT

Well, this is the last monthly newsletter of my governorship. It has been a great year and a fulfilling time for Lion Kathy and I. I wish to thank you all for what you have done to make this year so memorable and satisfying.

I have been emphasizing all year International Sid Scruggs 111 theme of a Beacon of Hope and to shine a light on your fellow Lions and your community.

Next year First Vice President Wing-Kan Tam will continue to believe that service is still number one for our Lions Clubs.

At the end of this month we will be attending the International convention in Seattle. While there we will witness the ribbon ceremony placing Dist. Gov. Elect. Dan Plowman in charge of Dist. 5M4. What a proud time this will be. Putting our great Dist. into one of the best incoming young Lions I know. Wow!!!

Also while there, we will all be helping to place PCC Brian Sheehan's name as International Director from MD5M. Our Dist and Multiple should go wild on July 8th 2011.

And so, as I sign off, all I can say to my cabinet: Thanks a million. You all made my year such a success.

To, Kathy my wife: Patience, how did you keep your cool all year? And thanks for all your encouragement and patience. I'm not always easy.

And to Dan and Michele: It's been a great ride, thanks for a super Vice Dist Gov. who always is willing to say yes, and a wife who is so positive and great at brainstorming [the best I know] Have a 'Great Ride,' "Aim High," and have FUN

Yours in Lionism, DG Dave Jensen {Swen}

Need something in the newsletter?

Send to: oakstuff@runestone.net or gcanne@runestone.net



DGE DAN'S SCORECARD:

RAMBLINGS FROM 2ND V DGE KATHY HARWICK:

*Look out.
Stand back.
Get out of the way.
The silence of winter has been broken
by all of the outdoor activities.
C. William Nichols says:*

HOORAY FOR MAY!
*Did you ever notice how much shorter May is than...
say January? Though each is equitably
allotted 32 standard length days, January seems to hang on
interminably while May breezes go by so
quickly that if you blink your eyes, it's gone.
May is a month of good things: mothers and roses, babies and
blossoming trees, the closing of
school and the opening of parks, the year's first picnics and the
year's last wearing of wool, family
reunions, proms, weddings graduations, the first crisp, tender
lettuce from the garden and the
succulence of sweet, red strawberries.
Hooray for May!
Hopefully, someone from your club attended officer training
and is willing to share what they learned with the club.*

*I would like to Thank DG Dave
and Kathy for all of their hard work.
Until July,
VDGE Kathy*

Howdy!

Well, it seems like just yesterday when Michele and I visited with some close Lions friends to discuss becoming 2nd Vice District Governor of the great 5M4 District. WOW, has the time flown by! There have been many wonderful training sessions with a great group of fellow governors.

We have had the privilege to visit many of the wonderful Lions programs that are offered both here in our District and throughout the multiple. I am still amazed at what has been accomplished by many, giving just a little of their time and effort to raise money for these great causes.

Michele and I look forward to visiting with all of you in the coming year and sharing a little time with the Lions who have made it all possible. Because even though we are a huge, worldwide organization, none of it would be possible without each and every Lions club we have.

Here's hoping that we have a wonderful year together.

Yours in service...DGE Dan Plowman



PEACE POSTER

It is time to order the 2011-2012 24th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme, "Children Know Peace", can be ordered at www.lionsclubs.org or by calling 1-800-710-7822. The kit contains everything needed to sponsor one contest.



You Are Invited

The American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Area is currently planning our two largest programs of the year: Camp Needlepoint/Daypoint and our Diabetes Expo. I personally want to invite you to visit one or both of these programs this year. As Lions Clubs I would like you to see how your dollars are being put to work.

Camp Needlepoint sessions are Sunday, August 14 to Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 to Saturday, August 27. Since registration and camper pick-up are scheduled for the Sundays and Saturdays, we ask that you schedule a day during the week. The time at camp will include a tour of the camp facility, lunch with the campers and an opportunity to meet the medical staff, counselors and campers. Camp is located just south of Hudson, Wisconsin. Contact Chris Schaefer at 1-888-342-2383, ext. 6592 or by email at cschaefer@diabetes.org to schedule your club's visit. We ask that you not show up without first contacting us as we need to know who is on-site for the safety of the campers and staff.

Our Diabetes Expo will be held on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Minneapolis Convention Center. It is billed as "everything you need to know about diabetes under one roof" including workshops, cooking & fitness demonstrations, free health screenings, an "Ask the Expert" area, and vendors offering the latest diabetes products and services. Last year over 5,500 people attended; we're expecting more this year. Lions can get involved in several ways:

β We invite you as a 5M Lion to come to learn more about diabetes.

β We need many day-of-event volunteers for this activity. Lions Clubs in may want to volunteer as a club. Many clubs helped last year and by wearing their vests gained more recognition for Lions Clubs. Volunteer for a few hours (time slots are 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM or 11:30 AM – 3:15 PM) or for the entire day. Please contact me at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or at cschaefer@diabetes.org if you or a club would like to volunteer.

β Several areas outside of the Twin Cities worked on organizing buses to and from the Expo for members of their community. Clubs from several communities in your district could set up a bus route with several stops to pick up people. Work with your local clinics, hospitals, churches, etc. to get the word out. If you are thinking about having a bus please contact me at 1-800-676-4065, ext. 6592 or cschaefer@diabetes.org for more information. All people will have free admission to the Expo and there will be free bus parking at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

We appreciate the support we have received from Lions Clubs in the past and invite you now to see how that funding is used.





Dates to remember...

*1st Cabinet Meeting
Spicer American Legion
Wednesday, July 27, 2011 –
6:30 Social, Mtg at 7:00*

*USA/Canada Forum
September 22 – 24, 2011
Anchorage, Alaska*

*Proposed 2nd Cabinet Meeting
Spicer American Legion
Wednesday October 19, 2011*

*Proposed 3rd Cabinet Meeting
Alexandria Holiday Inn
January 27, 2012*

*5M4 Midwinter Convention
Alexandria Holiday Inn
January 27 – 29, 2012*

*Proposed last Cabinet Meeting
Spicer American Legion
Wednesday March 28, 2012*

*Multiple District 5M Convention
Hinkley, MN
April 27 – 29, 2012*

Ride for Sight
Wendell Lions
To whom it may concern:

Lions Work to Improve Sight

Through efforts such as these, Lions have gained worldwide recognition for our work to improve sight. Our members around the world are also actively involved in:

- Recycling eyeglasses at 17 centers worldwide.
- Supporting Lions Eye Banks that provide eye tissue for sight-saving surgeries.
- Screening the vision of hundreds of thousands of people every year.
- Providing treatment to those at risk of losing their vision.

On July 9th 2011 Wendell Lions will be participating in the 8th Annual Wendell Lions Bike Run

This year the Wendell Lions are focusing their sights on “Riding for Sight”.

I hope that you will consider joining the fight against many eye diseases by:

- Joining the Ride (leaving Wendell at 12:30 registration starts at 11:00)
- Making a financial contribution by being a sponsor of the bike run.

With your sponsorship it allows us to HELP OTHERS!!

We welcome any amount you are able to sponsor us with:
-\$25.00 -\$99.00 – your company name displayed on printed materials

-\$100.00 - \$249.00 you will receive one free bike registration and t-shirt and your company name displayed on printed materials.

-\$250.00 - above you will receive one free bike registration and t-shirt and your company name displayed on printed materials and t-shirts.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." And we accepted. Today, sight programs remain one of our defining causes





8th Annual *Wendell Lions* MOTORCYCLE RIDE



July 9, 2011

Registration Starts at 11 AM

\$20 Drivers & \$15 Pass.

Riders will leave at 12:30
and must return by 5:30 PM

**Early Bird Registration
by July 1st**

Come and enjoy a **Motorcycle Ride** in central Minnesota. There will also be a weekend filled with festivities. Wendell softball tournament, beer gardens, food stand, and a dance, **"GIVING BACK JACK"**. The dance will be located at the Wendell Community Center Saturday night. Camping available at Wendell Park or Lightning Lake Park (N. of Wendell on County Rd. 11).

Shuttle will run from Lightning Lake Park!

Early Bird Registration will get into a special drawing for prizes. Included in registration is a meal, discount for band admission, a free drink, and other prize drawings after the ride.

Contact: Daryl Jensen **218-458-2207**
Randy Zens **218-589-8402**, or
Denise Sundblad **218-458-2287** for early registration.