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# Jeannine's Journal



*“Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, an organization work, a society work, a civilization work.” - Vince Lombardi*

**Congratulations** to our friends north of the border for **Team Canada** winning the gold medal in that exciting hockey game on Sunday! Canada also did an excellent job in hosting these Olympic Games. I've always enjoyed watching the Olympics, with the heart-warming stories and intense competition. That *“individual commitment to a group effort”* that Vince Lombardi refers to in the quote above is very evident as every athlete is so totally dedicated to doing his or her very best in hopes of winning a medal for their country. I'm always inspired by the challenges the athletes overcome, just to earn the right to compete in the Olympics, much less to win a medal.

**New Lions Club!** I'm excited to announce that we have a new Campus Lions Club at the University of Minnesota, Crookston!!! They reached charter strength last week and the application is now being processed at Lions Clubs International. This diverse, energetic and very enthusiastic group of young adults has already planned a number of service projects for this spring. The Charter Banquet will be Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at Bede Ballroom on the UM-Crookston campus. Please join us in celebrating our newest Lions Club!

I'd like to challenge our **“Team Canada Lions”** to get one of the potential new Winnipeg clubs to charter strength before the end of this Lions year! We have a good start on one from the Extension Workshop held in October, and other serious efforts are also underway, so there is certainly plenty of potential. The new UM-Crookston Campus Club brings us back to the 68 clubs we had at the beginning of the year, so a second new club is needed for us to **“Move to Grow”**.

**Plus One/Ask Two.** Please see the article on page 3 for the current status of clubs in the **“Plus One” Governor's Membership Challenge**. The goal of course is for every club to have a membership of **“Plus One”** on June 30. Twenty-three clubs have reached **“Plus One”** status as of February 28. How many clubs can reach that goal by the end of the year? To help grow our membership, I encourage every Lion to **“Ask Two”**. Ask two people to join you at a Lions meeting, activity or project, and then **ASK** them to become a Lion. See **“Welcome New Members”** on page 10 for the 31 new members that joined Lions in January and February. After a slow start, we are beginning to move in the right direction!

**Why We Are Lions.** Carroll Jackson, Graduate Field Representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind, came in for our Mid-Winter a day early so he could visit a couple of schools in Crookston. After the Convention, I received a thank you from the Washington School Principal Denise Oliver. Here is part of what she wrote:

*“The most heart warming part of the day was Mr. Jackson's visit with Allyssa, a little girl in first grade who is blind. He spent a lot of time talking to Allyssa's special education teacher and mother about options that are available to the blind in the form of technology. He also explained the process for getting a Leader Dog when she gets older. The time Mr. Jackson spent with Allyssa and her mother meant so much and will always be appreciated. Allyssa was blind at birth so living with blindness has been a journey and very scary at times. Mr. Jackson gave Allyssa's mother hope that her daughter can live a normal life...in just a different way. I know Mr. Jackson made a difference in the lives of our children at Washington School and changed the life of a little girl and her family.”*

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