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District Governor Willie Brown is very excited to announce that he has just received word that our district has earned the "Winners Circle Gold Award". This is the highest level we can get.

International President Wayne Madden is recognizing district governors for their efforts in advancing membership. The Winners Circle Gold Certificate is awarded to district governors in a district that has achieved positive net growth this year, and are ahead of last year.

"I believe this is an award that was earned by each and every Lion who made membership a priority to their clubs. Thank you to our GMT / GLT Teams for all their efforts in this regard," District Governor Willie Brown

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS PG 6

Club Excellence Process 2013

I am very pleased to report that our district is in the process of completing a very successful "CLUB EXCELLENCE PROCESS" with the following Lions clubs in attendance:

Rivers, Holland, Wawanesa, Brandon Wheat City, Brandon Keystone, Elgin, Brandon Prairie Pride, Austin, Shoal Lake, and Brandon Crocus. For our first session in Club Excellence the participation was overwhelming. Lion Lloyd McCabe and myself were so excited to facilitate the sessions for these eager clubs.

These 10 clubs have all chosen to "Make Their Clubs Stronger". These Lions chose to take time out of their busy schedules to help the members in their clubs to serve their communities even better than they already do. We have had a very interactive session, and we will complete the 4 Step process on June 3 in Brandon Lions Manor.

The GLT/GMT teams will be planning more Club Excellence Process' in the new Lions Year, so watch for notices in the fall.

LION Cheryl McKittrick

D.G. Digest...we are Roaring Along



DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
WILLIE
BROWN

As I reflect and remember the Lions, Leos, Locations, Faces and Places it has been a humbling experience and incredible opportunity to serve as your District Governor, and I want to thank each and every one of you for what you do for your community, district and wide world of Lions.

Binscarth to Busan, Tuelon to Tampa, Holland to Hamburg, over 65,000 km, and everywhere in between it has been incredible to travel to so many places and spend time with what many may call themselves "ordinary Lions" ...but to me they are "EXTRAORDINARY LIONS".

Visits I had with clubs were filled with handshakes and hugs, learning and laughter.

DG Team, Cabinet
Committee Members, Zone

Chairs, Vice District Governors, Cabinet Treasurer, Cabinet Secretary, PDG's, thank you for all the guidance, support and friendship. Lion Kim thank you is not enough for all the help you have been to me this year...I am forever grateful.

Mommy.
THANK YOU
FOR EVERYTHING ...



Marie & Steve, Lynn & Josip thank you from the bottom of our hearts for "the Convention".

2013 is a year of celebrations and I want to congratulate the Portage Lions Club on their 75th Anniversary and MacGregor Lions Club for their 50th Anniversary.

We also have coming up later this year the Brandon Lions Club celebrating their 75th anniversary.

Thank you to my own Russell and Area Lions for allowing me the time away to fulfill my duties.

I would like to make a special mention of some of our projects including our Medical Assistance Program, Lions Eye Bank, Lions Journey for Sight, Swan River Valley Cataract Vision Laser Project and the Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides. To all my "victims" of my reading action program please continue to read to your clubs.

Youth Programs are always a major component of our District: Leos, Youth Exchange, Speak Off, Project Pride, and our committee chair has done a great job.

The clock is counting down to July 9th when VDG Lion Lloyd will be sworn in at the Final Plenary Session at the International Convention, Hamburg, Germany. VDG Lion Lloyd has been training and taking part in many district events and with Lion Bev will be a great team for our District.

As I head off into the life of a PDG I want to let every Lion know they have made a difference in someone's life. You may not know who you have assisted, nor know what you supported, but know this you have touched a child, a mother, a father, a family. Be very proud Lions of 5M13

Lion Lorraine H., thank you for reminding me about deadlines, you have managed to do what others have wished, kept me on track.
DG Willie



DGE Lloyd McCabe receiving MD5M Hearing Research Fellow from PCC Frank Loken

Binscarth Lion elected to MD-5M Lions Hall of Fame

Lion Harvey Kingdon, Binscarth & District Lions Club, was elected to MD-5M "Hall of Fame" at the 5M-13 Convention held in Gimli, Manitoba.

The award honours members who have demonstrated for many years a high commitment and service to Lions at all levels. During his 45 years as a member Lion Harvey has been a leader and service volunteer with six different Lions clubs - Birtle, Thompson, Morris, Nepean (Ontario), Warren and Binscarth; served on District Cabinets for 25 years as District Governor, Secretary-Treasurer, Treasurer, Zone Chairman, and chairman for 15 Standing Committees; and served at the Multiple District and International levels.

Among his achievements have been, a chairman of the Hearing Foundation, his work with the provincial government's Regional Health Authorities in the introduction of Infant \ hearing Screening; his chair-



Lion Harvey Kingdon was elected to the MD-5M Hall of Fame. He received his recognition at the MD-5M Convention held in Rochester, MN from Immediate Past International Director Debra Wasserman and International Vice President Barry Palmer from Australia.

ing of the committee which established the Manitoba Lions Memorial; and as grant administrator, his assistance in the introduction of the Lions-Quest program into Manitoba schools. Other contributions included - leadership training, membership and club extension, constitution and by-laws, long range planning, and the Lions Clubs Inter-

national Foundation. Harvey has been an educational leader at the local, provincial and national levels; a community leader as town councillor and finance chairman; chairman of Ministry and Personnel, Finance, and Property for the United Church; athletic coach, and chairman of various community committees.

\$11,629 raised for LCIF in 5M13

In February 2013 a LCIF Matching Grant of \$35,300 was received for cataract equipment at Swan River Hospital.

To date \$11,629.64 has been raised this year in District 5M-13 for LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) use throughout the world for sight, disabilities, health, youth, and disasters. Additional donations are always welcome. Remember, that to qualify for the "Club Excellence Award" a club must make a donation of some funds.



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Message from Vice District Governor



VICE DG
LLOYD
MCCABE

Greetings to all. Just a quick update since last time. When you are busy as most Lions are at this time of the year, time passes very quickly.

The Global Leadership and Global Membership teams were out in April to three different sites and had some very successful training seminars. Thanks to all those Lions who attended as your Lion year will run much more smoothly this coming year. Unfortunately I wasn't able to join them as a herniated disc prevented me from traveling. Things are better now.

Lion Bev and I were able to attend the MacGregor Lions anniversary celebration with most of the town folks on hand I believe. What a great evening, and congratulations to the Lions in MacGregor for all the things that they contribute to their community.

PDG Lion Cheryl McKittrick and I kicked off two CEP (Club Excellence Process) training sessions in April. The program consists of four steps while the first two includes "Community Assessment and How are Your Ratings". The



first training session was in Wawanesa on April 22nd with 20 Lions attending representing five different Clubs (Keystone, Wheat City, Rivers, Holland and Wawanesa). The second training session was in Brandon at Lions Manor on April 29 with 16 Lions attending representing four different Clubs (Crocus, Shoal Lake, Prairie Pride and Elgin). The final two steps in this process is being planned for Monday, June 3.



Lions Chad Bodnarchuk, Gord Kingdon, Wanda Kingdon and Helmut Neufelt were off to Regional Institute training for aspiring Lion Leaders in Mahanomen, MN. Congratulations to all four of them for successfully completing their training.

In the next couple of days Lion Bev and I are off to present a Ben Ward Hearing Fellowships Award in Teulon to Lion Rene Bouvier and in Portage La Prairie to Ian MacKenzie. We

will also be taking in the 75th Anniversary celebration with the Portage Lions. During this same time period we are attending a meeting with Morden, Winkler and Miami Lions along with the Provincial Audiologist, Dr. Sharen Ritterman to review the Audiology services at Boundary Trails Health Unit to discuss how the Lions can help out financially.

One last thing is to appeal for your help in assisting Lion Gord Kingdon in Minnedosa find host families for his exchange students who are coming the end of July for 2 weeks. I understand that he has six

coming and needs families for the last week of July and first week of August. Please help Lion Gord out.


By the time you read this I will be looking forward to starting my term as your DG at which time I will be announcing my Cabinet make up. I look forward to belonging and working with the best team possible. Again I wish to thank my own club, Brandon Wheat City Lions for their encouragement and continued support.

Lion Bev and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

DGE Lloyd

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Virден Lions celebrate 56th

By Dianne Hanson

Virден Lions Club held their 56th Anniversary dinner on April 23. Lion President John Carefoot spoke on how the Club has been a leader in the community, 5M13 District and provincially, as well as in the 5M Multiple. In 2012 the Club donated over \$62,000 back to the community and also donated many hours in volunteer time.

Zone Chairman, Jim Boles of Rivers, introduced the guest speaker District Governor Lion Willy Brown, from Russell. He spoke very passionately about the Medical Assistance Program, which also includes Guide Dogs.

Ray and Debbie Sararas were inducted as new members.

Presentations were made to Harvey Sawchuk and Merv Smith for 20 and 35 years of service respectively. Governor Brown inducted Smith into the Lions Hall of Fame.

The 2013 Hope Medal recipients were: Jim Moffatt, Karen McKinnon, Ross Patterson, Lion Art Rouse, Lion Jim Johnson and Lion Marcel Chacun. The medals are given to individuals for volunteerism and involvement in the community.

After a delicious supper, catered by Debbie Hall, the evening concluded with a time of fellowship.



District Governor Brown, from Russell presents Harvey Sawchuk (r) with his 20 years of service award.

Photos courtesy of the Virден Empire Advance / Dianne Hanson



Merv Smith was inducted into the Lions Hall of Fame at the Virден Club's recent anniversary dinner. Smith was also presented with a certificate for 35 years of service with the Lions Club. He was presented with the awards by Governor Willy Brown.



Virден Lions Club held their annual anniversary dinner on April 23. Medal of Hope recipients were (l-r): Art Rouse, Jim Johnson, Ross Patterson, Marcel Chacun, Karen McKinnon and Jim Moffatt.

District Lion receives second Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship

District 5M-13s Immediate Past District Governor Lion Colleen Kingdon of the Binscarth & District Lions Club, was presented with her second Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship while attending the Multiple District Convention in Rochester, MN.

Last year the Binscarth & District Lions presented her with a "Certificate of Appreciation" which read: "In appreciation of your dedication and hard work as the District Governor and member of the Binscarth & District Lions Club, we are presenting you, Colleen Kingdon, with a \$1,000 Gift Certificate to the Temple Gardens Spa and Resort in Moose Jaw, SK. Thank you for being

such a wonderful representative of the District and our club".

Lion Colleen never set a date to use the gift certificate. In March 2013 she told her club members of the thousands of people dying from measles. She encouraged them to give the \$1,000 that they had presented to her, to the measles initiative in order to save children's lives. The Binscarth Lions accepted her request and forwarded the \$1,000 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation to be used for the measles initiative. In turn the Binscarth Lions named Lion Colleen to receive her third Melvin Jones Fellowship.



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