# Lions Roar in Virden

**By Anne Davison** Virden-Empire Advance

Over 180 Lions from Manitoba, the northern USA and Ontario gathered in Virden last weekend to celebrate accomplishments, name district officers, to learn about all things Lion, and enjoy each other's company.

District 5M13 Lions Convention was held at Tundra Oil & Gas Place. February 20-22, hosted jointly by Virden and Oak Lake Lions Clubs.

Forty-three clubs were represented.

Lion Rick Plaiser and Lion Stan Cochrane were co-chairs of the event and by all accounts, the convention was a huge success. This year they had a record 98 first time attendees.

Virden Lions President Al McAulay stated, "It went very well. We had a real good turn-out." This was his first convention, but he says, "I was told that our convention set the bar significantly higher."

McAulay says strong sponsorship from Virden, Oak Lake and Brandon businesses were an important factor along with the wonderful facility in Tundra Oil & Gas Place.

This venue was a strong drawing card for holding the convention in

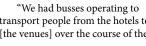
Virden Lions worked with Oak Lake Lions to make the convention possible.

McAulay says, "A number of members from our club commented that the spirit of cooperation was tremendous."

"We had tremendous participation from the businesses in town and in Oak Lake and Brandon."

The local hotels were filled with Lions from all over Manitoba.

transport people from the hotels to [the venues] over the course of the





### **Lion Don Martin receives** Melvin Jones Fellowship award

One of the most prestigious awards in Lions is the Melvin Jones Fellowship which is named after the man who founded Lions Clubs in 1917. On Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Virden, Manitoba, Lion Don Martin of the Wawanesa Lions Club was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Don joined his local club in April of 1957. He has maintained membership for 58 years and has been active at local and district levels. He has held most club offices - and most of those multiple times. He actively works on each club project and is a knowledgeable resource for his club. He is also very active in community and church in a variety of areas. Wawanesa Lions Club was very proud to recognize Lion Don Martin for his dedication to club and community. Taking part in the presentation (I-r) International Director Cynthia Gregg, District Governor Omer Champigny, and Lion Margaret Martin.

## Jocelyn and Lulu

On Saturday at the 5M13 Convention, Jocelyn Johnson gave a presentation on Guide Dogs and the Service Dog Act in Canada. Jocelyn had Lulu, her hearing ear dog, give a demonstration of how she can alert Jocelyn to someone calling her name.



## Strengthen the Pride

## " Post Convention Thoughts"

Coming off the Mid-Winter Convention, I'm feeling pretty happy about the response to our call for first-timers at the convention. We set a new standard....98 first-timers! Way to go Lions! Many clubs dug deep into their pockets to help those Lions attend. This confirms that what was brought up at the Crisis Avoidance meeting in January was taken seriously by the clubs. One of the major points identified at the Crisis Avoidance meeting was the need to promote our clubs and Lionism in general. What better way than to have the younger and/or newer Lions mix and mingle with Lions from other clubs by attending conventions. It tells me that what the Lions identified in the Crisis meeting were indeed valid concerns and suggestions for positive change. Clubs need to get out more, visit nearby clubs in their zone and even outside their zone. Does your club have a Visitation Coordinator? If not, appoint one at your next meeting.

Congratulations to District Governor Elect, Lion Louise Kernested and 1st Vice-District Governor Gord Kingdon who were confirmed at the business meeting portion of the convention. Both will be a positive asset to the District.

Lion Alex Haluschak, from Swan River was elected to a 3 year term to serve as our northern rep on the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario. Welcome Lion Alex!

There remains an opening for 2nd Vice District Governor. This would be a great entry level for someone wishing to go a step further in Lions. It would give you two years of apprenticeship prior to assuming the position of District Governor.

Congratulations to PDG Rick Plaisier for being nominated as District 5M13's nominee for the Hall of Fame. Congratulations also goes out to Lion Nick DeVirgilio of the Thompson Lions for being awarded the Int'l. President's Leadership Award and medal for his outstanding leadership and hard work in Thompson.



DISTRICT GOVERNOER OMER CHAMPIGNY



### **District Governor Calendar**

- 14-15 Council of Governors meeting, Brooklyn Center, MN
  - 17 Austin Lions Annual Visit (re-scheduled)
  - 21 Rossburn Lions 55th Anniversary celebration
- 23 Mid-Winter Conv. committee windup, Virden
- 28 29 Regina Beach, SK

#### April

- 4 Rivers 40th Anniv. celebrations and Annual Visit
- 9 Russell Lions Club annual visit
- 10 Binscarth Lions annual visit
- 17-19 Council of Governors meeting & Multiple convention, Bloomington, MN
  - 22 Minnedosa Lions annual visit
  - 28 Virden Lions annual visit

May

31 Purina Walk for Dogs

## Time for one Final Push!

If the District is to survive, we must get out there and "Ask One" Have you brought in a new member this year? I know inductions are happening out there and I would like to have more induction duties at my club visitations. District Governors LOVE to induct new members. If you have not contacted me to visit your club, expect a phone call from me in the next couple weeks. I would like to visit as many clubs in 5M13 as I possibly can before my term is up.

Some good news received from Lions International – Centennial Program – Lions all over the world have already served "20 million" people and its only 6 months into the program. Keep sending in those reports. If you touch on Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment, you will be adding to the count. We will achieve the goal of serving 100 million by 2017.

Lastly, keeping in mind Club Visitations, how about attending the Rossburn Lions Club "55 years of service" anniversary dinner and evening on March 21st, 2015 at the Rossburn Town Hall. As advertised, it goes from 6:00 PM to Nap Time!!! Call Lion Shirley at 204-859-2429 or Lion Wendy at 204-859-2517. Buy early, avoid disappointment.



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# Friday Night Mixer





Lions Lee Smith, Oaklake Lions Club and Bob Chalmer, Virden Llons Club



Lion Murray Hagyard gives a welcoming hug to Lion Bob Brudy and guest.



Lions Cecile McBurney, Nan Morowski of Elgin Lions Club, and Gordon & Laura Turner of the Boissevain Lions and Bruce Beck at the Friday night mixer. "We had a very good time at the convention and are planning to go next year in Portage la Prairie," said first time attendee Lions Gordon Turner. "It definitely was worth the trip and I would encourage others to come with us next year."



MD5M9 Lions Bruce Beck and Erin Beck, PDG Denis Kelly (on right) with Cheryl representing 5M6.



Ventriloquist Colleen Anderson and company.



Lion Dave Dueck, PDG Cheryl McKitrick, Lion Shannon Dueck, DG Omer Champigny and Colleen Anderson.

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weekend," says McAulay.

The Friday evening start included welcome greetings from MLA Doyle Piwniuk and MP Larry Maguire.

In the evening program, puppeteer and ventriloquist Colleen Anderson and Friends entertained.

Thomas Humphries followed with his own comedy routine.

For Lions member's spouses, at the Lion's Hall in downtown Virden blue grass band, Lazy Creek Express entertained on Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening local fiddler Grayson Ross was a hit.

The keynote speaker was International Director, Cindy Greg from Bells Vernon, Pennsylvania. A former music teacher she has held many positions in the Lions organization.

Then, Lions dined and danced until midnight to Leona & Friends band.

Sunday morning, following a non-denominational church service, the events wraped-up with election results.

A new cabinet was elected.

As of July 1, District Governor Omer Champigny from Oak Lake Lions Club will become Past District Governor. Louise Kendersted will become the new governor. Gordon Kingdon from Minnedosa becomes 1st vice governor.

Some of the visiting delegates had interesting insights, including positive comments about the role of women as Lions.

Chris Miles and his wife Myrna from Macgregor, MB are both five-year members. Sitting at the same table, Ron Leveille, also from MacGregor, assured that he would not have joined the Lions if his wife could not have joined the same group.

The Lions Club International lifted the ban on women joining, in 1987.

Before that, it was a men's only group. In 1975, the Lioness emblem and name were approved and membership was open to any lady, whether or not she was married to a Lion. Now however, there is a push to reach parity in numbers of male/ female members, which the Lions hope to achieve by 2017, the year the Lions reach their 100th anniversary.

# Plaiser to Hall of Fame

By Anne Davison Virden-Empire Advance

One of the highlights of the Lions Convention in Virden was a Hall of Fame award to the co-chair of the convention.

For District 5M13, Lion Rick Plaisier was voted in by the district council, and will travel to Minneapolis in mid-April, where he will be honoured as a Hall of Fame recipient.

In an interview, a very pleased Plaisier called the nomination "a real surprise."

For many years Plaisier has worked hard with the Lions organization. Active in starting new Lions Clubs, including the Oak Lake Club, which began over 25 years ago. He also worked with Phillip Hi Eagle to start Clubs in Canupawakpa and in Waywayseecappo. These reservation based clubs were unsuccessful, he says regretfully.

From serving as President of Oak Lake Lions, Plaisier went on to fill many roles in the District. He served as Governor, sat on committees and chaired organizations within the Lions, such as the Leos (youth organization within the Lions Club), he was the student exchange chair, as well as membership chair.

"They regard me as the Grandfather of the Lions Club



I've been on Cabinet over 20 years," Plaisier smiles softly.

This award was recognition for Plaisier's countless hours of helping others. "I love to give people the opportunity to develop their leadership skills," he says.

He is conscious of his own leadership role and the opportunity this affords to provide a positive leadership model.

People are encouraged as leaders in the Lions

Club by "allowing them to be themselves, to gain self confidence so they can get up and speak, to develop organizational skills," Plaisier explains.

Communication skills are very important says the leader. He participated in the judging of the youth speak-off this weekend, as one of the questioners. "I love to see a young person gaining confidence – it's very rewarding for me," says the Hall of Famer.



IPDG Lloyd McCabe (left) received a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at the Convention. With him celebrating his honor is DG Omer Champigny and Lion Bev McCabe.

### Parade of Green Results

Lions District 5M13 2015 Mid-Winter Convention Virden, Manitoba

Lions Eye Bank \$2575.00
Medical Assistance Program\$11950.00
Canadain Diabetes Assoc \$8375.00
Lions Hearing Foundation\$5350.00
Youth Camp\$1200.00
Lions Quest
Lions Foundation Of Canada
Dog Quide Program
Lions Club International Foundation \$6150.00
Grand Total\$45450.00

Thank You Lions of District 5M13 for your generosity for the 2015 Parade of Green. Well Done.

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#### Past District Governors unit

The 5M13 Association of Past District Governors and their spouses met for the first time at a Midwinter Convention, supper a short meeting and great fellowship. It was decided to keep this tradition going onward at all Midwinter Conventions. Left to right: Lion, PDG Lloyd McCabe, Lion Bev McCabe, PID Ben Ward, PDG Harvey Kingdon, PDG Sharon Brooks, PDG Josip Lecnik, (holding the Lion Mascot), PDG Willie Brown, PDG Rick PLaisier, Lion Kim Kubek, PDG Cheryl McKitrick, Marie Plaisier, PDG Bill McKitrick, PDG Wayne Preston, Lynn Lecnik, and Nancy Preston.

# Lulu the Hearing Ear Dog Guide

By Anne Davison Virden-Empire Advancee

Lulu is a six-year-old Lions Foundation Dog Guide. She is invaluable to her owner, Jocelyn Johnson, a deaf woman from Steinbach.

Johnson explained the value of her dog Lulu to the Lions members attending the District Convention in Virden on February 21. Johnson's husband, Adrian, interpreted for her.

The deaf woman relies on her dog to be her ears and to communicate with her.

There are things the public needs to realize about service dogs.

Johnson explains, "They are tools. You can call the owner and when the dog responds, it can be petted as a reward." But she adds that people should always check with the dog's handler/owner.

It is vital that the service dog be allowed every place its person must go, with the exception of sterile environments, like hospitals.

Under the Service Dog Act (https://web2.gov. mb.ca/ bills/39-3/b238e.php) there are questions that cannot be asked of someone with a service dog at their side, such as, 'can't you leave the dog outside? Or 'What is your disability?'

Johnson explains there are questions that, say a store owner for example, can ask, such as, 'Is that a real service dog? What tasks does the dog perform?'

She says, "My response usually depends on whether it was a polite, or not so polite

question."

To avoid questions and confusion with the public, Lulu wears a harness bearing the identification badge of the training company.

In traffic, watch out for service dogs and their person. There are stiff penalties for impeding or interfering with a service dog - up to a \$10,000 fine, plus damages if the dog is injured.

To get Johnson's attention, call her name. When Lulu hears, 'Jocelynn, Jocelynn,' the dog moves to her owner and noses her gently. She is then supposed to lead Johnson to the one who called her.

Door bells and phone calls illicit the same response. A fire alarm however creates much more excitement – the dog spins and is quite animated for this emergency.

Johnson says that different people have different reasons for getting a dog guide.

"Mine was primarily safety," she says and she explains, "When I was in university I was sitting on the second floor studying by myself, and being completely deaf, I was pretty oblivious to what was going around me.... I was in my study phase, until this guy grabbed my arm and started shouting at me. I had to get him to take off his fireman's helmet so I could actually understand him telling me that there was a fire in the restaurant underneath me. There were fire alarms going

off, and apparently people had evacuated the area, but no one had thought to tell me because no one around me knew I was deaf."

She says the adage, 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks' doesn't apply to these dogs. "I'm constantly teaching Lulu new things. Recently during the cold snap, my garage door stopped opening properly, and I trained Lulu to tell me when the key pad beeps, signifying the garage door is opening properly, so I don't need to keep going around the corner and checking," tells Johnson, adding, "Simple things make life easier in -40 Celsius weather."

The life of a service dog is demanding. Johnson says, "Lulu is almost always on duty and has a lot of rules, like not letting people pet her, or not letting her on the furniture."

Once the dog reaches 10 years of age, it can no longer be considered a service dog and must retire. Although Lulu's handler can keep her, she cannot receive a new dog guide if there is already a dog in the home.

There is a list of people waiting to adopt these retired dogs; but Lulu's owner indicates, she will not part with Lulu.



Lions Erma Wyness of Brandon and Lion John Fehr of Portage Lions collecting funds for the Parade of Green and validating voting delegates.



# Gleanings from club reports

#### Club Secretaries - Complete your monthly club report online

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#### **AUSTIN LIONS CLUB**

Donations totaling \$600 to: MAP; Lions Hearing Foundation (Canadian Division) Infant Hearing Screening; Lions Foundation of Canada Dog **Guides: STARS** 

#### BINSCARTH LIONS CLUB

Attended a Community Outreach Supper hosted by local school kids to thank us for recent support; Sponsored a coffee break for Journey for Sight riders; Entered a team in the Lions Bonspiel; Delegation to "Lions in Crisis" gathering; Weekly Bingo \$1600 estimated; Regular season hockey draft continues; Playoff hockey draft tickets now sold; Monthly 50/50 Toonie Draw \$12.

Donations to: Coffee for Journey for Sight riders \$42; Journey for Sight \$200; Russell Rams Atom B hockey advertising \$100

#### **BOISSEVAIN LIONS CLUB**

Raised \$1700 from: Super Bowl Draw; Weekly Meat Draw; Weekly Chasethe-Ace; Telephone Book delivery.

Donations totaling \$900 to Journey For Sight & Boissevain School for hosting provincial basketball & fastball championships

#### **BOWSMAN LIONS CLUB**

Held annual Ladies Night; Held annual town Christmas party at skating arena (skating, tobogganing, sleigh rides, hot chocolate, hot dogs, special visit from Santa; Selling Super Bowl pool tickets; Collected & shipped scrap batteries \$5500; Proceeds from Bullarama \$23,213.

Donations to: local Annual Music Camp \$300; Journey For Sight \$500; \$500 each to three riders in the Journey for Sight to cover rider costs; local skating arena for new flooring in the kitchen \$2035: Western Blind Golf Association \$50; Local Minor Hockey Tournament \$300.

#### **CRYSTAL CITY LIONS CLUB**

Sold Community Calendars \$2500; Working hard on preparation plans for Community Auction on April 25th.

Donations to: Parade of Green: MAP \$300; LFC Dog Guides \$200; Medical assistance for a young family (Mom has leukemia) \$200

#### **ERICKSON LIONS CLUB**

Housing Duplex now renting: Meals on Wheels; Curling Bonspiel sponsorship.

**Donation to Erickson Rec Association** 

#### HAMIOTA LIONS CLUB

Potato Sales Campaign \$1800; Donation of potatoes made to Food Bank: 2 Seniors Homes & Christmas

**Donations to: Local Community** Centre \$1000: Journey for Sight \$700: Parade of Green - MAP, Lions Hearing Foundation, Canadian Diabetes Association, Lions Quest, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

#### MELITA LIONS CLUB

Worked Bar at a wedding social & collecting old batteries \$270.

Donations totaling \$1500 to:

individual needing assistance because of travelling to city for

#### surgery; Parade of Green. MINNEDOSA LIONS CLUB

Donations totalling \$700 to: Journey for Sight & Rolling River Festival of the Arts

#### **OAKBURN LIONS CLUB**

Donations to: Journey for Sight \$200; MAP; Dog Guides; Cavalcade for Diabetes; Canadian Diabetes

#### **OAKVILLE LIONS CLUB**

Raised \$225 from Community Hall maintenance & Bartending; Christmas Hamper collection; Urging RM Council to adopt school speed zone; 3 members attended Zone 11 meeting; Hosted joint DG visitation with Portage Lions; 1 member attended the session "Lions in Crisis".

Donations to: Big Brothers & Sisters Bowlathon Fundraiser \$100; Parade of Green \$100 each to Lions Quest, MAP, LCIF, Hearing Project, Dog Guides

#### **PORTAGE La PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB**

Blood Donor Clinic Jan. 26 & 27. Lions manned the canteen & provided cookies & beverages for donors; Hosted Zone 10 meeting on Jan. 15 with 33 members from 8 clubs, chaired by Zone Chair Chad Bodnarchuk; 2 members attended "Lions in Crisis" meeting in Brandon Jan. 18; 200 Club Cash Draw for \$600

### **EYEGLASSES** HEARING AIDS COLLECTED

Teulon Lions Club - 169 Rossburn Lions Club - 20 Binscarth Lions Club - 5 Crystal City Lions Club - 50 Melita Lions Club - 17 Wawanesa Lions Club - 27

#### ROBLIN LIONS CLUB

Christmas Raffle \$750.

Donations to: High School Yearbook \$100; Eye Bank \$200; Journey for Sight sponsorship \$200; 4-H \$150

#### **ROSSBURN LIONS CLUB**

Lions Christmas party; 4 members attended dinner & visit at Binscarth Nov. 12; Hosted Zone meeting Nov. 25, attendance over 20; Grey Cup Breakfast at Oakburn attended by 3 members; Journey for Sight Week with free coffee from Lions, donations received for JFS. Pancake breakfast for riders & community on Saturday provided by members; Presentations to three local libraries to be done; Considering purchasing new Optelec machine; To assist with new tourist sign to go up at gas station; New sign at Flag Park; 55th Anniversary slated for March 21st

#### **SANDY LAKE LIONS CLUB**

Three new members

### **SPRUCEWOOD & AREA LIONS CLUB**

Monthly Meat Draw \$150

#### **SWANRIVER LIONS CLUB**

Sponsored Peewee hockey

#### **Death Notice**



Lion William Alfred **Evans** 

Roblin Lions Club PDG Lloyd Morris

Brandon Lions Club

tournament; hosted Journey for Sight riders Jan. 16th.

Donated \$800 to lifeline program; \$600 to veterans hall for new table; sent write up to local paper re our club history back to 1960 preparing for Billy Beals fish derby March 21st; Parade of Green: LCIF \$500 Dog Guides \$250; diabetes \$250

#### **TEULON LIONS CLUB**

Remembrance Day Service organization: Lions train in Christmas parade; Peace Poster Contest, Inwood & Teulon Schools 83 entries; Hosted District Governor's visitation for Warren, Teulon & Stonewall.

Donations to: Christmas Cheer Board \$200; Christmas hamper for Canadian war vet (Afghanistan) \$250; Peace Poster Contest prizes \$150; Canada Post fund \$50; Remembrance Day \$150; Journey for Sight \$100

#### **WARREN LIONS CLUB**

Monthly Community Newsletter: Reading Program in local school.

Donations to Parade of Green: MAP \$300; Diabetes \$200; LCIF \$500

#### **WAWANESA LIONS CLUB**

4 members attended Lions Crisis meeting; Meat Draw \$215



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## Social Media used to induct new member to Morden Lions Club

Lion Helmut Neufeld inducting his daughter Shannon Dueck and his son in law David Dueck (via social media), with sponsor Lion Stan Brunn of the Morden Lions Club.





(I-r) Lion Khalid Rashid, sponsor, New Member Lion Slivica Djurie-Ciganovic, Lion Shannon Dueck, DG Omer Chamipgny, Sponsor Lion Stan Brunn, Back Lion Helmut Neufeld holding his son in law's photo Lion David Dueck.

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Rossburn Lions Club	Lion Diane Maxwell	
Rossburn Lions Club	Lion Diana Lawless	
Binscarth Lions Club	Lion Harry Boucher (Reinstated) Lion A. Kingdon	
Binscarth Lions Club	Lion Duncan Page	Lion Alvin Kingdon
Bowsman Lions Club	Lion Derek Kajtar	Returning member
Bowsman Lions Club	Lion Mark Cleaver	Returning member
Sandy Lake Lions Club	Lion Ken Podruski	Lion Paul Richcoon
Sandy Lake Lions Club	Lion Edna Podrusk	Lion Paul Richcoon

Lion Gordan Kuraski



Sprucewoods and Area Lions Club inducted two new members January 28, 2015 during the Zone meeting. Left to right: Sponsor Lion Jason Yoon; new member Lion Bill Kim. PDG Sharon Brooks. new member Lion Nathan Prest, and sponsor Lion Aletha Riegel who is the President of the Club.

Sandy Lake Lions Club

## Kenton Lions host Valentine lunch

On a milder winter, day people gathered at the Kenton Memorial Hall on Friday, February 13 at 12 noon for a Valentine lunch provided by Woodworth Senior Citizens (WSS) Coordinator, Colleen Elliott, and the Kenton and Area Lions Club as well as some volunteers from the community. As they entered the hall, which was beautifully decorated by Pat Elliott, Colleen Elliott's sister-in-law, they signed the guest book, bought raffle tickets for 2 gift baskets, one for women and one for men and were offered a glass of cranberry punch. Donations were accepted at the door. Finding their seats, the Reeve of the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, Denis Carter welcomed everyone and told them to enjoy themselves. Colleen gave us a questionnaire about musical love songs and gave us the right answers afterwards. Maryanne Whyte from Kenton gave the grace before the meal. Everyone enjoyed a delicious beef/pork lunch with all the trimmings served buffet

Colleen made the draws for the gift baskets and I (Paulette) won the ladies' basket and June Hunt won the mens.' She expressed her appreciation for all the help that everyone had given to her as she couldn't have done it alone.

Following the lunch Nicole (Mathison) Wilson entertained the group. She sang and accompanied herself on her guitar. She sang love songs that coincided with Valentine's Day.

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On a visit by PDG Lion Cheryl McKitrick to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Memorial Forest at Breslau, Ontario, she came across this plaque in honour of Ted Roxburgh. The memorial forest has over 2800 trees with similar plaques.





PDG Tom Gregg, International Director Cindy Gregg, from Bells Vernon, Pennsylvania, with Omer Champigny and First Lady Dale. Cindy Gregg was the keynote speaker at the 5M13 midwinter convnetion held in Virden February 20-22.

# Waskada Lions pledge \$100,00 to new Recreation Centre

A fundraiser was held on Saturday, February 14 for the new Waskada & Area Recreation Centre. A delicious prime rib supper was enjoyed prior to the presentations. Ken Voth (on right) presented \$25,000 on behalf of the Waskada Lions Club. This is the second installment of \$100,000 which the Lions Club pledged toward the new facility. Jason Wickham gratefully accepted the cheque on behalf of the rink committee.

Photo courtesy of Deloraine Times & Star / Judy Wells



## **Boissevain Lions receive Chevron Membership Pins**

Ten members of the Boissevain Lions Club members were recognized for their years of service on February 26. The 5M13 District Govenor Omer Champigny (on left) presented the milestone Chevron membership pins during his governor's visit to Boissevain.

Front row, I-r: Wayne Robertson (50 years), Brent

Hazlewood (35 years), Kim Fingas (15 years), Lorraine Houston (15 years).

Back row: Glen LePoudre (15 years), Les Houston (15 years), Keith Woods (35 years), Ivan Strain (45 years), Blaine Mains (45 years). Missing Ed Albrect (25 years)



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# Time to begin planning for Lions Project Pride

his fund raiser for the Lions Foundation of Canada provides the opportunity for local Lions to visit Grade One classrooms, spending some quality time with children, promoting Lionism and patriotism through the presentation of small Canadian flags and certificates.

To learn more about this simple project, go to Lions Foundation of Canada Project Pride. You will find information, how to get involved and an electronic order form. You may also phone 780-532-3027 and order that way.

The cost per student is only \$2.00 but if there are more Grade One classes than your club can afford, you might consider choosing one class this year and add another next year.

If there is no school in your community, make contact with one nearby. If you contact your MP, he/she might supply some freebies such as flag pins and bookmarks. Kids love to receive such goodies! For more information, contact Lion Margaret Martin at 824-2457 or email dmmart@mts.net

#### Lions Project Pride

Lions Project Pride is a program for Canadian Lions Clubs. If your Lions Club chooses to participate, you will express to your community the pride your club has in Canada and in being a Lion.

Across the country, Lions Clubs have the opportunity to express their own pride in their community and country, as well as instill a level of pride in the country's young people.

Lions Clubs who wish to participate in this program contact local school officials requesting permission to visit schools or visit with classroom teachers to present a Canadian flag (15.5cm x 25.5cm; 6" x 10") and a Project Pride certificate to Grade 1 students. The certificate, in English or French, describes the diversity of our country and the pride we have in being Canadian.

Lions Clubs from British Columbia to Newfoundland are participating in this project and are sharing their community and national pride with over 40,000 students each year.

> Be a proud Lion, participate in Lions Project Pride.



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#### Involve Your Club!

- Contact your school superintendent or principal, requesting permission for a member of your club to visit each Grade 1 class to present a Canadian flag and certificate to each student. (The month of June is preferred)
- Determine the total number of flags and certificates that you will require
- Complete and return the order form (attached) with cheque payment.
- Receive your flags and certificates and share

#### Prepare for Your Visit

What will you tell the students when you visit? Here are some ideas:

- Who you are
- Your Lions Club Name
- What Lions do (Leo programs, youth activities, etc.)
- Purpose of your visit
- The importance of Canada Day
- The Maple Leaf emblem (Try sharing the story of our flag)
- · Discuss the flag

#### Things to Remember

- Make constructive comments
- Encourage discussion
- · Present flags
- · Ask the teacher to print the student's names on the certificates
- Read Certificates
- Remember a flag for the teacher!







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## Complete the attached order form and mail to:

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(Please include payment in full) All surplus funds will be directed to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

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## 5M13 Lions Club Directory

#### Austin & Area Lions Club

HOME OF THE AUSTIN THRESERMAN'S REUNION Supper meeting 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm Pres. Doug Hodgins 637-2389 sw30911w@inetlink.ca Sec. Bev Makinson 204-637-2533 dmak@mts.net

#### Binscarth Lions Club

VISIT BINSCART LIONS ON FACEBOOK Meet every 2nd & 4th Wed., Drop In Centre @ 7pm Pres Harvey Kingdon 204-532-2443 kingdon@mts.net Sec Phlyp Birch 204-532-2484 birch@mymts.net

#### **Birtle & District Lions Club**

MEETS 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH Birtle Drop In Centre @ 6:45pm Pres. Dwayne Moncur d.moncur@twinvalleycoop.ca Sec. Debbie Jensen 204-842-5207 debjansen@mts.net

#### Bowsman & District Lion Club

MEETS 1ST & 3RD THURS OF EACH MONTH Bowsman Curling Rink @ 7pm (excluding summer) Pres. Bruce Kirkpatrick 204-734-9723 Sec. Kevin Silverthorn cksilverthorn@mynetset.ca

#### **Boissevain Lions Club**

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN BLOOM WINNER Meets 2nd Thurs. at 6:30pm (supper) 4th Thurs. @7pm Pres. John Smith 204-534-6161 rconway1@mymts.net Sec Larry Rainnie 204-534-6238 rainnie@mts.net

#### **Brandon Lions Club**

CHARTERED IN 1938 (Combined Brandon / Crocus / Keystone Lions Clubs) visit 1st or 3rd Tuesday of month, 6:30pm, Lions Manor Pres. Carl Johanson cjohanson21@gmail.com Treas. Ben Ward wardone@mymts.net

#### Brandon University Lions Campus Club Branch

Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday at BU
Presidents: Amber Neufeld, amberneuf@gmail.com
& Josh Hoppe, joshhoppe99@gmail.com
Sec: Ashlyn Pearce, pearce.ashlyn@gmail.com

#### **Brandon Prairie Pride Lions**

JOIN US @ TRAILS WEST INN, 210-18 ST. N 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:15 am - breakfast meeting Pres. BJ Hersak 570-1336 bhersak@mts.net Sec Jill Hannah-Kayes cihannah@mts.net

#### **Brandon Wheat City Lions**

PLEASE COME PAY US A VISITATION Noon meetings 2nd & 4th Mon. Victoria Inn Brandon Pres. Jeff Sim 204-571-1058 jeffsim@mts.net Sec Chris Hiede 204-727-6701 odheide1@mymts.net

#### Crystal City Lions Club

COME JOIN US
Meetings 3rd Thursday of every month
Pres. Bill McKitrick 204-873-2091 5m13@inetlink.ca
Sec Cheryl McKitrick 204-825-8073 cemckit@gmail.com

#### **Dauphin Lions Club**

JOIN US AT THUNDER'S COUNTRY RESTAURANT Supper meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Pres. Ted Wojtowize 204-638-9016 wojo@mymts.net Sec Dean Lounsbury 204-638-4404 deanlounsbury@hotmail.com

#### **Elphinstone Lions Club**

GATEWAY TO BUFFALO PARK Meet 1st & 3rd Tues. @ 7:00pm in the Lions Den Pres. Dennis Rogasky 204-625-5223

#### Elgin & Area Lions Club

THE RECYCLING CLUB - SMALL CLUB BIG HEART
Meet 7:30pm 3rd Wed. at West Elgin Mall
Pres. Connie Cameron 204-769-2165
Sec. Cecile McMurray 204-769-2152camcm@mymts.net

#### **Erickson Lions Club**

"THE LAND OF THE VIKINGS"
Meet 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
Pres. Jim McMunn 204-636-2268
Sec Dave Walker carol.dave.walker@gmail.com

#### Ethelbert Lions Club

COME JOIN US EVERY 2ND & 4TH MONDAY 7:30 pm at the Emergency Services Center Building Pres. Art Ainsworth 204-742-8841 See Betty Brasseur 204-742-8841 r.fillion@hotmail.com

#### Flin Flon Lions Club

HOME OF "FLINTY'S BOARDWALK"
Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Victoria Inn
Pres. Andy Wasylciw 204-687-7606 avwasyle@mts.net
Sec Isabel Stewart isa 2 and@hotmail.com

#### Gilbert Plains Lions Club

"HEART OF THE PARKLAND"

Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm EMS Building

Pres. Bruce Jorgenson 204-548-2446

Sec Barry Randell 204-548-2502 bjrandell@mts.net

#### Hamiota Lions Club

HOME OF POPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE RESERVE Meet 1st & 3rd Tues @ 7:00pm Community Hall Pres. Elgin Rogers 204-764-2336 elginrogers@msn.com Sec Gwen Argue 204-838-2166 gwenargue@gmail.com

#### Holland & Area Lions Club

HOME OF THE "HOLLANDERS" Meet 2nd Wed. 8:00pm @ Hollander Hotel Pres. Brad Verniest 526-7603 bgverniest@hotmail.com Sec. Hubh Fraser 204-526-2378 hifraser@mts.net

#### Holland & Area Lioness Club

HOME OF THE FIDDLE CONTEST Meet 1st Wednesday @ 7pm at members homes Sec. Margaret Fraser 204-526-2378 hjfraser@mts.net

#### Kelwood Lions Club

COME JOIN US
Meeting 1st Thursday of the month
Pres. Andy Aucoin 204-967-2646
Sec Neil Fraser 204-967-2146 dnfraser@hotmail.com

#### Kenton & Area Lions Club

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Meets at Kenton Hall 2nd Tues 7:30pm 4th Tues 7pm Pres. Phil Graham 204-838-2354 nedrag@goinet.ca Sec Marvin Wiens 204-838-2261 mwiens@inethome.ca

#### MacGregor Lions Club

THE HEART OF THE KEYSTONE PROVINCE Meet 2nd Tues 7:30pm/ 4th Tues supper mtg 6:30pm Pres. Doris Moore 204-685-2666 doris.moore@mts.net Sec Chris Miles 685-2840 cmiles@presidiocorp.com

#### Melita & Area Lions Club

COME JOIN US @ THE LEGION HALL
Meet 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30pm/Supper mtg Oct-March
Pres. Marilyn Renwick 204-522-3142 mfr@mts.net
Sec. Eleanor Renwick 204-522-8686 ojemr@mts.net

#### Miami & Area Lions Club

COME JOIN US AT R.M OF THOMPSON OFFICE 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month Pres. Clint Lawson 204-435-2257 jclawson@cici.mb.ca Sec. Duncan Callum 204-435-2069 dcallum@cici.mb.ca

#### Minnedosa Lions Club

ANNUAL ROCKIN' THE FIELDS OF MINNEDOSA Meets 2nd & 4th Wed. 7pm @ the Community Hall Pres. Wanda Kingdon 867-5804 wkkingdon@hotmail.com Sec Jim Cooper 204-867-3245 thecoopers@mymts.net

#### Minitonas & District Lions

COME JOIN US

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month Pres. David Petelski 525-2207 dpetelski@hotmail.com Sec. Brett Church b\_wchurch@hotmail.com

#### Morden & District Lions Club

HOME OF ANNUAL CORN AND APPLE FESTIVAL Meets 1st & 3rd Mon. 7pm @ Morden Rec Centre Pres. Jerry Nelson 204-822-6547 Sec Jeff Bretecher 204-823-0054 jbret@mymts.net



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More Information on lions100.org

#### Neepawa Lions Club

HOME OF THE ANNUAL LILY FESTIVAL Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm Pres. Robert Ferguson 204-476-5226 fergnee@mts.net Sec Thomas Borsa 204-476-3283 borsatp@wcgwave.ca

#### Oakville & Area Lions Club

" A FRIENDLY FARMING COMMUNITY"
Meets 2nd & 4th Wed. Lions Den Community Hall
Pres. Stuart Boyd 204-267-2505 stboyd@mts.net
Sec Bruce Mintenko brucemintenko@yahoo.ca

#### Oakburn Lions Club

COME JOINS US

Meets 3rd Wed. 7:30pm @ the Eager Pioneer Club Pres. Nester Leganchuk 204-625-5231 Sec Janet Zemianski 204-234-5349 janetz@mymts.net

#### Oak Lake & Area Lions Club

HOME OF ISAAC "THE OX" Meet 1st & 3rd Mon. 7pm @ the Oak Lake Golf Club Pres. Rick Plaisier 204-855-2207 rplaisie@mymts.net Sec Travis Wallace 204-855-2125 twallace@rfnow.com

#### **Pipestone Lions Club**

Come join us.
Meet 3rd Wednesday of the month.
Pres. Michael Decock 204-858-2397
Sec Brenda Bohne 204-854-3300 bohne@mymts.net

#### Portage la Prairie Lions Club

SERVING SINCE 1938 Meet 1st & 3rd Thurs. Supper 6:30pm @ the Lions Den Pres. Al Lightfoot 204-239-1469 a.lightfoot@shaw.ca Sec Wilfred Schellenberg 204-857-4309

#### Portage La Prairie Lioness Club

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE-COME JOIN US Meet 2nd Thurs.6:30pm/Supper meet 4th Thurs.7:30pm Sec Sharon Williams 204-857-8548 swilliams@city-plap.com

#### **Pine River Lions Club**

COME JOIN US

Meet 1st Thurs. 8:00pm @Pine River Community Centre Pres. Garry Urbanowski 204-263-2101 Sec Darlene Nakonechny tdnak@hotmail.com

#### Rapid City & Area Lions

COME JOIN US Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month Pres. Daryl Andrew 204-826-2007 Sec Ken Hyndman khyndman@mymts.net

#### Rivers & Area Lions Club

HOME OF THE GRANT TRUCK RAILWAY STATION Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month Pres. Don Montague 204-328-7440
Sec Betty MacDonald bettymacdonald111@gmail.com

#### Roblin & District Lions Club

VISITORS ARE WELCOME
Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. at 8pm Roblin Motor Inn
Pres. Elke Schmitt 204-937-4944 elkes65@gmail.com
Sec Linda Beattle beattle1946@hotamil.com

#### Rossburn Lions Club

COME JOIN US

Meets 3rd Thursday of the Month @ Town Hall Pres. Shirley Kalyniuk 859-2429 shirkal@hotmail.com Sec Wendy Woychyshyn 204-859-2517 woychydw@inetlink.ca

#### Russell & Area Lions Club

COME JOIN US AT CHICKEN CHEF Meet 2nd & 4th Thurs, 6:30pm Pres, Terry Rolfe 204-773-4728 tadj@mts.net Sec Lonnie Naherniak lonnie.naherniak@rbc.com

#### Sandy Lake Lions Club

COME VISIT OUR CAMPGROUND
Meet second Thursday of the month
Pres. Paul Richcoon 204-585-5332 pauliesl@mts.net
Sec. Kathy Slashinsky kslashinksy @hotmail.com

#### Shoal Lake Lions Club

HOME OF THE PIT ROAST BEEF DINNER Meet 2nd Wed. 7pm @ Drop In Centre Pres. Bob Brudy 204-759-2392 brudyb@mymts.net Sec Rosana Neufeld 204-759-2671 mini@mts.net

#### Snow Lake Lions Club

COME JOIN US

Weet 2014 Valvesdays @7pm Basement of USWA Building Pres. Dave Roberts 204-358-2864 hill@mts.net Sec Dawn Roberts 204-358-2864 hill@mvmts.net

#### Somerset Lions Club

COME JOIN US Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 8:30pm Pres. Jeff Desrochers 204-744-2150 jnd@mymts.net

#### Sinclair & Area Lions Club

COME JOIN US @ COMMUNITY HALL Supper meeting 4th Wed. 7pm Pres. Alan Jackson 204-662-4569 abjack@hotmail.com Sec Lloyd Hayward frog2342@hotmail.com

Sec. Chuck Schmidt 744-2740 hedleyminer@gmail.com

#### Souris Lions Club

HOME OF THE SWINGING BRIDGE Supper meeting 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7pm Chicken Chef Pres. Lorie Howe 204-483-2939 lhowe@wcgwave.ca Sec Denis Bauldic 204-482-3579 dbauldic@mymts.net

#### Sprucewoods & Area Lions Club

COME JOINS US
Meet 2nd & 4th Wed. 7pm Sprucewoods Comm. Hall
Pres. Aletha Riegel 204-573-4436
Sec Judy Foster 721-4132 judyjudy13@hotmail.com

#### Stonewall Lions Club

HOME OF THE ANNUAL STONEWALL QUARRY DAYS Dinner meeting 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30pm Lions Manor Pres. Mel Harrison 204-467-7337 Sec Ashley Huewan ashlee \_\_2000@hotmail.com

#### Strathclair Lioness Club

COME JOIN US Meet 2nd Wednesday every month Sec. Maxine Ostash 204-365-2715 5M13 MANITOBA LION MARCH 2015 11

#### Strathclair Lions Club

COME JOIN US

Meet 3rd Wed. 7:30pm @ Strathclair Municipal Hall Pres, Jim Wilson 204-365-2453 jvw@mts.net Sec Fraser Moffat 204-356-5302 raikman@goinet.ca

#### Swan Lake Lions Club

WORKING HARD FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday Pres. Geraldine Campbell 204-836-2358 Sec Myrna Clifford 204-836-2634 mecliff@mymts.net

#### Swan River Lions Club

WWW.SWANRIVERLIONS.ORG
Meeting 2nd Mon. 7pm/Supper meeting 4th Mon.7:30pm
Pres. Wayne Markle 734-2780 waynescc@gmail.com
Sec Nic MacDonald 204-734-7193 njmacd@mymts.net

#### Teulon & Area Lions Club

COME JOIN US AT FRYDAY'S RESTAURANT Meet 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm Pres. Larry Rutt 204-886-2404 laurencerutt@msn.com Sec Rene Bouvier 204-886-3445 reneb1961@live.ca

#### Thompson Lions Club

WELCOME FELLOW LIONS AND VISITORS
Supper mtg 1st & 3rd Tues. Sept-June @ Clubhouse
Pres. Jeffery Wedge 204-981-1415 jewedge@gmail.com
Sec Daniel Hunt superdan13@hotmial.com

#### Virden Lions Club

THURS NIGHT BINGO \$1000 GUARANTEED PAYOUT Meet 2nd Tues. Dinner meeting 4th Tues. Pres. Allan McAulay 204-748-6320 Sec Tom Makarchuk 204-748-6261 tmkarch@mymts.net

#### Warren Herizon Lions Club

COME JOIN US AT THE WARREN FIRE HALL Meet 1st & 3rd Wed., 7pm Pres, Lorraine Boyd 204-383-5825 Sec Fran Lindell 204-322-5672 franpl@mymts.net

#### Waskada Lions Club

HOME OF THE ANNUAL RABBIT FEED
Meet 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:30am @ Waskada Genisis Inn
Pres. Ken Voth 204-665-2427 kenvoth1@gmail.com
Sec. Ron Bertholet 204-673-2541 borody@mymts.net

#### Warren & District Lions Club

COME JOIN US AT THE FIREHALL
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# AUSTIN & AREA LIONS

Annual Lions Night

to be held on

#### Saturday, April 25th

at the Austin Community Hall. Cocktails 6:00 pm supper 6:30 pm.

Entertainment - Shape Sisters Guest Speaker from Katie's Care. Live auction and penny parade. Tickets \$25 / person

Contact Don Makinson 204-637-2533 Doug Hodgins 204-637-2389 Marie McKean 204-573-1853

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# Boissevain Lions and Lions Eye Bank assist with prosthetic eye costs

The Boissevain Lions Club and the Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Inc. Lions Eye Bank presented Owen Alvis of Boissevain with a cheque of \$1000 to help cover the costs of a prosthetic eye. Alvis lost his vision in one eye last year when he had to have an eye removed because of a tumor. He was fitted with a prosthetic eye recently.

A presentation explaining the services of the Lions Eye Bank was given by Lion Cheryl McKitrick to about 70 Lions and guests on Thursday, February 26 at the Home Hotel in Boissevain.

The Lions Eye Bank provides necessary programs for persons in need of transplant surgery, medical treatment and equipment. They administer funds donated by public-spirited citizens and Lions Club.

Following the presentation Owen Alvis thanked the Lions and the Lions Eye Bank for their support.

Photo (I-r), Lion Cheryl McKitrick, Owen Alvis and Boissevain Lion President John Smith.



## 5M13 Lions Zone 5 annual year end windup, BBQ, picnic, camp out at Sandy Lake: June 13, 2015

Submitted by Lion Bob Brudy Shoal Lake Lions

On Saturday, June 13, 2015, the clubs of Zone 5 will be hosting the 2nd Annual Year End Windup with a BBQ/ picnic/camp out taking place at the Sandy Lake campground in Sandy Lake, Manitoba. This is a weekend planned where ALL Lions and their families can gather to foster the spirit of Lionism and camaraderie, in an informal setting. The opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones will encourage members, renewing their dedication to the cause of Lionism. It is intended the windup will show there is a fun side to the club. If clubs have new prospective members this would be an ideal opportunity to invite them to attend and to see first hand what we are all about.

Invitations are being sent to the Zone executive and Lions from surrounding Zones encouraging their attendance. As this is proposed as a fun event formal activities and speeches will be discouraged.

Members will be encouraged to bring their campers, and spend the weekend socializing with fellow Lions but those who don't camp can come for the day. Children, grand children, cats and dogs would all be welcomed. The campground is adjacent to Sandy Lake which is popular for swimming and fishing. Last year saw approximately 50 people in attendance.

The main attraction of the evening will be the community supper, with organizers working on plans and where members would bring a "pot luck" dish to share. The evening will conclude around the campfire. Refreshments will be the responsibility of those attending (BYOB).

Please direct any questions or responses to Lion Bob Brudy at your earliest convenience. I can be reached by email or by telephone at 204-759-2393. Questions regarding the campground and reservations can be done through Lion Paul Richoon at 204-585-5332.

# Lions at Work - Roar for Hearing: Sept. 13



L to R: Lions Bev McCabe (Chair), Lion Beth Smale, Lion Don Martin, Lion Margaret Martin, Lion Bev Makinson, Lion Don Makinson Missing: Lion Lloyd McCabe (photographer), Lion Marie McKean, Lion Chad Bodnarchuk

Members of the "Lions Roar for Hearing" committee are working hard planning this year's fund-raising event, scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Two Creeks Campground at Austin's Manitoba Agricultural Museum.

This year, participants are invited to enter any licensed vehicle e.g. motorcycles, classic or vintage autos, modern day vehicles, etc. in a ride that will feature a Poker Derby through a scenic part of Manitoba.

A \$20 entry fee entitles the entrant to free camping, a free meal and one poker hand.

Funds raised at the "Lions Roar for Hearing" event are designated for Infant Hearing Program Enhancement. Donations in the form of time, assistance, money/pledges or items for the bucket auction are welcome.

Contact Lion Bev McCabe, Chairperson, beverlyjolene@gmail.com 204-726-5367.