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## Hall of Fame .... *Lion Rick Plaisier*

PDG Lion Rick Plaisier of the Oak Lake Lions was inducted into the Multiple District Hall of Fame at the Multiple Convention in Bloomington, MN.

Recipients of the MD5M Hall of Fame award are nominated by their club or an individual to receive the award. It is voted on at the district convention and the individual is inducted at the MD5M multiple convention.

There can only be one award presented /district / year. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We serve".

PDG Lion Rick Plaisier has been a Lion for over thirty years while serving with three clubs and holding the position of President for each - Rossburn, Virden and Oak Lake.

Lion Rick has been very active at the District level. This included being a Vice District Governor in (5M7) and several positions in 5M13, including: Zone Chairman; Vice-District Governor and then the District Governor in 2004-05; chairman for Extension, Lions-Quest, MERLO, LEOs, LCIF, and the co-chairperson for the District 5M13 Mid-Winter Convention. As the Extension chairperson, new Lion clubs were formed in Canupawakpa and Waywayseecappo, and as LEO chairperson clubs were formed in Virden, Rivers, Hamiota, Swan Lake and Teulon. He was a leader with Youth Exchange and hosted students from various countries over the years.

Lion Rick has been a District Governor mentor, gave presentations at both the District Conventions and at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. On several occasions he has served as a motivational speaker. He is both a Melvin Jones and Presidential Award recipient.

For over twenty years Lion Rick has been active in municipal governments serving as councillor and mayor for both the Village of Rossburn and the Town of Virden. He is presently the Reeve for the Rural Municipality of Sifton and on the Board for the Western District of the Manitoba Municipalities.

Within his profession he served as teacher and administrator for 34 years, provided several leadership roles with the Manitoba Teachers' Society, the Manitoba

Association of Principals and as a Director for the Canadian Association of Principals.

Lion Rick is married with three sons and eight grandchildren. He has always been active in the communities in which he lived.



DG Omer Champigny with PDG Lion Rick Plaisier and wife Marie and Lion Dale Champigny

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Crystal City Lions Club	Crystal City	12:30 pm	1:00 pm	Crystal City Park	Cheryl McKittrick	204-873-2091	cemckit@gmail.com
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Minnedosa Lions Club	Minnedosa	9:00 am	10:00 am	Minnedosa Walking Trail	Donna Illebrun	204-867-2330	meridawn@MTS.com
Portage, Oakville & MacGregor	Portage	9:00 am	10:00 am	Lion's Den, Island Park	Wif Schellenberg	204-857-4309	wasdmd@mymts.net
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Shoal Lake Lions Club	Shoal Lake	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Community Center	Rosana Neufeld	204-759-2671	mini@mymts.net
Flin Flon Lions Club	Flin Flon	Fall - TBA			Debbie Kuzub	204-687-4298	debkuzub@yahoo.ca

# Lions enjoy the MD5M 96<sup>th</sup> Lions convention

The Lions MD5M 96<sup>th</sup> convention was held April 17-19, 2015 at the Marriott Hotel, Bloomington, MN, hosted by the 5M6 PDG's

Great time was had by Lions Cheryl and Bill McKittrick, Lloyd and Bev McCabe, VDGE Gord and Wanda Kingdon, Willie Brown, Kim Kubek, PDG Rick and Marie Plaisier, DGE Louise Kernsted, DG Omer Champigny and Dale Champigny.

The attendance this year was a whooping 525 Lions, Lioness, LEO's and spouses. What a fun time of fellowship, learning and fun! We were honoured to have Past International President Al Brandel and Lion MDR Maureen Murphy from New York as our International guests. What an honour to have these great Lions visit our Multiple District.

Friday eve started with the Past District Governor's Banquet, and the Red Cap

Awards which were given to PCC Bruce Beck and PCC Jim Diehl of Minnesota Lions.

The Service of Remembrance was awesome, as we remembered all the fine Lions who passed away this year from our Multiple. Seeing all the white flowers under the black light was so meaningful as Amazing Grace & Somewhere over the Rainbow was sung by Lion Dave Williams. Remembering the 313 fallen Lions was a memorable tribute to our great Lion friends.

Entertainment for the Friday evening was the "Rockin Hollywoods". Great 50 & 60's music. Lots of toe tapping and dancing by all.

Saturday morning was the Business meeting followed by the luncheon, where the "Hall of Fame awards were given. We were honoured to have 5M13 Nominee, PDG Rick Plaisier from Oak Lake Lions. Congratualtions, Lion Rick, "well deserved."

During the morning there was lots of chatter in the hallways, Diabetes screening, Vision & Hearing screening, LEO Meeting and Lioness get together.

Noon luncheon speaker was Dr. Maureen Murphy. She talked about their experiences, good and bad as they traveled the world for Lions. Very interesting information. All present laughed and cried together.

Afternoon was spent attending seminars

- 1) Dr Brooks Jackson, U of MN Medical
- 2) Carol Ann Kirkbride, Leader Dog Puppy Raising
- 3) Annette Kuyper, beyond the yellow ribbon
- 4) Justice Paul Anderson, speaking on Justice issues.

PIP AL Brandel gave an extremely good message at the Governor's banquet. Humorous and informative, about he and Dr. Maureen's experience as they traveled the world during his Presidential

year, what sadness and joy they encountered and how Lions help at times of need and during disasters. He spoke of their time in Haiti, and the good that Lions have done for the people of Haiti, thanks to LCIF.

Saturday evening entertainment was listening music, "the Beer Nuts", people just continued to socialize together. Lions have a lot in common. WE SERVE.

Sunday was the time for hugs and goodbyes after a great brunch. I would encourage any Lion, Lioness or LEO to attend this convention.

97<sup>th</sup> Convention will be in Mankato, MN, 5M2. Join us at the Bend in the River II, April 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016



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IPIP Barry J. Palmer reported in his April correspondence to all clubs that he wanted to thank everyone who donated to LCIF this year. He stated Lions are making a difference in their communities by serving in whatever capacity they can.

Although the Lions Measles Initiative focus was during the month of April, I would encourage each of your clubs to consider a donation if you have not already met the challenge. The LCIF goal for 2014-2015

was to raise US\$7.5 million. I am pleased to report that some of our Clubs in 5M13 have already made substantial donations to this very worthy cause and I thank them for their commitment.

While attending the recent MD5M Convention, PIP Al Brandel and his wife Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy shared with us a couple of stories of the work that LCIF has been involved in the face of disasters. He talked of the Lions work in Haiti and China. On their trip

to Haiti they were met by three Lions from three separate clubs that were in Haiti at the time. As it turned out these three clubs each assisted in providing LCIF aid to 3000 individuals in a tent city. Eventually homes were constructed so you can see that Lions do make a difference. As a result of this serve there are now ten Lions Clubs in Haiti.

IPDG Lloyd McCabe, Chair  
5M13 LCIF

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## Bowsman Lions Club to be featured in Lion Magazine

The May issue of Lion Magazine will include a story about using social media to attract younger members. How have you used your website, Facebook, Twitter, etc., to generate interest in your club?

The Bowsman Lions Club have been contacted by the Lion magazine on how their club uses Facebook and their e-Clubhouse for unique "digital marketing" to promote Lionism locally and worldwide.

International Director candidate Lion Bruce Beck as well as Lion Chris Miles,

District 5M13 Cabinet's Technology Chair, have used the Bowsman Lions Club's Facebook page as an example during their presentations on how Lions can use social media.

Check the Bowsman Lions Club facebook page out.

The Lion Magazine is looking for your unique "digital marketing" projects! Contact LION magazine at: lionmagazine@lionsclubs.org or at 630-468-6909 or 630-468-7023.



### Correction

In last issue, we made a spelling error when posting a death notice.

It should have read:

**DEATH**  
PDG Lloyd Morice  
*Brandon Lions Club*  
District Governor,  
1998-1999

Died February 25, 2015  
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## Honour your deceased Lions with a memorial plaque

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This is done by providing the name and life years (birth to death), years of Lion service (joining until discontinuance), club name, and a \$100 plaque cost. The purchase price includes the cost of the engraved plaque plus tax, assistance with memorial maintenance and, following the purchase of the first ten plaques, a donation to the Medical Assistance Program.

*Please honour your deceased Lions with a memorial plaque. Forward the \$100 cost to:*

Lion Craig Houhson  
Manitoba Lions Memorial  
Box 536, Warren MB R0G 3E0



## 2nd Annual Lions Roar for Hearing Sunday, September 13, 2015 at the Three Greys Campground, Austin, Manitoba

(3 km south of Austin on Hwy 34)



This event is to raise funds for the enhancement of the Lions Infant Hearing Program. It will include a motorcycle and classic car poker derby. Any licensed vehicle is welcome to participate. Ride will leave the campground between 11 am and 1 pm and return for awarding of prizes between 4 and 5 pm.

Donations will be accepted for the infant hearing program. Registration \$20 for a poker hand and a free meal. Donations of \$20 or more also qualify the donor for free camping on Saturday night, September 12.

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# 5M13 Lions Club Directory

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

## Binscarth Lions Club

VISIT BINSARTH LIONS ON FACEBOOK  
Meet every 2nd & 4th Wed., Drop In Centre @ 7pm  
Pres. Harvey Kingdon 204-532-2443 kingdon@mts.net  
Sec. Phylp 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 debjensen@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 ksilverthorn@mynets.ca

## Boissevain Lions Club

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN BLOOM WINNER  
Meets 2nd Thurs. at 6:30pm (supper) 4th Thurs. @7pm  
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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 cjohnson21@gmail.com  
Treas. Ben Ward wardone@mymts.net

## Brandon University Lions Campus

### Club Branch

Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday at BU  
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& Josh Hoppe, joshhoppe9@gmail.com  
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## Brandon Prairie Pride Lions

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## Brandon Wheat City Lions

PLEASE COME PAY US A VISITATION  
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## Crystal City Lions Club

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## Dauphin Lions Club

JOIN US AT THUNDER'S COUNTRY RESTAURANT  
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## Elphinstone Lions Club

GATEWAY TO BUFFALO PARK  
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## Elgin & Area Lions Club

THE RECYCLING CLUB - SMALL CLUB BIG HEART  
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## Erickson Lions Club

"THE LAND OF THE VIKINGS"  
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## Ethelbert Lions Club

COME JOIN US EVERY 2ND & 4TH MONDAY  
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## Flin Flon Lions Club

HOME OF "FLINTY'S BOARDWALK"  
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## Gilbert Plains Lions Club

"HEART OF THE PARKLAND"  
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Sec. Barry Randell 204-548-2502 bjrlandell@mts.net

## Hamiota Lions Club

HOME OF POPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE RESERVE  
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Sec. Gwen Argue 204-838-2166 gwenargue@gmail.com

## Holland & Area Lions Club

HOME OF THE "HOLLANDERS"  
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Pres. Brad Verniest 526-7603 bgverniest@hotmail.com  
Sec. Hugh Fraser 204-526-2378 hjfraser@mts.net

## Holland & Area Lioness Club

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

## Kelwood Lions Club

COME JOIN US  
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## Kenton & Area Lions Club

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## MacGregor Lions Club

THE HEART OF THE KEYSTONE PROVINCE  
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## Oakburn Lions Club

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## Oak Lake & Area Lions Club

HOME OF ISAAC "THE OX"  
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Sec. Travis Wallace 204-855-2125 twallace@rflow.com

## Pipstone Lions Club

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Sec. Brenda Bohne 204-854-3300 bohne@mymts.net

## Portage la Prairie Lions Club

SERVING SINCE 1938  
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## Roblin & District Lions Club

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## Rosburn Lions Club

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COME JOIN US AT CHICKEN CHEF  
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## Sandy Lake Lions Club

COME VISIT OUR CAMPGROUND  
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## Shoal Lake Lions Club

HOME OF THE PIT ROAST BEEF DINNER  
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Sec. Rosana Neufeld 204-759-2671 mini@mts.net

## Snow Lake Lions Club

COME JOIN US  
Meet 2nd Tuesdays @7pm Basement of USWA Building  
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## Somerset Lions Club

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## Sinclair & Area Lions Club

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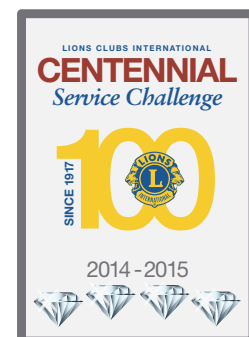
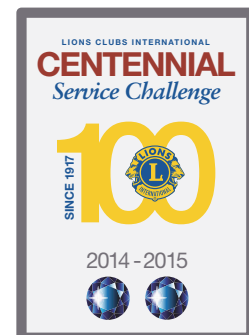
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IPDG Lloyd McCabe  
Chair, 5M13 Centennial Service Challenge



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# Binscarth Lions honoured for efforts

District Governor Omer Champigny, with club president Harvey Kingdon, honoured three members of the club for their community services. The presentations were part of the program during the District Governor's annual visit.

Clifford Tetzlaff was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship, which is an international award in recognition of humanitarian efforts.

The Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, a Canadian award in recognition of outstanding service, was presented to Lawrie Lamoureux.

The Hope Medal, a multi-district award sponsored by the Medical Assistance Program of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, Inc. exemplifying outstanding community service, was presented to Linda Charron.



Lion Cliff Tetzlaff receiving Melvin Jones Award from DG Omer Champigny.



Lion Lawrie Lamoureux receiving the Judge Brian Stevenson medal from DG Omer Champigny.



Lion Linda Charron receiving a Hope Medal.

## Binscarth Lions provide community assistance

The Binscarth & District Lions recently provided financial assistance to the following community groups: the "Park & Pool" - \$5,000 towards a new pool liner; the "Binscarth Curling Club" - \$5,000 towards new rink lighting; the "Metis Friendship Centre" - \$500 towards heating repairs; and the "2015 Binscarth Homecoming" - a \$5,000 start up loan.



Lion Cliff Tetzlaff and Lion Harvey Kingdon present Donelda Thompson of the Binscarth Curling Club with a \$5000 donation.



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select: Links to Lions Sites & Reporting

## BINSCARTH LIONS CLUB

Getting ready to host Purina Walk for Dog Guides; Collecting eyeglasses in nearby town of Foxwarren; Delegation to Rossburn Anniversary party; Weekly Bingo, estimate \$2000; Regular season Hockey Draft almost complete & playoff draft starting.

Donations to: Chron's & Colitis research \$200; Local Park & Pool towards a new pool liner \$5000; Local Curling Club for new light fixtures \$5000

## BOWSMAN LIONS CLUB

Held Heart & Stroke Pancake luncheon; Held Pancake luncheon for local snowmobile club's annual vintage ride; Getting ready for & held annually "Billy Beal Fishing Derby" with Swan River & Minitonas Lions.

Donations to: Dog Guides \$100; Hole sponsor at local summer Golf Tournament \$500

## BRANDON PRAIRIE PRIDE LIONS

Nine members delivered kits across Brandon to the volunteers doing door-to-door fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society in April.

Donation to Lions Foundation of Canada \$100

## CRYSTAL CITY LIONS CLUB

Lions Literacy Project, given out 5 books to new births in the community & surrounding area ; Committee meetings for April 25th Auction & Dinner; Community calendar sales completed \$2400 .

Donations to: "Katie Cares" Project;

6-150 Monthly Draws; Camp Bridges; Grade 3&4 Class Trip; Kelsey Brewster Memorial Fund;; Purchasing a commercial warming oven for the new Community Hall

## ETHELBERT LIONS

Selling community calendar; Donated \$100 to North Parkland 4-H Speak-off; \$250 Medical donation.

## HOLLAND LIONS CLUB

Steak Night

## MacGREGOR LIONS CLUB

Participated in Centennial Park Improvement Committee Planning; 200 Club Ticket sales completed \$5000.

Donations to: Medical Assistance Program of MB & NW ON \$500; LCIF One Shot Measles Initiative \$500; Lions Foundation of MB & NW ON \$500; Katie Cares Foundation of Winkler/Morden for Boundary Trails Parents Residence Project \$500; Nor-Mac Community Centre, Youth & Community Recreation \$350; Lions Eye Bank of MB & NW ON \$675; Canadian Diabetes Association \$375; Camp Bridges, Youth Summer Camp for Bereaved Children in MB \$50; Big Brothers, Big Sisters Bowl for Kid's Sake 2015 fundraiser \$150

## MINNEDOSA LIONS CLUB

Donations of \$350 to: Kidney Foundation of Manitoba; Western Canada Blind Golf

## OAKBURN LIONS CLUB

17 members

## OAK LAKE LIONS CLUB



## Melita Lions provide Victims of Violence ID Kits

Melita & Area Lions Club President Lion Marilyn Renwick presented the students of Melita School with Victims of Violence ID Kits. Assisting Lion Marilyn was RCMP officer Jamie.

Had a supper meeting with Virden Lions on March 24th. Convention a success with each club getting 30% of the profits & District 5M13 getting 40%..

## OAKVILLE LIONS CLUB

Community Hall Maintenance & Pancake Breakfast during a Provincial Hockey Tournament \$288 - 2 Bartending socials \$454.

Donation to CFS Region \$100

## PIPESTONE LIONS CLUB

Weekly Bingo

## PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB

Lions supplied refreshments for Blood Donor Clinic \$80; served by la Prairie members; Used eyeglasses collected from local optometrists & delivered to Eye Bank in Winnipeg; 200Club Cash Draws, two for \$600, one for \$1000.

Donations made to: "Bowl for Kids' Sake \$500 for Bowlathon; Western Blind Golfer's tournament \$100; La Prairie Lioness Celebrity Auction 2 sets of tickets to RBC Junior Hockey Tournament, value \$370; Walk for Dog Guides \$50 from Class Action Law Suit for Chocolate Price Fixing Suit plus \$50 more

## RIVERS LIONS CLUB

Planning for summer activities including 40th Anniversary, events banquet & District Governor's visit

## ROBLIN LIONS CLUB

Donations to: Return cheque (Chocolate Drive) & donation \$100; Membership Crocus Trail (Canada Trail) \$50

## ROSSBURN LIONS CLUB

Lions supporting a Diabetic Flea Market with service at the event. Funds raised to help send a child to summer camp; African Choir, Lions supporting with service and funds for food for visitors \$400; Assisting

financially with construction of a new tourist information site at local Co-op gas station \$200 to be paid early fall; Assisting with meal preparation at local fall Fly Fishing competition - 55th Anniversary Gala with 136 community people & Lions in attendance (11 clubs); Bar duty at local hall wedding social; Optelec magnifier machine purchased & in use for Rossburn resident \$3600 cost shared with Ride For Life and Lions Eye Bank; May 26 Safety Day, financial assistance & service; March 23 Emergency meeting with Zone Chair & new executive put in place by elections; Goods & Service Auction in Rossburn on July 1

## SPRUCEWOODS LIONS CLUB

Monthly Meat Draw \$150

## WARREN LIONS CLUB

17 members

## WAWANESA LIONS CLUB

Men's Breakfast at Personal Care Home; Working shifts at Rink Concession \$80; March Meat Draw \$339; Fish Fry \$555.

Donations to: Recreation Commission \$555; Hearing Foundation \$200; Lions Foundation of Canada Project Pride \$200; Eye Bank \$100



## Lions purchase computer for Teulon Senior Resources

When Teulon Senior Resources' computer crashed, they needed a replacement as soon as possible! They requested help from Teulon & Area Lions, who were pleased to assist by providing the necessary funds for a new computer. On April 16 Teulon & Area Lions' presented the cheque to the Senior Resources Board. (l-r) Dennis Hawkins, Teulon & Area Lions 2nd VP; Barb Mankewich, coordinator, Teulon Sr Resources; Nancy Dumas, Sr. Resources Board Chair; Laurence Rutt, President of Teulon & Area Lions; Gloria Anderson, coordinator, Sr Resource

## EYEGASSES & HEARING AIDS COLLECTED

Minnedosa Lions Club - 116  
Crystal City Lions Club - 35  
MacGregor Lions Club - 28  
Portage la Prairie Lions Club - 325  
Brandon Prairie Pride Lions - 7 plus 1 hearing aid





# Lions at the Lake *Billy Beal Classic Ice Fishing Derby*

By Terra Pohl

With Whitefish Lake frozen at 36 inches of ice, the temperature a balmy minus 12 degrees Celsius, and hardly a breath of wind, the scene was set for the 18th Annual Billy Beal Classic Ice Fishing Derby.

Taking place March 21, the event saw approximately 500 fishers of all ages try their luck at hauling in the biggest catch – a \$10,000 grand prize for the heaviest fish.

"I thought it went very well," said Derby Chair Lion Al Karton. "It was a good day for our derby, and I think everyone went home satisfied even if they didn't win anything."

This year, the winning fish was caught only 15 minutes into the derby by Celesta Church, whose three pound, 14 ounce pike was the heaviest of 12 pulled in throughout the day.

Although the numbers caught were down from last year's derby, it didn't phase the enjoyment had by those who

attended.

"It was awesome fun," said Natalie Kematch, who took part in the derby with family and friends. "That's what we came for. We didn't come for the \$10,000 – but it would have been nice!"

A number of prizes were given throughout the day, including oldest fisherman which went to 80-year-old Ron Barrows, and youngest fisherman which was awarded to two-year-old Pierce Brading.

"I didn't think he would be this into it," said his mother, Dana Johnson, who smiled as her son peeked into his ice hole to see what he could see. "He's had a great time."

Fishers at the event included individuals from the Valley, Winnipeg, Drayton Valley, Alta., and even Taiwan.

"I really like (ice fishing)," said Rotary International Youth



The youngest fisher of the day, two-year-old Pierce Brading takes a peek into his ice hole while his mother, Dana Johnson smiles at her son's curiosity.



Rotary International Youth Exchange Program student Iris Lin jumped at the chance to participate in the derby by ice fishing – something she had never done at home in Taiwan.



Minitonas Lion Dave Lukie (left) chats with Swan River MLA Ron Kostyshyn (right) who came out to the derby to show his support.

Exchange Program student Iris Lin, who is presently attending high school in The Pas on exchange from Taiwan. "It's a neat experience, and the derby is amazing."

Overall, the day was a success, with attendees going home having had not only a terrific experience, but the opportunity to contribute to an excellent charity.

"(Proceeds) go to the Swan Valley Lions Medical Assistance Fund," said Swan River Lions President Wayne Markle. "It helps people go back and forth to the city for medical treatment – a lot of people can't

afford those trips."

To date, the Medical Assistance Fund has helped over 200 residents of the Swan River Valley with over \$178,000.

The Billy Beal Classic Ice Fishing Derby was made possible by the joint efforts of the Bowsman, Minitonas, and Swan River Lions Clubs, the generous support of sponsors, and, of course, those who attended.

"It was a good experience," said Brian Brass, who came out to the derby for the first time this year. "I had fun."



Bowsman Lion Albert Outhwaite (left) and Minitonas Lion Larry Burton (right) size up a catch as the official fish scale operators of the day.

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## Sandy Lake Lions welcome new members, present Hope medals

Submitted by  
Kathleen Slashinsky

On Thursday February 12th, 2015, members of the Sandy Lake Lions Club and invited guests gathered at a supper meeting to celebrate accomplishments.

At 6:30 members and invited guests were served a delicious supper by the members of the Sandy Lake Drop Inn Center. Next on the agenda Lion Helmet Neufeld, Zone chair of District 15, presented four Hope Medals to community members. The Hope Medal is awarded to community members or Lions members who go above and beyond giving of their time and energy to their community. The community members presented on this evening with a Hope Medal were: Mr. Earl Symonds, Lori Lewandoski, Lion Doug Davies, and Lion Peter Solynczny.

There were three new members inducted on this evening by Lion Helmet Neufeld to the Sandy Lake Lions: Edna Pdruski, Ken Podruski, and Gordan Kuharski. These three new members were sponsored by Lion Paul Richcoon. We welcome these new Lions, working together to serve our community.

Meetings are held once a month. If you are interested in becoming a Lions member, please drop in for a visit at one of our regular meeting dates, held at the Sandy Lake Drop Inn Center on the second Thursday of the month.



photos submitted by Kathleen Slashinsky

Hope Medal recipients: Lori Lewandoski, Lion Peter Solynczny, Earl Symonds, Lion Paul Richcoon (current club president), Lion Doug Davies, Lion Helmet Neufeld



The new inducted members: Gord Kuharski, Lion Paul Richcoon, Edna Podruski, Ken Podruski, and Lion Helmet Neufeld



Holland & Area Lions members preparing April 4 Steak Supper at Holland.

## Invitation

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## V DG Lion Gordon Kingdon visit Lions Club to promote 5M13 Youth Camp and Exchange Program

At the Lions Club April 2nd meeting, Lions from the three Swan Valley Clubs of Zone 2, which are Bowsman, Minitonas and Swan River had a special visitor. Vice District Governor Lion Gordon Kingdon's made a presentation on the 5M13 Youth Camp and Exchange program. He explained how the program works with the students and host families and that he is also looking for a new Chairperson to take over due to him having additional duties as a Vice District Governor."







**Holland Lions induct new Lion's member**

Lion Cheryl McKitrick inducts Lion Jack Ross with sponsor Lion Brian Drummond into Holland & Area Lions Club.



**Morden Lions induct new Lion's member**

Acting Zone Chair Lion Cheryl McKitrick, New member Lion Jack Klassen, sponsor Lion Paul Link and Club President, Lion Jerry Nelson

**Swan River Lions welcome first Lady Lion into Club**

The Swan River Lions Club is pleased to announce three new members. Here, (pictured from left to right) Lion Andy Puchailo (inducted April 13), Lion Terra Pohl, who is proud to be Swan River's first lady Lion (inducted March 9), and Lion Kelly Gray (inducted March 9). Sponsoring the three new Lions members were (not pictured) Lion Bob Boyachuk, President Wayne Markle, and Lion Cramer Coulthart.



	<b>NEW LION MEMBERS</b>	
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*We need well trained leaders to guide our clubs.*



**Swan River Lions welcome more new members**

The Swan River Lions Club is pleased to announce two new members inducted on November 24, 2014. Here, (pictured from left to right) are Lion Ryan Barnett with sponsor Lion Elgin Barnett, and Lion Douglas Watson with sponsor Lion Alex Haluschak.

**REMEMBER:**

Deadline for the June

Manitoba Lion is May 17th.

**Get those reports in!**



# Rosburn Lions celebrate 55 years

Submitted by Lion Wendy Rosburn Lions Club

On March 21, the Rosburn Lions Club was excited to celebrate their 55th anniversary with members of the community and 11 visiting Lions Clubs, and District Governor Lion Omer Champigny and his wife Dale added to the fun filled evening. Visiting clubs included Binscarth, Birtle, Crystal City, Elphinstone, Hamiota, Minnedosa, Oakburn, Russell, Sandy Lake, Shoal Lake, and Virden. Master of ceremony Nelson Luhowy did a fantastic job of keeping us organized and laughing. Supper by N&L was absolutely delicious. Entertainment included Rosburn Ukrainian Vinok dancers (senior and intermediate girls), singing by local young lady Haley Chuchmuch, and Tom Dowden and Friends of Hamiota who kept the dance floor busy for the rest of the evening.

District Governor Lion Omer Champigny presented humanitarian Melvin Jones awards to three very deserving individuals. Bob Hunter retired after 44 years of Lionism having been involved with many projects in the Rosburn area. Bob held a variety of executive positions in Rosburn Lions club and was one of the recipients of this prestigious award.

Mary Alexander a long time resident of Rosburn,



Denise Melnyk receiving a Hope Medal.

known for her big heart and generous giving to the many successful projects that have occurred in Rosburn, most recently of which being the Rosburn Fitness centre. Mary was unable to attend so M/C Nelson Luhowy accepted her Melvin Jones Award presentation on her behalf.

Our third recipient was also a long standing Lion since 1997, Shirley Kalyniuk. Shirley's participation in many executive positions and Lions club projects again exemplifies why this excellent humanitarian award was also given to Shirley. Her countless hours of volunteerism has helped to make Rosburn a great place to live.

Both Bob and Shirley's terrific volunteer hours given to the Rosburn Lions Club will be greatly missed and have been very much appreciated.

DG Lion Omer also presented a Hope Medal to the busy lion of our club Denise



Shirley Kalyniuk receiving Melvin Jones Award from Lion Wendy Woychyshyn.

Melnyk for her enthusiastic club participation.

The Rosburn Lions Club would like to remind people wanting to be new members the joy of giving and volunteering to help with local needs, emergencies as they arise and assisting both young and old with challenges as they occur. Think about it for only a second and JOIN, You will not be disappointed and your participation will be rewarding and purposeful. You will help make a difference and help make the world a better place.

Thank you Rosburn and Area communities for attending and also enjoying our 55th anniversary gala with the Rosburn Lions Club March 21. N&L thanks for delicious meal. Thank you Nelson Luhowy for being our M/C at the gala. Thanks for generous donations from Lion Ed Workman-Sandy



Bob Hunter receiving Melvin Jones Award from DG Lion Omer



Donation by Lion Rick Plaisier of Vintage Jacket from Rosburn Club for Museum Collection presented to Lion Wendy

Lake, Marion Koltusky-Olha, Rosburn Farm and Auto, N&L, Ashley Mackedenski and family, Jake Unrau,

Bill Antoniwi and Dukefest Committee. Funds will be used in community projects as they occur.



Great crowd attending Gala-Theme St Patrick's Day



Mary Alexander receiving Melvin Jones Award from Lion Wendy Woychyshyn (L) and Lion Nancy Drul (R).

# Eye of the Lion *A lesson in leadership*

To renew, refresh and grow in service,  
local Lions attend a four-day Regional Leadership conference in Mahanomen, MN

Break the inner leader out of it's shell, attend this session

## Lion Marie McKean Austin and Area Lions Club

When I came home from this amazing experience I kept getting asked what was your favourite part about your experience. My response was I did not have one favourite part as the whole thing was an amazing experience in itself and I could not pick out one area that I thought was better over the rest.

The first night there was an ice breaker night and we got to meet lions from all around our multiple and with all different levels of experience in being a leader and all different years of being a Lions member. I met so many friendly and engaged people. The facilitators sure made it fun that night and really started us off in an excited fashion and ready to learn.

Throughout the days we learned a lot about mentoring, communication goal setting along with many other wonderful topics. The facilitators kept us engaged and made it lots of fun. During these sessions we got to know a lot about the Lions in our group. It was unbelievable

to listen to their experiences and what they are passionate about in Lions. A comment made in my team was "if this group was a Lions club we could accomplish so much", this was how well we all worked together and took part with one another. There was not one day that went by that we didn't have some great laughs and great conversations.

So something I could definitely say when I came home was how I made so many wonderful connections with other fellow lions and was able to take home many great ideas. I have made many friends that I know will keep in touch, we even have our own Facebook page. The facilitators did such a great job at keeping us engaged, creating good times and lots of laughs, they left us with the feeling that we can become strong leaders and do amazing things in the future.

I would encourage anyone who may already be a leader or even if you want to break that inner leader out of it's shell, to attend this session. I am truly grateful for this experience and to have learned so much to take back to my club and district is unbelievable.



Multiple Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Mahanomen, MN. This is an opportunity for Lions on all districts to meet new Lions, make lasting friendships and broaden their Leadership knowledge. (l-r) Lions: Chris Miles and Myrna Miles from MacGregor Lions Club, Facilitator Cheryl McKitrick, Marie McKean from Austin Lions Club and Tanya Cameron from Rivers Lions Club

## How I spent my Spring Break

### Lion Tanya Cameron Rivers & Area Lions Club

I have been a Lions club member for the past seven years and joined the club to serve the community and help people, but I never really knew what it meant to be a Lion. Recently, at the Lions Leadership Institute Conference held March 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in Mahanomen, MN, I learned what the true meaning of being a Lion is. It's not when you sign up to become a Lion's club member, it's when you as club member experience your first act of community generosity or

charity.

Many people may not be aware, that it takes this act or moment for a lion to earn its roar. You see I learned that belonging to a Lions club does not necessarily mean you are a Lion you have to experience that moment. I reflected on all my years of service to determine my moment when I earned my roar and truly became a Lion. It was a few years ago when our club was approached and we were able to offer financial assistance to a family, where a mom was very ill and needed a kidney transplant. Our club provided the financial assistance to

enable the mom to travel to Edmonton and receive her transplant. My moment was when the Mom was granted a new lease on life and embraced that new life. Our club had a support supper in her honour and it was a truly gratifying moment for me to see her there, with her family, living, all in part because of my commitment to be part of the Lions Club and look for moments to be a LION.

The Lions Leadership Institute Conference was filled with many sessions on a variety of topics such as leadership, communication, teamwork, mentoring and goal setting. The sessions were fun, informative, engaging and interactive, but what I found most valuable was the meeting and networking with other Lions, and hearing about their moments. If any Lion club member has an opportunity to attend a MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute conference in the future, take advantage of the opportunity. It was interesting to also hear from other club members about their club's project and goals, struggles and successes. This information is extremely valuable and I plan to bring this information back and implement in the Rivers & Area Lions Club.

## New friends, learned lots, great time

### Lion Chris & Lion Myrna Miles MacGregor Lions Club

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Mahanomen was terrific. We ("we" being myself and my spouse, Lion Myrna Miles) attended and from the moment we arrived we knew it was going to be something different and special.

The group of around 90 Lions was divided into three teams - Orange, Yellow (later self-renamed as 'Gold') and

Green. Myrna and I were put into separate teams (someone was thinking ahead!), myself on Team Orange and Myrna on Team Gold.

There was an Icebreaker on Thursday evening where we were able to introduce ourselves to our fellow team members and get the lay of the land. Friday morning came early with a breakfast and an introduction to our faculty, some of whom, it turned out, were Star Wars characters! (You had to be there). The days

themselves were packed full of information and although they were busy, the time flew past. The Institute covered a lot of information and invited great discussion among the participants.

Because there were many Lions from many different clubs and districts, we learned a lot from each other including what does and does not make for a successful meeting, what fund raisers have worked well, and what makes the Lions experience important and

meaningful. What I found is that we have many common experiences in Lions, and there are also many exceptional moments. We made a lot of new friends, learned a lot, and had a great time.

By the time Sunday came and it was time to leave, we were happy and tired from all the energy of the week-end. If you have an opportunity to attend RLLI in the future, do yourself a favour and take it. You will not regret the investment.