



With Tidings of Peace & Joy

Anything is possible during this magical season,
just as everything is possible with the help of Lions like you!
Merry Christmas to All and all the best in the New Year.



DG Lion Dwayne and Lion Barb Moncur

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THERE'S A **LION**



DISTRICT 5M-13

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2020

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Become a rider or support crew member.*



**WIN A 2019 Ski Doo
Backcountry 600**
Tickets \$5 each
More details inside.



5M13 Lions 2020 Curling Bonspiel

HOLLAND, MB

Friday and Saturday,
January 24 & 25, 2020

Entry fee - \$200 per rink.
Registration deadline - JAN. 5, 2020

More details inside.

CANADIAN LIONS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Lions



100 years of Service in Canada

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by planting 100,000 trees across Canada

and create a Lions Centennial project in
each community where Lions are present.
LCI matching grant of \$6,500 available.

See inside for details.

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Message from District Governor Dwayne Moncur: Together We Serve

Our 5M13 Convention has come and gone. The Binscarth, Birtle and Russell Lions were responsible for organizing and did a great job. I would like to thank everyone that had a hand in making it a success and to those that helped me at short notice. We had visitors from Minnesota, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Connecticut. The feedback we received from everyone was very positive.



Congratulations to Lions DGE Anita Hart, 1st VDG Chris Miles, 2nd VDG and 3rd VDG Ryan Kirkpatrick, your 5M13 District Governor team. As well, congratulations to Lion Cheryl McKittrick on her Hall of Fame nomination.

Travel has been ongoing and lately have been in Mahnommen, MN for a meeting. As well the club visits are starting to come as Lion Barb and I are getting requests to attend meetings, just recently we have been to Austin, Flin Flon and Waskada, and at-

tended a function in Virden as well. We have truly enjoyed our time spent with these clubs.

Upcoming before Christmas we will be visiting with Crystal City, Plumas, MacGregor, Melita, Bowsman and Swan Lake.

Due to a shortage of Zone Chairs, some of the zones were restructured to ensure that all clubs get the opportunity to attend

Zone meetings. This is a good opportunity for clubs to get updates on Lionism and interact with guest speakers and Lions from other clubs. As a point of interest, these meetings are not just for the club executive, all Lions can and are encouraged to attend.

There are some initiatives going on right now such as Lions 2020, Campaign 100 and NAMI (North America Membership Initiative). For more information, the LCI website and Lions Magazine has de-

tails with regards.

By the time you read this newsletter, the Journey for Sight Raffle tickets will be on their way to your clubs. You will receive the same number of tickets that your club received last year unless you let me know otherwise. Thanks to all of you for supporting this fundraiser.

We have had some clubs achieve milestones this year as Birtle and Crystal City both celebrated their 60th Anniversaries.

Please let me know if you would like us to visit your club. It's great to learn about your clubs, communities and the many things you do to support and promote Lions.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Happy Holidays

DG Dwayne Moncur

Upcoming Governors Agenda:

- Dec 3: Plumas Lions
- Dec 10: MacGregor Lions
- Dec 11: Melita Lions
- Dec:14: Bowsman Lions
- Dec 17: Swan Lake Lions
- Jan 15: Pipestone Lions
- Jan 20: Morden Lions
- Jan 24-26: 5M10 Convention Bemidji, MN
- Feb 13: Boissevain Lions
- Feb 14-16: 5M2 Convention, Mankato MN
- Feb 18: Journey for Sight Draw, Birtle
- Feb 20: Portage Lions
- Feb 27: Wawanesa Lions
- Mar 7: Council of Governors Mtg. Roseville MN
- May 1-3: MD5M Convention, Rochester MN

*Please contact myself
or use the form to the right
to book a visit
with your club.
I look forward
to visiting you.*

Club Request for Governor's Visit

Club Name _____

Contact name _____

Phone number _____

email _____

Meeting Location: _____

Requested date of visitation in order of preference.

1st _____

2nd _____

Meeting Time: _____ Dinner meeting? _____

Will there be any other clubs visiting? _____. If so name them:

Will Governor be expected to speak? Yes ____ No ____

Will Governor be expected to install officers? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please have information ready for the Governor, printed clearly.

Will Governor be expected to induct new members?
Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please have the LCI NEW MEMBER KITS WITH
PINS AND SIGNED CERTIFICATES READY.

Will Governor be expected to give out Awards? Yes ____ No ____

Name the Award (s) _____

If yes, please have the information prepared for the Governor prior to his arrival.

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Please return this request form ASAP, so I can schedule my club visits. I will correspond to your club as to which date works well for me. Remember the earlier I receive your request, the easier it is for me to fulfill your first choice.

Please forward this form to **DG DWAYNE MONCUR**
Box 24, Birtle, MB, MB R0M 0C0
R: 204-773-6543
dmoncur60lions@gmail.com

Yours in Lionism, DGDwayne Moncur

Next Manitoba Lion 5M13 Newsletter will be February 2020

We invite all Lions Clubs to submit news and photos to

info@5m13lions.org

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS January 20, 2020

Visit 5m13lions.org to download the bi-monthly newsletter or sign up to receive email updates.

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Our Canadian Past International Officers are encouraging the Lions of Canada to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in a significant and meaningful way. As Lions we have accepted this challenge.

Historical Background

- Lions Clubs first came to Canada in 1920 with the chartering of the “Border Cities Lions Club”. This club eventually became known as the “Windsor Lions Club”.
- This event led to our Association’s name becoming “Lions Clubs International” and it remains so today throughout the world.
- Among other significant contributions to Lionism is that our International Motto “WE SERVE” was submitted to Lions Clubs International by a Lion in Fonthill, Ontario in 1954.
- Countless untold deeds of Service over the years have finally resulted in our reaching the 100th Anniversary in a significant and meaningful way. As Lions we have accepted this challenge.

Lions 2020

In keeping with our heritage and our commitment to the environment and the generations to follow the 100th Anniversary Committee has chosen the following goals as a fitting way to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

- (1) **To plant 100,000 trees across Canada.**
- (2) **To create a Canadian Lions Centennial project in each Community where Lions are present.**
 - The 100th Anniversary Celebration begins July 1, 2019 and ends June 30, 2021.
 - All Clubs are asked to report their projects to their District Governor on the form provided. The District Governors are to forward the Club Project Reports to P.I.D. Art Woods or P.I.D. Carl Young.
 - All Clubs who successfully complete their Club Centennial Project and report same to their District Governor will receive a Club Banner Patch acknowledging this accomplishment.
 - **District Governors whose District raise \$6,500.00 CDN. towards a 100th Anniversary Project are to complete the included “Application Form” (Matching L.C.I. Grant Form) and forward it to either P.I.D. Art Woods or P.I.D. Carl Young.**
 - Upon verification of monies raised an LCI Matching Grant of \$6,500.00 will be forwarded to the District Governor to be used for the District Project.

Lions 2020 Commemorative Pin

- A Lions 2020 Commemorative pin has been created for the occasion. Interested Lions should contact P.I.D. Yves Leveille at “leveille.yves@videotron.ca”

Lions 2020 E-Book

- P.I.D. Gilles Melancon has authored an electronic book titled: “A History of Lionism in Canada March 12, 1920 – March 12, 2020”.
- This E-book will be released in March 2020. Lions should contact P.I.D. Gilles Melancon at “gmelancon@bell.net” for further information.

For further information contact Pi.I.D. Lion Ben Ward
wardone707@gmail.com 204-726-8719(H) 204-761-1878(C)

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ID Lion Mark Lyon Before Judge PGD Lion Helmut Neufeld

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During the evening, several of those in attendance found themselves in need of bail money, including our DG and ID, appearing before our judge, PDG Lion Helmut Neufeld to bribe their way out of jail. Several friendly games of poker took place throughout the evening with people like myself making donations on multiple occasions to the cause, all in good fun of course, and a realization brushing up on our card skills.



DG Lion Dwayne Moncur trying to find someone to post bail





Live entertainment by Michael Oakley



Excellent food service from Russell Chicken Chef



The crown and anchor wheel was also well patronized that evening, and a great deal of old friendships rekindled and new friends made, the finger food later in the evening was well received and Lions Charlene and Kevan McCarthy and their team at Russell Chicken Chef never failed to impress the convention all weekend.



DGE Lion Anita Hart and her PIS (Pup in Service) Jetti

Saturday brought us some very informative presentations from Lions Quest, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Journey for Sight, Wilderness Experience, and a moving presentation from Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS) and their Very Important Patient.

The afternoon saw the delegates in attendance participate in what at times was a very spirited business meeting while several Partners in Service enjoyed making signs at the Partners program. A presentation was also made in the afternoon by ID Lion Mark Lyon, PID Lion Ben Ward and several other Lions in the Multiple District about the "Canadian Rotation" regard International Directors and the opportunity to have a ID from Manitoba in the next few years.



STARS Air Ambulance and VIP (Very Important Patient)



5M13 Clubs who held Dog Walks in 2019.



District Governors 2019-2020

DG Dwayne Moncur, DGE Lion Anita Hart and her PIS (Pup in Service) Jetti, 1st VDG Elect Lion Chris Miles, 2nd VDG Elect Lion Alan French and 3rd VDG Elect Lion Ryan Kirkpatrick.

MARK THE DATE

5M13 LIONS
2020 Convention
Portage La Prairie, MB,
November 13-15, 2020

To celebrate
Lions Canada Centennial
the Theme will be
"Canada, EH!"
with a focus on Sight
with it being "20/20"

Lions are
"Knight of the Blind, in the
crusade against darkness"



We Serve



MD5M Council Chair Lion Rob Rand (With Lion Gwen Argue) giving presentation on Lions Quest



PDG Lion Gareth Boys receiving a Melvin Jones Progressive Fellowship Award from International Director Lion Mark Lyon



Lion Gwen Argue receiving a Leadership medal

Saturday evening brought us to the Governors Banquet with amazing food, and several presentations of awards and Melvin Jones Fellowships. International Director Mark Lyon gave us a passionate speech on getting more involved within our district, zones and clubs, encouraging us to seek out opportunities to serve our communities not just as clubs, but at zone level with cooperation between clubs, and at district level, rather than wait for others to get the ball rolling. Look for the needs in your communities and serve them.

After the banquet, many people stayed at the hall for fellowship while others returned to the hotel to gather in small and sometimes noisy groups. I had to laugh as I headed to one such room I was invited too, and came across a group of young hockey players staying at the hotel that appeared quite taken back that us adults could have that much fun and be that noisy.

Sunday brought us a Non-denominational service followed by another great meal, and a



Lion Beth Smale receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

few presentations, one from ID Mark Lyon about possible international dues increasing and a great presentation from the Executive Director of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and North Western Ontario, Tammy Bach. Presentations were also given on KidsSight, Diabetes and the Lions Foundation of Canada.

It was then back to the business meeting which was no less spirited than Saturday, the Parade of Green, which brought in \$52,360.00 and to round out the convention, the results

of the elections were announced, with PDG Lion Cheryl McKitrick as Hall of Fame Nominee, Lion Anita Hart, District Governor Elect, Lion Chris Miles, 1st VDG Elect, Lion Alan French, 2nd VDG Elect, and Lion Ryan Kirkpatrick 3rd VDG Elect.

The 35th Annual convention was a success in my humble opinion, and I'm sure fun was had by all, I don't know about everyone else, but I'm already looking forward to the 36th Annual District 5M13 convention next November!

Parade of Green totals from the District 5M13 Convention November 2019

Donations came from 36 clubs from the district.

Lions Eyebank	\$3,550.00
Kid Sight	875.00
Lions Foundation of Man. NW Ont. MAP Medical Assistance Program	15,425.00
Lions Hearing (Canadian Division)	3,895.00
Lions Rural Housing	550.00
Diabetes Canada	
Cavalcade for Diabetes	3,050.00
Diabetes Research	4115.00
Lions Foundation of Canada (Dog Guides)	12,175.00
LCIF	5,225.00
Lions Quest	3,150.00
Lions Youth Exchange	1,100.00
Lions Pediatric Cancer	550.00

Total \$53,660.00

MD 5M13 Lions Speak-off results



L-R: Lion Willie Brown, Elliot MacDonald, Brett Lane (tall blonde girl at back row – with glasses), Torynn Dmytriw, Janessa MacDonald, Tess Derksen (with trophy), Morgan Hatt, Wesley MacDonald, Kaitlyn Hatt, Catherine Peters, ID Lion Mark Lyon.

There were nine participants who presented great speeches at the 2019-20 Speak-Off, held Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Russell in conjunction with our District Convention.

Our judges for this year included:

Lion Michelle Kaskiw, Brandon Wheat City Lions
VDG Lion Anita Hart, Portage LaPrairie Lions Club
ID Lion Mark Lyon, Brookefield CT. Lions Club

Questioners were: Lion Cheryl McKitrick and Lion Rosana Neufeld. Timekeeper was Lion Ritchie Davidson.

Tess Derksen of Stonewall, speaking on Russia, won first place in the senior category and is eligible for the sponsored youth exchange.

Grades 6 – 8

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| 1st | Wesley MacDonald | Minnedosa Lions Club |
| 2nd | Kaitlyn Hatt | Binscarth & District Lions Club |
| 3rd | Catherine Peters | Wawanesa Lions Club |

Grades 9 -10

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| 1st | Elliot MacDonald | Minnedosa Lions Club |
| 2nd | Torynn Dymtriw | Minnedosa Lions Club |
| 3rd | Morgan Hatt | Binscarth & District Lions Club |

Grades 11-12

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| 1st | Tess Derksen | Stonewall Lions Club |
| 2nd | Janessa MacDonald | Minnedosa Lions Club |
| 3rd | Brett Lane | Wawanesa Lions Club |



Visiting District Governors at 5M13 convention in Russell:

- L to R
5M13 DG Dwayne Moncur
5M2 DG Dale Lipke
5M1 DG Brian Thies
5M6 DG Tracy Braaten
5M10 DG Wayne Tiemen
5M7 DG Jim Kugler
5M11 DG Deanne Williams

Lions Quest workshop well attended



5M13 held a very successful school based workshop in Brandon on October 25th in fact so successful that we had to split and hold two workshops. EL to Grade 6 which had 39 and Grade 7 – 12 workshop had 18 participants. Break down as far as divisions go:

- **Park West School Division** – Inglis, Waywaysecapo, Decker Colony, Rossburn Elementary, Rossburn Collegiate, Birtle Elementary, Hamiota Collegiate, Monarch Colony and Villages United Early Learning Centre (daycare/nursery school)
- **Fort La Bosse School Division** – Mary Montgomery, Goulter and Plainview Colony
- **Turtle River School Division** – McCreary
- **Prairie Spirit School Division** – Baldur, Manitou, Prairie Mountain Elementary, St. Claude, Glenboro
- **Ecole South Point School** – Winnipeg
- **Brandon University**
- **Brandon Police Services**
- **Lions** – Minnedosa, MacGregor, Kenton

The Lions Quest programs bring parents, educators, and community leaders together to teach children important life skills within a caring and consistent environment. This includes developing skills needed for self-discipline, responsibility, good judgment, conflict resolution, and the ability to get along with others. As a curriculum-based program, Lions Quest provides detailed lesson plans and classroom materials. All lessons are designed to complement the standard curriculum, offering a variety of ways to teach and reinforce social and academic skills. Research shows that students' academic achievement increases with the implementation of a social and emotional learning curriculum. Lions Quest also emphasizes service-learning; students learn important leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school and community service projects. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, students who are involved in helping out in the community are happier at home, less likely to use alcohol or other drugs, and more successful in, and committed to school.

We are very pleased with this great turnout however we still have more schools to reach. If you have a school, daycare etc. that would be interested in learning more about the Lions Quest Program, please let us know. We would be glad to talk to them.



*Lion Gwen Argue
Lions Quest 5M13 Coordinator
gwenargue@gmail.com*



Club news



Minnedosa Lions Club help with identity theft by bringing in the Shred-it truck to Minnedosa President Lion Catharina helping

Minnedosa Lions Club



Lion Lorna plants tulip bulbs in front of the Cenotaph in Minnedosa. Minnedosa Lions purchased 150 bulbs to support the Liberation 75th Anniversary 1945-2019 to commemorate the 1.1 million Canadians who served



Minnedosa Lions Club join in the Community Support of the Westman Youth Choir by preparing and serving supper to 53 youth and 7 chaperones on Saturday, October 18.



Zone 9 Chair Lion Cheryl McKitrick inducted 2 new members on her visit to Swan Lake Lions L-R: Sponsor Lion Sean Ried, new Member Lion Ron Popplestone, Zone 9 Chair Lion Cheryl McKitrick, New Member Lion Jennifer Byer, Sponsor Lion Corinna Delaquis.



Holland & Area Lion President Brad Verniest presents a \$2000 check to Holland Child Centre Director Joanne Gee for program materials.

Also on Lion Cheryl's visit to Holland Lions she inducted Robert Pittet, sponsor Lion Wayne Preston.

Zone 9 Chair Cheryl McKitrick presented Lions David and Shannon Dueck of the Crystal City Lions Club with the Club Award, Dr Patti Hill Zone Chair Award.



On October 26th 19 Flin Flon Lions members and 14 guests, including District Governor Dwayne Moncur and his wife Lion Barb, celebrated the 66th anniversary of the Flin Flon Lions Club Charter. In the picture are awards recipients, and DG Dwayne.

30,000 and still counting

Morden & District Lions recently passed the 30,000 mark in the collection of eyeglasses and lenses for recycling. The count in November of 2019 is at 30,212 since record keeping began in 2004. The recycle program owes its success to the many generous individuals and Optometrist's businesses who donate their unused glasses and lenses to the Lion's project.

Eyeglass collection bins were recently added at the

libraries in Manitou and Miami. That means glasses can now be dropped off at any branch of the South Central Regional Library which also include Altona, Morden and Winkler. Our recycle partners at Optometrist's Offices are Carman Vision Services, Clarity Vision (Winkler) and Focal Point Comprehensive Vision Services in Morden.

The glasses are counted and boxed in Morden using the Eye Bank's shipping boxes so all the Eye Bank needs to do is add a shipping label to send them off to CLERC in Calgary.



Lion Herman with Miami Branch Librarian Cherie Debreuil



Lion Herman Hiebert (left) with staff at Manitou Library



The Journey for Sight

will be arriving in your area between

January 13 - 18, 2020

Join us to help raise money for The Lions Eye Bank and enjoy a fun filled few days by becoming **a rider or support crew member.**

Info contact Journey for Sight Chair Lion Brad Henderson
brad3187@icloud.com or 204-877-3187

Legs from the North, South, East and West. NOTE: If not enough snow in certain areas for snowmobiles to travel, an alternate support team will be coming to your community.



WIN A 2019 Ski Doo Backcountry 600

Retail value \$14,999.00

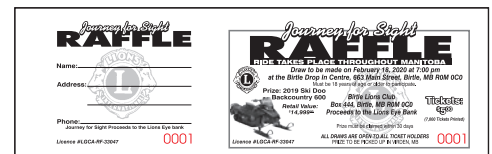
TICKETS \$5.00 EA. (7,000 tickets printed)

Proceeds are going towards the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Tickets only \$5 each. Available from riders and support crew.

Draw will be made on February 18, 2020 at the Birtle Drop In Centre in Birtle, MB.

License number LGCA-RF-33047 • Must be 18 years of age or older to participate



Plumas Lions Club collecting funds to assist four young children who lost their parents and sibling in home fire

The Dauphin Lions Club is forwarding \$500.00 to the Plumas Lions Club towards their fund raiser and challenge all Lions Clubs in the province to contribute same to help the Plumas Lions Club meet their objective . This is a disaster beyond words.

The Plumas Lions Club continues to collect funds to help some local kids whose mother, father, and sister died in a fire in November.

President of the club Sharni Schettler says anyone can help.

Some members of the Plumas Lions Club "We're continuing to have an account setup under the Plumas Lions Club in Plumas, through Stride Credit Union, that will be taking monetary donations for further things that may be coming up for the family," says Schettler. "You can make donations at any Stride Credit Union, as long as it's put under the Plumas Lions Club -- The Lindsay Children Account."

Four children, who are under the age

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"You just feel so bad for the kids, to lose such important people in their lives," says Schettler. "If it was your own kids, you'd want somebody to step up for your own

kids, and you just feel this responsibility that you need to lessen their burdens and try and make something a little bit easier. It's hard to know how to help, but I think this is a good way to try and start to help."

The Lions Club is the only service club in Plumas, and they wanted to do what they could to help. Schettler says people want to help, as everyone knows everyone.

"We're a very close-knit community here in Plumas. We look after the people in our town," says Schettler. "There are many, many surrounding communities as well, that are wanting to help. That's what you do in rural Manitoba."



5M13 LIONS 2020 CURLING BONSPIEL

AT HOLLAND, MANITOBA
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 & 25, 2020
AT HOLLAND CURLING RINK

Food and drink available at the curling club.

Day will conclude with a banquet and prize presentation.

Entry fee - \$200 per rink. Registration deadline - JANUARY 5, 2020

Each rink will be phoned with the time for their first game.

For additional information call Lion Hugh Fraser 204-526-2578 or hjfraser@mts.net
TEAM DRESS IS EXPECTED.

Lions Club _____

Rink Name _____

Two contacts needed (and should be easily available).
name and phone and email

1. _____

2. _____

Entry form and \$200 entry fee payment to be mailed to

Holland Lions Club
Box 123, Holland MB ROG 0X0

by January 5, 2020.

Please make cheques payable to Holland Lions club

Virден Lions Club hold donation night, \$58,500

It was a cold wintry evening on October 29, 2019, but the atmosphere inside the Virден Lions Hall was warm, friendly and full of anticipation. The Virден Lions Club was giving away money again, as it does every year from the fruits of its labour with the community. We distributed a grand total of \$58,500.00, close to a record amount.

This year 21 groups, both local and provincial, received Lions' support. The attached picture is of the group of recipients. Although we were honoured by a few words from our District Governor, Dwayne Moncur, the only picture taken was that of the recipients.



Each year Virден hosts the Indoor Rodeo and Wild West Daze, hosting the annual breakfast for many years. Each year we obtain assistance from the local Financial Institutions.

Pancakes are cooked on open grill served with sausage, coffee and juices inside the local Legion Hall.

Total labour included 8 Lions, Lions' spouses and the staff of the local banks. Rear to front are Lions Gerald Ogilvie, Art Hunt, Jim Tapp and Marcel Chacun.



Virден Lions Club President Jack Forsyth with Avril Pennycook and her father, Paul.

Diagnosed with Spastic Cerebral Palsy, Avril requires assistance for all of her self-care tasks. She had outgrown a device to help her stand.

A representative with the supply company for the Youth Symmetry Stander approached the Virден Lions Club on behalf of Avril's family for the purchase of a new and larger device. The Virден Lions Club donated \$2,905.00. This was 50% of the total cost.



Lions Den at Virден Funshine Daycare

The Virден Lions Club pledged a capital donation of \$25,000.00 to Funshine Daycare in 2013 to help build their new 65-space center. The building, their second, was completed in early 2019. In May, several of the Virден Lions toured the facility at the grand opening with their Expansion Chair and Center Manager. The loft in the picture has been named "The Lions Den".

Wawanesa host Lions Country Fair

The Wawanesa Lions Club held a second Lions Country Fair for Children on August 24, 2019. This event is free for the community thanks to the sponsorship of many community businesses. There were bouncy castles, a petting zoo, face painting and horse back rides. There were many old fashioned games and races and a baking competition. A number of groups provided vehicles for kids (and adults) to climb on and touch: a road grader, a military vehicle, tow trucks and fire trucks as well as a tractor and an RCMP cruiser.

After nearly a year of planning, it seemed that the rainy weather might spoil the day. Many things were inside the Wawanesa Recreation Centre but a number of things were outside. With the aid of a tent, the petting zoo was protected and Lions hoped for the best. The rain stayed away and the families did not – they came and played and competed in races and enjoyed the day. The only money needed by a participant was to purchase at the canteen and the Lions and helpers were busy all day – as was the popcorn and cotton candy table.

The Lions could not do this without the help of community volunteers. Over 30 people helped by running games and races and supervising bouncy castles or whatever else they were asked to do. Their help is greatly appreciated. This is a great community event and Lions are pleased to know that members of the community are appreciative of it.



Crystal City Lions celebrate 60 years

Aloha, The Crystal City Lions 60th celebration from Hawaii, November 23, 2019 in the Cudmore Community Hall. If you looked around the hall and then closed your eyes, let your imagination go wild, and listened to the beautiful Hawaiian music and singing by the “Olde” Friends, Jamie Smith and Bill McIntosh, you really thought you were in “Beautiful Hawaii”. Hawaii became the 50th state in the USA in 1959, so it was only fitting to imagine we were in Hawaii for our celebration. Thanks to everyone who dressed in their favourite Hawaiian outfit, and came to help us celebrate in style.

The meal of Hawaiian meal was served very elegantly by Prairie Harvest Staff. Thanks to John Sabo and his staff the dinner was awesome.

District Governor Dwayne Moncur and his Partner in Service Lion Barb Moncur, Birtle Lions, DGE Anita Hard, Portage la Prairie Lions, 1st VDGE Chris Miles and his Partner in Service Lion Myrna Miles MacGregor Lions, and 3rd VDGE Ryan Kirkpatrick, Birtle Lions, Lion Lorraine & Les Houston,



Boissevain Lions (our sponsor club in 1959), Lion Geraldine Campbell and Lion Garry Van De Kerckhove, Swan Lake Lions attended to help us celebrate. Thank you all for traveling to be with us for our special evening.

Lion Bill McKitrick gave a detailed list of many of the donations and service that the club had done and continues to do over the many years.

After the formal part of the evening some Hawaiian fun took place, there was a Hula Hoop contest in which Richelle Fallis was the final winner of nine contestants. Thanks to the good sports who entered the contest. The real party mixer

was when each table received a brown paper bag of odds and ends gathered by the committee, and they had to dress a model in their group in the best “Hawaiian dress”. This turned out to be a real mixer with lots of laughter and great imaginations for old and young working together for a common cause. Brad Cudmore had the moves to match the outfit designed for him by his table, so that table was the winner.

The memorabilia table brought back many memories to many people,

and lastly thanks to the 60th Celebration Committee, Lions Cheryl McKitrick, Kristal Bazin, Leslie Vines, Kerri McKay, Carol Smith, Jamie Smith and Lioness Pam King for all their planning for this wonderful celebration.



DG Dwayne Moncur (left) presenting District Governor Award Pins to Lions Cheryl McKitrick, Mark Fallis, Jamie Smith, Bill McKitrick for their commitment as the Executive for the Crystal City Lions Club

President Lion Mark Fallis was also presented with his 10 year member chevron. Lion Herman Siemens who was not able to attend due to work commitments also received his 10 year member chevron.



Lion Cheryl McKitrick presented with the Guiding Lions Certificate after completing the training.

Lions trees ready for Christmas in Boissevain

Boissevain Lions members with the fresh cut Christmas trees, ready for sale. The Lions Club has sold these trees for as long as anyone can remember and it is certainly a major part of a Boissevain Christmas. Proceeds from their sales go to worthy Lions projects in the community. (L-r) Tree delivery rep, Lions Jim Turner, Glen Lepoudre, Les Houston, Lawrence Beard, Brent Hazlewood and Wayne Pringle.



Birtle Lions hold another successful Grain for Green

Birtle Lions Club has had another successful year with their "Grain for Green" fund raising project, though not as successful as in previous the previous 3 years the club has taken on this project due to weather conditions throughout the growing season. The Club planted Red Spring wheat on 100 Acres of land rented south of Birtle Manitoba, with the help of many donations from local businesses and individuals including Twin Valley Coop, Richardson Pioneer, Bicknell Trucking, Graham Seeds, Pizey Seeds, Nichol Bros, and many others.

The crop was sown on May 3, 2019 and attended to many

times through the season by local farmers who donated their time, equipment and often their own fuel to help the crop along. Many thanks go out to those that volunteered to work the various aspects involved with this crop season, Charles Bertram, Jaimie Bell, Garth Butcher, Ethan Butcher, Bob Barteaux, Ron Barteaux, Brendon Barteaux, Fred Barteaux, Dwayne Naylor, Stan Yaskiw and many more!

The 4th crop in this club's ongoing project was harvested on October 25th of this year, realizing a profit after input costs that were not covered by donations of approximately \$20,000.00 for the Club to



go back into the Community. This profit was not as high as in previous years but it still goes a long way to helping the club give back to the community.

A special Thank You to Ron Samchuk of Birtle who came out this year with his video equipment and drone to produce a wonderful 10 min-

ute video on the harvest of this year's crop for the club at no cost, and even inquired about sponsoring an acre for \$200 next year! Thank you Ron!

A huge THANK YOU! to everyone who donated and gave of their time for this project, and many ore already looking forward to next year.





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