



A call for a LIONS Election

January 2021 for International Director in Constitutional Area II, Canada in 2023 - 2025

Two Canadian Lions, PDG. Joanne Ogden of Emo, Ontario and PDG. Doug Wiens of Grunthal, Manitoba are eligible to run as candidates.

Due to COVID-19 health restrictions, and no face-to-face convention business meetings being held (where voting usually takes place), voting is being done by electronic balloting.

A Canadian company based in Montreal, 'Simply Voting', has been hired to guide the district election committees through the process, with PID. Ben Ward as manager.

Election committees in 5M10, 5M11 and 5M13 are collecting names of delegates from the clubs with the three districts, and will be forwarded to Simply Voting to prepare ballots. Instructions will be sent to each delegate on the voting procedure, giving them a link where votes can be recorded and counted.

Clubs are eligible for one voting delegate for every 10 members or majority thereof.

- Example: 14 members - one vote,
- 15 members - two votes,
- 21 members - two votes,
- 25 members - three votes.

Past District Governors are eligible to one vote in addition to their club delegates

Cut off date for determining club membership is December 31, 2020 as recorded on the LCI Records.

Election dates have been set as follows:

- Tuesday, January 19, 2021
 - ballots sent out at 8:00CST (Winnipeg time).
 - January 20 - 22, 2021 - voting will take place.
 - January 22, 2021 at (23:59CST) election ends.
- Votes recorded after this time will not count.

PID Ben Ward, election manager.
Forward all questions to wardone707@gmail.com

Meet the candidates ... MORE INSIDE



PDG. Joanne Ogden
Emo, Ontario



PDG. Doug Wiens
Grunthal, Manitoba

Save the date 5M13 ANNUAL MEETING

Sat., Feb. 27, 2021

Will be held via
Go To Webinar.
Open to all
District Lions members
Stay tuned for further Information.

Journey for Sight Raffle and Ride

The Journey for Sight tickets have been mailed to Lions Club in the district.

There are 7,000 tickets available for sale. See details of raffle on page 2. Your support is greatly appreciated as the Journey for Sight ride and the raffle is the largest fundraiser every year for the Lions Eye Bank. Approximately \$2.4 million has been raised since it started in 1985.

The JFS ride will not be run as in past years with the legs meeting in Brandon. Clubs or zones are still encouraged to collect pledges and if interest, coordinate a COVID safe one day ride in your region. Pledge forms will be available soon.

The money raised helps those in need and allows us to promote the Lions motto "We Serve". Thank you to the clubs in 5M10, 5M11 and 5M13 that help make this event a success.

To order more tickets or have questions, please contact PDG Lion Dwayne Moncur, raffle chairperson at 204-773-6543 or dmoncur60lions@gmail.com

Wondering what to do with Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids Collected?

Lion Helmut Neufeld
of Shoal Lake
will take them and deliver
them to Winnipeg.
Give him a call at
204 759-2671
to arrange drop off.



PDG. Joanne Ogden
Emo, Ontario

Joanne was raised on a dairy farm with her parents that emigrated from Holland and settled in the small town of EMO, Ontario.

With her husband of 35 years, Lion Kent, they raised two daughters, Lion Chelsey and Lion Riley!

She has been a nurse over 35 years, spending 20 of those years in Intensive Care and the past 15 years nursing in the vastly underserved First Nation population. She has volunteered her nursing skills in earthquake stricken Haiti and built homes in Guatemala. She has had multiple acknowledgements throughout her years in Wound Care and honoured with the National Nursing Award of Excellence in 2018. She continues her nursing career assisting in the development of a Wound Care centre and continue to nurse through the troubled time of COVID.

She joined EMO & District Lions in 2010, president of the club in 2014-16 in which she brought the club membership of 18 to 103. She became District Governor in 2018-19 and developed a District team that received multiple membership awards ending with an 80+ positive growth for the year.

She is a graduate of RLLI, presented at Northern Pride Lions Institute, as well as at the USA/Canada Forum in Spokane and the International Convention in Milan Italy. She completed her Facility Development Institute training with LCI in January 2020. She continues her contributions with Lions at Club level, GMT for the District, as well as the current Multiple District GMT. She is the NAMI champion for 5M10, the Chair of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario, as well as a director on the MD5M KidSight Foundation, and Chair of their hospital board.

She has been honoured with many achievement awards in Lions including a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, a Presidential Leadership Award, and most recently the PID Ben Ward Fellowship.

"I believe in the Principles embodied by the Lions Code of Ethics, I believe in tradition but I embrace change...not for the purpose of just change but for a change that has a purpose. I believe that the success of our organization requires eyes and voices of our youth, the knowledge of elders and the strength and commitment of those brave enough to make the changes required. I believe in diversity and inclusion not just through words but through our actions. I also believe that I am brave enough and committed to contribute to the betterment of our organization, our districts, our clubs and our members."

Please follow Joanne at; <https://www.facebook.com/joanne.ogden.71> or email her at wwaogden@jam21.net

"I thank all three Districts for this opportunity and look forward to your support."

Lion Joanne,
EMO & District Lions, 5M10

PDG. Doug Wiens
Grunthal, Manitoba

My Fellow Lions, for those of you who don't know me let me introduce myself. I am Lion Doug Wiens of the Grunthal Lions Club, in Manitoba.

I have been married to Kathy for 33 years. Together we have three daughters and presently have three grandchildren.

I joined the Grunthal Lions in January 2006 with my father as sponsor. Although I haven't been a Lion for very long I got involved very quickly. I was a zone chair from 2009-2012. Was elected as 2nd VDG in 2012 and moved up to 1st VDG in late September of that year when 1st VDG Mike Farrell passed away. I was District Governor from 2013-2014. Together with my team we earned the District Governors Excellence award, which earned myself a presidential medal as leader of the team from PIP Barry Palmer. I was the GMT Chair for 5M11 from 2014-2019, and currently sit as 5M11's Dog Guide Chair. I also represent 5M10, 11 & 13 on the National Liaison committee with Diabetes Canada.

I was also the vice chair of the 2018 MD5M Multiple Convention Committee which was held at the Victoria Inn & Convention Centre in Winnipeg. In 2013 I was a participant representing Lions on STARS CEO Island rescue fundraiser.

Prior to joining Lions I owned and operated a 60 cow dairy from 1984-2004, at which time the decision was made to sell the cows and quota. From 2004 to 2019 I ran an 800 acre grain farm with my father.

In 2019 we sold the grain farm. I also attained my real estate license and started selling real estate in 2004.

During my life I have always been involved with the community. I sat on the regional milk advisory committee with Manitoba Milk Producers, I was the Eastern Holstein Clubs representative on the Manitoba Branch of Holstein Canada for 10 years. I was a 4-H leader with the Southeast Dairy Club from 1998-2003. I was one of the leaders of Team Manitoba's Western Canadian Classic team (which is a junior dairy competition between the four western provinces) from 2001-2012. I sit on the Steinbach Curling Club board of Directors from 2006 to present, including one year as president from 2012-13. As well I am currently the treasurer for my church.

I'm a graduate of the Dale Carnegie program as well as a graduate of RLLI. Now that I'm no longer farming I'm hoping to attend the Faculty Development Institute

This year we will be selecting a representative to run as our International Director Candidate 2023-2025.

I believe I would make a Great ID and would love your vote

Thank You
Lion Doug Wiens
Grunthal Lions Club, 5M11

TICKETS ARRIVING TO YOUR CLUB SOON. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE LIONS EYE BANK.

Journey for Sight
RAFFLE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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RAFFLE

RIDE TAKES PLACE THROUGHOUT MANITOBA

Draw to be made on February 28, 2021 at 11:00 am at
Canad Inn, 2401 Saskatchewan Ave W., Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 4A6
Must be 18 years of age or older to participate.

**Prize: 2021 Ski Doo
Renegade SPT**

**Retail Value:
\$11,758^{MS}**

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Birtle Lions Club
Box 24, Birtle, MB R0M 0C0
Proceeds to the Lions Eye Bank

Prize must be claimed within 30 days

ALL DRAWS ARE OPEN TO ALL TICKET HOLDERS
PRIZE TO BE PICKED UP IN VIRDEN, MB

Tickets:
\$5.00

(7,000 Tickets Printed)