



DG LION ANITA HART AND JETTI

Wow! We're in October of the year 2020!

In July 2020, a number of communities were affected by storms and were flooded as a result of these rains. An emergency disaster grant was applied for and received from LCIF. If you have any questions about LCIF grants, please contact Lion Tanya Cameron – LCIF chair, or myself.

Club officer training will be coming up soon. Please club officers sign up (and anyone else

from the club) to learn more about their positions. Things are changing and we would like for you to be as prepared as possible. These will be done online. Contact Lion Cheryl McKittrick or your zone chair for more information.

Jetti and I were able to join the Birtle Lions at a BBQ in July. We had a great time, thank you so much. I have three visits booked with clubs. Please reach out to me to arrange a visit with your club. We can arrange for the meeting to be done via Zoom/Go To Meeting, or any online platform.

**The district convention that was to be held November has been cancelled. We made the decision to do so for health reasons. The business meeting will go on and we'll update you when we have more information.**

Please make sure that you take care of yourselves and your clubs. It is very important for everyone to make sure that you are healthy and getting what you need from being a Lions Club member. Ask the hard questions to make sure that members are valued and engaged. Doing so will help your club grow as a unit.

One last thing, THANK YOU for all that you do. Every little thing that you do for your community causes a ripple effect. It takes a village to create a community. Smile, hold the door for someone, talk to a child/teenager, play cards with a senior, the opportunities are endless. Kindness matters. What will you do?

Thankyou for all you do.

DG Anita

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## To All Lions Club Executive

Here is the schedule for 5M13 "Officers" training holding via ZOOM.

One session will be each week. You will also see that we have included your Club Membership Chair & Tail Twister so that they can learn their roles as well. It takes many to make a club successful.

This training is 1 hour of your time, you may sit in on all if you are interested, or just join for your particular role.

**THIS IS NOT JUST FOR NEW OFFICERS, IT IS FOR ALL OFFICERS,** even if you have been in the role for years....., there are always new things to learn. Please share with your Club.

**SCHEDULE**  
**All Wednesdays**  
**7:30 - 8:30 PM**

**SECRETARY- October 21**  
by Lion Cheryl McKittrick  
**PRESIDENT - October 28**  
by Lion Anita Hart  
**TREASURER - November 4**  
by Lion Bill McKittrick  
**CLUB MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**  
**or any interested members**  
**November 18**  
by Lion Chris Miles  
**TAIL TWISTER/CLUB FUN**  
**November 25**  
by Lion Willie Brown

If you have not used ZOOM before, all you need to do is download the ZOOM APP from GOOGLE or Store, and when the time comes you will click on the link that will be sent to you closer to the date.

I would suggest that Zone Chairs attend as well, so you can help your clubs. Any questions, please email me. Thank you for helping to make our District strong!

**Lion Cheryl McKittrick**  
**GLT Chair 5M13**  
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## How your glasses may end up in Peru

"I can see perfectly now" were the words Karen Deane, a second year optometry student from the University of Waterloo, now Dr Karen Deane – Optometrist at Focal Point Comprehensive Vision Care in Morden, heard when she gave an elderly man from Lima, Peru his first pair of glasses. He was a kind and grateful man who, during the eye examination, could not even read the biggest "E" on the chart. The man was one of the 2647 patients treated during a mission trip she was on in the summer of 2014.

The mission trip was an incredibly rewarding trip for Dr Deane and she is looking forward to an opportunity to take part in another similar trip to

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## Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides fundraiser supports Dog Guide Training, helping Canadians with medical or physical disabilities

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides trains six types of Dog Guides to meet the needs of Canadians with various disabilities. Breeds commonly used are Labrador Retrievers, Standard Poodles and Miniature Poodles (for those who are allergic to dogs), Golden Retrievers. After puppies are born and when they are 10 weeks old they go to a Foster Family for one year to be trained with the basic learning skills. Then the dog returns to the school and their intense training begins for the specific program, which is approximately 4-6 months, training one on one, with a qualified trainer. Once fully trained, the dog is matched



Crystal City Lions Host Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, September 27, 2020

with it's handler who then spends 2-4 weeks at Oakville, Ontario training school, learning how to handle, trust and bond with their new Dog Guide. The cost for this process is \$25,000.00, which is totally funded by Lions and do-

nations, no government funding, NO cost to the recipient, what a wonderful thing "Lions" do to help individuals regain their independence.

The largest Fundraiser is the "Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides",

and the National Walk was held virtually due to COVID-19 in May 2020. The virtual walk raised almost \$600,000.00

This year thanks to our walkers and people who just donated to the cause, Crystal City Lions Club were able to send \$650 to the Lions Foundation of Canada.

Also, a special thanks to Pet Valu in Winkler, Bill & Cheryl McKittrick, Crystal City Lions, South Country Clothing and Pilot Mound Pharmacy/Crystal City Health for their contributions to the rainbow auction.

Not a beautiful day however, Everyone enjoyed their day, walking, visiting, and watching all the dogs socialize.

## Lion Joanne Ogden, Candidate for International Director 2023-2025

Please take a moment to read about Lion Joanne Ogden, Candidate for International Director 2023-2025. Voting will take place at the District Business Meeting in February 2021 (however that my take place in COVID)

It is an exciting time to be a Lion in Canada this year! The Canadian Lions of 5M10, 5M11 and 5M13, have the responsibility of choosing a candidate for International Director for 2023-2025. Ogden is one of two candidates that have put their names forward.

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](mailto:wwaogden@jam21.net)

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

**Lion Joanne,  
EMO & District Lions, 5M10**

## Eye glasses

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another part of the world where this service is desperately needed.

An important aspect of the entire mission process is the contribution made by the large number of people that makes it all come together. The mission team members pay their own expenses for the trip, the glasses are supplied free of charge by CLERC, trucking companies ship glasses free from Winnipeg and other cities to Calgary, boxes for shipping are donated by a box company, Lions volunteers collect unused glasses and most importantly the many many individuals who donate their unused or unwanted eyeglasses to collection boxes and depots. Shipping from Manitoba is coordinated by the Lions Eye Bank in Winnipeg.

Thank you to the Morden Lions Club and all the other Clubs in 5m13 who provide this valuable service so that there can be many more success stories such as this one.

To read the entire article as submitted please go to [www.e-district.org/sites/5m13/](http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m13/)