



# Lions & Leo's in 5M13

## District Governor Lion Cheryl McKittrick



I am truly honoured and humbled to serve our district as your district governor for this Lion's year. As many of you may not know, the position this year was vacant, and I was appointed by the 5M13 Past District Governors Association to fill the position. The paperwork and all requirements were sent to Lions Clubs International, and I was approved to fill the vacancy. PDG Bill and I look forward to visiting your clubs and bringing the Lions message.

For years, Lions and Leos have been changing the world, one community at a time. Boldness, focused on success and excellence, and commitment to service. These are the benchmarks we must use to grow our clubs so we can be there every time we are called on to serve.

International Dr Patti Hill our second female president's theme is "Changing the World" and my theme this year is "Become the Change" with a butterfly to give us "Hope".

I am so excited to be writing in your newly written newsletter. Thanks to Lion Donna, Lion Gord and Lion Gareth from Minnedosa Lions for finding us an editor to produce our news every two months starting at the end of October. Our Lions have been missing this newsletter for several years. All clubs will hear via email about the process of sending information for the newsletter soon. Please try to keep our district informed of your service. We can learn from others!

Some clubs have booked their DG visit, and I am asking clubs to book their visit early rather than at the end of the Lions year, which will help to inform your club members of the latest changes in LCI.

This year, due to the large geographical region in 5M13, I have asked for Zone Chairs to book a Zone meeting of not just club executives but interested Lions and spouses and plan the DG visit for those clubs at that time. This will be a time of fellowship and fun together. Lions need to do more visiting with each other in their respective areas.

Every Cabinet position this year has been filled, which is a positive step this year and I want to personally thank all the fresh faces and the previous faces for stepping up to lead our district.

Please view the Cabinet positions and their contact information in this issue.

Lead the way! Lions and Leos lead by example. We show the world what is possible when people care about their communities and when kindness is the goal. Lead the way, and others will join you.

## District Governor Cheryl's Goals 2023-2024

- 1. Custom Goal:** That 40% of the clubs in 5M13 will have completed the Club Quality Initiative (CQI) workbook or the Global Membership Approach (GMA) guide.
- 2. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF):** By the end of the fiscal year 75% of the clubs in 5M13 will have contributed to LCIF. Contact Lion Gord Kingdon, Chair
- 3. Leadership Development:**
  - 1) Our district will support and implement the Global Membership Approach (GMA), Contact Lion Dwayne Moncur, Chair
  - 2) To provide Zone Chair training to all Zone Chairs by August 2023, and Officer training either in person or via Zoom, or both before fall and that 75% of the officers will attend. 1st VDG Shannon Dueck GLT, Chair
- 4. Membership Development:** By June 30th, 2024, 5M13 will start one Branch Club that will form a new club and start one Leo club.
- 5. Retention:** Our district will reduce dropped members by 5% this year
- 6. Service and Membership Reporting:** Increase MYLCI and MyLion reporting by 75%, which will be a 14% increase from last year.



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**Immediate Past District Governor - Dwayne Moncur**

Lion Dwayne and Barb joined the Birtle Lions in 2011, when they moved to Birtle. He first joined the Montmartre SK Lions in 1997-1999 as treasurer. Barb and Dwayne are charter members of the Redvers SK Lions, Dwayne was elected President. Since becoming a member of the Birtle Lions, positions held:

- President, Vice Pres, Secretary Birtle Lions
- Zone Chair
- Cabinet Secretary
- Club LCIF Coordinator
- District Governor 2019- 2020
- District Governor 2022 -2023
- MD5M RLLI Graduate

**Current positions:**

- Vice Chairperson,  
Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario
- District Convention Chairperson
- District GMT Coordinator
- Journey for Sight Raffle Chair



Dwayne is currently employed as the General Manager of the Twin Valley Co-op since 2010. He has enjoyed a Co-op career since 1995 that has seen the family to move six times in 16 years, Birtle is now home for them.

Barb and Dwayne have been married since 1987. They have lived in Brandon, Boissevain, Moosehorn and Birtle, MB. As well as Limerick, Montmartre, Saskatoon and Redvers, SK.

They have three grandsons, two of which live in Australia. Needless to say, the grandson that lives nearby gets spoiled when they get to see him.

Barb likes working in the yard and flower gardens in the summer and decorating the house. She also likes to spoil their cats. Barb makes sure that Dwayne gets to and from the Lions meetings, many late nights driving home from Lions meetings.

Dwayne likes to work, golf, spend time in the garage and of course, Lions. He has made many new friends in the Lions community and enjoys promoting Lions and helping where he can to make the Lions a success.

**Lion Michelle Kaskiw – District Secretary**

I am a member of the Wheat City Lions Club in Brandon, Manitoba. I have been a Lion since 2016, was the first female Club President from September, 2019 to June 2021. I became Cabinet Secretary in June 2022 to present. I am currently on the Membership Committee for the Wheat City Lions. I am also on the Youth Outreach Committee for the District and I organize the booth at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair (District project).



# Our Cabinet



## 1st Vice District Governor - Shannon Dueck

1st Vice District Governor Shannon became a Lion February 2nd, 2015. She was inducted along with her husband Lion David, by her Father PDG Lion Helmut Neufeld into the Morden and District Lions Club. In 2019 2nd VDG Shannon and Lion David decided to join the Crystal City Lions Club, where they are still members today.

1st VDG Shannon has not let the dust settle for very long during her time as a Lion. She was Zone Chair 2016/2017, Vice President of Morden and District Lions Club followed by President of the club. She has attended Northern Pride as an attendee and moderator. She graduated from both RLLI and ELLI, has sat on two planning committees for Mid-Winter Conventions, both times as Chair. Presently she is the LCIF for the Crystal City Club. 1st VDG Shannon is a Hope Medal Recipient as well as a Lions Foundation of Canada Life Member.

1st VDG Shannon is the Global Leadership Team Liaison for 5M13 this 2023/2024 year. As GLT she is in charge of bringing training from LCI to the District and our members. When 1st VDG Shannon is not consumed with Lions, she keeps herself busy with work and other volunteer opportunities. She is involved with her church as well as hosting Bible Studies and small groups of the sorts. During her summers she spends time with her family volunteering at The Manitoba Agriculture Museum in Austin Manitoba. 1st VDG Shannon's most important role of all, is that of a Wife and Mother. Shannon and her husband Lion David live in Morden along with their two beautiful daughters Belle aged 19, Felicity aged 17 and their two furry canine kids Ruby and Sasha! 1st VDG Shannon is looking forward to leading 5M13 as District Governor in 2024/2025.

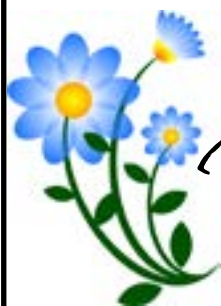
~Serving Together Passionately~



## District Treasurer - Bill McKittrick

Basically, the duties are what you would expect from any treasurer, collect money, pay bills and work on the annual budget with the District Governor Elect. Most of the Revenue comes from semi-annual billings to each club based on a per member charge. Multiple District charges are invoiced by the MD5M Executive Secretary based on the LCI Membership data as of June 30th and December 31st annually. These invoices the district treasurer receives in late July and late January annually. The clubs are then invoiced their amounts that are required to be paid in a timely manner. The Treasurer should NOT have to chase clubs for their due's payments, this should be automatically paid upon receipt of the invoice. Clubs should have a Standing Motion stating that "the Club Treasurer be authorized to pay the due's invoices upon receiving them." Clubs can pay their dues via cheque sent to the treasurer; address is on the invoice. LCI Dues the treasurer if registered on MYLCI or the Club secretary can print the dues amount which is in US funds and Canadian Funds, and a

cheque can be mailed to the Toronto address on the print out, in a timely manner or there is an automatic withdrawal process that can be set up for your club with LCI. This is the most efficient and timely manner to pay your LCI Dues. If your club does not pay within 120 days your club will be put into STATUS QUO which means your club can no longer operate as a club. It is not a process you want to face, so please pay your dues to LCI and District in a timely manner. Expenses that the District pays are Cabinet and District expenses to operate as per 5M13 Rules of Audit.



# Thank You

*From a Lion,*

*Thank you all for coming to Rossburn tonight. It was a very enjoyable, informative and proud event. I believe these types of events get our brains out of neutral and think outside our little box. My grandson came home talking about what a volunteer does and was so happy with our club award. He has sent the picture of the plaque to his other nine-year old friends. Telling them what Lions do. Thank you all again for trying out our little experiment. Have a great Lion year all.*





## Meet Our Zone Chairs

### **Lion Terrance (Terry) McLennan - Zone 1** **Flin Flon and Thompson**

I was raised on a mixed farm south of MacGregor MB. Got my Electrical training in Winnipeg, married Joyce had two children, joined Manitoba Hydro, moved from Winnipeg, to Dauphin, Churchill, Carrol, Sundance, Gillam, retired to Cranberry Portage in 2021.

I was taught to be involved with any community in which I lived, each place that I resided, I volunteer with community work committee, leader, manager for sports teams and service clubs.

Joined the Flin Flon Lions club, working member until 2022 I volunteered to take Zone 1 position as a director on the board, collaborating with Flin Flon and Thompson Lion clubs, I try and ensure they have what they need to function as an active, caring and giving unit.

This last year has given me a much broader perspective of what Lionism is all about, give of yourself to help others near and far.

### **Lion Dwayne Holinaty - Zone 2** **Bowsman and District, Ethelbert, Minitonas and District, Swan River**

Have a love for the outdoors and outdoor sports. Retired from farming and trucking. Back to farming helping a local farmer around my home town.



### **Lion Kevin Stebeleski - Zone 3** **Binscarth, Birtle, Russell and Area, Shoal Lake, Sandy Lake, Oakburn, Strathclair, Rosburn, Elphinstone**

I own and operate Happy Haven Charolais Ranch in Oakburn, Manitoba, along with my wife Crystal and our two adult children Kory (Abbey) and Shaylin (Brendon) and grandson Jayce.

I have been a member of the Oakburn Lions Club since 2011, and I currently hold the Secretary position on executive. I report the progress of the clubs in the zone in the key areas addressed in the districts Governor advisory meetings. I encourage and promote service projects and report information to Lions International.



**2nd Vice District Governor** - really not too sure what my role in this portfolio is just yet other than to take training for my future role and act as an assistant in the administration of the district and representative of the District Governor.

**Global Service Team Coordinator for 5M13** - As the district GST Coordinator I provide capacity building resources to region, zone and club service chairpersons, empowering lions to meet the priority needs of their communities and elevate the member experience through impactful service growth. I know where to find solutions and am able to overcome obstacles. I serve as a conduit between clubs, and multiple district coordinators to ensure the distinct needs of each zone and clubs are being met.

**Lion Lorna Hislop - Zone 4****Dauphin, Gilbert Plains and District, Erickson, Minnedosa, Rapid City, Neepawa, Plumas, Kelwood.**

I have been a member of Minnedosa Lions for the past 10 years. In that time, I have held the positions of Club Secretary, Club Vice-President and I am currently the President of the Club. I have chaired many projects over the years. I attended the RLLI in November 2021 which was a wonderful learning experience.

Chair looking over all youth related programs – Peace Poster/Essay; Speak Off; Project Pride; Leo Clubs; Lions Quest and Youth Exchange. I also became Zone 4 chair with nine Clubs.

This year I have been appointed District Administrator by DG Cheryl to assist her during her year. I am only a phone call or email away.

**Lion Brian McVicar - Zone 5****Virten, Oak Lake, Rivers, Hamiota, Kenton, Wheat City Lions.**

Having taken over as Zone 5 Chair during Covid, I was introduced to the Oak Lake, Virten, Hamiota, Kenton and Rivers mostly via Zoom, phone and email.

I enjoyed meeting in person with some of the Zone Clubs and look forward to meeting those I have not yet visited.

One thing I found they all had in common is a dedication to their Community and area that they proudly serve and support through Lions.

I also found and respect their spirit of independence and length of pride and service in Lions.

Thanks for your fellowship.

Lion Brian.

Zone 5

**Lion Robert Martin - Zone 6****Melita, Pipestone, Sinclair, Waskada.**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Lion Robert Martin, a vision impaired Lion from the Portage Voyageur Lions Branch Club in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

I have been married to Lion Cheryl Martin for eleven years and have been a member of Lions International for over eight years.

I am currently the Zone 6 and Vision Chair for District 5M13 in Manitoba, Canada.

I love to camp, bike, walk and of course, serve my community through Lions.

**Lion Cheryl Martin - Zone 7****Boissevain, Brandon, Wawanesa****Lion Cheryl Martin - Zone 8****Austin and Area, Macgregor, Portage La Prairie, Stonewall and District, Teulon and Area, Warren and District**

I've been with Lions International since May 2020 with Portage Voyageur Branch Club. As of July 2021, I have taken on two Zones making it the current Zone 8 with the communities of Austin, MacGregor, Portage La Prairie, Stonewall, Teulon and Warren. Eventually taking on District 5M13 Bi-Laws and Conditions. This year I have included Zone 7 that includes the communities of Boissevain, Brandon and Wawanesa.

My hobbies are going to Goldeyes Baseball games or Portage Terriers hockey games live. Watching curling to final playoff games for hockey, football or baseball. Otherwise, I crochet, read books, listen to music, camp during the summer by tent or cabin pending on location. Most of all is getting together with family and friends.

**Lion Geraldine Campbell - Zone 9****Crystal City, Holland, Somerset, Morden Roaring Lions, Swan Lake, Swan Lake Leo's, Roaring Morden Leo club**

## Join the District Governor Journey

**July 18th**

We visited Birtle Lions Club for their July BBQ for their members, spouses and volunteers. It was a fun time, and a nice stay overnight in their local hotel. I inducted a new member, Lion Christopher Bently, sponsored by Lion Ryan Kirkpatrick. This club is very active, farms a 1/4 section of land which is an awesome fundraiser for their club.

**September 30th**

We were invited to Sandy Lake to a nice evening at their campground in the Lions Park Hall. This club has moved ahead dramatically since April 2023, and have added six new members. I inducted Lion Doug Powell, sponsor was Lion Blake Budd. I also was privileged to give 40-year Chevrons to three charter members, who had not received their chevrons in 2022 due to the pandemic, Lions Murray Davies, Douglas Davies and Peter Solonyczny. These Lions own and manage the Local Campground of approximately 60 sites. Wow, thank you Lions. What a gorgeous drive for Bill and I in the fall, the colours were beautiful.

**October 3**

We visited the Austin and Area Lions. I enjoyed their meeting and hearing all the plans for their future fundraising and service ideas. This club is busy serving their community needs, and they moved a motion to work with the Austin Cemetery Committee on a spring fundraiser. It is always nice to see groups working together in small communities.

**October 11th**

Traveled to Rosburn who hosted the Zone 3 meeting, DG Visit, Lion Gord Kingdon LCIF Chair, presented as well as Lion Dwayne Moncur, District GMA Chair to 25 attendees from Birtle, Rosburn, Binscarth and District, Sandy Lake, Oakburn and Area, Russell and Area Lions clubs. We also had two young boys attending as well. They were busy playing in the background, but seemingly they were listening to what a volunteer does and what Lions do. Awesome!

Each of the clubs are very active in their communities doing what Lions do best, "We Serve". They all support the Global Causes of LCI and LCIF. Rosburn Lions received the LCIF Model Club Award. Congratulations.





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**November 25, 2023** – Cabinet meeting

**February 23 – 25, 2024** – 5M13 District Convention – Canad Inns,  
Portage La Prairie. Watch for details to come!

**March 15 – 17, 2024** – ELLI Training – Winnipeg, MB

**March 25 - 30, 2024** – Royal Manitoba Winter Fair – Brandon, MB

**April 19 – 21, 2024** – MD5M Multiple Convention – Winnipeg, MB

**The Next District 5M-13 Manitoba Lion Newsletter will be out mid December!**  
**Send all submissions to Lion Lorna Hislop by November 30th, 2023.**

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Lion Gord Kingdon

Hello Lions of 5M13. Welcome to the 5M13 Lions Newsletter. Let me introduce myself to you.

I am PDG Lion Gord, at present, your District Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) coordinator, I am in my 3rd year in this position on the cabinet. I have been a member of the Minnedosa Lions Club since 2004 and have been the president and secretary and now the VP of this fine club. I was the District Governor in 2016-17 along with my Partner in Service Lion Wanda. I've also been District International Youth Exchange, Youth Outreach, GLT and GMT chairs.

I was just like many of you when I decided I would like to take on being the LCIF coordinator. I knew that it was where you could somehow get grants from this branch of Lions Clubs International but that was about it.

Well let me tell you it's far from just a place for money, it is a support for everything Lions do in service of their community and around the world. It is fascinating and interesting. LCIF has programs not only for disaster relief but also Quest, Humanitarian, Vision, Environment, diabetes, Childhood cancer.

I am here to help you and your club to access grants to help you serve the people in your community. I encourage you and your club to join our team of LCIF Club Coordinators. We need to have one from each club as a contact between me and your club so that we can take advantage of the grants that are available through LCIF.

Where there is a need there is a Lion!



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**



My Name is Lion Nancy Drul. I am a member of the Rossburn Lions Club.

I became a member of Lions in November 2014. In that time I have volunteered many hours to the Lions organization within our community. I have held various positions and am the Secretary at this time.

In the spring of 2022, I was approached if I would like to be a Director on the Lions Foundation of NW Ontario and Manitoba. I accepted and am on the QFC committee as secretary. It has been very an educational experience of how our Lions organization contributes all over the world. Via zoom, I have met fellow Lions working within their communities with different projects, fundraisers and "Where there is a Need, there is a Lion" Our pillars, Childhood cancer, Youth, Humanitarian, Disaster relief, Environment and Diabetes are our core.

DG Lion Cheryl asked me if I would be our Diabetes chairperson on our 5M13 Cabinet as it has been vacant for a few years. I have accepted this position, working at it as much as I can. Doreen Landry, Diabetes Administrator for Manitoba has been very helpful to get me started.

November is Diabetes Awareness month so we are encouraging clubs to donate to the Tag Day fundraiser. An email came out earlier in the month with info for clubs. A \$500.00 donation receives a patch to place on our banners.

Diabetes is a very silent condition and creeps up on most people slowly. Diet is very important but also how to manage this disease.

Over the next few months, I am hoping to learn more about this position and will forward info as I receive it.





## Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

### What We Do

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides empowers Canadians living with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence, by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together. Located in Oakville, Ontario with a breeding and training facility in Breslau (between Kitchener and Guelph), we are the only school to train Dog Guides in seven distinct programs. From breeding to rearing and training with a life-time of follow-up services, each Dog Guide is \$35,000 to train and place. The Foundation relies on donations to provide these special matches and does not receive any government funding.

### Our History

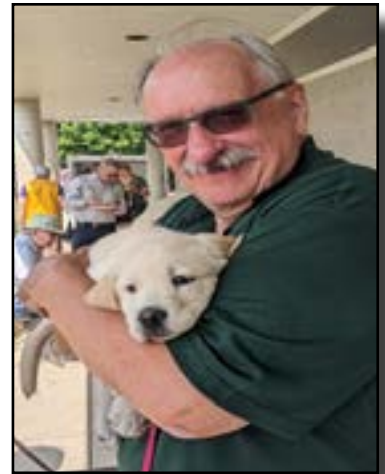
In the early 1980's Lions Clubs across Canada sought to develop a national project to reflect their service to Canadians with visual impairments. The result was Lions Foundation of Canada and its founding program, Canine Vision Canada, established in 1985. Today, as Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, we train and match Dog Guides in seven distinct programs: Canine Vision, Hearing, Service, Seizure Response, Autism Assistance, Diabetes Alert and Facility Support. We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary this year.

### Our Mission

Empowering Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence, by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together.



Lion William (Willie) Brown, Lives in Russell Manitoba Canada, has two children and three grandchildren, and has been a Lion for 35 years, currently a member of the Russell and Area Lions Club. In District MDM5-13 served at District Governor in 2012-13. Had held most club positions, and has served the district as Zone Chair, Region Chair, Cabinet Secretary, Youth Chair, Global Membership Chair and many other positions as needed. Currently Willie is the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Director for Manitoba, Northwest Ontario and Nunavut. Lion Willie has been presented with many awards at Club, District and International levels and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



My name is Donna Illerburn. I have been a member of the Minnedosa Lions Club for about 10 years. I was President for three years, chaired the Walk for Guide Dogs, and been involved with the reading program with Tanners Crossing School.

I am the new 5M13 Kidsight Coordinator. I am looking forward to working with the Lions Club of 5M13 to get the Kidsight program out into our communities. Please contact me at meridawn12@gmail.com. Together we can work to make this happen





# Youth Outreach Programs

In 2020, 5M13 District made the decision for a pilot project of combining all youth programs under one umbrella – Youth Outreach. The youth programs include Peace Poster/Essay; Speak Off; Lions Project Pride; Lions Quest; Leo Clubs; and Youth Exchange camps.

**Peace Poster/Essay** – For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. This year's theme is "Dare to Dream". To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire – it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into a reality.

**Speak Off** – this is a public speaking event that encourages youth in Grades 6 – 12 to prepare and present a topic of their choice. There are three categories: Grade 6-8; Grade 9-10; and Grade 11-12. Club/Zone winners are invited to our District Convention for the final competition. Winners in the Grade 11-12 category do have the option of taking the monetary prize or \$1,000 towards a Youth Exchange camp of their choice.

**Project Pride** – is a program for Canadian Lions Clubs. Lions Clubs who participate in this program contact schools requesting permission to visit the youth (typically in Grade 1). Lions' members take this opportunity to share their pride in their community and country and to install a level of pride in our youth. Each participant is presented with a Canadian flag and certificate.

**Lions Quest** – For more than 30 years, Lions of Canada have embraced the idea of helping children grow into a positive direction through the sponsorship and support of the Lions Quest program in their communities. The mission of Lions Quest Canada is to provide leadership, knowledge and resources to those who are working with/mentoring our youth. This Social- Emotional- Learning program is being made available to our Educations and Youth leaders. "It takes a Village to raise a child . . . and we are equipping the Villagers with the necessary resources"

**Leos** – are a youth organization of Lions Clubs International. It encourages youth to develop leadership qualities by participating in social and service activities. They are dependent on a Lions Club to sponsor them and provide a Leo Advisor to them. There are two age groups for Leos – Alpha Leos (ages 12 – 18) and Omega (ages 18 -30). Currently we have two Leo Clubs in our District – Swan Lake Leos and Morden Roaring Lions Leos.

**Youth Exchange** – this can be a life changing adventure for youth who are curious about other cultures and ways of Life. It allows youth to cultivate new friendships with individuals from different backgrounds; beliefs and customs. Participants will spend a week with a host family who will include them in their routine life. Then it is off to a two-week camp where youth are immersed in social activities; service projects and places of interest. Youth Exchange is open to youth between the ages of 15 – 22 who are sponsored by a local Lions Club



## Advocacy Group

Submitted by Lion Bill McKittrick

This is a small group of interested Lions from across Canada who have been meeting via Zoom for the last three years with a mandate of making everyone more aware of Lions and all the things that Lions do.

It was determined that the best place to begin outside of our individual communities and clubs was to meet at the Federal Level. Therefore, a very successful day was held in 2022 on Parliament Hill where 35 Lions from Across Canada met with MP's and staff and were very well received.

Plans are being organized to go to Ottawa again this November to meet with these people again.

We are also trying to establish relationships with our provincial governments and municipal governments as well, explaining what it is that Lions do and how a club can assist the communities.





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