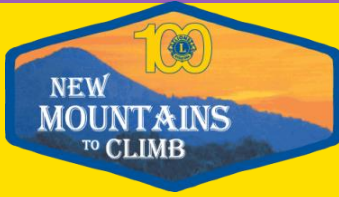




District 5M11 Newsletter

December 2016



BOILER ROOM



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Inaugural Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum

218 Lions from Wisconsin, North Dakota, Minnesota, Ontario and Manitoba attended the inaugural Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum at the Shooting star casino in Mahanomen, Minnesota during the weekend of November 11-13, 2016. The Forum was held to give Upper Midwest Lions a chance to experience the education and atmosphere of a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in a shorter, less expensive and closer setting. It also gave presenters and moderators a chance to get the experience of participating in a Forum type setting.



The Forum had 36 individual learning sessions on Saturday with topics ranging from "I'm your new Lion and I'm leaving" to "Recruiting Younger Members" to "Understanding Lions University" to

"Fun with Tail twisting" and everything in between. The luncheon keynote address was given by PID Brian Sheehan and while PID Robert Littlefield came from Florida to deliver the keynote address at the closing dinner.

Each participant received a souvenir handled mason jar celebrating the inaugural Forum and 100 years of Service. Some attendees also received an extra mason jar to take back to their club and give to a Lion who promises to attend the 2018 Forum. Comments heard during the forum were complimentary, with some suggestions for making the next bi-annual Forum to be held in November, 2018 even better.



Forum Planning committee members were Lions Bruce Beck, Mary Ferleman, Bob Harms, Dave Hollyoake, Bob Jechorek, Dave Jensen, Kathy Jensen, Dennis Kelly, Cheryl McKitrick, Mike Molenda, Earl Orvik, Brian Sheehan, Vickie Violet and Larry Winner.





DG Mike's Boiler Room Report

Well Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all!

At this time of year the snow is falling and the temperature starts to drop, and while its cold outside it should continue to be warm in our hearts. This is season of giving and peace and goodwill to all. The portion about peace is especially close to our hearts **"The Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International is "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."** While we often focus on serving in our community and meeting humanitarian needs. Perhaps December is a month that we should focus on the last half of our mission statement. It is a time where we need to think of those people in our communities and around the world, Those who at a time everyone is celebrating carry such a burden on their shoulders that the weight of their problems seem so impossible to bear. So during this Christmas season we must be ever diligent on carrying out our objectives.

While I have been visiting some of the clubs that have sent in their requests for their DG visit I have only begun to make a tiny dent on this (8 Clubs out of 65). If your club has not yet sent in its DG visit request please do so as soon as possible as I would like to get them done. The Midwinter Convention will soon be upon us as well and I encourage everyone to attend. This is during our centennial year and I promise it is one you will want to attend. With a theme like **"LITTLE CHICAGO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN"** and the ideas we have for celebrating this is one you won't want to miss.

For those that attended our Northern Pride Leadership forum, thank you wasn't it great and for those who could not make it consider it for 2018 it as an experience you won't soon forget .

You clubs should also be planning and conducting its centennial projects as well, remember Youth, Hunger, Vision, and the Environment. These are four pillars of our centennial service. Speaking of service there is one group in our district that we could all learn service from, and the funny thing about it is their not even Lions.....yet. They are our own Crookston H. S. Leo Club., 170 members strong and in the month of October alone they had planed no less than 15 service projects and had completed 9 service projects totaling 90 members and 30 hours the month before. These are not small high school based projects either. They are all dedicated leaders in their community and deserve our respect and admiration. Thank you Leos for all you do and we hope to see you as Lions soon.

District Governor Mike Janssen



**District Governor
Mike Janssen**



Mike's Meanderings: Jan. 6: 5M5 Mid Winter Convention; Jan. 7: 5M6 Mid Winter Convention; Jan. 13-15: 5M7 Mid Winter Convention; Jan. 20-22: 5M10 Mid Winter Convention; Jan. 27-29: 5M4 Mid Winter Convention; Feb. 3-5: **5M11 Mid Winter Convention**; Feb. 10-12: 5M2 Mid Winter Convention; Feb. 17-19: 5M3 Mid Winter Convention; March 10-12: Council of Governors in Minneapolis; April 21-23: MD5M Multiple Convention in Bemidji; April 23: Lac du Bonnet DG Visit and Charter Night; April 27: Greenbush Badger DG Visit; May 13: Cabinet Meeting in Red Lake Falls.



1st VDG John's KNORTHERN KNIGHTS

KNORTHERN KNIGHTS AND KNIGHTIES!! SERVICE IS THE NAME OF THE GAME FOR LIONS—ALWAYS HAS BEEN, ALWAYS WILL BE. SERVICE IS WHAT HOOKED ME ON BEING A LION—SERVING VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS, SERVING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, SERVING REGIONALLY, SERVING INTERNATIONALLY—AND THE IDEA OF SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED STILL HAS ME HOOKED. “WE SERVE” IS THE MANTRA OF LIONS. SERVICE IS THE FOCUS OF OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, “WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION!” SERVICE IS WHAT KNIGHTS AND KNIGHTIES DO. SERVICE IS WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT.

I'VE TAKEN A FEW BABY STEPS AS 1VDG OF THE DISTRICT AND VISITED A COUPLE OF ZONE MEETINGS. IT AMAZES ME AT HOW RESPONSIVE LIONS ARE TO THE NEEDS IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND EVEN MORE AMAZING HOW CREATIVE LIONS CLUBS CAN BE TO MEET THOSE NEEDS. YOU DO GOOD WORK. KEEP IT UP. I HOPE TO DROP IN ON THE REST OF THE ZONE MEETINGS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, SO KEEP ME INFORMED AS TO DATE, PLACE AND TIME. WE WORK HARD, BUT WE ALSO HAVE FUN TOGETHER (AND EAT WELL, I MIGHT ADD).



**1st VDG John
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SPEAKING OF SERVICE, IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR LIONS CLUB WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL **PARADE OF GREEN** HELD AT THE 5M11 MID-WINTER CONVENTION. THE PARADE OF GREEN IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LIONS CLUBS OF DISTRICT 5M11 TO SUPPORT FINANCIALLY THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF OUR DISTRICT. THIS IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE HARD WORK YOU DO IN FUND RAISING. GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT AND MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB PARTICIPATES. LAST YEAR, WE GATHERED IN OVER \$62,000 FROM THE PARADE OF GREEN. **THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! HERE IS A QUICK LISTING OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS SUPPORTED THROUGH PARADE OF GREEN.**

PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO ALL 5M11 CLUBS:

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)
PROJECT NEW HOPE
LEO CLUBS
5M11 YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO MINNESOTA LIONS CLUBS

**MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION
LIONS MD5M HEARING AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION
MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION
CAN DO CANINES
LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND**

PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO MANITOBA LIONS CLUBS

**DIABETES CANADA
LIONS EYE BANK OF MANITOBA/NW ONTARIO
LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA/NW ONTARIO
LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION OF CANADA
LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES
LIONS 5M11 CANCER CARE INITIATIVE**

5M11 MID-WINTER CONVENTION, FEBRUARY 3-5, 2017, SHOOTING STAR CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER, MAHNOMEN. HOSPITALITY PACKAGE IS \$115 AFTER DECEMBER 1. ROOMS ARE \$50 A NIGHT. BEST DEAL IN TOWN. REGISTER NOW. SEE YOU THERE.

**KNIGHTS AND KNIGHTIES—WORK HARD, HAVE FUN, DO GOOD.
LION JOHN WOLLENZIEN**





Riverside Lions Awards

Local Lions Club members get honoured with awards

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By **SIMON FULLER**

STAFF REPORTER

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Two members of the Lions Club of Riverside have been honoured for their contributions to the cause.

Lion Jan Nazarko, the club secretary, told *The Lance* the club surprised her with a Melvin Jones Fellowship recently.

She has been on the executive of the club since shortly after her first induction as a director and she has held the position for the last three years.

Last year, Nazarko was also the secretary

for the midwinter convention, she said, noting she has also served as chairperson for the club's annual sale. She is also the recipient of the hope medal and a governors appreciation certificate.

The club also recently honoured Lion Ed Santiago with a life membership. Santiago, one of the club's longtime members, is the

financial aid to the club's treasurer and also served as treasurer for the midwinter convention. He is also liaison to the club's sister club in his native India, organizers say. Santiago is a Melvin Jones Fellow, as well as a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow.

Go online at www.riversidelions.mb.ca/club.html to learn more about the club.



Lion Jan Nazarko of the Lions Club of Riverside was recently awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship.



Lion Ed Santiago of the Lions Club of Riverside was recently awarded with a life membership to the club.

Leader Dogs Donation



Lion Ken Bauer is shown receiving a check in the amount of \$100 from Lion Allen Bertilrud, President of the Red Lake Falls Lions Club. Lion Ken did a Leader Dogs for the Blind presentation to their club on November 2, and the donation will help with the day to day operation of this very worthy 501c(3). Leader Dogs for the Blind is the ONLY guide dog program begun by Lions members in 1939 and Lions throughout the world continue to support this organization.

West St. Paul Peace Poster Winners



West St Paul Lions Club sponsored the peace poster at the local school. 2nd place winner is Keira Foster, Principal Bob McIntosh and 1st place winner is Reagan Foster.



Barnesville Lions



Former American Legion Post Commander Dave Herbig stands in front of the new scoreboard at Reed Baseball Field. The scoreboard is part of a \$210,000 remodel project being funded with a 50% match by Scheels Sporting Goods Store in Fargo, ND. This has been a joint venture project by the American Legion and the Barnesville Lions Club. The 50% raised by the community as required to get the Scheels' matched money was spearheaded by Lion Chris Olson and his wife Stacy (employed at Scheels), Lion Jon Yeske and his wife Susan, Legion member Chris Hoppe, and Stacy Martz. The scoreboard was installed this past spring; however, the handicapped accessible bleachers will be installed next spring along with a new building which will house the "Crows Nest," storage, bathrooms, and a concession stand. This is not the first time that cooperation between nonprofit groups have served our community, but this is one of the largest that will benefit the young people who will be playing baseball at this facility.



Lion Ken Bauer is shown handing a check in the amount of \$500 to Kevin Wallevand. The money will be used to assist in expenses in getting the volunteer Haiti Medical Mission Team to Pignon, Haiti, to do various surgeries. Kevin has been a volunteer for a number of these trips and all members pay their own way using donations to offset some of the expenses. When Kevin returns, he will attend the Barnesville Lions monthly membership meeting on January 25 to share his most recent experiences from this trip.

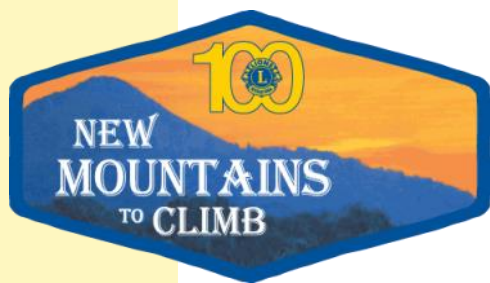
Upcoming events for West St Paul Lions:

Monday, 20 Feb - Family Fun Day at Sunova Rec Ctr.

Sunday, 26 Mar - pancake breakfast at Applebee's on Regent from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Cost \$10.00 per person with proceeds going to our bursary fund for 4 high schools.

Sunday, 02 Apr (date change) - 3rd annual Home Vendor/ Artisan trade show and luncheon with proceeds going to: Type1 diabetic camp for children and Guide Dogs Canada.

Summer months - look for us at the Main Street IGA as we are doing a BBQ on weekends at least once a month between May (hopefully) and Sept with proceeds to our bursary fund





Fosston Lengby Lions Club activities

The Fosston-Lengby Lions again had a Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest among their members to see who could grow the largest pumpkin (along with growing many pumpkins for our pumpkin extravaganza). This years first and second place winner was Erv Wickham, with his largest pumpkin weighing in at 426 pounds. The rules of the contest, was that first and second place winners would be awarded \$150 that they could donate to the cause of their choosing. With his winnings Erv decided to donate to Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf, who happen to be seeking funds for holiday meals to go to families in need this holiday season. They estimate approximately 65 families will need a holiday boost this year.



Pictured- Char Slough, Erv Wickham, Sandy Johnson (food shelf representative)



Pictured- Lion Erv along with his Granddaughter and Giant Pumpkin

Fosston Lengby Lions Challenge 6th Grade to be Active!

Recently the Fosston-Lengby Lions challenged the 6th graders to participate in the Ugly Sweater Fun Run on December 3rd. The Lions offered to donate to their class trip, \$15 per student and \$20 per teacher who participated. We were so excited to have 9 students and Mrs. Mahlen join us at our run! Everyone had a great time, and the Fosston-Lengby Lions are happily donating \$155 towards the 6th Grade Class Trip.





The Lions MD5M/District 5M5 Centennial Planning Committees Need Your Help!

MD5M will celebrate the Lions Centennial on the first weekend in June 2017 at the Mall of America.

MOA will feature large screens in the Rotunda showing Lions Videos for the entire weekend!

We need your Clubs/Members
videos and pictures!
They can be recent or several years old.

The clips/photos will be put together for a presentation by District.

Send your Videos and Pictures to:

Centennial Chairs:

Jan and Jim Strandlie

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MN USA 56701
R. 218.681.2116
E. janstrandlie@mncable.net
E. jimstrandlie@mncable.net

Kevin Gamble

23 Bailey Ave, Winnipeg, MB
Canada R2M 5S3
R. 204.391.0644
E. kbgamble@hotmail.com

Any format accepted. Filename should include club name, event, other identifying info.
Deadline for submission is January 15, 2017. But, do it now!



2016-2017 Contest Rules

- The 2016-2017 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.
- All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.
- Photos should be original and unaltered.
- Photos should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo club serves.
- Photos that include people will be disqualified.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.
- LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit one photo each to the DISTRICT.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the MULTIPLE DISTRICT by **January 15, 2017**.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL by **March 1, 2017**. Photos must be submitted to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL with a complete and signed official entry form (available on the LCI website). Multiple entries will not be accepted.
- Contest photos become the property of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL. LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display MULTIPLE DISTRICT-level entries at the International Convention in Chicago. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos.
- The three photos receiving the most votes will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. An award will be presented to the winning photographers and the photos will be featured on the LCI website.
- At all levels of the competition, photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.

E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org



Submit your name, email, club, club ID, state, country, district, multiple district and category (Optional is a photograph title) to your district governor. Each district governor will submit one to the multiple district. Happy "Shooting"

Canadian Foundations Update

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Lions Eye Bank



We have been able to provide eye exams and eyewear for 5 individuals.
We were pleased to provide \$15,000 for equipment for Thunder Bay Vision Centre.
We have shipped 21,430 glasses to CLERC for recycle.

Lions Foundation MAP

We have assisted 6 individuals with funding assistance covering various medical treatments including, transplant patients, diabetes and mobility equipment.

Lions Hearing Foundation



LIONS FOUNDATION
of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario



We have assisted 8 individuals to obtain hearing aids and continue to recycle hearing aids.



Lions Rural Housing

We have accommodated 21 people for 115 nights in our Housing program. We appreciated the support from medical facilities, clubs and word of mouth recommendations.

Fundraising Events

The 100 Hole Golf Tournament hosted by the Lions Club of Winnipeg was a success with golfers wanting to support our Lions Hearing Foundation. The event raised over \$2000.00.

The Architect for the Day event was also successful whereby 25 Grade 6 and 7 students spent the day learning how to be an architect. This event is support of our Lions Hearing Foundation raised over \$700.00.

Journey For Sight

The Lions Eye Bank is grateful for the dedication and support of the Journey for Sight committee and support their efforts gladly. Please remember to buy raffle tickets.



We thank 5M13 for their contributions through the Parade of Green.

In closing, we extend our warmest wishes for bountiful good health and happiness for the New Year and a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely Elly Prendergast

Grunthal Lions



November 4, we presented the GVS Breakfast Club with a cheque for \$2500. This was the money that we raised through our Roast Beef Dinner BREAKFAST CLUB FUNDRAISER that was held at Lucky Luc's on September 30th. The Breakfast Program is for students from grades 5-12, it provides 2 items of breakfast food on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's. It is run by the GVS staff but students can volunteer one day a week to help hand out the food. Last year they handed out just under 3500 meals and it cost them just over \$2400 to run the program.

Presenting the cheque is Sylvie (Grunthal Lions Secretary and Member) to the GVS Principal, Mrs. Angela Schinkel.



Moorhead Midday Central Lions Club



Lion Ken Bauer, Leader Dog Chairman, is pictured sharing pictures of the new puppy dog area at the training center in Rochester, Michigan at the Moorhead Midday Central meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20th at the Moorhead Fryn Pan.



Marshall Johnson, Executive Director of Audubon Dakota, located in Fargo is pictured on the right along with two staff members. They were on the program to discuss the Urban Woods and Prairie Initiative. They are coordinating the development of urban sites in the Fargo-Moorhead area with native grasses and flowers.



Halloween Night at the Moorhead Center mall was haunted and attracted 1200 children and parents to enjoy a variety of activities. To keep up their well being, the Moorhead Midday Central Lions club provided BBQ on bun, chips, pop and water. Lions from left are Mike Benson, DVM Rom Goos and Bart Cahill.



Mayor of Moorhead Lion Del Rae Williams is pictured on the right with her husband Ron, enjoying the Halloween festivities at the Mall.

Kjell Hoelstad is pictured center with his wife Orpha on the left and program chairman Lion Becky Olson on the right at the Moorhead Midday Central November 3rd meeting. Kjell shared his experience living in Norway when the German army invaded his country during World War II.





Ste. Anne Lions Club

COME PAINT WITH US

Ste. Anne Lions Club Hosts
an Evening of Painting
Tuesday January 17, 2017



6:30 pm
Ste. Anne
Hotel



Only
\$40



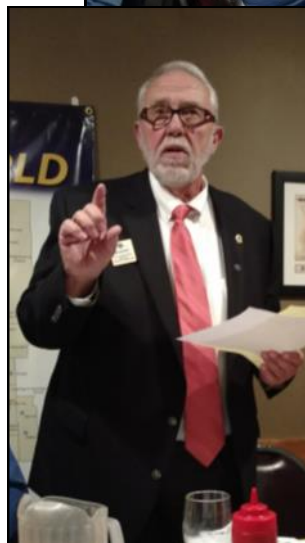
Family Friendly until 9pm
No experience needed - All supplies provided
Contact Patricia 204-290-5336 or pmcpherson@hotmail.ca



*Merry Christmas
from the
Ste. Anne Lions*



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Fosston Lengby Lions



The Fosston-Lengby Lions along with Essentia Health are proud to have pulled off a successful diabetes screening, free to the community. The screening was held on November 14th, World Diabetes Day, at Nord's Pharmacy & Gifts in Fosston. During the screening, Registered Dietitian & Diabetes Educator Candy Keller performed the test and did a written risk assessment for each person. There were a total of 56 community members that participated in this Diabetes Screening. Our goal was to bring awareness and education about the importance of early detection to the community, and I believe we were successful in that. Pictured L to R, Lion Kyle Vig, Candy Keller, Lion Brook Burggraf, Lion David Burggraf



The Fosston Lengby Lions were proud to donate \$500 to the Fosston District Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This is a great program for kids ages 0-5 where they get a free book mailed to them each month. They are age appropriate books with great messages to them. Speaking from our personal experience, our two year old gets so excited to check the mail in hopes that there is a book in there. Pictured are Club President David Burggraf and Area Coordinator Augusta Maruska along with a couple of the happy members of the Imagination Library. Front - Sawyer Marquis, Kelby Marquis, Claire Burggraf, Camille Burggraf, Ethan Maruska, Brett Maruska



The Fosston Lengby Lions recently held a pancake feed, donating all proceeds to Fosston-Hospice. We held it during their annual "Tree walk" that they have at the school. We are proud to be donating \$1200 to Fosston Hospice. We also had the District Banner on site!

Flom & Area Lions



Picture of the Flom Lions that worked the day we took the Christmas pictures at the Twin Valley Nursing home. The residents receive free Christmas cards to send to their families. They are Lion Jenifer, Lion Carol, Lion Peg, Lion Nadine, Lion Jerry and Lion Merlyn.



Warren Lions



Warren Lions Turkey Bingo Co-Chairmen (L-R) Jim Duckstad and Jim Myrfield listen to BINGO numbers being called, while Warren Lions Club President Rick Schmiedeberg approaches the Register/Sign-In Table.



Warren Lions Club Members (L-R) Jim Duckstad, Jim Myrfield, Kevin Johnson, Rick Schmiedeberg and Tony Gullikson pause for a photo while working at the Warren Lions Club Turkey Bingo Fundraiser at the Warren Legion on Sunday, November 20th. Other Lion members working but not included in the picture were Chris Kirchner and Darrell Rindy. Approximately \$700 was raised, with these Funds being donated to the newly-formed Marshall County Sheriff's K-9 Unit.



Jim & Jan Strandlie of the St. Hilaire Lions Club discuss the Lions Club International Centennial Campaign and Celebration with the Warren Lions Club at their regular monthly meeting on November 9th at the Uptown Café in Warren. Lions members seated are (L-R) are Jim Duckstad, Rick Schmiedeberg and Al Roley.



Jim & Jan Strandlie of the St. Hilaire Lions Club discuss the Lions Club International Centennial Campaign and Celebration with the Warren Lions Club at their regular monthly meeting on November 9th at the Uptown Café in Warren. Lions members seated are (L-R) Jon Holter, Freddie Martinez and Wade Johnson.

The Warren Lions Club recently celebrated its 58th Anniversary on November 10, 2016.



Flom and Area Lions Club activities

Flom and Area Lions Clubs has been busy in the community. They have had a blood drive, giving dictionaries to the 3rd graders in Mahanomen and St Michael's schools and hosting a Halloween Party for area youth in Flom.





West St Paul Lions

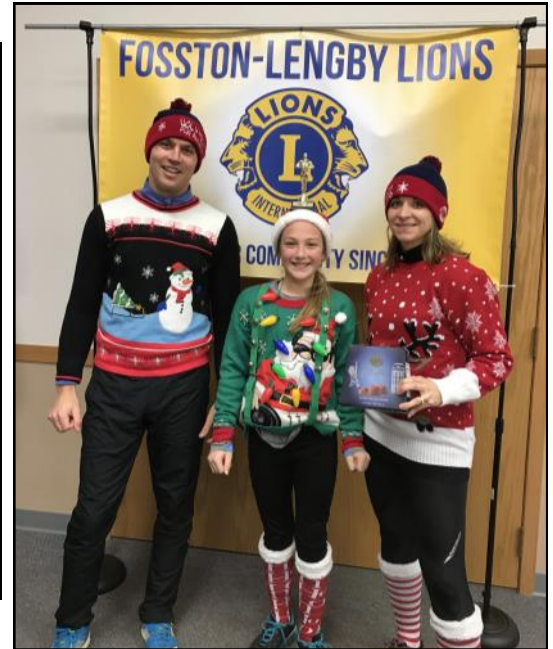
Rovering Report here an once again check on West St. Paul Lions doing what they do best serving Fall Supper for about 118 people. We even got a little from others Lions Clubs including Winnipeg West, East Kildonan and Lions Club of Winnipeg. **Lion Peter Wight**





Fosston Lengby Lions

On Saturday December 3rd the Fosston-Lengby Lions hosted a Ugly Sweater Fun Run 5k with all proceeds being donated to Fosston Hospice. There were 25 participants. Each registered runner received a fun hat as well as Christmas goodies and hot chocolate after the run. "Best Dressed" trophy & chocolates went to Evie Dryburgh, presented to her by Lions Luke Nelson & Tamie Rue who coordinated this fun event.



District Activities by the Numbers

Since July 1, 2016 through November 30, District 5M11 has reported 655 Activities, serving 174,276 people with 16,177 Lions hours by 2551 lions. This sounds very impressive, doesn't it? Can you imagine what the statistics would show if **all** clubs were reporting what they are accomplishing?

47 of 65 clubs (72%) reported 655 **activities**.

37% of the clubs did not report

44 Of 65 clubs (68%) reported 16,177 **Lions hours**

56% of the clubs did not report

41 of 65 clubs (63%) reported 172,276 **people served**

59% of the clubs did not report

9 of 65 clubs (14%) reported 2551 (**Lions**) **participants**

91% of the clubs did not report

The statistics reported by the clubs are used by Lions Clubs International to let the world know what we do, how many people we serve, how many Lions hours we donate to improve our communities and serve mankind. They also use the statistics to create working partnerships with other organizations and Foundations around the world to help serve even more people that we do alone. By showing how many Lions around the world are there to help distribute materials purchased by other organizations, or deliver measles shots, build houses, feed the hungry, etc. the more willing others are to work with us to accomplish many more things.

I have had Lions tell me that "It is none of their business what we do!" Why would we want to keep what we do a secret? The more people know what we do, the more will want to help us do it. The Lions Magazine takes information from the activity reports for their publication.

There is also the practical matter of insurance. In order to get coverage when something bad happens, the projects needs to be documented as an official Lions project. One way to do that is to report it in our monthly activity reports. Are you aware that a club can have its Charter removed if it is inactive? If your club consistently fails to report its activities it is very easy to determine that your club is not active. Many recognitions and awards for individuals, clubs and the district are based on statistics accumulated in the activity and membership reports.

Please check to see if your club's activities are being submitted monthly and that all categories are being reported when there is something to report. Project chairmen should be keeping records of how many Lions worked on the project and for approximately how many Lion hours total. I understand it is not always easy to determine how many people were served by the project, but make your best guess.

PDG Joanne Swanson



New Lion Members to 5M11

5M11 is so excited to add so many new Lions to help us "SERVE" our communities. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be a part of this hard working service organization. We look forward to working with you, side by side and strive to make a difference in a community or world-wide project to help "a person in need". THE FOLLOWING LIST IS AS FROM LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL. So if your new members are not on this list yet, it is due to when we get the confirmation from International.

Mari Berggren – Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions Club	Robert Roy – Grunthal Lions Club
Deb Smith – Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions Club	Kim Bruneau – Lac du Bonnet Lions Club
Joyce Chesley – Crookston Lions Club	Randy Knutson – Newfolden Lions Club
Brian Frisk – Crookston Lions Club	Jason Damm – Sabin Lions Club
Sarah Langevin – East Kildonan Lions Club	Katie Damm – Sabin Lions Club
Orin Swart – Greenbush-Badger Lions Club	Ben Horgeshimer – Winger Lions Club
Krista Friesen – Grunthal Lions Club	Linda Watson – Winnipeg West Lions Club
Chrystal Roy – Grunthal Lions Club	



*Clubs, as you add new members, please e-mail Lion Stacy, Newsletter Editor, as well as DG Mike to be included in the next newsletter.
(E-mail is skleinwachter@yahoo.com or specialk.stacy@gmail.com)*

Peace Poster Winners



Kaitlyn Brenna, age 11 and in sixth grade at Ulen-Hitterdal Elementary School, was the Hitterdal Lions and Ulen Lions Peace Poster Winner. "Treat others the way you want to be treated" was her caption for the entry.



Riley Anderson, age 13 and in seventh grade at Horizon Middle School, was the Sabin Lions Peace Poster Winner. "Peace around the World" was her caption for the entry.



Reagan Foster, age thirteen and in eighth grade at West St. Paul School was the West St. Paul Lions Peace Poster Winner. "If everyone cared for one person, how peaceful this world could be" was her caption on the entry. Reagan was the 5M11 district Winner

Can Do Canines

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge.

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is Braxton Wiebusch. Braxton now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind since thanks to Mobility Assist Dog Blue. Read their story below.



BRAXTON WIEBUSCH & MOBILITY ASSIST DOG BLUE

Braxton Wiebusch from Sartell, Minn. enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and competing in wheel chair hockey. He's a 20-year-old college student with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a degenerative muscle disease that affects every muscle in Braxton's body. Braxton and his family all wanted an assistance dog, but they were uncertain about this decision because of the fur allergies they collectively deal with.

Enter the playful and sweet canine, Blue. Blue is a handsome two-and-a-half-year-old Poodle who sports a white and brown coat. Not only is Blue specially trained as a Mobility Assist Dog because of his temperament and abilities, but he also rarely sheds due to his unique hair. All of those things made Blue a perfect fit for Braxton and the Wiebusch family. Blue loves helping Braxton with things like opening and closing doors, picking things up from off the ground like his keys or the remote, and providing comfort to Braxton while staying in his room at night.

Braxton found out about Can Do Canines while he was attending the Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp. He chatted with a few of the other campers about their dogs and decided that he should follow through with their suggestions to apply. Braxton was on the waiting list for two years until Blue was ready to train and begin the bonding process. Braxton noted, "Being on the waitlist for a Poodle was well worth the wait. While they can be a little more challenging to train than a lab, they're very smart animals and are completely worth it!"

It takes a village to raise, train and partner an assistance dog for clients like Braxton. With your help, Blue was given to the Wiebusch family free of charge. Braxton is very grateful for your support so that he can live a more independent life. He exclaims, "Your donations really help! The assistance dogs help people even when you may not see that. They help keep morale up and they offset the daily stressors that people have."






Ways To CELEBRATE!

For 100 years Lions have served communities around the world and improved the lives of millions of people. That's something to celebrate!

Below are some ways to have fun with your club and share your Lions pride with your community. Choose from the list or create your own ways to celebrate Lions Centennial!



LEAD THROUGH SERVICE

1. Have a game tournament and donate the proceeds to LCIF
 2. Gather 100 people for a service project and give them Centennial shirts, buttons or hats
 3. Hold a Centennial dance marathon to fund your next service project
 4. Create a 100 recipe cookbook and donate the proceeds to a local food pantry
 5. Have a district-wide bake-off to see who can make the best Centennial birthday cake
 6. Team up with Leos or another youth group for a Karaoke Night. The winner chooses the next service project
 7. Pass out UV sunglasses at your next vision screening
 8. Plant trees or start a community garden and name the area for Melvin Jones or a club founder
 9. Distribute meals to those in need and include a special Centennial treat
 10. Plan to make new friends when volunteering at the 2017 Centennial convention
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INVITE FOR IMPACT

1. Hold a celebration luncheon with community leaders
2. Download some of the Centennial graphics and promote your next service project in 100 places
3. Invite your community to a Lions Centennial Celebration; consider a 1917 or 2117 party theme
4. Invite 100 potential members to your next service project
5. Promote 100 reasons to be a Lion on your social media
6. Have your local sports team promote Lions Centennial on the big screen
7. Show your Centennial pride with the latest clothes, mugs, bags and more from Club Supplies
8. Update your club's marketing materials with the Centennial logo
9. Fill your social media and newsletters with Touchstone Stories from the Lions100.org media area
10. Invite the families of your Charter Members when honoring them at an upcoming event

CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

1. Have a Lions Centennial float in your local parade
2. Hold a birthday party for children at a local shelter or hospital
3. Promote all the ways your club has impacted your community
4. Collect spare change at a community event and use the proceeds to fund a Centennial Legacy Project
5. Donate 100 books to a local library and host a pajama party there to celebrate
6. Host a live auction fundraiser with 100 items from local businesses
7. Paint a Lions Centennial mural
8. Host a trivia night with questions from the last 100 years
9. Stuff 100 backpacks for children in need and include a Lion item
10. Create and bury a Lions Centennial time capsule

Share your Centennial Celebrations with the #Lions100 hashtag and email photos and descriptions to CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org.



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

I am happy to say that this past June, one of the 2 Youth Scholarship winners was from Minnesota!! She received a \$2,500 scholarship!! This was the 5th year that scholarships were given from the LITPC.

The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams!!

The LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the Pin Traders contributed US \$144,000 to LCIF.

The Youth Scholarship Program is another example of the Pin Trader's slogan, "Lions First". The 5M Pin Traders Club along with 13 other Pin Trader Clubs from across the USA support the LITPC Scholarship Program.

Selection of a scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2017**.

ALL graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions, Lioness, or members of Leos Clubs are encouraged to participate in the Scholarship program. This does include students from Canada.

To apply for a LITPC Youth Scholarship:

1. Go to the LITPC Website address - www.litpc.org
2. Click on right column LITPC Scholarship information
3. Click on Scholarship Application Form
4. Complete Application Form
5. Submit completed Application Form along with all required information to the person listed below.

Lion Bill Guthrie

5M Pin Traders Scholarship Chairman

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2016 LITPC Scholarship Winners



MINNESOTA

Molleysa Yang is a Spring Lake Park High School graduate. She will be attending the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She is interested in pursuing a Biology major hoping to pursue the pre-medicine path. Molleysa was involved with various activities within her school and community. She was part of the Student Council, National Honor Society, Leo Club, TRIO Upward Bound and the president of the Asian Club. During high school, she had dedicated over six-hundred service hours of volunteering with the Leo Club and National Honor Society. She is looking forward to the next four years of college, beginning this fall.

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Kaitlin Rose is a recent graduate of North Oconee High School. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee. Her goals include majoring in pre-medicine with a concentration in Anesthesiology. She would ultimately open a clinic in her community where people can get low cost medical care. Kaitlin was a member of the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, LEO Club, Mock Trial and the National Spanish Honor Society. Her projects included tutoring, Secret Santa, can food drives and elementary fall festivals. She has been a member of an all-star group of golfers that in three years have two state titles and one runner-up title. Academically she has won the 2014 EPOCH Award Accelerated Analytic Geometry/Advanced Algebra her sophomore year, and her junior year she won the 2015 EPOCH Award Accelerated Pre-Calculus. Knowing that she has sensitivity to others which she gained through community service has made her life richer and more meaningful.



GEORGIA





*Did you ask someone
to be a Lion today?*

State of the District

**We added 14 new members this month
(November)**

**while losing -7 bringing us to 1907
this month with a +7.**

**For the year, we have added 57 members
and dropped 55 for a +2.**

Worldwide membership is 1,404,092

NEW DISTRICT BANNER



Like the NEW district Banner!

**We have five of them—2 on the Canadian side and
3 on the American side.**

**Have an event, zone meeting, project coming up and would like
the district banner at your event?**

**Contact DG Mike Janssen, Gladwin Lynne or Russ McDougall
to check out the banners.**

**On a first come, first serve basis. Just remember, you will need to
get it back for the next club to use.**

**If you use the banner at your event, take a photo and send it in to
Newsletter Editor Stacy Kleinwachter.**

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MD5M Centennial PR Contest

Contest Guidelines:

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the 100th Centennial Anniversary. Every club in the Multiple is invited to participate. Small clubs have the same chance as a large club to win.

If there are not enough lines on the application in any area, feel free to attach another page.

Each District will award 1 winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2017 & 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2017 & 2018 Multiple Convention. A money amount will be determined by the District Governors at the July 2016 Council of Governors.

Contest will run from July 1, 2016- December 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017 –December 31, 2017.

Please submit your application to your District Public Relations Chair. If your District does not have a PR Chair, then submit it to your Newsletter Editor.

Mail to:

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designerinmn@msn.com

or Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor
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Centennial Public Relations Contest
Lions Clubs of MD5M July, 2016-January 1, 2017



District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____

Event _____

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: _____

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

** Attach only 1 picture page

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? ____ Yes ____ No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th? ____ Yes ____ No

Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2017.

Clubs may enter more than once.

(2nd Contest will be run January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017)

We have started a new award this year. It is called the Heart of the Lion Award. To receive this, you must have done 7 of the 10 criteria listed. This application can be filled out by the individual club member or the club can fill it out on behalf of the member. This can be accomplished from the last convention to the current convention. We will be awarding these at the convention or at a meeting after the convention. We would love to see many Lions receiving this award this year at the convention. You may have already done a lot of these things since July. Please get your club members to start filling it out. See you at convention.

Lion Jenifer Spielman
5M11 District Administrator



Heart of a Lion Award Application

This Award is for 5M11 lions that meet the criteria below. A lion member may apply or a club may apply on behalf of a member. Applications can be turned in throughout the year. Awards will be awarded at Mid-Winter Convention or at Governors meetings after Convention. This award can be earned over several years.

A Lion Member must MEET 7 of the 10 CRITERIA listed below to RECEIVE the AWARD!

Name: _____ Club _____
 (Name of Lion Member)

_____ Sponsored a new Lion _____ Club _____
 (Name of new member)

_____ Attended a Zone Meeting _____
 (What Zone and date attended Zone meeting)

_____ Attended 5M11 Convention.

_____ Served as a Club officer or District Cabinet Chairperson. _____
 (last position held)

_____ Be a Chair or Co-Chair of a club or District Project. _____
 (What was the project)

_____ Attended one training event: Officer Training, Leadership Training or other Lions Clubs International sponsored class. _____ Date _____
 (Training Attended and date)

_____ USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, International Convention or Multiple Convention.

_____ Promote a new idea, service project or fundraiser that is adopted by your club or District that meets the mission of Lions. _____
 (Promotion idea and date)

_____ Attend 5 or more club events _____

 (Events attended either your club or another club)

_____ Attend a club meeting of another club _____
 (what club)

Original to be completed and turned into the District Governor or District Administrator.

Signature of District Governor or District Administrator. _____ Date _____

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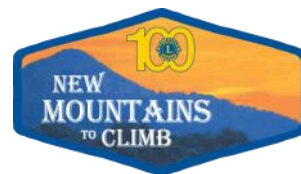
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Wanted YOUR CLUB Help for the Newsletter



Greetings Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-11!

Thank you to all the clubs that put forth submissions this past year 2015-2016 as well as the cabinet members that sent me items. *56 out of 70 of the clubs had submitted something. That's 80% of the clubs.* This year, I want to see this number increase with the ultimate goal of getting every club to submit even ONE item, whether it be an awesome project, someone getting an awards or showing what you do in the community. We love to hear what you are doing and it may give other clubs ideas on what to do.



LETS RAISE UP AND MEET THIS CHALLENGE

Please send the information to me by the 25th of each month unless stated otherwise.

Upcoming deadlines for the newsletter:

December 30th — January Newsletter

January 20th — February Newsletter

February 20th — March Newsletter

Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor

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Thanks to the following Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs for submissions: Barnesville, Barnesville Thursday Nite, Beausejour, Crookston, Dilworth, Dilworth Loco Ladies, East Kildonan, East St. Paul, Fertile, Flom and Area, Fosston-Lengby, Goodridge Lion Tamers, Grunthal, Hawley, Karlstad, Lac du Bonnet, Moorhead, **Moorhead Midday Central**, Pinawa, Riverside, Sabin, St. Hilaire, Ste. Anne, Steinbach and Area, Stephen, Thief River Falls Moonlighters Lioness, Ulen, Warren, Warroad, West St. Paul, Whitemouth and District, Winnipeg Beach/Dunnottar/Lakeside, Winnipeg Ma'di, Winnipeg South and Winnipeg West.

Over half way there, 35 clubs! Keep sending in items!



Websites to Know



District 5M-11: <http://e-district.org/sites/5m11> *NEW*

Multiple District 5M: www.lionsmd5m.org

Lions Club International: www.lionsclubs.org

Lions Program Sites: Can Do Canines: www.can-do-canines.org

Leader Dogs for the Blind: www.leaderdog.org

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): www.lcif.org/EN/

Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and NW Ontario: www.eyebankmanitoba.com

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides: www.dogguides.com

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation: www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

Project New Hope: www.projectnewhope.net

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: www.usacanadalionsforum.org

www.LionsUniversity.org *NEW* Check it out





We Serve

**Lions 5M11 District Governor
Club Visitation Request Form
2016-2017**

Today's Date _____ Club: _____

Preferred Date _____ Alternate Date: _____

Person Requesting _____

Phone# _____

If more than one club will be attending, please include the names of all clubs:

Meeting Time: _____ Social Time: _____ Dinner Time: _____

Location: _____

Lions Contact Person for visit: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Special requests: (Ex. Special Speech, induction of new members, installation of officers, present awards, etc.)

Please submit as soon as possible. I will confirm date with contact person either by phone or e-mail as soon as possible after request is received.

Please send this information to:

DG Mike Janssen

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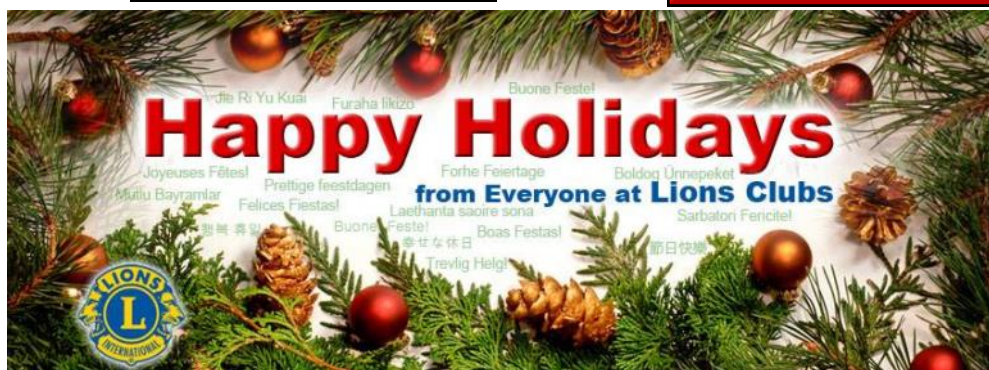
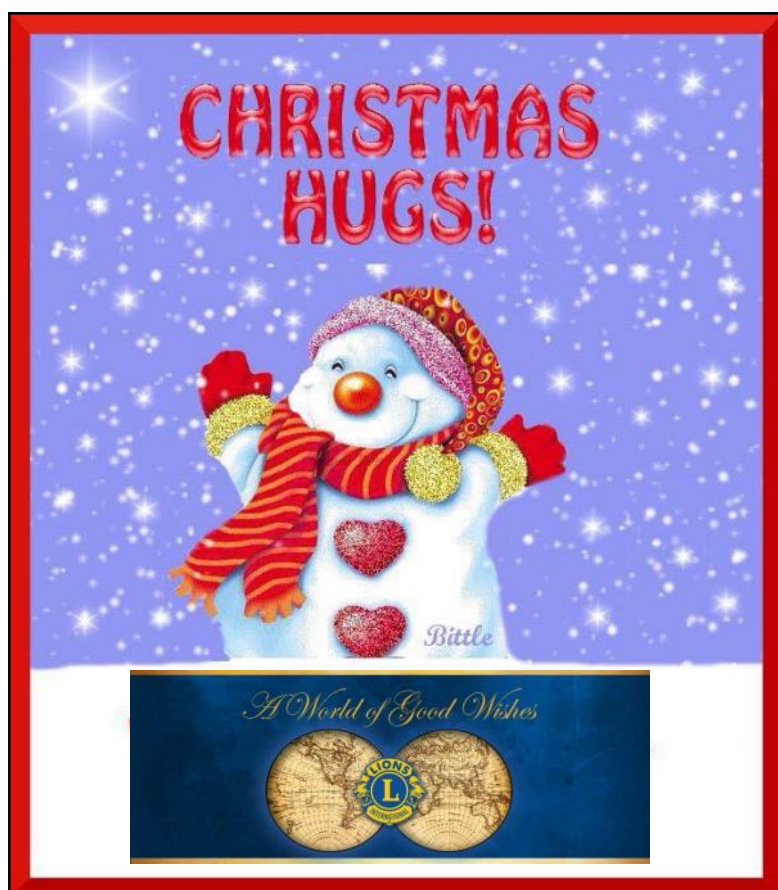
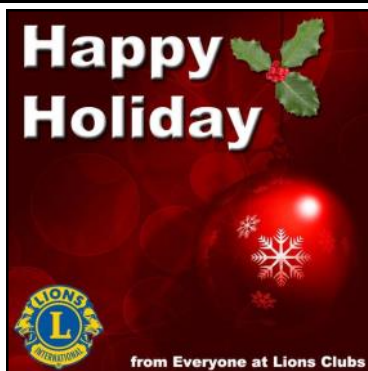
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**I SAY IT OUT LOUD!
I'M A LION
AND PROUD!**



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

Winnipeg Lions	95 years	12/15/1921
Twin Valley Lions	58 years	12/3/1958
Moorhead Midday Central Lions	58 years	12/10/1958
Ulen Lions	44 years	12/7/1972
Borup Lions	38 years	12/29/1978
Wannaska Lions	32 years	12/6/1984
Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions	17 years	12/10/1999