



# District 5M11 Newsletter

January 2016



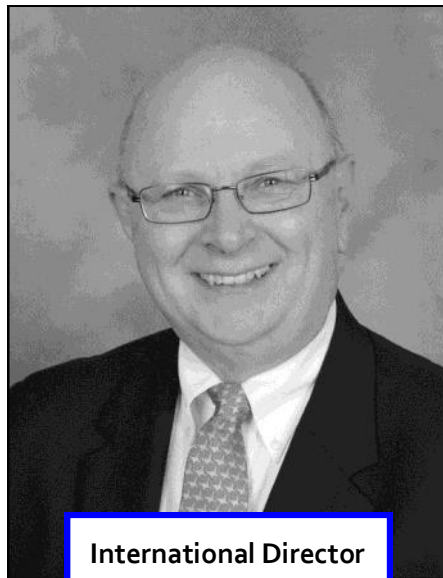
## MID WINTER CONVENTION EDITION



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## 5M11 Mid Winter Convention Keynote Speaker is International Director Jerome Thompson



International Director  
Jerome Thompson

Jerome Thompson, from Moulton, Alabama, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26 through 30, 2015.

Director Thompson is an attorney.

A member of the Moulton Lions Club since 1989, he has held many offices within the association, including club secretary, club treasurer, club membership chairperson, district governor, district public relations & Lions information chairperson, district GMT coordinator and multiple district GMT coordinator.

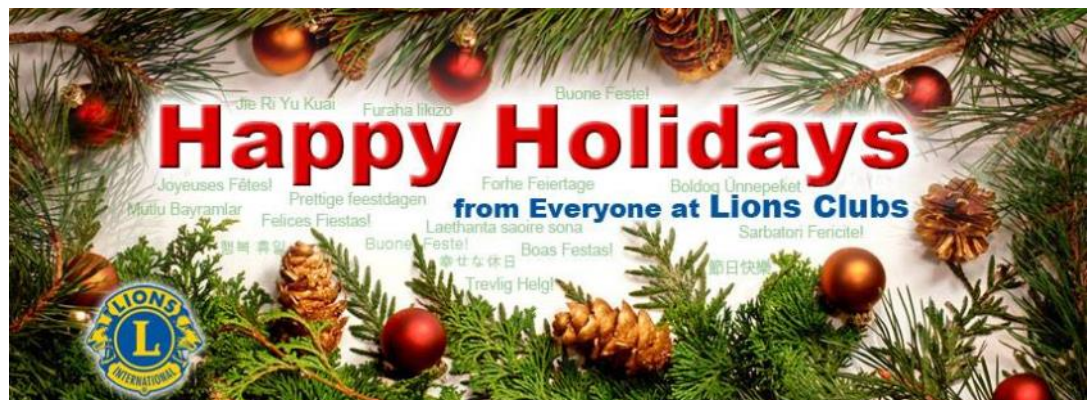
In recognition of his service to the association, Director Thompson has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, three Leadership Awards, two Extension Awards and four International President's Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Thompson is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including President of the Lawrence County Alabama Bar Association and member of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

Director Thompson has two sons.



DG  
Gerald Fontaine





## 5M-11 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2016

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – February 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**Location – CLUB REGENT CASINO HOTEL  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA**

*Hosted by Riverside Lions*

### REGISTRATION FORM (Please fill out 1 form for each attendee)

Please fill out this registration form and return with you cheque/cash/money order payable to  
2016 5M-11 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

LION ☐ LIONESS ☐ LEO ☐ GUEST ☐ 1<sup>ST</sup> Timer ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please indicate any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOSPITALITY BOOK

*Includes Friday Social, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet and Sunday Brunch*

Hospitality Book (Postmarked by January 1, 2016)	\$130.00 CDN	
Hospitality Book (Postmarked January 2, 2016 or later)	\$140.00 CDN	
Friday Night Social – Festival Du Voyageur Theme	\$20.00	

*Get ready for a FUN NIGHT!*



Saturday Breakfast	\$20.00	
Saturday Luncheon	\$30.00	
Saturday Night Banquet	\$60.00	
Sunday Brunch	\$25.00	

*Please make cheque/money order payable*

*to: 5M-11 MID-WINTER CONVENTION*

TOTAL

\$

Please mail Registration to:  
**RIVERSIDE LIONS**  
188 Worthington Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB Canada R2M 5K1

#### For Convention Information, contact:

Lion Barb Shields  
Phone: 204-957-4615 or 204-253-4240  
Email: [bms@aikins.com](mailto:bms@aikins.com)

Lion Jan Nazarko  
Phone: 204-233-2736  
Email: [jnazarko@mymts.net](mailto:jnazarko@mymts.net)



#### For Hotel Reservation Information, contact:

*Room Rate \$119/night plus applicable taxes*

Club Regent Casino Hotel  
1415 Regent Avenue West  
Winnipeg, MB Canada R2C 3B2  
Phone: 1-204-667-5560  
Toll Free: 1-888-332-2623  
Fax: 1-204-667-5913

# 2016 Parade of Green

## Lions 5M-11 Mid-Winter Convention

Club \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations being presented at Mid-Winter:

(Please make checks payable as listed below)

Amount

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (Formerly MN Lions Eye Bank)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

· Children's Eye Clinic (Note on memo line)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

· MAC Center (Note on memo line)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lions MD5M Hearing and Research Foundation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

· Children's Hearing Center (Note on memo line)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

· Schulze Diabetes Institute (Note on memo line)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

~ Based on pledge of \$3/member for 3 years

Can Do Canines (Formerly Hearing & Service Dogs)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Dogs for the Blind

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN (Support for veterans & families)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Leo Clubs

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

5M-11 Youth Activities Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Replaces Youth Outreach and Youth Exchange)

Diabetes Canada

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba/NW Ontario

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Foundation of Manitoba/NW Ontario

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Medical Assistance Program)

Lions Hearing Foundation of Canada

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lions 5M11 CancerCare Initiative

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Project New Hope just got their 501C3! So starting now any gambling fund checks should be made out as follows:  
"Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota"

# First Timers at Convention

The term “First Timer” shall apply to any Lion, Lioness, or Leo member attending his or her first 5M-11 Mid Winter Convention. The purpose is to help newer members learn about Lions Club International and also encourage them to meet other Lions, Lioness, and Leos.

The First Timers Program will consist of a booklet with two parts. The first part of the program booklet involves written answers to questions about our Lions organization. The second part requires obtaining signatures of various past and present International, Multiple, and District Officers as outlined in the booklet. In addition, participants will be asked to get signatures from current Lions, Lioness, and Leo Club Presidents and Secretaries of all 5M-11 Clubs in attendance at the Mid-Winter Convention.

The booklet will be distributed at the registration table to those who have identified themselves at “First Times”. An orientation meeting for all “First timers” will be held on Friday, January 30th. Participants will have until 5p.m. Saturday to complete their booklets and turn them in for judging. The First Timers Program and judging will be under the direction of the 1st Vice District Governor.

Prizes for the first and second place winners will be awarded at the Sunday Brunch. The first place winner will receive a Hospitality Book and two nights lodging for the 2016 Mid-Winter Convention. The second place winner will receive a Hospitality book for the 2016 Mid-Winter Convention. The prizes are non-transferrable.

## Cabinet Member Responsibilities

**Sitting on the District 5M11 Cabinet includes the following responsibilities:**

- ◆ **Attending the 4 cabinet meetings per year (ITS ONLY FOUR PEOPLE!) (Everyone)**
  - ◇ Submit written reports to meetings you attend and the Newsletter
- ◆ **Submitting a report for each of the cabinet meetings (Everyone)**
  - ◇ Offer to come to club or zone meetings to talk about your program
- ◆ **Finding out what your position entails and asking questions (Everyone)**
  - ◇ Keep the district aware of what is happening with your program
- ◆ **Zone Chairs**
  - ◇ Setting up and running 2 to 3 meetings a year
  - ◇ Staying in contact with all of your clubs
  - ◇ Submitting reports or updates to the all necessary people and the Newsletter
  - ◇ Keeping the district informed what your zone is up to
  - ◇ Helping clubs in your zone if they need it
- ◆ **Program Chairs**
  - ◇ Attend meeting for your program be it district or multiple district
- ◆ **All Cabinet members**
  - ◇ Submitting reports to the Newsletter
  - ◇ Staying in contact with each other and possibly Multiple District
  - ◇ Helping distribute the Newsletter to zone and club members
- ◆ **Attending Officer Training**
- ◆ **All training that can be offered still needs to have personal involvement.**
- ◆ **If you can't do it, ask for help.**

**Come join a great leadership team**





## Looking for a 2nd Vice District Governors



### 5M11 is looking for someone to become a Vice District Governors.

The district is need of a 1st Vice District Governor for next year (2016-2017) and a 2nd Vice District Governor for next year as well.

Check out the Qualification listed in this newsletter. You will receive extensive training from the MD5M Multiple so you will be well prepared. If you have held the office of Club President and Zone Chair/Cabinet Member or attended the MD5M Leadership Institute.

**THIS JOB IS FOR YOU! Interested?**

Contact DG Gerald at [gerryfontaine@gmail.com](mailto:gerryfontaine@gmail.com) or call R. 204.433.7955

# Pin Trading Reminder

*From PDG Lion Jim Aasness*

Lions Pins will be available for purchase at the 5M11 Mid Winter Convention in Winnipeg, February 19-21, 2016

Bring your unwanted Lions and Lioness Pins to the 5M11 Mid Winter Convention. We will sell them for you. Donate your Lions Pins Collections or the Lion's Vest with the pins on it. We will have a silent auction for them.

Money collected will be used to pay for the annual purchase of the MD5M Snowman Pins, 5M11 purchases or other expenses. In the past, we have use the money to help purchase laptops and other miscellaneous items.





# Say Cheese at Convention

Newsletter Editor Stacy Kleinwachter will once again be taking photos of the Mid Winter Convention at Mahanomen. She will be selling the DVD's for \$10 (cash), payable during the convention. Also, please find Lion Stacy if you would like your photo or your club's photo taken to be included.

To contact Lion Stacy, email at [skleinwachter@yahoo.com](mailto:skleinwachter@yahoo.com) or [specialk.stacy@gmail.com](mailto:specialk.stacy@gmail.com). She will be having a sign-up sheet that will consist of name, address, club and email or phone.

## 5M11 Memorial Service Notice

The 5M-11 Mid Winter Convention committee is putting plans together for the memorial service on Sunday morning. We need to know of any members of you Lions family who have passed away this year since the last Mid-Winter convention in Winnipeg. **Please send the information to Lion Jim Johansen along with a jpeg photo of the deceased member.** Lion Jim will advise in the next newsletter which names he has and clubs can correct or add to it.

Each year the Lions of 5M-11 Memorialize members who have passed away during the previous year.

Below is the Necrology of the deceased members we are aware of.

Deceased Member	Club	Picture
Lion Robert Janorschke	Crookston	Yes
Lion Richard Maves	Crookston	Yes
Lion Sara Croonquist	Dilworth Loco Ladies	Yes
Lion John Wiens	Grunthal	Yes
Lion Kathy Nelson	Karlstad	Yes
Lion Darryl Dickelman	Sabin	Yes

**Please inform Lion Jim Johansen of any additions or correction.**

**[jkjohansen55@gmail.com](mailto:jkjohansen55@gmail.com) or 218-483-1121**

**8103 210th St. N Hawley, MN 56549**

# Letter of Intent

January 2, 2016

To: Lions District 5M11

Please consider this my official letter of intent to run for the office of District Governor of the District known as 5M11.

As the Current First Vice District Governor I am a member in good standing of the Lions Club of East Kildonan in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I have been a member of the club for almost 20 years. within the club have held the offices of Tail Twister, Lion Tamer, Director, Secretary, Vice President, and President.

In District Cabinet I have held the offices of Zone Chair, Leo Chair and Region Chair (District 5M12), Leo Chair, Zone Chair, Lions 5M11 CancerCare Chair, Second Vice District Governor, and currently First Vice District Governor (District 5M11)

Yours in Lionism

**Lion Mike Janssen,**  
First Vice District Governor

## The LIONS 5M11 CancerCare initiative Presents “The Kindest Cut for Cancer” The Rerun



**Help Me  
Look Like This Again**



**At The Mid-Winter Convention  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Friday, February 19, 2016**



**Head Shave fundraiser For Cancer**

**I'm shaving mine, will you shave yours?  
if you want to give it a go just say so!  
help raise money for your Lions 5M11 CancerCare Initiative**

**It will grow back!**

# Club Endorsement

January 6, 2016

The East Kildonan Lions Club fully endorses Lion Mike Janssen in the his bid for the Office of District Governor of District 5M11. Lion Mike Has been a member in good standing of the club since 1997. He has held many offices and chair positions during this time and was recognized for his work with the club. He has been rookie of the year, Lion of the year. He was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship and received The International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.

Yours in Lionism

**Ron Wally, President**

**Lions Club of East Kildonan**



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# Proposed Amendment to District 5M11 Bylaw

**Alternative procedure to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of First or Second Vice District Governor-District 5M-11 Bylaws, Article 111, Section 6, shall be amended by addition of the following paragraph:**

ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE: in the event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or second vice district governor at a time when it is not convenient to convene a meeting of the members of the existing cabinet, and a candidate or candidates announces his or her candidacy to the district governor, the district governor shall submit the candidates' qualification to the district nominating committee. If the candidate(s) are qualified, the district governor will appoint an election committee consisting of the district secretary and one or more members of the governor's cabinet. The election committee shall submit the name(s) to all members of the district cabinet by US or Canadian mail or e-mail, as provided in Article X, Section 4 of these by-laws, in a format that complies with Article 111, Section 4: Ballot. Votes by cabinet members are to be cast within two weeks of sending of the ballot, by US or Canadian mail or e-mail to the members of the elections committee. The elections committee, at the close of the designated voting period, shall compile the votes cast and report the results to the district governor. A candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast, or a majority of "Yes" votes if there is only one candidate, shall be declared elected. The district governor shall convey the results to the international office within seven days, together with the elections committee report, and such other documentation as shall be required by the international office.

**Rationale:** During the past three years, a qualified candidate for second vice district governor was not elected during the Midwinter Convention, leaving the office vacant. Due to the geographic expanse of District 5M11, calling of a special meeting is not practical or cost effective. The proposed Alternative Procedure has been used effectively to fill two recent vacancies, and the procedure should be formalized as a part of the 5M11 Bylaws.

**Submitted by:** PDG Wayne H Swanson, 5M11 Policy and Legal Advisor, and Constitution and Bylaws Chair.



**Festival du Voyageur**



# Qualifications for Office

**Section 2: DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES.** Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the convention, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

**Section 3: FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES.** Any member of a club in the district seeking the office of first or second vice district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the convention, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

\*From the Constitution and By-laws of Lions Club International

## **A candidate for the office of district governor shall:**

1. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
3. Currently be serving as the first vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.

## **A candidate for the office of first vice district governor shall:**

1. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or subdistrict.
3. Currently be serving as the second vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.

## **A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:**

1. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or subdistrict.
3. Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
  - a. As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
  - b. As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
  - c. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.



# MD5M Hall of Fame Award

## Purpose

(October 2003)

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

## Award

There will be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously

Exception: During the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Lion years, each district will be allowed two (2) Hall of Fame recipients, at least one (1) of which must be honored posthumously. Following the 2005-06 Lion year, beginning in the 2006-07 Lion year, the number of Hall of Fame recipients per district will return to one (1) per district.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon. The first honorees will be inducted May 21-23, 2004 at the MD5M Multiple Convention.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients will receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients will appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, will be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees will be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

## Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in MD5M, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in MD5M at the time of their death.

## Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District.

There will be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee will be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction will be sent to MD5M and will be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Mid-Winter Convention.

Each individual District will annually hold an election at their Mid-Winter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor will have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M

Hall of Fame will not be announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations will use the standard form, no others will be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination will not be considered.

All successful candidates will be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor will ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention when the honorees are inducted.

(October 2003)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club** \_\_\_\_\_

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## *A note from your PID...*

### **TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGIN'**

Bob Dylan may not have said it first, but nonetheless it's true today, or at least after this year's International Convention. Five International Constitution and By-law Amendments were enacted:

- The position of International Third Vice President was re-instated effective with the 2016-17 Lions year which means both a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of LCI will be elected at the Fukuoka Convention.

*Lion Mike*

- The number of International Directors from the United States and its affiliates (which by Board action now includes the islands of the Caribbean Sea), Constitutional Area I, will be reduced from 14 to 11 over the next 3 years. Rather than electing 7 directors for 2 year terms each year, Constitutional Area I will now elect 6 in 2016-17; 6 in 2017-18 and 5 in 2018-19.

- The name of the "Leadership" Committee was changed to "Leadership Development" Committee to more accurately reflect its purpose.
- Effective July 1, 2016 requiring dues to be paid no later than the 15 days prior to a District or Multiple District convention for a delegate or the club of a candidate to be in "Good Standing" for the purpose of voting or running for office.
- No longer will a single affected district be able to block a Multiple district re-districting proposal; rather a re-districting proposal only requires passage by a majority of the delegates to a MD Convention,

**BUT THERE'S MORE (But these election changes all become mandatory next year; so consider using them this year).**

**Because of persistent election problems occurring elsewhere, these provisions are a part of the Standard District Constitution and By-laws effective next year.**

- Inclusion of a dispute Resolution procedure.
- An automatic update of District Constitution and By-laws is required when mandatory District CBL provisions are passed at an International Convention.
- District Governors are to appoint in writing a minimum of 60 days prior to a convention, a Nominating committee consisting of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members from different clubs, none of whom are on the Cabinet or hold an International Office, either by appointment or election. That committee shall review the qualifications of proposed candidates no later than 30 days before the convention.
- Use of DG and VDG Qualification Checklists is mandatory for the Nominating committee.
- Inclusion of the mandatory procedures for filling vacancies in the office of DG, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.
- A Convention call may be made by printed or electronic means and shall be given to all clubs no less than 60, rather than 30, days before the convention.
- The Cabinet may change the convention site no less than 30 days prior to the convention.
- The Convention Report must be sent to LCI within 15, rather than 60, days of the close of the convention.
- The Credentials Committee shall be chaired by the DG, with members including the cabinet secretary/treasurer and 2 other non-officers, both of whom are members of different clubs in good standing.
- The ballot forms proscribed by LCI must be used for both contested and uncontested elections are mandatory. When there are more than 2 candidates, a ballot and procedure for preferential voting are available.

**I am happy to send a copy of the mandatory provisions of District Constitution and By-laws to anyone who wants one. Just drop me an email at: [mmolenda@dmslb.com](mailto:mmolenda@dmslb.com).**

Thank you for your confidence and support during my 2 years as an International Director. Please give your same confidence and support to our endorsed International Director candidate, Bruce Beck at both your District Conventions and at the International Convention in Fukuoka.

*Yours in Service, Lion Mike Molenda*

# **97th Annual MD5M Lions Convention**

***Come Join us at  
the Bend in the River  
II***

***April 22,23,24, 2016  
Verizon Center,  
Mankato, MN***

***Sponsored by District 5m2  
Lions Clubs***

## **Come Canoe with 5M2**





Join Us at the  
**"Bend in the River II"**  
 97th MD5M Convention  
 April 22, 23, 24, 2016  
 Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN  
 Hosted by District 5M-2



### Registration Form

Please print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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Please specify any dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Meal	During 2015 MD5M Convention Only	Before March 1, 2016	On or after March 1, 2016	# Attending	Amount
Yes, I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals. _____					XXXXXX
Hospitality Book	USD \$90.00	USD \$100.00	USD \$110.00		
Friday night mixer	XXXXXX	USD \$15.00	USD \$15.00		
Saturday Brkfst	XXXXXX	USD \$ 20.00	USD \$25.00		
Saturday Lunch	XXXXXX	USD \$25.00	USD \$30.00		
Saturday Banquet	XXXXXX	USD \$40.00	USD \$45.00		
Sunday Brunch	XXXXXX	USD \$20.00	USD \$25.00		

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2016 Convention

Mail registrations to: Lion Charlette Abbas  
 312 Foothills Road  
 PO Box 133  
 Courtland, MN 56021  
 paandmaabbas@hotmail.com

Total Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Convention information:

Maynard Rucks @ king70@frontiernet.net. or  
 Nancy Mathwig @ nmathwig@hotmail.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2016. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

See separate information form for available hotel rooms and rates.





**Join Us at the Bend in the River II**

**97<sup>th</sup> MD5M Convention**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Verizon Wireless Center**

**Hosted by District 5M-2**

## **Hotel Information**

**Hotel Reservations can be made by calling or booking online to your hotel of choice. Rates will be guaranteed until March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 or until blocks fill up.**

**Hilton Garden Inn**

**Attached to Verizon Wireless Center**

**20 Civic Center Plaza**

**Mankato, MN 56001**

**Phone: 507.344.1111**

**Rate: \$90 +tax**

**Mankato City Center Hotel**

**Attached to Verizon Wireless Center**

**101 E. Main Street**

**Mankato, MN 56001**

**Phone: 507.345.1234**

**Rate: \$94.99 +tax**

**Holiday Inn Express**

**3.5 miles away**

**2051 Adams Street**

**Mankato, MN 56001**

**Phone: 507.388.1880**

**Rate: \$99.99 +tax**

**Best Western Hotel**

**1.5 miles away**

**1111 Range Street**

**North Mankato, MN 56003**

**Phone: 507.625.9333**

**Rate: \$94.99 + tax**



## **Konnichiwa Lions! Register for LCIcon Today**

The 99th Lions Clubs International Convention is in the city of Fukuoka, Japan, June 24–28, 2016. Fukuoka is in the southwest part of Japan and is home to the oldest Zen temple in Japan. Fukuoka is well known for its gourmet food, with an abundance of fresh seafood and the most yatai (street food stalls) in all of Japan.

The convention will include festivities that showcase our own culturally diverse membership, such as the International Parade of Nations in the heart of Fukuoka City. For up-to-date

## ***2017 MD5M Convention Report***

### ***from Lions Co-chairs Mel Milender and Wayne Tieman***

Christmas Greetings to all. The Bemidji Lions Club, the Bemidji First City Lions, and Lions in 5M10 welcome you to Bemidji, MN, for the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual MD5M Convention April 21-23, 2017. The theme for the 2017 Lions Centennial MD5M convention will be "Lions of the North for the next 100".

Lions Club International will be 100 years old in 2017, so many special events are being planned. We anticipate over 600 Lions to attend.

The last MD5M convention held in Bemidji was in 1941. The last MD5M convention hosted in 5M10 was in Thunder Bay in 2002. We have a great opportunity in 5M10 to serve by hosting this special event.

The 2017 convention will be held at the Sanford Center on the South shore of beautiful Lake Bemidji. There will be 660 available hotel rooms in the City of Bemidji, with prices ranging from \$94.00 -- \$170.00 per evening.

Registration will begin at the 2016 MD5M Convention in Mankato April 22-24, 2016.

Planning has begun for the convention and the following committees are formed: Administration, Registration, Greetings and Information, Publicity and Advertising, Program Booklet, Finance, Entertainment and Speakers, and Souvenirs. Additional Information will be at the 5M10 midwinter convention in January, 2016.

***Do you know a student (age 16-22) who's always wanted to travel?  
Participating in the Lions International Youth Exchange program may  
be right for them.***



They can apply now to go to hundreds of countries or many of the states in the USA, where ever there are Lions Clubs. Exchange stays are 4 to 6 weeks with a large number including a week at a camp.

As a participant the student will:

*-Live with a host family.*

*-Meet people their age from around the world at camp.*

*-Learn about the bonds we all share --and the differences we respect in each other no matter where we live.*

Dead lines are fast approaching!!!

Contact Multiple District International Youth Exchange  
Chair : **Cindy Walters or Susan Mullen** or  
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Lions Clubs International web site  
at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) can also answer many questions.