



District 5M11 Newsletter

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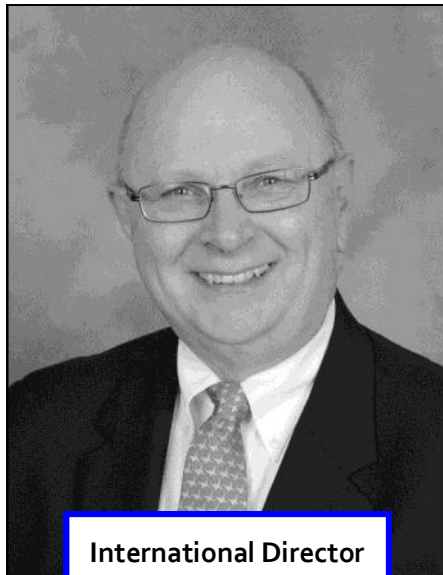
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5M11 Mid Winter Convention Keynote Speaker is International Director Jerome Thompson



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.

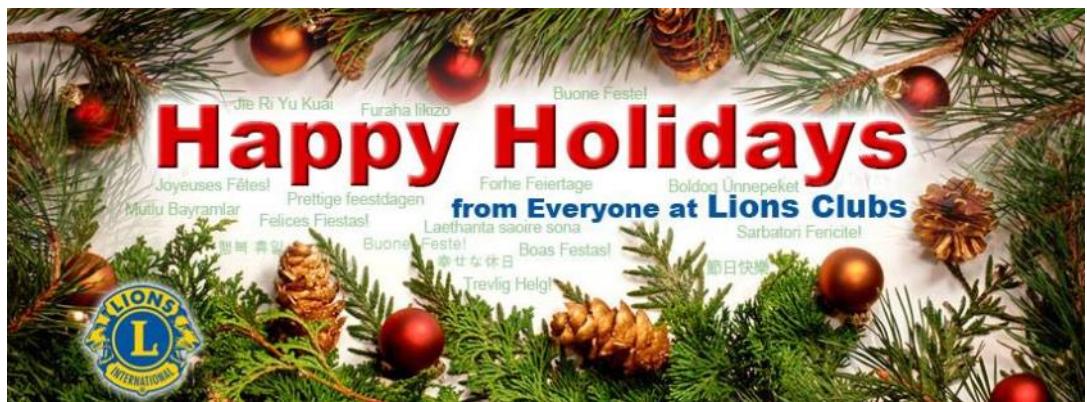
Director Thompson is an attorney.

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.



Convention Updates

Deadline for the Early Bird special is January 1st, 2016

Time seems to be creeping slowly along then suddenly before you know it, it has come and gone. You've missed the deadline to submit your Mid Winter Convention Registration for February 2016 for the early bird special. So don't waste another moment, write out that cheque and mail it in or phone in your credit card number before it will cost you more. We want to see you there and we want you to save money. Please register today if you have not already done so.

"Our 5M11 Mid-Winter Convention is approaching fast. Please send in your registrations and enjoy the discount before January 1st, 2016. If you would like to pay by MasterCard or Visa, please email your registration to Laura Devlin at ldevlin@riversidelions.mb.ca and she will process it for you.

Here are some more reasons to come to Winnipeg

- National Geographic names Winnipeg on list of world's best trips - come see for yourself and take this off your bucket list. Winnipeg was the only Canadian location on National Geographic's list of the world's best trips in 2016.

- also if you like your Whiskey - Crown Royal produces a World Whiskey of the year - come buy and enjoy.

We look forward to see you all in February and hope you will enjoy all the variety of entertainment that we have scheduled for you.

Please come and enjoy our Polar Bear and Poutine Convention - You won't be disappointed. Excitement is awaiting for you."

If you are running for District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor, you need to submit a Letter of Intent and Letter of Endorsement to the Newsletter by Dec. 30th.



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 further in this newsletter or check out the link for last month's supplement <http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m11/page-9.php>. 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 or call R. 204.433.7955



DG Gerald's Report

Greetings Lions,

As I continue my travels to visit the many Lions Clubs that make-up District 5M 11, I really can see that Lions service is truly as diverse as its members.

This past month, I made District Governor Visits with the Lions Clubs of Steinbach & Area, Winnipeg West, Winnipeg, St. James, Ste. Anne and Beausejour. These were all very moving and uplifting visits. There were various awards, banner patches and service chevrons presented. I inducted new members during my visitations.

My wife and I appreciated the tour that we were given of Lions Manor, a large senior residential and care facility owned and operated by the Lions Club of Winnipeg. We visited the Office of the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba which is also located in the Lions Manor.

We were impressed with our visit of the four suites that the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario have set aside at the Lions Manor to provide accommodations to out of town patients & family while they are receiving medical treatments in Winnipeg.

The Lions Club of Winnipeg is also hard at work sponsoring a new club to be known as the Lions Club of Ma'di / Winnipeg. They are hoping to hold the Charter Night before spring.

Our 5M 11 Mid-Winter Convention is coming-up fast so please don't forget to send in your registrations as soon as possible..

In Lionism, Lion Gérald Fontaine—DG 5M 11



DG
Gerald Fontaine



State of the District

**We added 9 new members this month
(November)**

**while losing 19 bringing us to 1903
this month with a -10.**

**For the year, we have added 72 members
and dropped 92 for a -20.**

Worldwide membership is at 1,399,028

District Governor Schedule

Dec 17

Riverside Visit

Winnipeg



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

2015-2016 Cabinet Meeting Schedule

Cabinet Meeting Schedule for the 2015-2016 year is February 19 in Winnipeg at the Mid Winter Convention in Winnipeg, and May 14 in Red Lake Falls.



1st Vice District Governor Mike's Report



**1st VDG
Mike Janssen**

Greetings Lions!

As we head into the holiday season I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Tammy and I are very excited this year to celebrate with our family, and especially with our 8 month old granddaughter Aryanna who is the light of our life. We know that her first Christmas will fill us with joy. My Christmas lights are on and we are busy decorating the inside of our home. The Christmas movies are almost daily, my wife has recorded so many that our PRV is at least 70 percent full. Christmas shopping is driving me nuts, but I do love the Christmas music. Take time to review the past year and keep in your thoughts and hearts those that are less fortunate. Have you club help some of them, and start thinking of your New Years resolutions, do they include Lions objectives. Just food for thought.

I do continue to encourage the clubs to keep working on those club projects and get our Lions name out there. Also keep searching out and enlist potential new members.

Once again I am asking all members in our district to consider attending this year's Midwinter Convention on February 19, 20 21, 2016. It promises to be a very exciting time with new speakers and new topics. With a theme like Polar Bears & Poutine it will also be exciting and

fun, you never know what may happen this year. If you're planning to come from south of the boarder it's not difficult, you just need a passport or an enhanced drivers license and a willingness to attend, and there is no better time to cross that boarder with the exchange be as it is. The exchange rate means you will be paying about 30 percent less to attend the convention. There may be a plan to get a bus so that you would not have to drive the wintry roads, I will endeavor to find out more about this. Please give it you serious consideration. We do not attend our conventions as Americans or Canadians, That is our proud heritage and our citizenship, We attend as LIONS, that is our passion.

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Yours in Lionism

Lion Mike Janssen, Vice District Governor



LIONS 5M11 CancerCare Initiative



I am available for speaking engagements on both sides of the boarder, you know the one that Lions tend to blur as we fulfill our passion. I am still volunteering at some of my time to CancerCare Manitoba although my time will be more limited now that our Lions year is in full swing. The medal I had been designing is now available for clubs who support the Lions 5M11 CancerCare initiative. The pin was approved by International and for every \$400.00 donated to the Initiative the club will be given one to present to a member who has personified service in the area of cancer support. I am looking for someone to take on the American side of the Initiative. Any monies from the U.S clubs would go to support cancer issues in The U.S. side of the district I need to let the clubs know about this so that the Initiative gain funding and support. This would go a long way in helping individuals dealing with cancer. At this point we have 2 clubs eligible to receive 2 medals, 1 club eligible to receive 1 medal, and 4 clubs working on funding for a medal. Once publicized I hope to see more medals being awarded. I am keeping records and the donations are cumulative. Please consider donating, now or at the parade of green at our Midwinter convention. Should anyone wish to know what our money and efforts have already done please ask and I will be happy to talk with you together we can make a difference.

**Lion Mike Janssen, Chairman
LIONS 5M11 CancerCare Initiative**





Calling All Lions of Minnesota

We have been asked for our help. As you know we now have the Volunteer Protection Act which allows us to help others without fear of a possible lawsuit. This law needs to be taken a little further.

In Ohio a Lions Club was holding a pancake fundraiser in an airport hangar. The owner of the hangar took it upon himself to offer free airplane rides to visually impaired persons, without the approval or endorsement of the club. This was nice, but the plane crashed killing 6 people. A judge has ruled that the club is responsible and must pay. They didn't have those kinds of funds and had to fold. Now LCI is being held responsible.

A bill is being introduced to prevent this from happening. Please contact your House representatives and your US Senators and let them know where we stand. To learn more go to the following link <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/lions-advocacy.php>. The House bill is HR2290. The Senate Bill is S1684. The website will give you information on how to contact them.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter.

Council Chair Kathy Jensen

More info on VOPA: We need U.S. Lions to urge their Member of Congress to co-sponsor the Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 2015 ("VOPA"). U.S. Senate Bill 1684 and U.S. House Bill 2290.

Why Support the VOPA?

Nonprofit organizations are involved in a wide range of activities, many of which expose the organization, its officers and volunteers to potential liability. Although their intent is to serve the public interest, these organizations and their volunteers may inadvertently cause harm to others and are thus susceptible to typical tort claims.

Nonprofit organizations play a very important role in the American society and economy, but are now being drawn into lawsuits on a scale previously reserved for private businesses. This phenomenon can endanger the existence of Lions clubs even as public demand for their services grows. In this age of frivolous lawsuits, providing enhanced protection to local service organizations that simply want to help their fellow citizens is a common sense appeal.

Lions Clubs International is proud to have taken the lead on this important measure, but we cannot do it alone. The successful passage of this legislation and the fiscal health of Lions clubs and local nonprofit organizations depend on the strength of Lions across the U.S.!

What is the VOPA?

In 1997, U.S. Congress adopted the Volunteer Protection Act ("Act"), which provides protection from tort claims that might be filed against individual volunteers of nonprofit organizations. However, the Act does not completely protect nonprofit organizations from liability caused by a volunteer.

Recognizing the need to provide enhanced protection to local service club organizations, Lions Clubs International engaged Congressman Steve Chabot of Ohio as well as U.S. Senator Mark Kirk of Illinois to develop a bill to correct this issue. The Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 2015 ("VOPA") was subsequently introduced into Congress this year!

The bill would amend the Act by affording similar liability protections to volunteer organizations as are already provided to individual volunteers, except in cases of willful misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct or flagrant indifference to safety. The bill does not raise the standard of liability for organizations – it merely protects organizations, such as Lions clubs, from being drawn into lawsuits for the wrongful acts of individual volunteers.

More Information: [VPA Overview](#) [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

The Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 2015 has the support of a broad group of organizations, representing more than two million U.S. volunteers, standing united to strengthen volunteerism and service in the United States of America. [Click here for a complete list of organizations.](#)

Contact Us: To learn more please contact us at governmentrelations@lionsclubs.org.



Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI)

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president.

Candidates must be Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and who have not yet attained the level of club president. Charter club presidents are also eligible for this institute.

Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute. Participation is limited to Lions from the Constitutional area noted in the schedule below.

Applications: Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. Applications are available on the 5M11 website (<http://e-district.org/sites/5m11/>). If you are interested in applying, please download the application or obtain a copy of the application from our Global Leadership Team District Coordinator, Lion Joanne Swanson at 5m11pgjoanne@gmail.com. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Cost of the Institute: Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$125.00** will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site. You might check with your club to see if they might assist financially to attend this institute.

2015-2016 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for Constitutional Area I & II: USA, Affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas & Canada

Date: March 19-21, 2016

Location: Denver, Colorado, USA

This institute will be conducted in English and we will be accepting seventy-five (75) Lions.

Completed forms must be returned by: **January 4, 2016**

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

Institutes & Seminars

Lions Clubs International

E-mail: institutes@lionsclubs.org

Fax: [630.706.9010](tel:630.706.9010)

To ensure timely receipt of your applications, please submit by e-mail or fax.

If you have questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at institutes@lionsclubs.org, by phone at [630.468.6740](tel:630.468.6740) or by fax at [630.706.9010](tel:630.706.9010).

***Lions Club of West St. Paul is holding its'
annual Applebee's Pancake Breakfast fund
raiser***



Date: Sunday, 10 Jan 16

Where: 1598 Regent Ave W.; Winnipeg, MB (Crossroads)

Time: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Executive Secretary

Lions Clubs International Multiple District 5M

Organization Summary

Multiple District 5M, second largest Lions Clubs International District in North America consisting of 21,500 members serving local communities in Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, while meeting humanitarian needs, encouraging peace, and promoting international understanding through 648 Clubs is seeking an Executive Secretary.

Location: Minnesota **Closing Date:** January 20, 2016

Job Type: Part Time **Job Category:** Administrative Support Services

Salary: \$30,000 - \$35,000

Primary Duties: This position reports to the Council Chair with direction of the Council of Governors. Executive Secretary shall perform such duties as specified or implied by the Constitution and By-Laws of MD5M. This position provides direct administrative support to volunteers. These duties include but not limited to receiving correspondence, receiving and depositing funds, preparing checks, maintaining financial accounts, books, and records of MD5M, serve as an ex-officio member of standing and appointed committees of the Council of Governors and shall generally assist the Council of Governors in conducting the business of MD5M.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will be a self-starter, extremely organized, have strong writing and verbal communication skills, Microsoft Office skills and have keen organizational and time management skills. This job requires local and international travel. Have the ability to lift up to 50 lbs and must be bondable.

Experience: The ideal candidate will have a track record of getting things done, experience with working with volunteers and boards, experience with QuickBooks and budget management. Work experience in Association management preferred but not required.

Additional Info: To learn more about MD5M and to download our job application, please go to our website at: www.Lionsmd5m.org

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How To Apply: *If this position excites you, send a cover letter with your resume and job application to: Kathy Jensen, 32549 CR 11, Wendell, Minnesota 56590-9771 or via email at quiltlady@runestone.net*



Lunch with Santa—West St. Paul



West St. Paul Lions LUNCH WITH SANTA

DATE: 19th Dec. 2015

TIME: 11AM - 2PM

PLACE: SUNOVA REC CENTRE
48 HOLLAND DRIVE



Lions Zone 4 Winter Meeting
Red Lake Falls American Legion
123 Main Avenue South,
Hosted by the Red Lake Falls Lions
Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Social Hour & Registration – 6:00 PM Dinner - 6:30 PM

Please RSVP to Lion Jim Rystad at jimrystad@hotmail.com or 218-689-2723 by January 11, 2016 with the number of members attending from your club. Dinner includes **Baked Chicken**, Baby Red Potatoes, Salad, Dinner roll, Dessert and Coffee. Dinner cost is \$12.00. Please encourage your membership to attend.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION

Dear Lions,

No matter where you live, you have probably heard about the refugee situation in Europe. Hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes and make their way into Europe. They are leaving Syria, Kosovo, Afghanistan and several other countries, usually on foot and carrying what few possessions they still have. They are searching for a place to call home, where they can safely raise their families. Many of them are crowded into camps, lacking adequate food, water and medical supplies.

This is where Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions can help. LCIF has approved US\$200,000 to help Lions address the needs of refugees in host countries. The Lions of Sweden and Turkey are already hard at work providing relief materials to refugees near the Greece/Turkey border. The Lions in the Istanbul, Turkey, region have received a grant for refugee assistance, with which they plan to establish a school for refugee children and support the nutrition and hygiene needs of 100 families for two months.

Lions in Europe and the Middle East recently met to share stories, resources and ideas for helping the refugees. A steering committee comprised of Lions leaders in Europe was formed to help coordinate efforts. Please consider making a [donation](#) to LCIF's disaster fund so Lions in the affected areas can help where help is needed most.

If your District or Multiple District is interested in aiding refugees, you can [contact LCIF to find out how to request funds](#) for local relief projects through a pilot grant program.

Thank you for your dedication to improving lives of people all over the world.

Sincerely,

Joe Preston
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation





DREAM CATCHER NEWS

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
"Catch the Dream" Life Without Diabetes!



www.mnlionsdiabetes.org facebook.com/MinnesotaLionsDiabetesFoundation

Winter 2015

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Mission Statement

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (MLDF) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities.

Foundation News

Lions, thank you for joining us and helping with World Diabetes Day! Lions across Minnesota joined in this great community service project to create awareness for people at risk for prediabetes and provide important resource information to assist people with lifestyle changes. We hope you enjoy our photos of this fun event where we also created interested in Lion memberships!



At our Midwinter Conventions we hope your Zones will be talking about what they can do to

plan for a diabetes awareness project in 2016! We know the resource people who helped with World Diabetes Day are anxious to get involved with you! Happy New Year and thank you Lions for the difference we made in the life of people with diabetes in 2015!!

New Ulm Diabetes Walk

The Lafayette Area Lions Club from District 5M2 and the Lions Club of New Ulm from District 5M3 joined forces to hold their first annual "New Ulm Diabetes Walk" on October 10, 2015. Fifty walkers participated and over \$6,700 was raised for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation which will be used to find a CURE for diabetes.

We hope that our success encourages other Lions Clubs in Multiple District 5M to hold similar events to raise money for our very worthwhile cause.



Pictured is MLDF Trustee, New Ulm Lion Bob Schirlinger, left; and Lafayette Area Lions Club President, Lion Bob Wise, right; presenting a check for \$6,685.04 to MLDF Trustee, Lion Kevin Blank, center; who is accepting the check on behalf of the MLDF.



World Diabetes Day in Dilworth



MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

Lions, thank you for joining us and helping with World Diabetes Day!

Lions across Minnesota joined in this great community service project to create awareness for people at risk for prediabetes and provide important resource information to assist people with lifestyle changes. At the eight MN sites over 1,000 people participated by filling out the "Are You At Risk" survey. We hope you enjoy our photos of this fun event where we also created interested in Lion memberships!



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Peace Poster



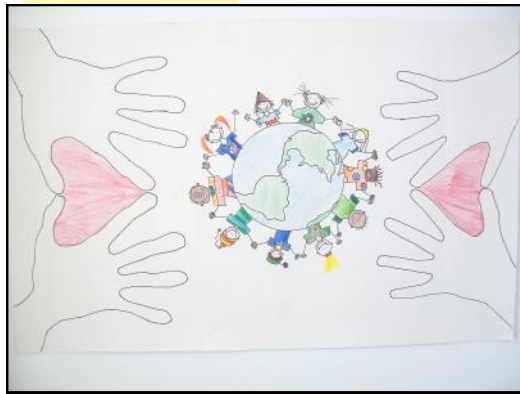
Jerika Carriere from grade 8 in Ste. Anne MB, was the district winner. She was sponsored by the Ste. Anne Lions Club.



Gwenyth Fain from grade 6 in Waubun MN. Sponsored by the Ulen and Hitterdal Lions clubs.



Emily Fry from grade 7 in Ste. Anne MB. Sponsored by the Ste. Anne Lions Club.



Hannah Leckie from grade 5 in Crookston MN. Sponsored by the Crookston Lions Club.



Jacelyn Pinske from Ada MN.



Olivia Rosendahl from Fosston MN.



Keira Foster from West St. Paul MB. Sponsored by the West St. Paul Lions Club.



West St. Paul Lions Club Peace Poster 1st & 2nd place winners Sisters (twins) Keira & Reagan Foster with their Mom.

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 Mahanomen. **Please send the information, name and Club, to Lion Jim Johansen (jkjohansen55@gmail.com) 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.



Ulen Hitterdal 5th Grade peace poster award winners: Kaitlyn Brenna - 1st place; Drew Jacobson - 2nd place; Shawn Green - 3rd Place.



Lion Russ McDougall from the Hitterdal Lions presenting plaques to the 5th Grade peace poster award winners.



Ulen Hitterdal 6th Grade peace poster award winners: Kayla Braseth - 3rd Place; Garrett Knutson - 2nd place; Gwen Fain - 1st place and her poster was sent on to be judged for the District 5M 11 Peace Poster Contest.



Ulen Hitterdal 6th Grade Peace Posters

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West St. Paul Lions and Barnesville Lions

Fall Supper



Lion Chris Olson is shown handing a check in the amount of \$15,000 to Dave Herbig, Commander of American Legion Post #153. The money is earmarked for the Reed Field Baseball Project and is part of the \$100,000 being raised in order to receive a matching grant from Sheels in that same amount. Looking on is Lion Scott Nelson, who is a member of the American Legion Reed Field Committee as well. Fundraising has been a cooperative effort between the American Legion and the Barnesville Lions Club, and the youth in our area will be very well served upon completion of this cooperative effort.

West St. Paul Lions Club has been keeping busy. We lost 2 members and gained one new member. To date we have 22 members. On April 26th we held our very first Spring Tea. Although it was not a great success a fun time was had by those who attended and the crafters and vendors. June was a busy month. On June 8th Lion Evelyn Myskiw went to 2 schools for Project Pride. She spoke to over 100 grade one students and presented each student with a personalized certificate and Canadian flag.

Also in June we gave out 3 \$500.00 bursaries to West St Paul students attending the 3 catchment Collegiates in our area. Our Club barbequed for the Rivercrest Hotel annual yard sale. Also in June we donated to one of our own Club members, Lion Rhonda Jones. This was to help cover her travel expenses while

she competed in the National Dart Tournament in St Catherine's, Ontario. We also had a number of members out for Rose Tag Day. We held our wind up on June 27th at the home of Lion President Larry Jones. We all had a great time with more than enough food. The rain held off until we finished eating, then we all made a mad dash to the house where we gave out our Club awards. July 1st our Club cooked and served the Pancake Breakfast for the West St Paul Canada Day celebrations. We served over 420 people. On July 18th we held our annual Grocery Scramble. This year's winners were a young couple with one child and another on the way. They were certainly thrilled to get a \$500.00 shopping spree. Also in July a number of our members cooked a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs for 65 children and adults who were touring the Sunova Centre. Our Club sponsored a West St Paul child with type 2 Diabetes to attend the Diabetic Camp.

In August our Club donated a 100 cup coffee urn, one serving cart and 2 griddles to the Sunova Centre. On Sept 12th we again barbequed at the Rivercrest Hotel yard sale. On Sept 20th our Club helped with the Dog Walk at Birdshill Park. Upcoming events are our Annual Fall Supper on October 4th at the Sunova Centre and our Annual Lunch with Santa on December 19th at the Sunova Centre.

Submitted by Lion Debbie Jones, Secretary, West St Paul Lions Club



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.

Fallen Lions



In Loving Memory Of

**Darryl A.
Dickelman**

February 5, 1927

May 16, 2015

Lion Darryl was a charter member of the Sabin Lions Club.

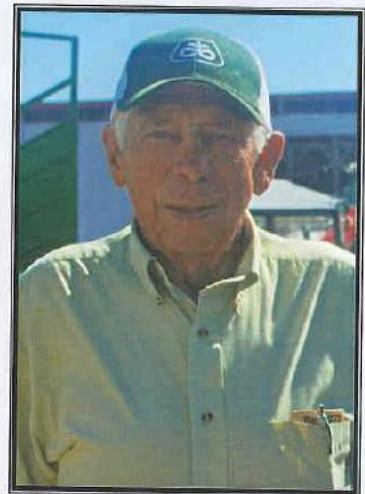


In Memory of
Sara L. Croonquist

August 7, 1946—October 22,
2015

Lion Sara was a member of
the Dilworth Loco Ladies
Lions Club.

In Loving Memory



John G. Wiens

April 11, 1930 - September 30, 2015

Lion John was a chartered member
since 1984 of the Grunthal Lions Club.

Lions Club of Winnipeg



Warren Lions Club

November is another month that has been quiet so far. We are in the early planning stages of our Spring Dinner. The only part we have down is the date – Saturday, April 16th, 2016. Venue, menu, cost, recipient of the funds generated have yet to be decided upon but we are hoping to make considerable progress on these matters before the end of the month.

We have provided shortbread and hot chocolate for the residents of Lions Place, Lions View and Lion Manor for our “Seniors Light Up Your Life “ concert.. This is a concert put on by the Winnipeg Pops Orchestra for our residents – these are amateur players who play for the fun of it. They use our facility to practice once a week from September to June. There are about 50 players in the orchestra. They also help other groups raise funds for worthwhile projects – like a church roof or elevators or other repairs by putting on concerts for the group to sell tickets

Another of our initiatives we are hoping to bring to fruition is a speaking contest at our local high school. We will encourage the grade 0, 11 and 12 students to give a short speech to our Lions Club, and we are planning to reward the best with a monetary prize.

We are also dotting the i's and crossing the t's as we get set to sponsor the new Lions Club of Ma'di of Winnipeg. As you can imagine we are excited for the conclusion of a new Lions Club with their “Charter Night” celebration.

Lion Ernie Jones



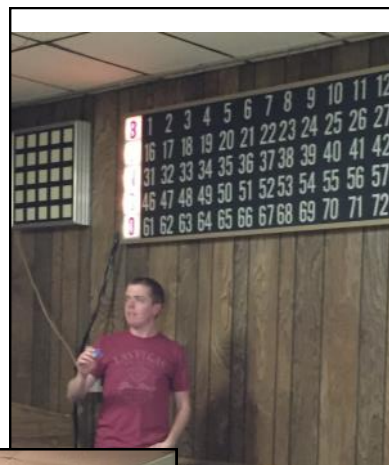
On Wednesday/November 11th Kari Miska, Speech Teacher at W-A-O School, visited the Warren Lions Club and spoke to them about the W-A-O Playground Equipment Project. This Fundraising Project will replace the playground equipment that currently is at the W-A-O School.

The Warren Lions Club will donate the net proceeds from their Turkey Bingo Fundraiser on November 22nd to the W-A-O Playground Equipment Project.

On Sunday, November 22nd the Warren Lions Club held their annual Turkey Bingo Fundraiser at the Warren Legion, with the Proceeds from this Event being donated to the W-A-O Playground Equipment Project.



Lion Steve Novak calling Bingo numbers



Lion Chris Kirchner calling Bingo numbers



Lions Jim Duckstad, Mike DuBore, Jim Myrfield & Al Jevning working at the Lions Turkey Bingo Fundraiser



Canadian Foundations Updates

We send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas bringing good health and happiness to you and your family. May the New Year bring peace to all!

We thought you would be interested in knowing what we have been up to July 1 – October 31.

Eye Bank: We have provided eye exams and eyewear for 3 individuals. We have provided specialized lens and adaptive technology for 3 individuals. Misericordia Health Centre recognized our contribution by placing a plaque at the Medical Lab. See picture.

CLERC: We have shipped over 17,000 pairs of eyeglasses to Calgary. Thank you to everyone who supports this worthwhile program. Did you know—CLERC in Calgary shipped 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses to developing countries July 1 – September 30.



Hearing: We have assisted 3 individuals in obtaining hearing aids. To date, we have collected just over 80 hearing aids. Thank you for helping us. Did you know: Dr. Ritterman and I have been asked to speak at the Provincial Forum for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Educators in April. We look forward to meeting the needs of children and families that are not currently being met. We have been asked to provide screening equipment to a school division. I had the opportunity to meet the parents who are interested in forming a support group in Manitoba called Hands & Voices. Currently, they have met in our Board room and look forward to being chartered. We are working with Dr. K. Priestly on establishing a library of resource materials for families that is currently not available. We do have hearing aid recycle boxes available to those who may want to help us.

MAP: We continue to strive to meet the needs of those facing a medical burden. To date we have assisted 20 individuals. Thank you to all supporting clubs.

Rural Housing: Continues to be a safe haven for individuals needing home like accommodations while undergoing medical situations. To date 16 people have benefitted from this program.

All of these programs are necessary and by working together we are able to alleviate applicant fears and no one group needs to carry the burden alone. Thank You. To date we have spent over \$24,000.00 in all programs.

Journey for Sight: We ask that you please support Journey for Sight by buying raffle tickets or sponsoring a rider. The Lions Eye Bank is grateful for their support and all monies we receive allow us to help individuals. The 2016 JFS ride begins January 11, 2016 with a wind up in Brandon January 16.

Please visit our Web Site eyebankmanitoba.com. We encourage you to call at any time should you have questions or share an idea. Thank You for all you do!



With the transfer of our members from the **Dawn to Dusk Lions Club to the Crookston Lions Club**, six members received a Certificate of Centennial Membership certificate at the regular Monday meeting. Some of the members are Lion Keith, Lion Karen Marx, PDG George Marx, Lion John Vik, Lion Clarice Vik, and PDG Joanne Swanson



On Wednesday/November 11th North Valley Health Center CEO Brian Neubauer was inducted as a new member into the **Warren Lions Club** at their November meeting. In the attached photo, Brian (on right) is being congratulated by his Sponsor, Lion Wade Johnson, W-A-O Principal/Athletic Director.



International News

Download Centennial Celebration Resources

The [Lions Centennial Toolbox](#) has the tools you need to celebrate 100 years of Lions service and make an even greater impact in the next 100 years. Participating in the [Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty](#)? Find a Relieving the Hunger planning guide, call-to-action flyer and customizable press release to promote your event. The toolbox also includes Centennial Membership Awards resources, Centennial club supplies and newsletters, logos, posters, historical videos and more.



Register for Lions Day with the United Nations

Mark your calendars to attend the [38th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations](#) on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Hear from the Carter Center and UN Women and be amongst the first to celebrate this year's winners of the International Peace Poster and Essay Contests. LDUN participants also have the option to attend the popular Lions-UN luncheon with invited ambassadors in the Delegates Dining Room. Seating is limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. You don't want to miss this exciting event, so reserve your spot early!

Video: Lions Make Toys and Bring Joy to Children

For almost 30 years, Lions in New Zealand have been giving handcrafted toys to children in need – making holiday and birthday celebrations a little brighter. What started as a toy repair project became a toy workshop for Lions volunteers who design and build more than 1,200 toys per year. [Watch the video](#) from the Lions Quarterly archives to learn more about this heartwarming project.

A Message from Bill Gates

LCIF has committed to raising US\$30 million by 2017 to improve access to vaccines through Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance. The funds raised will be matched by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. Bill Gates, co-chair and trustee of the



Centennial Commemorative Coin

The U.S. Department of the Treasury is minting a limited edition \$1 Centennial Commemorative Coin to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs. The design will be approved in December 2015, and the coin will be available for purchase in January 2017. Lions Clubs International Foundation will receive US\$10 for every coin sold up to 400,000 – for a maximum of US\$4M – to support our SightFirst program.

Give Back to Your Community in the New Year

This January 10-16, give back to your community by joining the Lions Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty. This special international event is designed to bring dignity to the nearly 800 million people in our communities and around the world who go to bed hungry every night. Make a difference by hosting a project impacting hunger and poverty in your community, and you'll help us reach our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people. [Visit the Worldwide Week of Service page](#) for more information and start planning your project today!



Changes to Grant Application Deadlines

Due to the restructuring of the LCIF [Board of Trustees](#), board meeting times and some grant application deadlines have changed. After January 2016, applications for Standard grants are due no later than 90 days prior to the start of board meetings. Applications will now be reviewed in January, May and August.



LITPC Youth Scholarship Information

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) awards annually a \$2,500 Youth Scholarship to a graduating Senior who is a Leo or a child/grandchild of a Lion or Lioness.

Four \$2,500 Youth Scholarships have been awarded so far. The first one was awarded to a Leo from Pennsylvania in 2012. The others have been from Virginia, Iowa and most recently from Virginia.



After November 1, 2015, the new updated forms for the Application for Scholarship will be on the website: www.LITPC.org to print them out. The deadline for submitting the completed LITPC Youth Scholarship application is March 1, 2016.

All completed Youth Scholarship applications should be mailed to:

Lion Bill Guthrie
5M Youth Scholarship Chairman
9-101st Lane NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

If you have any questions, please contact
Lion Bill Guthrie at 763-786-8072 or bmguthrie9@q.com.

MD5M SECRETARY BOB HARMS TO RETIRE

Long time MD5M Executive Secretary Bob Harms has announced his retirement as of the end of the 2016-17 Lions year. Lion Bob joined the Kingston Lions Club in October of 1990 and has been an active member ever since.

He became initially involved as a secretary when he served as co-secretary (with PCC Deborah Harms) of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Inc. which has since been renamed to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.

Lion Bob became the Executive Secretary of MD5M in 2003 and has held that position ever since. He has set an example for others to follow. In addition to his mandated Secretary duties, he has gone above and beyond is serving Lions, willing to teach classes at the DGE training session and being a representative on the Board of Trustees of the Lion MD5M Hearing Foundation, Inc.

Always willing to give, in 2012 Lion Bob undertook an unparalleled fundraiser for the Hearing Foundation by riding a lawn mower the entire length of Minnesota, from the Canadian border to Iowa. As a recipient of a BAHA (Bone Anchored Hearing Aid) Lion Bob was generous in giving of his time to tell any Lion who asked how it worked and let them try it for themselves.

In reviewing the accomplishments of MD5M Lions, it is my sincere hope that Lion Bob enters the MD5M Hall of Fame due to his unrelenting service to Lions in general and MD5M in particular. I can think of no one more worthy.

Lion Mike Molenda

2013-15 Past International Director



**American Diabetes Association EXPO Results
October 10, 2015
Minneapolis Convention Center
9am-3pm**

TOTAL FOR 2015 EXPO: 8,046 people

TOTAL FOR 2015 Healthcare Professional Breakfast: 70 people

Other info about the Diabetes EXPO:

- 70 Exhibitors
- 2 buses that had a total of 9 stops to pick up attendees in Wisconsin and outstate Minnesota
Numerous participants rode MetroTransit with a Free bus/lighttrail pass to EXPO
- 500 people sat down one on one and spoke with Experts in the Ask the Expert Area and/or Personal Trainers in the Active Living Area Over 3,200 people received screenings (14 types of screenings provided)

Comments from participants included:

- I can't thank you enough for hosting the Diabetes EXPO. I attended 2 years ago after I was diagnosed with prediabetes. I met with a dietitian at the EXPO that year. Since then I have been able to make lifestyle changes which have impacted my overall health and I have been able to prevent Type 2 Diabetes. The Diabetes EXPO changed my life! Thank you!
- Fantastic information at the Diabetes EXPO!
- I was very impressed with the Expo and the wealth of information available.
- Very good Expo. Looking forward to next year's event.
- I was diagnosed a few weeks ago and I am so happy to be able to come to the EXPO and learn all I can.
- Loved the expo, very relevant and timely info.
- I really enjoyed the EXPO as it was my first time to attend, with my husband. I got great information that I will be able to use daily. Thank you for making it available to everyone.

Thank you Lions for another successful year!

On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we are so very grateful for your continued support, time and energy. The mission of the American Diabetes Association is *to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes*. Our focus is on diabetes research initiatives that concentrate on finding a cure, prevention of diabetes, reduction of complications, in addition to programs, services and advocacy. The work that the American Diabetes Association conducts is more important than ever and it's only possible through our generous supporters such as you! Thanks again for all your efforts in helping Stop Diabetes.

**To learn more and to join the movement
visit stopdiabetes.com or call 1-800-DIABETES**



Can Do Canine Update



Can Do Woofaroo

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.



Supporters lead more than 180 walkers at the kick off of the Can Do Woofaroo.

On September 12, 2015 you showed your support! The Can Do Woofaroo Fundraising Walk and Festival was held on September 12, 2015 at Can Do Canines facility in New Hope, MN. More than 182 walkers, 86 dogs and 90 volunteer came out to the event and raise some serious assistance dog funds.



Officer Brian Collier & Explosive Detection Dog Mesa



Julie Schneider & Hearing Assist Dog Shiya

In total, we raised more than \$60,000. That's enough to fund two new assistance dog teams! Slammer's Supporters, the top fundraising team brought in \$2,218 and the top fundraising individual, Holly Fitzenberger brought in \$3,000. Wow!

Thank you to everyone who walked, pledged and volunteered. We hope to see you again next year for another great event!

In the meantime, if you haven't made it out to Can Do Canines facility (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN) consider attending an upcoming Tails to Tell Tour:

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, 11 a.m.

Saturday, February 27, 11 a.m.



Weinreb Family & Assistance Dog in Training Milton

Find more information about our Tails To Tell Tours at can-do-canines.org.



Fall Graduation

Congratulations to the 18 Can Do Canines teams who received diplomas on Saturday, October 24, 2015 in recognition of graduating from our assistance dog program.



5M-11 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2016

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – February 19th, 20th & 21st, 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 ☐ 1ST 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

**\$110 US for Early
Bird Registration**

| | | |
|--|--------------|--|
| 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

Lion Jan Nazarko
Phone: 204-233-2736
Email: 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"



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.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

(October 2003)

Date _____

Name _____
Address _____
Club _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Club _____

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Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.

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.



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

97th MD5M Convention

April 22nd-24th, 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 21st, 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 information about the convention, visit the LCICon website.

Register today for the convention to receive the \$130 early registration fee. Also, book your hotel room with LCI and stay with your delegation.

Cabinet Directory

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Clubs: Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa, Whitemouth and District, Beausejour, East St. Paul, West St. Paul, East Kildonan, East Kildonan Lioness.

Zone 10

Clubs: Winnipeg Beach/Dunnottar Lakeside, Selkirk and District, St. James, Winnipeg West, Winnipeg.

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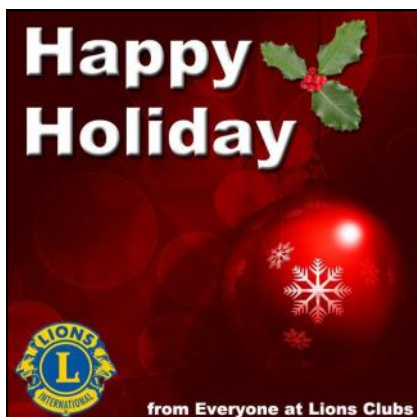
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Newsletter needs club assistance –New info



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

Zone Chairs and Club Officers please make sure your members are receiving the monthly newsletters. Club Officers, if need be, please print at least one copy to pass around at your meeting. I pack a lot of information into each newsletter.

Thank you to all the clubs that put forth submissions this past year 2014-2015 as well as the cabinet members that sent me items. 40 out of 72 of the clubs had submitted something. That's almost 75% 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.

PLEASE HELP ME MEET THIS CHALLENGE FELLOW LIONS

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

Upcoming deadlines for the newsletter:

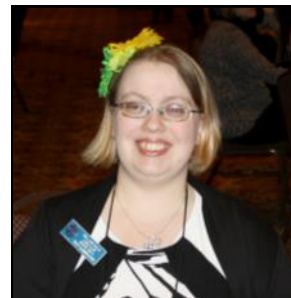
December 25th — January Newsletter

January 25th — February Newsletter

Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor

Email: skleinwachter@yahoo.com or specialk.stacy@gmail.com

Thanks to the following Lions and Lioness clubs for submissions: Ada, Argyle, Barnesville, Barnesville Thursday Nite, Crookston, Dilworth Loco Ladies, East Kildonan, East St. Paul, Fertile, Flom and Area, Greenbush-Badger, Grunthal, Hawley, Hitterdal, Karlstad, Lac du Bonnet, Lake Bronson, Moorhead, Oslo, Red Lake Falls, Riverside, St. Hilaire, Ste. Anne, Thief River Falls Moonlighters Lioness, **Ulen**, Warren, Warroad, West St. Paul, Whitemouth & District, Winnipeg, Winnipeg Beach/Dunnottar/Lakeside, Winnipeg South and Winnipeg West.



Websites to Know



Lions Club International: www.lionsclubs.org

Multiple District 5M: www.lionsmd5m.org

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

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
2015-2016**

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 Gerald Fontaine

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

The Journey for Sight

will be arriving in your area between

Jan. 11-16, 2016



*Join us to help raise money
for The Lions Eye Bank
and enjoy a
fun filled few days
by becoming a rider
or support crew member.*

Info contact Lion Ian Mullin, Bowsman
204-236-4478 imullin1095@gmail.com

Legs from the North, South, East and West.
Note: Morden (SE Corner) leg
will have a ride - but will not be travelling to Brandon.

**WIN A
2016 Ski-doo Renegade
Sport 600**

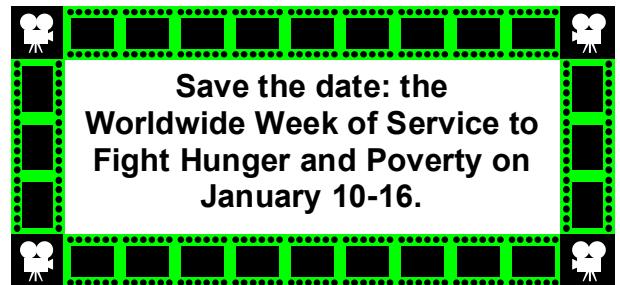
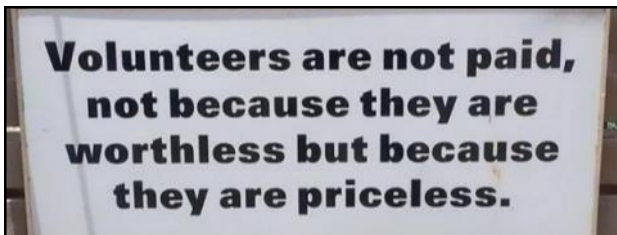
Birtle Lions Club are coordinating
tickets and will be forwarding to
Lions Club in 5M13.
Birtle Lions Club contact
Lion Fred Barteaux 204-773-6703
fgfeeders@inethome.ca

Tickets will be available from
riders, your local Lions Club
and the Lions Eye Bank office.
Draw to be made at the Lions
Mid-Winter Convention
in February 2016.

Journey for Sight

<https://www.facebook.com/JourneyForSight/>

We ask that you please support Journey for Sight by buying raffle tickets or sponsoring a rider. The Lions Eye Bank is grateful for their support and all monies we receive allow us to help individuals. The 2016 JFS ride begins January 11, 2016 with a wind up in Brandon January 16.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

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|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Winnipeg Lions | 94 years | 12/15/1921 |
| Twin Valley Lions | 57 years | 12/3/1958 |
| Moorhead Midday Central Lions | 57 years | 12/10/1958 |
| Ulen Lions | 43 years | 12/7/1972 |
| Borup Lions | 37 years | 12/29/1978 |
| Wannaska Lions | 31 years | 12/6/1984 |
| Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions | 16 years | 12/10/1999 |