



District 5M11 Newsletter

February 2016



DIGNITY THROUGH SERVICE



Fosston-Lengby Lions donate to Fosston ECFE Program



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The Fosston-Lengby Lions are proud to announce that they recently were able to make a \$1,000 donation to the Fosston ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) Program. Early Childhood Coordinator Dawn Bly tells us, "ECFE in Fosston was established in 1991 and has been growing ever since, currently this school year we have had 63 families participate in the program. The mission of ECFE is to strengthen



Presenting the check; Lions Treasurer- Brook Burggraf, ECFE Student-Claire Burggraf, Early Childhood Teacher- Nikki Gutterud, and Student Teacher- Karina Sollie.

families through the education and support of all parents to provide the best possible environment for the healthy growth and development of their children." Funding for ECFE is through state and local dollars and has been stagnant for a number of years. With these funds, Dawn plans on updating many of the early childhood learning tools within the program.



Leader Dogs for the Blind is Accepting Applications for their 2016 Summer Experience Camp

Do you know any teenagers who could use a week of fun, outdoor activity and friendship this summer? Do you think they would enjoy kayaking, rock wall climbing and tandem biking? How about the challenge of developing new travel skills and stretching their independence? If so, the Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp was designed with them in mind.

The program combines outdoor activities with things exclusively Leader Dog—GPS training and the opportunity to spend time with Leader Dogs in training and guide dog mobility instructors. The combination will help them increase the skills they need to live independently!

Summer Experience Camp is for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. The program is completely free including airfare to Michigan—and everyone receives a free HumanWare Trekker Breeze+ GPS device to keep. **Summer Experience Camp is scheduled for June 25—July 2, 2016. Applications are due by April 1, 2016.**

For more information and to download an application, go to www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at 888-



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,

The Council of Governors are in the process of selecting candidates for the position of 5M Executive Secretary. As you know, Lion Bob Harms has indicated his wish to retire and a new replacement is being sought. Our new Executive Secretary will be introduced at the Multiple Convention in Mankato, MN April 22nd to 24th.

Since January was a slow month for Governor Visitations, I took the opportunity to go to the 5M 9 Mid-Winter Convention held in Brainerd, MN on January 9th to 11th. It was interesting to see and observe how other District Conventions tend to organize.

If your club has not yet reserved a date for your District Governor's visit, please do so very soon.

Our 5M 11 Mid-Winter Convention committee is hard at work preparing for our own big event being held February 19th to 21st. I look forward to seeing you all there.



DG
Gerald Fontaine



In Lionism, Lion Gérald Fontaine—DG 5M 11

State of the District

We added 23 new members this month (January)

while losing 25 bringing us to 1881 this month with a -2.

For the year, we have added 105 members and dropped 147 for a -42.

Worldwide membership is at 1,388,279



Did you ask someone to be a Lion today?

District Governor Schedule

Feb 8	Moorhead Midday Central Visit	Moorhead
Feb 19-21	5M11 Mid Winter Convention	Winnipeg
Feb 25	Fertile Visit	Fertile
March 8-13	Council of Governors	Roseville
March 15	St. Hilaire Visit	St. Hilaire
March 22	Hallock Visit	Hallock
March 24	Thief River Falls Visit	Thief River Falls
March 29	Joint Zone Meeting of Zones 1 & 2 and 5M9 Zone 9	Lark Park
March 31	MD5M Forum	Mahnomen

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!

We are now well into the second half of the Lions year and the Midwinter Convention is but a heartbeat away but there is still time to get your registrations in. Don't wait too long though it will be here before you know it. this year's convention should be one for the books. Don't forget to discuss any amendments to the constitution and nominations of election that will be conducted at the convention, with your club members. this will ensure that your delegates will vote the way the club wants them to. Don't forget the Friday night mixer and the hospitality room as well.

Let's take this time to reflect on where we have been as Lions and where we are headed. What have we done so far this year and what more can we do? Are we involved, are we growing, and are we having fun? Why did I join, and what can I do to make this to make this a truly enjoyable experience. Never lose sight of what you can do for others, and what this does for you. To serve for the good of others that need us is one of the greatest things we can do with our time here on earth.

I will be quite busy over the next few months after the convention I am off to Minneapolis for another training session, this time with DGE's from Manitoba, Minnesota, North and South

Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Then it's back to Minneapolis in March for more training and the Council of Governors meeting. In April it's off to the Multiple Convention in Mankato again more training and my first convention as a DGE. I believe I am and will be ready to take on my responsibility to serve you the Lions of 5M11. In June it's off to Dog Guides in Oakville, Ontario and shortly thereafter to the International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan. Our flights and hotel are booked and we can't wait to go! Tammy and I will now be spending 18 days there and are heading from Fukuoka after the convention to Tokyo on the bullet train with Gord Kingdon and his wife {DGE 5M13}, making stops along the way. I am extremely excited as this will be my first International Convention, although I'm sure it will not be my last. I'm already making plans to attend in Chicago and Las Vegas.

I look forward to seeing you at the convention.

And please remember "Lion Mike Janssen For District Governor 2016 -2017"

ROAR LIONS, BITE EM, BITE EM, BITE EM, DON'T YOU HEAR THEM LIONS ROAR.

Need me to visit, or I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is mjanssen@shaw.ca, my home phone number is (204) 669-0473 and my cell number is (204) 330-3802.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Mike Janssen, Vice District Governor

Letter of Intent & Club Endorsement

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

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

**LIONS 5M11
CancerCare Initiative**



A this point in our year I am focusing primarily on preparing the display booth and my seminar for the Mid-Winter Convention.

Once again on The Friday night of the convention I will be offering to have my wonderfully colored hair (Purple and Gold) to be shaved off by persons attending the convention, for a price of course. As well I have invited other to step up and get liberated from their hair and I understand I may have a few takers, I hope so. Don't be afraid it will grow back. for everyone else Pay a bit of money and take a swipe. it's all for a good cause, Our own Lions 5M11 CancerCare Initiative.

Please
keep
The
Lions
5M11

CancerCare Initiative in your thoughts when preparing for the Parade of Green. As mentioned in the last newsletter a record of Monies from any club will be tracked and when a donation of \$400.00 is met your club will receive a "Kristin's Hope" medal to bestow on a member of your club who has worked to make a difference in the battle against cancer. The donations are cumulative. I hope to see more medals being awarded. Should anyone wish to know what our money and efforts have already done please ask and I will be happy to talk with you. Please look for our booth at the convention! *Together we can make a difference.*

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

**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!



Moorhead Lions Club

Post Office Box 1262 Moorhead, Minnesota 56561-1262

It's time to be thinking about our ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT!

We would love to have you be a part of all the fun!!

The Moorhead Lions Club along with Sunset Lanes will be hosting a fun morning of bowling. This is a great opportunity to have fun and help our club raise funds for a special Lions Project called **LEADER DOG** which helps provide **guide dogs for the blind**. An average cost is about \$45,000 for the training per dog. We also have several community projects that have needs.

Teams - Teams can be from a business you own, or work for, or you and 3 friends!! Team fee is \$100.00. . . that's it. . . no other bowling fees!! The fee pays for 3 games of bowling for 4 people, a morning of fun, and a charitable donation to our Lions Organization.

The event will be **Saturday, March 5th, 2016**. Please mail in your entry postmarked by Wednesday, March 2nd, or call or email in your registration by Friday, March 4th. Call Sandra at 701 371-0129 or email: designerinmn@msn.com

The bowling shift starts about 9:00 am, so check-in should be done before 8:30 am so we can get the lanes ready.

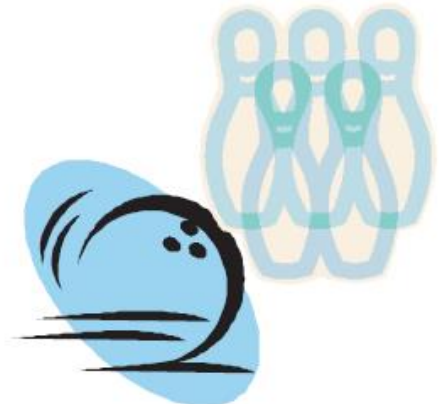
A monetary donation or any gifts you could donate for the Silent Auction or the participation prize drawings would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate something for our "strikes" prizes that would also be appreciated, like complimentary food coupons, candy bars, snack packs, caps, or other items you may have.

The Teams will be bowling 3 games -- **Moonlight** (colored pins); **9-pin No-Tap**; and **Scotch Doubles**. While the bowling is going on we will be drawing for participation prizes. The Silent Auction will conclude at the end of the bowling shift.

We are looking forward to having an entertaining morning while raising funds for several worthwhile causes.

We hope you or someone you know will sign up for a chance to enjoy some bowling and helping support this special project and our efforts in this wonderful community.

Sue Hauglid
Tournament Chair





Moorhead Lions and Sunset Lanes



8TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016 - 9:00 AM START TIME

4 People per Team – Team Entry Fee – \$100.00

NOTE: Bowlers can be any age, as long as they know how to bowl.

No bowling aids such as side rails or aiming racks can be used.

Bowlers must be at least 18 years of age to participate in any drawings requiring a ticket or playing card purchase.



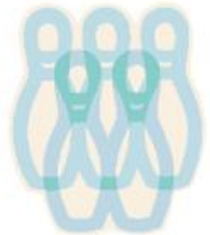
BOWLING FORMAT

Game 1 - Moonlight style colored pin bowling
 Game 2 - 9 Pin No-Tap (9 pins down on the first ball = strike)
 Game 3 - Scotch Doubles (Bowlers pair up - alternate turns bowling)

A portion of the proceeds will go to help Lions Projects such as LEADER DOG along with other local charity organizations.

Come and Join the Fun!!!

Many Silent Auction Items Available To Bid On
Along With Drawings For Some Awesome Prizes!!



Every Bowler is entered into our Participation Drawings.

Donations for the Silent Auctions and/or drawings
and “bowling a strike prizes” are always appreciated!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Don't Delay - Reserve your Team Spot
Deadline - Entry Postmarked Wednesday, March 2nd
or call by 6:00 pm Friday, March 4th - 701 371-0129 or e-mail designerinmn@msn.com

TEAM NAME: _____

Contact Person's Name _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/ST _____

Email address: _____ Zip _____

Bowler #1: _____ Bowler #3: _____

Bowler #2: _____ Bowler #4: _____

Mail your entry form and payment to:
Moorhead Lions Club, Post Office Box 1262, Moorhead, MN 56561-1262
or call Sandra 701 371-0129 - email designerinmn@msn.com.



Multiple Zone/Multiple District Meeting



ERASING THE BOUNDARIES ZONE EXTRAVAGANZA

MARCH 29, 2016
Lake Park MN American Legion
5:30 Social (cash bar available)
6:00 Meal

\$12.00
Lake Park's American Legions
Famous "All YOU CAN EAT
FISH" or Breaded Chicken Breast
Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad,
Dinner Roll, and Dessert

Door Prize Raffle
Mixer, Games and FUN!



HOSTED BY THE
LAKE PARK LIONS

Speakers: **Big and Bigger Reunited!**
Lion Randy Beaver 5M-9 GMT Candidate for International Director PCC Bruce Beck

***5M11 Zone 1 and 5M11 Zone 2 Lions will be joining 5M9 Zone 9
Lions for a night of fun and fellowship!***

Zone 1 Lions, please RSVP to **Zone Chair Lion Deanne Williams** at williams.deanne77@gmail.com with the number from your club attending and whether each person will be eating **fish or chicken** by **March 17th**.

Zone 2 Lions, please RSVP to **Zone Chair Kim Peters** at kpeters@arvig.net with the number from your club attending and whether each person will be eating **fish or chicken** by **March 17th**.

Let's have a great turnout!



MN Lions Vision Foundation Update



Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Your **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)** has reinforced our long-standing support of the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology by pledging \$4 million to fund and name a specialty surgical suite, the **Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center!** The Vision Foundation will pay off the pledge over the next 8 years.

University of Minnesota ophthalmologists are among the best in the world, treating the full spectrum of health issues relating to the eye. Currently, University ophthalmologists perform eye surgeries off-campus in shared space at other facilities, using borrowed equipment. This causes scheduling and transportation difficulties for physicians and delays in getting patients the care they need. The Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center will fill this critical void, and the patients who benefit from this improved service will once again owe a debt of thanks to the Lions of Minnesota. The new **Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center** is scheduled to open February 29th.

We encourage our Minnesota Clubs to continue to support the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation through the Parade of Green at the upcoming Mid-Winter Convention. **Please make all checks payable to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, or MLVF.** Your donations to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation will be directed to the area of greatest need. If you would like your donation to go to a designated area, such as the new Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center, the MAC Center or the Children's Eye Clinic, please note on the check memo line. Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Another way to continue financial support of the MLVF is to make a contribution in memory of a club member, family member, or friend who has passed away. By making a Memorial Donation of \$200 to the MLVF, the name of the person you wish to recognize will be posted on the wall at the Clinic. If you have questions about a Memorial Donation, or need a supply of memorial cards, please contact Lion Russ or PDG Jeannine.

Remember that every \$1,000 donated in a club's name will earn one **Helen Keller Award** that can be presented to a deserving Lion, non-member, business, or organization. Contact Lion Russ or PDG Jeannine for the current available balance of your club. We are also happy to assist with ordering the award and providing more information. And please invite us to present the award at an appropriate time - it gives us an opportunity to talk about the MLVF and one of the most rewarding parts of our job as a director!

Also keep collecting those used eyeglasses. According to 5M Recycling Coordinator Bob Hoofnagle, since 1990, our Multiple District has sent more than 10,254,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the recycling center in Wisconsin! Minnesota clubs are asked to bring boxes of collected eyeglasses to your Spring Zone Meetings or contact one of us for arrangements get them from you. (Minnesota clubs **should not** bring them to Winnipeg.)

While you're at the Convention, stop by our booth and learn about all of the exciting things happening with the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. And please feel free to contact either of us if you have questions, need more eyeglass collection boxes, or would like us to speak at your club or zone meeting.

Thank you for being **"Knights of the Blind"**!

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H: 218-281-2953

PDG Russ McDougall
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New Lions Members to 5M11 (July-Dec 2015)

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

Dillion Erickson – Argyle Lions Club

Brady Swanson – Argyle Lions Club

Joseph Borrer – Barnesville Lions Club

Jack Foster – Barnesville Lions Club

Shane Raw – Barnesville Lions Club

Gretchen Gottsacher – Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions Club

Dionne Merkens – Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions Club

Samantha Raw – Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions Club

Wayne Ewasko – Beausejour Lions Club

Chantal Hlatky – Beausejour Lions Club

Alicia Smith – Beausejour Lions Club

Shane Heiberg – Dilworth Lions Club

Dave Knain – Dilworth Lions Club

Jered Pigeon – Dilworth Lions Club

Darin Sundstrom – Dilworth Lions Club

Timothy Tollefson – Dilworth Lions Club

Kent Tweten – Dilworth Lions Club

Davis Rozitis – East Kildonan Lions Club

Sheryl Rozitis – East Kildonan Lions Club

Stan Mikawos – East St. Paul Lions Club

Darcy Nynych – East St. Paul Lions Club

Zenon Pawluk – East St. Paul Lions Club

George Ackre – Fertile Lions Club

Susan Ackre – Fertile Lions Club

Lawrence Ricard – Fertile Lions Club

Michael Slevin – Fertile Lions Club

Julia Carlson-Vogel – Glyndon Lions Club

Crystelle Philipp – Goodridge Lion Tamers Lions Club

Harley Dauner – Hawley Lions Club

Paul Bostrom – Karlstad Lions Club

Brandi Habing – Lac du Bonnet Lions Club

Pamela Habing – Lac du Bonnet Lions Club

Becky Laba – Lac du Bonnet Lions Club

Lisa Plischke – Lac du Bonnet Lions Club

Barry Richardson – Lac du Bonnet Lions Club

Nora Roy – Lac du Bonnet Lions Club

Haifa Selo – Lac du Bonnet Lions Club

Lisa McLeod – Moorhead Lions Club

Amanda Fyhrie – Moorhead Midday Central Lions Club

Leonard Fyhrie – Moorhead Midday Central Lions Club

Terry Lowen – Riverside Lions Club

Tyler Prydun – Ste. Anne Lions Club

Carey Castle – Thief River Falls Lions Club

Christy Stall – Ulen Lions Club

Ishara Harmon – University of Minnesota Crookson Lions Club

Jisu Kim – University of Minnesota Crookston Lions Club

You Bin Lee – University of Minnesota Crookston Lions Club

Tien Nguyen – University of Minnesota Crookston Lions Club

Marie Omdahl – University of Minnesota Crookston Lions Club

Boyoung Park – University of Minnesota Crookston Lions Club

Karen Hagen – Wannaska Lions Club

Richard Larson – Wannaska Lions Club

Karolyn Roseen – Wannaska Lions Club

Lyle Roseen – Wannaska Lions Club

Jill Wulff – Wannaska Lions Club

Jonathan MacArthur – Warroad Lions Club

Terra Doe – West St. Paul Lions Club

Samia Akhnoukh – Whitemouth & District Lions Club

Pat Green – Winnipeg Beach Dunnottar Lakeside Lions Club

Keerath Bal – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Agum Bhagria – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Sujin Han – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Yong-Jin Kim – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Veronica Kresz – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Ron Novotny – Winnipeg South Lions Club

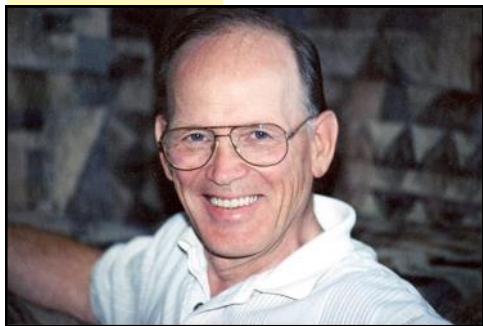
Steven Thomasson – Winnipeg South Lions Club



Clubs, as you add new members, please e-mail Lion Stacy, Newsletter Editor, as well as DG Gerald to be included in the next newsletter.

(E-mail is skleinwachter@yahoo.com or specialk.stacy@gmail.com)

Fallen Lions



Lion LaMoyne Branden, a Past President of the Greenbush-Badger Lions Club.



Lion Rome Mickelson of the Twin Valley Lions Club.



Lion Erling Huglen of the Roseau Lions Club.



Lion John Stewart of the Winnipeg Lions Club.



Lion Vernon Smith of the Winnipeg Lions Club.



Seventh Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update April 2, 2016

Hosted by: Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. and the University of Minnesota Foundation

There are 29.1 million people in the United States living with diabetes. More than 340,000 people in Minnesota have diabetes and that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to learn from nationally recognized scientists, including Michael Garwood, Ph.D.; Bernhard Hering, M.D.; and Amir Moheet, M.D., who are leading some of the most promising diabetes research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes.

NEW EVENT FORM AND LOCATION: This year, the Lions Research Update will consist of a reception where guests will have the opportunity to visit discovery stations to learn how our University of Minnesota scientists are making a direct impact here in Minnesota and around the world. Following the reception, guests will be invited to join us for lunch and a program, featuring our trailblazing researchers.

Saturday, April 2, 2016

10:30 a.m. - Reception and Discovery Stations

11:45 a.m. - Lunch

Noon - Program

McNamara Alumni Center

University of Minnesota

200 Oak Street SE

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Faculty Presentation Highlights:

- Dr. Michael Garwood will present, with funding provided by the Lions, the exciting advances in viewing transplanted islets inside the body pre-and post-transplant.
- Dr. Bernhard Hering will show how the islet transplantation method is curing people with type 1 diabetes.
- Dr. Amir Moheet will discuss how long standing diabetes affects the brain and may contribute to cognitive dysfunction, dementia, and/or diminished executive function.

RSVP by Friday, March 18:

Please RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions

For questions, please contact Olivia at okurtz@umn.edu or 612-626-8537.

A confirmation and parking information will be sent prior to event.

Warren Lions

On Saturday, January 9th the Warren Lions & Warren Jaycees jointly held a 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament Fundraiser at the W-A-O High School. This Tournament, last held several years ago solely by the Warren Lions Club, included 6 boys teams from Warren-Alvarado-Oslo, Roseau, Marshall County Central, and Stephen-Argyle, along with 6 girls teams from Warren-Alvarado-Oslo, Marshall County Central, Stephen-Argyle, Kittson County Central, Grafton and Roseau. A large turnout of players, families and fans were in attendance. The addition of the Warren Jaycees in the running of the Tournament this year was a huge benefit to all. This Tournament will be held again next year on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Warren Lion Tony Gullikson was the Chairman of this Project/Tournament, and did an outstanding job. Proceeds from this Tournament Fundraiser will be donated to local charities, non-profits, and disadvantaged individuals.



Warren Jaycee Heather Treumer, along with Warren Lions Kevin Johnson & Rick Schmiedeberg pause for a photo while working at the scorer's table at the Lions/Jaycees 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament held at the W-A-O High School on Saturday, January 9th.



Warren Lions Jim Myrfield & Jim Duckstad, along with Warren Jaycee Nate Gronowicz pause for a photo while working at the concession stand at the Lions/Jaycees 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament held at the W-A-O High School on Saturday, January 9th.



Action in the main High School Gym between 2 teams competing in the Warren Lions & Warren Jaycees 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament held at the W-A-O High School on Saturday, January 9th.



Action in the Auditorium Gym between 2 teams competing in the Warren Lions & Warren Jaycees 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament held at the W-A-O High School on Saturday, January 9th.

Dilworth Lions

The Dilworth Lions made a donation to Dilworth Cub Pack 652 for a new set of flags. This included flag stands for meetings as well as harnesses for parades. The Dilworth Lions sponsor the cub pack.



Dilworth Lions Past President David McLaughlin and Brian Norberg are pictured with leaders from the Dilworth Cub Scouts during a flag dedication ceremony recently.

Lions Brian and Dave are pictured with the Pack Flag. Note that the Dilworth Lions are mentioned prominently on the top half of the flag as the sponsor of the Cub Scout Pack.



Lion John Vik of the Crookston Lions was presented a Certificate of Appointment from LCIF at the District Governor's Cabinet Meeting in October in Red Lake Falls by District Governor Gérald Fontaine. This makes the 6th year as a District Coordinator for LCIF for Lion John. His service with LCIF started back in 1991-1994 with the introduction of Campaign SightFirst 1, of which he was the District Chairman those 3 years. Lion John is forever grateful to all the Lions who support the work of the Foundation with their contributions that make possible the funding of grants in Sight, Lions Quest, Disaster Relief, and Humanitarian Needs.

Cabinet Awards



PDG Wayne Swanson and PDG Joanne Swanson of The Crookston Lions, were presented with Certificate of Achievement for becoming Certified Guiding Lions at the District Governor's Cabinet Meeting in October in Red Lake Fall by District Governor Gérald Fontaine.

Leader Dog Donations



Picture captionThief River Falls Lion President Mike Reishus is shown accepting a miniature brick from Lion Ken Bauer, Leader Dogs for the Blind Co-Chair. The brick reflects the support the Club has given to Leader Dogs for the Blind and the actual brick will be laid in the "Walk of Fame" at the Leader Dog home campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Since its founding in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind has given away more than 14,000 life changing leader dogs at -o- cost to the recipient, and this happens because of support such at that given by the Thief River Falls Lions Club. "We Serve," is entirely exemplified through such donations.



District 5M-11 Leader Dog Co-Chair, Ken Bauer, is shown presenting a miniature brick to Chad Rosdahl, president of the Crusader Motorcycle Club. The club donated \$500.00 to Leader Dog and an additional \$155 to the "Kennel Remodel Project" a few months ago. The miniature brick reflects the \$500 donation and is a replica of the brick that will be laid in the "Walk of Fame," at the Leader Dog Home Campus at Rochester Hills, Michigan. The Crusaders have been active supporters in past Leader Dog Ventures as well. When Lion Mark Mansell and his wife Lion Deb rode the lower 48 states in 26 days on their motorcycles raising funds for Leader Dog, the Crusaders accompanied them from the South Dakota border to the West Fargo VFW. They also attended the brat feed for the Mansells in Barnesville, MN, and purchased hundreds of dollars' worth of \$20 pins from them. They are a fun group with which to visit and share Leader Dogs for the Blind videos, and are understanding in the way Leader Dogs for the Blind changes lives. The Leader Dog group says "Thank You," and hope to continue this relationship for years to come.

Goodridge Lions



DG Gerald Fontaine presented Goodridge Lion Jerry Wayne, left, with a Melvin Jones Award at the DG visit with Goodridge Lions and the Goodridge Lion Tamers Lions on Dec. 5, 2015. Congrats on a Lion Jerry for his wonderful commitment to Lions!



Lions Legacy Project

Connect with Your Community and Build Your Lion Legacy

The Centennial Celebration brings Lions together and also provides the opportunity to connect with your community. One way your club can commemorate the past century of service, while also looking forward to the next 100 years, is to complete a Centennial Community Legacy Project. As a visible gift, your Centennial Community Legacy Project will serve as a lasting reminder of just how vital your club is to your community. From a new sign at your city's entrance to an eye clinic, there's an opportunity for every club to be involved. There are three levels of Centennial Community Legacy Projects, choose from the project ideas below or create your own:

Level 1 – Raise Your Community Visibility

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park

Level 2 – Provide A Community Gift

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization
- Fund resources for the visually impaired

Level 3 – Make A Community Impact

- Expand a library or school
- Build a clinic
- Develop a training center
- Equip an area hospital



Having your entire club participate in the implementation of your Centennial Community Legacy Project will showcase your service impact to your community and strengthen the bond between your members. From selecting a community need to fulfill, meeting with local leaders, planning the project and celebrating the project completion, there are many opportunities for members to be involved. Start building your Lion legacy today by discussing ideas for your Centennial Community Legacy Project at your next meeting. Visit the [Centennial Community Legacy Project page](#) for ideas and other resources.

Hello
JUNE

***Mark Your Calendars Now!!!
June 3, 2017***

***The annual D-Foot Hearing Loss Walk will be held in the morning at The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.
MD5M will hold a Centennial Celebration at the Mall of America that afternoon.
It will be a big event for all to remember!***



Warren Lions

Warren Lions Club being given a Tour of the Godel Memorial Library by Librarian Dawn Korynta on Wednesday, January 13th prior to their monthly meeting. Librarian Dawn Korynta explained the history of the Godel Memorial Library in Warren, along with all of the services and programs that the Library has to offer the public.



Lions Members (L-R) Tony Gullikson, Chris Kirchner and Al Jevning listen to Librarian Dawn Korynta telling the Warren Lions Club about all of the services that Godel Memorial Library has to offer.



Lion Doug Safar taking a break to perform his improvised concerto "Rhapsody in Retirement" at the Godel Memorial Library during the Tour provided the Warren Lions Club by Librarian Dawn Korynta



Allyn Roley, Rick Schmiedeberg, John Bowman, Jim Duckstad, Bob Mattson, Kevin Johnson, Doug Safar, Chris Kirchner, Librarian Dawn Korynta, John Peterson, Tony Gullikson and Al Jevning paused for a photo while being given a Tour of the Godel Memorial Library by Librarian Dawn Korynta



The Warren Lions Club recently donated \$750 to the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo School Playground Project, with the majority of these funds being raised from the Lions Turkey Bingo Fundraiser held last November at the Warren Legion.

Warren Lion Rick Schmiedeberg is shown presenting the \$750 Lions check to Kari Miska, Co-Chairperson of the W-A-O School Playground Project. In the background are Warren Lions Nate Wozniak, Kevin Johnson, Jim Duckstad and Chris Kirchner.



Barnesville, Glyndon and Fertile Lions



At a recent Lions membership meeting, Lion President Mike Quiggle handed out 15 year membership chevrons to (L to R) Lion Greg Berg, and Lion Dean Ernst. Lion Ron Johnson received a chevron for 40 years of service. On the far right is Lance Akers, a volunteer in charge of fund raising for the Veterans' Honor Flights going from Fargo, ND, to Washington, D.C. Lance gave a very interesting talk to the group on Honor Flights and encouraged the Lions participation in this very worthy cause. Ten years ago, when the honor flights originated, the Lions donated \$1,000 toward that nonprofit. Today it cost \$750 per individual to take the trip, with -o- cost to the veteran, and a decision on the club's participation will be forthcoming. In the calendar year 2015, the Club donated a total of \$58,228.82, with 84% of the donations remaining in our community. The Lions Club remains a very active service club exemplifying the motto of, "We Serve."



On Monday evening, January 11, 2016, members of Glyndon Lions Club and Glyndon Lioness Club enjoyed a very informative and interesting presentation by Deb Andvik, who works in the Fargo office of LifeSource, an organization which coordinates organ donations. A local organ recipient from Glyndon, Jeff Schmidt, also told the group about his experience with the organization and how it has changed his life for the better.



Since 1965, the Fertile Lions Club has been putting on a Senior Citizens Christmas Party. The 50th annual party was at Fair Meadow Assisted Living in Fertile, MN. Bernice Ness, left, admired a centerpiece won by Norma Halvorson, right. A number of drawings – many for centerpieces – were held during the party. About 60 seniors attended and 25 Lions members provided gifts and served holiday goodies.



Fertile, Mn., Lions Club President Paul Borslien, left, welcomed Past District 5M-11 Governor Wayne Swanson, center, and Zone Four Chairman Jerry Amiot, to the Dec. 9 meeting in Fertile. Swanson gave a presentation on Lionism and attracting new members. His advice: "Make people aware of the benefits of Lionism and service to the community." He stressed the importance of personal contact. "Have the right person ask and follow up." Amiot said the Zone Four winter meeting be Jan. 19 at the Legion Hall in Red Lake Falls, Mn. He asked the Fertile club to host the spring meeting in April. Amiot and Swanson are both from Crookston, Mn.



Crokston Lions

Crokston Lions Hold 7th Annual "Hoops on Halloween"

The 7th Annual *"Hoops on Halloween"* sponsored by the Crokston Lions Club was hugely successful, with a record number of 111 teams participating in the three-on-three basketball tournament! For boys and girls in grades three through nine, the 2015 tournament drew teams from Minnesota and eastern North Dakota. One of the features of "Hoops" is a Costume Contest. Players have the option of wearing their costumes while they play, as you can see in the photos above. All players receive a specially-designed "Hoops" T-shirt and door prizes.

This year's tournament netted over \$11,000 for the Crokston Lions. The tournament is made possible through the help of the University of Minnesota-Crokston Women's Basketball Team, who serve as referees for the many rounds of tournament play. In appreciation for their help, the Crokston Lions recently presented \$4,200 to the UMC Foundation, designated for the Women's Basketball Scholarship Program.



Some "Hoops" tournament girls await costume contest judging.



Some girls team members playing in their costumes.



The Crokston Leo Club recently received their 25th consecutive Leo Club Excellence Award. Pictured receiving the award at the Crokston Lions Christmas Party & Governor's Visit are ten Leos and Advisor Linda Morgan with District Governor Gerald Fontaine. (The Crokston Leo Club has 180 members.)



The Crokston Lions honored Lion Tim Motherway with a Helen Keller Sight Award. PDG Jeannine Windels, MLVF Board of Directors, made the presentation at the Crokston Lions Christmas Party and Governor's Visit in December.



West St. Paul and Whitemouth & District Lions

The West St. Paul Lions Pancake Breakfast held Jan. 10th for those that made the cold weather trip enjoy themselves.



Whitemouth & District Christmas Hampers

Whitemouth and District Lions Club had requests for 43 Christmas Hampers this year, which was slightly up from last year. The Lions Club purchased much of groceries provided in the hampers with monetary donations we received, and even had Christmas gifts for 45 children, but tubs were placed in many of the local businesses to collect donations as well, and again this year, we were so grateful to receive so much from the residents in our communities. In addition to groceries, some of our wonderful neighbors offered boxes of knitted toques, scarves, and slippers...enough to cover most heads and feet of all the 110 hamper recipients.

Besides the groceries in the hampers...which included canned goods, eggs, fruit and vegetables, cereals, hams and turkeys...some of our members had spent months collecting gently used adult and children's clothing. After cleaning, sorting and storing many cases of clothing, it was all brought into the community club where hampers were to be picked up,. A dozen tables were laid out with everything from all kinds of clothing, winter jackets, boots and shoes to comforters and stuffed animals, and it was all offered to anyone who needed it. It was gratefully accepted from all those who attended the hall that day, and it is an event that the Lions Club plans to provide periodically throughout the year. The Lions Club is so grateful to live in such a wonderfully generous community, and we acknowledge that we would not be able to do the work that we do without their support!





International News



Celebrate 100 Years through Service, Membership and Community

Don't miss out on being a part of the Centennial Celebration. As Lions Clubs International enters its 100th year of service, make sure your club and members are a part of the celebration. All Lions are encouraged to lead through service, invite for impact and connect with their communities to help make our centennial goal of serving 100 million people by 2018 possible.

Our [Club Centennial Planning Guide](#) is a resource to help your club identify, plan and complete Centennial Celebration activities. The guide offers steps to success, tips on how to create "SMART" goals, a planning check list and a Club Centennial Celebration Plan worksheet designed to help you identify the Centennial



Plan Your Legacy Project

Every club is encouraged to connect with community by completing a Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. **Legacy Projects are visible gifts that commemorate our Centennial** and address specific needs in your community. Take this opportunity to create a lasting legacy of your service contributions and earn special Centennial recognition by completing a Legacy Project and reporting it on the MyLCI Service Activity Report.

Visit the [Centennial Community Legacy Projects page](#) and start planning your project today!

Discover the Expanded Centennial Toolbox

Get the tools you need for a successful Centennial celebration by visiting the **newly expanded Centennial Toolbox on Lions100.org**. The Centennial Toolbox features great Centennial materials like brochures, planning guides, FAQs and promotional materials that can help make your Centennial celebration a success.

If you haven't seen the [Centennial Toolbox](#) on Lions100.org lately, check it out today!

Club Presidents – Open the Doors to Success for Your Club!

Each new year brings opportunities for renewed energy and focus on improving your leadership skills and your club! International President Yamada invites you to open the door to success and increased community service by employing the [Seven Keys to Success](#). Encourage your club to make positive changes in how it serves members and the community by leading it through the Seven Keys to Success. You can even earn an award that recognizes your leadership. Just complete the [Club President Award application](#) and forward it to your district governor.



Peace Poster Contest Kits on Sale January 15

The theme for the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in your community and encourage local boys and girls (ages 11-13) to celebrate peace through art. Resources for organizing and promoting your club's contest are included in the Peace Poster Contest Kit, which may be purchased from the Club Supplies Sales Department starting January 15. [Visit the Club Supplies Store](#) and enter "Peace Poster Kit" in the Search Box. [Visit the LCI website](#) to learn

more about the Peace Poster Contest, see past winning posters, [watch the Peace Poster Contest video](#) and more.

New District Election Procedures: Effective July 1, 2016

Understanding the need to improve the district election process, the International Board of Directors chose to implement mandatory election rules and procedures across the organization effective July 1, 2016. Each district is responsible for reviewing and amending its constitution and by-laws in accordance with these changes. Please review the annotated Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws available on the [Legal Division resource page](#). Election-related seminars will be held at area forums, and e-learning opportunities will be available via the online [District Resource Center](#).



Zone 4 Recap

The Lions Zone 4 Winter Meeting was held on January 19th and was hosted by the Red Lake Falls Lions at the American Legion Hall. It was attended by 23 Lions, including seven District Cabinet officers and members of the Crookston and Red Lake Falls Lions clubs. The featured speaker was Lion Jim McLaughlin from Dilworth, who spoke on the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, as a member of its Board of Directors. PDG Joanne Swanson talked about International President Dr. Yamada's 17-step program for a Lions Club's success. Lion Russ McDougall gave a short presentation on the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. PDG Jim Aasness spoke about pin trading and the upcoming District 5M-11 Midwinter Convention in Winnipeg and the 97th MD5M Convention in Mankato. PDG Wayne Swanson reminded clubs to file their Form 990N and the need to maintain its corporate status. Immediate PDG Dennis Olsen gave a pitch for a candidate for First Vice District Governor for District 5M-11. Club presidents were asked to highlight their club's projects for the first half of their Lions year. It was announced that the Zone 4 Spring meeting would be hosted by the Fertile Lions during the second week of April.

Submitted by Lion Jerry Amiot, Zone 4 Chair



2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Omaha, Nebraska

Sept. 15-17, 2016

Leadership ? Service ? It's what Lions do !

“Leadership for Service”, the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car “Follow a Dream” to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register now via our website: www.lionsforum.org





Can Do Canine Update

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

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is Tami Summer. Tami now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind since thanks to Hearing Assist Dog Lola. Read their story below.

TAMI SUMMER & HEARING ASSIST DOG LOLA

Tami Summer always wanted a dog. But as a hairdresser in Alexandria, Minn. she likes to keep the hair where she works—not at home. So she tabled the idea. Then one day one of her clients told her about Can Do Canines assistance dogs. Since that moment Tami’s life has never been the same.

Tami from has Meniere’s disease. Meniere’s disease is a disorder of the inner ear that causes spontaneous episodes of vertigo along with fluctuating hearing loss, ringing in the ear and—on occasion—a feeling of fullness or pressure in the ear. At age five, Tami began having hereditary hearing issues.

“It wasn’t as bad as a child but my hearing in my right ear crashed at age 18 and hasn’t returned,” she says.



Tami utilizes a CROS hearing aid system that transmits sounds coming into the right ear to the left side. She says it helps sometimes, but she still finds herself missing important sounds like the door bell and the telephone. The hardest sound for Tami to hear is the alarm clock. So she devised a temporary, yet ineffective solution.

“I have to rely on someone to get me up. If my husband won’t be around, I have to call my mother the night before. She calls repeatedly to wake me as I usually miss up to 10 phone calls.”

When she was clued in that a Can Do Canines assistance dog could alert her to sounds, she was intrigued. Even having a dog to perform one task—alerting her to the alarm clock—sounded appealing. So she applied to Can Do Canines and was paired with a three-year-old Hearing Assist Dog named Lola.

The black Labrador retriever does much more than just alert Tami to the alarm clock. She lets Tami know when there’s a knock at the door or the phone is ringing. According to Tami, “It improves my life 100%”. She’s so fast at alerting to sounds that Lola has even been given her own nickname, ‘Lola Lightning.’

“She was laying there the other night, just as relaxed as can be, and the timer went off on the grill,” Tami says. “Lola’s ears perked up and she jumped us so quick—I’ve never seen anything move that fast!”

Lola’s response time has come in handy. In fact, it may have helped avoid a disaster. One evening while cooking, Tami thought she’d step outside for a minute to see if it would be a clear night to watch a meteor shower.

“I learned something very valuable that night” Tami says. “Lola rocks! She alerted me to the smoke alarms going off, not just once, but twice, as I ran around the house opening the windows to get the smoke out.”

The coconut oil Tami had used to cook with had started to burn and her cooking pan had started on fire. The disaster was avoided, all thanks to Lola.



In addition to all her skills, Tami says Lola has brought “joy” and “fun” to her life. She says and that she and her husband now enjoy the outdoors more. They even had a fence installed so they could sit in the yard together and let Lola run free. Tami says, “I have a great companion to sit with me on the deck. She even helps outside by eating mosquitoes.”

When asked what she would like to tell Puppy Raisers and those who support Can Do Canines, Tami exclaims through tears, “Thank you for giving others something they can’t give themselves. I love my Lola Lightning!”



LITPC Youth Scholarship Information

Graduating Leos or sons/daughters, grandsons/daughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) Youth Scholarship. One (\$2,500) scholarship is awarded each year. The 2016 recipient will be announced at our LITPC Annual Breakfast to be held this year at the Alternate Site in Denver, CO in June, 2016.



The new forms for the scholarship are available online at www.litpc.org. There are 5 pages to be filled out along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcripts including activities. Plus, you also need to attach recommendations from 2 person (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) AND attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the club and state/province and county in which the club is located. NOTE: When writing personal essay to answer questions, the applicant may be disqualified if the statements exceed the maximum allowable words.

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.



Dear Lions,

We have a nearly century-long tradition of strengthening communities through service. Over the past year, I've seen Lions from all over the globe reaffirm their commitment by leading through service in the Centennial Service Challenge. I've seen Lions increase their service by inviting for impact through the Centennial Membership Awards.

You heard the call to serve and you answered as only Lions can.

Now it's time to take our motto "We Serve" to the next level by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Legacy Projects are gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your club's service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will stand as a reminder of the impact of your club on your community and as a symbol of Lions commitment to a better future. I hope all clubs will take the opportunity to learn more about this exciting program and plan a Legacy Project of their own.

I can't wait to see the incredible impact clubs like yours continue to make as we celebrate the Centennial and prepare for our second century of service.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Your International President

Lions KidSight Minnesota

Lions KidSight Minnesota

Lions KidSight USA is a vision program to safeguard the vision of children aged 6 months to 6 years. According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. Yet even here in Minnesota there are young children who don't get their vision screened until they have problems learning or paying attention in school. By then, it may already be too late. Unless vision problems are detected early and corrected, they risk becoming permanent by age 7.

Lions in the USA already screen more than 500,000 kids per year through state-wide and local programs often known as "KidSight." Lions KidSight USA is a national coalition that brings together Lions programs that screen kids from 6 months to 6 years of age in order create a coordinated national program.

Our mission is to ensure eye screening and follow-up care is given to all kids because every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. To do this, we will work with Lions to increase the number of screening programs around the country in order to reach more children when it is possible and where it is needed.

The Need Is Real

About 7-15% of kids screened – nearly 4 million – will be referred for a follow-up exam by an eye-care professional. Approximately 5% of all children in this age group will have amblyopia, a treatable disorder that can result in permanently reduced vision when not addressed by an early age. The screening devices detect risk factors for amblyopia, such as strabismus (eyes that cross or wander out), refractive errors and unequal vision between the two eyes, and potentially even more serious issues such as cataracts and eye cancer.

News of the program was brought to our Multiple District last year by our International Director Lion Mike Molenda. A committee was formed to determine if this was a program that would work in our multiple. The committee consists of PDG Dave Moen, Chairperson of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, 5M6, IPID Mike Molenda, 5M6, PDG Dennis Kelly III, 5M6, 1st Vice District Governor Steve Wasserman, 5M2, and PDG Bob Hoofnagle, 5M8.

The initial result of the committee's investigation was that Minnesota has a very robust legally mandated vision screening program in most school districts. The area that does not have a legally mandated screening program is the pre-school environment.

Based on that information the committee contacted the Minnesota Child Care Association (MCCA). MCCA represents 220 pre-school care providers in the state. A presentation was made to their Board of Directors who have agreed to partner with the Lions to implement this program in their facilities. New Horizon Academy, an MCCA member with 60 locations, has agreed to work with us to pilot this program

We currently have procured one vision screener made by Welch Allyn and will be evaluating another instrument made by Plus Optix. Funding for the equipment and supporting supplies will be provided by the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, Grants from LCIF and contributions from the Districts and their clubs.

A formal presentation will be made to all District Governors at the March 12th Council of Governors meeting. The goal of the program is to provide vision screening in the pre-school environment to all children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years in the state of Minnesota using a standardized training, screening, evaluation and follow up protocol. The committee will be working to develop these documents and procedures for the pilot program.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please free to contact me at

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Yours in Service,

Lion Dennis Kelly III

Lions KidSight Minnesota Committee





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.

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LIONS OF 5M!



Join the Lions of 5M take the PLUNGE to support Special Olympics MN!

The Lions have been an important partner of Special Olympics Minnesota for decades, both international and locally here in Minnesota. Whether it be through the supporting our state athletic competitions, the Polar Plunges, or our Opening Eyes (free quality eye care for those with intellectual disabilities), the Lions have been a huge leader in giving back to their communities through Special Olympics.

Spearheaded by the Lions of 5M-7, we invite you to help support the over 8100 Special Olympics athletes in the state of Minnesota!

Join the team, donate, and/or start your own Plunge team! Here's how:

- **Join the team and Plunge on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis during our Corporate Hour!**
You'll enjoy food and beverages starting at 3:00 p.m.! Plunge around 3:30 p.m. and then stay and enjoy the festivities including watching Lion Terry Wold, I-PDG of 5M-7, Plunge with the executives at our Executive Challenge Plunge starting at 5:00 p.m., live on Fox 9 News! Then we'll finish up with fireworks around 7:00 p.m.! Join the team by following this link: <https://reg.plungemn.org/team/lionsof5m>
- **Don't want to Plunge? Donate to the team using the same link!**
- **Want to Plunge at a different Plunge location near you?**
Great, we have 20 locations! Choose a location and form your own team! Just follow this link and select, "Form a New Lions Team" from the right hand side. <https://reg.plungemn.org/group/lions1>

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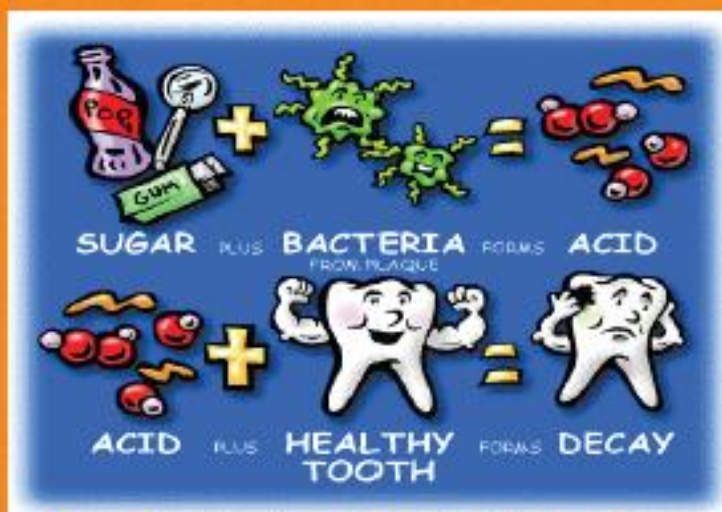
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CAVITIES ARE PREVENTABLE

Childhood cavities can be prevented. They are caused by germs in the mouth interacting with sugars in food and drinks. You can't avoid germs or sugars, but you **can** limit exposure to them.



Cavities can lead to more serious health problems such as infected teeth, generalized infection, or even death.

Avoid emergency room visits for sore mouths and surgery for sick teeth.

Learn how you can help your child avoid cavities by visiting the Minnesota Oral Health Project website minnesotaoralhealthproject.com and liking us on Facebook.

Cavities can be prevented.



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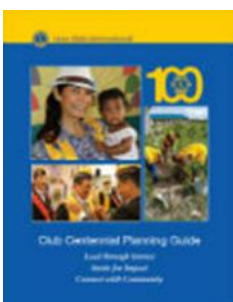
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Newsletter needs club assistance –New info



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:

February 27th — March Newsletter

March 25th — April Newsletter

Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor

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Thanks to the following Lions and Lioness clubs for submissions: Ada, Argyle, Barnesville, Barnesville Thursday Nite, Crookston, **Crookston Leos**, Dilworth, Dilworth Loco Ladies, East Kildonan, East St. Paul, Fertile, Flom and Area, Fosston-Lengby, **Glyndon**, **Glyndon Lioness**, **Goodridge**, Greenbush-Badger, Grunthal, Hawley, Hitterdal, Karlstad, Lac du Bonnet, Lake Bronson, Moorhead, Oslo, Red Lake Falls, Riverside, St. Hilaire, Ste. Anne, **Thief River Falls**, 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





**Lions 5M11 District Governor
Club Visitation Request Form
2015-2016**

We Serve

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:

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5M11 contingency of DG Gerald Fontaine, 1st VDG Mike Janssen, Flom and Area Lions Mark and Jenifer Spielman and PDG Doug Wiens at the 5M9 District Convention at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd with 5M9 DG Jay Norby, (third from right).



Mark and Jenifer Spielman presented PCC Bruce Beck with a handcrafted red oak mug for all that he does for the 5M district and for being a great friend.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

Argyle Lions	64 years	2/6/1952
Ada Lions	64 years	2/24/1962
Barnesville Lions	64 years	2/28/1952
Lac du Bonnet Lions	53 years	2/7/1963
Glyndon Lions	50 years	2/14/1966
Riverside Lions	67 years	3/6/1949
Steinbach and Area Lions	42 years	3/11/1974
Hitterdal Lions	41 years	3/11/1975
Glyndon Lioness	40 years	3/1/1976
U of M Crookston Lions	6 years	3/4/2010