

Saturday Luncheon



PDG Chris Barnard introduced the Head Table and Visiting Guests



PDG Doug Wiens introduced the Speakers for the Luncheon—Lions Laura and Joe Maki on the Special Olympics.



Tail Twister Lion Jim Johansen helped raise approximately \$220 for Diabetes from Tail Twisting from the good Lions of 5M11. Lion Jim also collected roughly \$550 for Lion Joe Maki for Special Olympics through the Polar Plunge.



Dan LaFrinier of the Shooting Star Casino, left, was presented with a wooden mug made by Mark Spielman for all of his hard work with our conventions.



DG Mike showing off the Peace Poster Winner for 5M11, Reagan Foster, sponsored by the West St. Paul Lions Club.



Immediate Past District Governor Gerald Fontaine, second from left, and ID Joyce Middleton, right, presented the Club Excellence Award. From left, Patricia McPherson—Ste. Anne, IPDG Gerald, Paul Borslien—Fertile, Locki Carlson—Glyndon, ID Joyce. Not present were Hallock and Beausejour.



ID Joyce and IPDG Gerald presented the Crookston Leos, Leo Desiree and their advisor Linda Morgan with the Leo Club Excellence Award. The Crookston Leos have received this award for 25 straight years.



ID Joyce and IPDG Gerald, far right, presented the 100% Secretary Awards to the following Lions: Ken Bauer—Barnesville, Norma Erickson—Fertile, Kevin Reich—Red Lake Falls, Pat Barnard—Ste. Anne, Dave Hollyoake—Winnipeg West; Gayle Robertson—Glyndon, John Otto—Ulen (below). Note Pictured: Nadine Myers—Flom and Area, and Peg Hanson—Twin Valley.





A new award was presented this year, Heart of the Lion. Lions had to meet seven of the ten criteria to achieve this award that runs from Mid Winter Convention to Mid Winter Convention. This award is for the Lion behind the scenes or the everyday Lion that shows up to help but doesn't always get the recognition they deserve. Presenting the awards were DG Mike, ID Joyce and Lion Jenifer Spielman. Shown are some of the Lions that received the award but not all: Butch Myers, Nadine Myers, Lela Paetznik, Sherry Sorenson, Avis Sele, Norma Erickson, Peg Braaten, Betsy Anderson, Dean Anderson, Mark Spielman, Brook Brugggraf, David Brugggraf, Brian Nazarko, Carol Skabo, Grace Kangas, Stacy Kleinwachter, Deanne Williams, Brent Kangas, John Otto, Peter Wight, Paul Borslien, Russ McDougall, Brian Norberg, Julia Doe, Pat Wight, Gerald Fontaine, Lance Tollefson, Al Skabo, Bill Myskiw, Bea Barnard. (If I missed you in the photos, I apologize. A complete List will be in the next newsletter).



PDG Chris Barnard presented the Stew Peever Award to Jan Nazarko of the Riverside Lions Club.



ID Joyce, Brian Narzako—Jan's husband, and PDG Chris for the Stew Peever Award.

Saturday Night Governor's Banquet



PDG Dave Hollyoake, MC for the Governor's Banquet, introduced our visiting guests and the head table: District Administrator Jen Spielman and Lion Mark, 2nd VDG Bill Myskiw and Lion Evelyn, DG Mike Janssen and Tammy, ID Joyce Middleton and Lion Martin, 1st VDG John Wollenzien and Partner in Service Dee, and PDG Dave's wife, Lion Barb.





PDG Chris Barnard giving ID Joyce giving a great speech comments after IP Joyce's speech. about Lions and Lionism.



Giving of Gifts





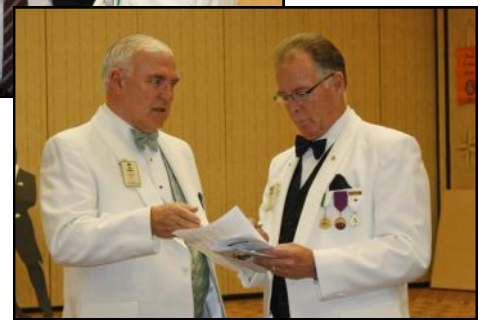
ID Joyce gave the incoming leadership a key for success. Below is the incoming leadership: 1st VDG elect Bill Myskiw, 2nd VDG elect Deanne Williams and DG elect John Wollenzien.



Visiting District Governors to 5M11 Mid Winter Convention: Lion Sue and 5Mg DG Dick Stebbins, Lion Jacque and 5M4 DG Dennis Heinen, Tammy and 5M11 DG Mike Janssen and Lion Andrea Winghart and 5M6 DG Pat Findley.



ID Joyce also gave out several pins and peacock feathers to several Lions that impacted her and Lion Martin over the course of the weekend. They include: PDG Gunter Zionn, PDG Dale Johansen, Stacy Kleinwachter, Brook Brugggraf, David Brugggraf, Patricia McPherson, Katrina McPherson, Laura Maki, Joe Maki and Jim Johansen.









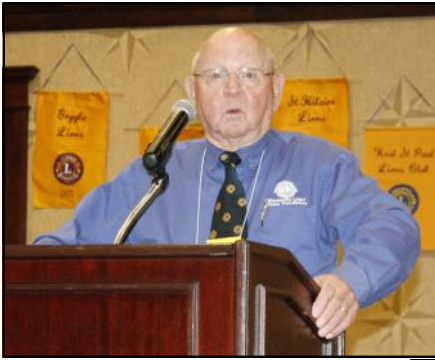
Saturday Night Entertainment - Tim Eggebraaten - 1 Man Band







Sunday Morning Brunch



Lion Russ McDougall introduced Lion Dr. Erik van Kuijk. He is the professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences. He talked about the new building the Eye Bank is going to be building and how we can help.



History: MLVF large gifts

- LRB: Lions Research Building, 1992; 3M
- MAC: Macular Degeneration Center, 2005; 2.8M
- MLCEC: MN Lions Children's Eye Clinic, 2010; 3M
- Minnesota Lions Eye Surgical Center, 2015; 4M

Next Steps

- Brian Sheehan has announced candidacy to run for 3rd Vice President of Lions International
- Dave Moen was asked by MLVF Board to work as Chair of the LEI Campaign.
- Concept 1 + 1 = 1 + 1
 - \$1
 - Per MN Lion each week (\$50X20,000=\$1M)
 - LEI Institute (after 20 years=\$20M)
 - Helen Keller for each participating Lion







Convention Committee



Knorthern Knights Shine 2018

5M-11 Mid Winter Convention
February 2, 3, 4

**Shooting Star
Event Center
Mahnomen, MN**

Hosted by:
Thief River Falls Lions Club

Early Bird Registration
\$100.00
WITH REGISTRATION