



# District 5M11 Newsletter

## February 2016



## MID WINTER CONVENTION EDITION



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DG  
Gerald Fontaine

## Mid Winter Convention Schedule

### Friday February 19, 2016:

- 2:00 - 8 pm** Registration, Credentials & Parade of Green drop off on the 2nd floor, just in front of the Ambassador A, B, C, D Rooms
- 3:30 - 5 pm** Cabinet Meeting Ambassador Room "E"
- 5:00 - 6 pm** PDG Dinner Ambassador Room "G"
- 5:30 - 6 pm** 1st VDG Lion Mike Janssen, The First Timer's Ambassador Room "F"
- 6:00 - 10pm** Meet & Greet Main floor Blue Lagoon Room
  - Cash bar
  - Selling 50/50
  - Silent Auction tickets
  - Live Entertainment "The Chammartin Family"
- 10:00 pm** Hospitality Mingle – Room 300

### Saturday February 20, 2016 2nd Floor – Ambassador Rooms A – B – C – D:

- 7:00 - 8:30 am** Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 - 6:00 pm** Registration
- 8:30 am** Emcee PDG Lion Chris Barnard
- Emcee Introduces DG Lion Gerald Fontaine
  - Welcome
  - Call To Order
  - Introduction of the head table
  - Introduction of the Sergeant at Arms
  - Presentation of Flags - Color Guard
  - Invocation – Lion Joanne Swanson
  - Greetings from International Director, Lion Jerome Thompson
  - Convention Reports
- Parliamentarian Rules Committee – PDG Lion Wayne Swanson

Credentials – Lion Jenifer Spielman

Constitution & By-Laws – PDG Lion Wayne Swanson

**9:15 am** Emcee Introduces

**Speaker Rolande Kirouac**, Presentation "Dare To Dream: Is creating positive energy part of your business plan?" As leaders, we all need to be creating positive energy so we can weather life's challenging moments and put everything into perspective. Since change is inevitable, implement "positive" changes by creating a process that is easy and fun. Develop your own powerful formula to improve morale and increase productivity.

**10:00 - 10:45 am Break Out Seminar**

**Brian Scharfstein**, Owner of Canadian Foot Wear - Presentation "Feet first with Diabetes" –Foot Care for persons living with and at risk of diabetes

**Ambassador Room "E"**

**10:00 – 10:45 am Break Out Seminar**

**PDG Lion Jim and Lion Jan Strandlie & Lion Kevin Gamble** - Presentation "Centennial Challenge"

**Ambassador Room "F"**

**10:00 - 10:45 am Break Out Seminar**

**Rolande Kirouac** - Presentation "Leading with Laughter: Improve your professional quality of Life" Mood is the most important factor in determining the way we perceive people and happenings in the outside world and how we react to them. We know that the body is able to create energy that can change our mood, change our attitude and create a contagious environment, one that leads to healthy, satisfied, high-achieving individuals and team

**Ambassador Room "G"**

**11:00 - 11:45 am Break Out Seminar**

**1st DG Lion Mike Janssen & a member from Cancer Care** Presentation "Cancer & Lions – Lions & Cancer, how can we help?" **Ambassador Room "E"**

**11:00 - 11:45 am Break Out Seminar**

**International Director Lion Jerome Thompson**- Presentation  
"Ready, Set, Grow **Ambassador Room "F"**

**11:00 - 11:45 am Break Out Seminar**

**Jocelyn & Adrian Johnson, and their dog Lulu** - Presentation  
"Living with a Hearing Dog"

**Ambassador Room "G"**

**12:00 - 1:15 pm Luncheon,**

- Introduction of Head Table
- Pledges – Canadian and USA
- Awards
- Peace Poster Contest Winner

**1:05 pm** Jordan Ciecwa Wellness Expert, Sponsored By  
Canadian Footwear

**1:15 - 1:45 pm** Featured Speaker Mel & Gwen Foat and their dog  
Walker – "Our Journey"

**2:00 - 4:00 pm Annual Business Meeting, Ambassador Room  
"G"**

- Welcome & Call to Order - DG Lion Gerald Fontaine
- Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting - Lion Jenifer Spielman
- Financial Report – Lion John Wollenzien
- Credentials – Lion Jenifer Spielman
- Resolutions Committee – PDG Lion Wayne Swanson
- Nominating Committee Report – IPDG Lion Dennis Olsen
  - ◇ District Governor 2016 - 2017
  - ◇ 1st Vice District Governor
  - ◇ 2nd Vice District Governor
- MD5M Hall of Fame Presentations – Call for nominations
- Lions Eye-Bank Foundation of Manitoba & NW Ontario  
Report – PDG Lion Chris Barnard
- 2016 MD5M Convention Report – DG Lion Marvin Grimm
- 2017 Mid-Winter Convention Presentation – 1st VDG Mike  
Janssen
- 2018 MD5M Convention Report - PDG Lion Dave Hollyoake
- 2018 Mid-Winter Convention Bids
- Lion Mike Molinda Re: ID Candidate Endorsement
- Other Business & Reports
- Remarks & Announcements - DG Lion Gerald Fontaine

**Elections:**

(Voting will be held in this room immediately following the  
business meeting)

**Recess until 10:00 am Sunday February 21**

**Saturday Evening:**

**5:00 - 5:30 pm** Reception for International Director, **Blue Lagoon**



**on the main floor**

**Governor's Banquet & Awards Ceremony**

**2nd Floor Main Banquet Room**

**5:00 pm** Doors Open

- Cash Bar
- Selling 50/50
- Silent Auction ticket

**6:00 pm** - Color Guard – La Compagnie-de-La Verendrye - Head  
Table Procession

- Emcee – PDG Chris Barnard to introduce DG
- National Anthems - O Canada - Star Spangled Banner Lion  
Barb Shields
- Toast to the Queen - Lion Kevin Gamble
- Toast to the office of the President of the United States of  
America - IPDG Lion Dennis Olsen
- Introduction of Head Table
- Invocation – Lion John Wollenzien

**6:20 pm** Dinner served

**7:20 pm** Featured Speaker International Director Lion Jerome  
Thompson

**8:00 pm** DG Lion Gerald Fontaine Awards

Acknowledgment of Sponsors

**8:10 pm** - 1st VDG Lion Mike Janssen Awards

**9:00 pm** Emcee - Introduces Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen  
Chorus

**10:00 pm** Hospitality Mingle room 300

**Sunday February 21, 2016 2nd Floor Main Banquet Room:**

**7:30 - 8:30 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** 50/50 & Silent Auction winners are posted

**9:00 - 9:30 am** Non - Denominational Worship Service – Lion  
John Wollenzien

**9:35 - 9:50 am** Service of Remembrance - Lion Jim Johansen

**10:00 am** – Emcee Reconvene Business Session

- Call to Order - DG Lion Gerald Fontaine
- Convention Registration Report - Lion Barb Shields
- Credentials Report - Cabinet Secretary Lion Jenifer Spielman
- First Timers Contest Winners -1st VDG Lion Mike Janssen
- Election Results Committee Report - IPDG Lion Dennis Olson
- District Governor Elect
- Vice District Governor Elect
- 2nd Vice District Governor Elect
- 2018 Mid-Winter Convention Host
- Resolutions Committee – Lion Wayne Swanson
- Parade of Green Results – Lion John Wollenzien
- Other Business
- Closing Comments - District Governor Lion Gerald Fontaine
- Sargent at Arms Retire Flags - Color Guard
- Adjournment



## 5M-11 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2016

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

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

*Hosted by Riverside Lions*

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

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

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

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

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

### HOSPITALITY BOOK

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

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

*Get ready for a FUN NIGHT!*



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

*Please make cheque/money order payable*

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

**TOTAL**

**\$**

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

#### For Convention Information, contact:

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

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



#### For Hotel Reservation Information, contact:

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

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

# 2016 Parade of Green

## Lions 5M-11 Mid-Winter Convention

Club \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations being presented at Mid-Winter:

(Please make checks payable as listed below)

Amount

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (Formerly MN Lions Eye Bank)

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

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

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

· MAC Center (Note on memo line)

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

Lions MD5M Hearing and Research Foundation

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

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

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

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

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

· Schulze Diabetes Institute (Note on memo line)

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

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

Can Do Canines (Formerly Hearing & Service Dogs)

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

Leader Dogs for the Blind

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

LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation)

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

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

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

Leo Clubs

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

5M-11 Youth Activities Fund

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

(Replaces Youth Outreach and Youth Exchange)

Diabetes Canada

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

Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba/NW Ontario

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

Lions Foundation of Manitoba/NW Ontario

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

(Medical Assistance Program)

Lions Hearing Foundation of Canada

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

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

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

Lions 5M11 CancerCare Initiative

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

TOTAL

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

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

# 5M11 Memorial Service Notice

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

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

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

Deceased Member	Club	Picture
Lion Robert Janorschke	Crookston	Yes
Lion Richard Maves	Crookston	Yes
Lion Sara Croonquist	Dilworth Loco Ladies	Yes
Lion LaMoyne Branden	Greenbush--Badger	Yes
Lion John Wiens	Grunthal	Yes
Lion Kathy Nelson	Karlstad	Yes
Lion Erling Huglen	Roseau	Yes
Lion Darryl Dickelman	Sabin	Yes
Lion Rome Mickelson	Twin Valley	Yes
Lion John Stewart	Winnipeg	Yes
Lion Vernon Smith	Winnipeg	Yes

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

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

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

# Letter of Intent

January 2, 2016

To: Lions District 5M11

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

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

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

Yours in Lionism

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

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



**Help Me  
Look Like This Again**



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



**Head Shave fundraiser For Cancer**

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

**It will grow back!**

# Club Endorsement

January 6, 2016

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

Yours in Lionism

**Ron Wally, President**

**Lions Club of East Kildonan**



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# **Vote for Lion Mike Janssen For District Governor 2016 2017**

**Member of the  
East Kildonan Lions  
for 19 Years.  
served on Cabinet in 2  
districts. as Zone chair  
Region chair, Leo chair,  
CancerCare chair,  
2nd. Vice District  
Governor and  
Vice District Governor**



**Held office of  
President for 4  
years. Secretary,  
Director,  
Tailtwister,  
Liontamer,  
and Membership  
chair.**

**Dedicated to Lions**



**Delivering 600 Lbs of squash to Siloam Mission  
grown from my own garden!**

**I am prepared to serve you the members of 5M11**



**Dedicated to Serving**

# Candidate for 2nd VDG



## Bill (Wasył) Myskiw

I have been married for the past 48 years to a great wife. I have two children. My daughter lives in Airdrie, Alberta, and my son lives here in Winnipeg. I have three grandchildren, who I am quite proud of. Each of them is on the honour roll at each of their schools. Our family first resided in West Kildonan, and our children attended school in the same area. Then, in 1988, we moved to the Municipality of West St. Paul.

Little did I know that I would be building a commitment to a lifetime career of volunteering both at the West Kildonan Arena and at the Vince Leah Recreation Centre. I held various positions as hockey convener, equipment manager, and hockey coach while my son was growing up. My wife was the Soccer convener and coach while my daughter played soccer. I spent a lot of time with my children while they were growing up.

I am now retired from the Manitoba Telephone System since 2006. I was a journeyman cable splicer for 33 years. Most of my work involved working in the outdoors and traveling in rural Manitoba.

I originally attended a Seven Oaks Lions Club meeting where I was approached by Larry Jones, now the current president of the Lions Club of West St. Paul, and asked if I would like to help

rekindle the Lions Club once again in the West St. Paul area. I did... I never looked back... and I never regretted it. We had our share of trials and tribulations but we managed to get it up and running.

We have a wonderful group of members who do their best. Most of our events consist of giving back to the children who live in the community.

I have held various elected positions within the Lions Club of West St. Paul over the past 5 years: President in 2010, then 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, then 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; 2 years as the current Treasurer, and 1 year as the Zone Chair 9 of district 5M11.

I volunteered for several years with the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and became Co-Chair for the district 5M11 Dog Guides in 2015.

All of the positions that I have held have been a learning experience. It gave me the insight into how each position required a sense of duty and a sense of responsibility. Each position required hard work and dedication. This is what makes the club viable.

As a team, we have established a sense of trust in the community by volunteering our time and making ourselves visible at the various functions and events held in the community.

Collaboration, communication, and guidance made a huge difference as to how the club operated. No one individual is better than the other. We all have a sense duty to work as a team. We wanted to be successful.

We have had events such as: Project Pride, cooking pancakes for the breakfast at Canada Day, and raising funds for school bursaries for three local high schools. Raising funds to purchase nine e-readers for the children at the West St. Paul School, and a donation towards their play structure. Cooking the Fall Supper for over 300 people. Holding a Family Winter Fun Day, and having a "Lunch with Santa". All of these events are memorable and truly satisfying.

***It is a great feeling to be a Lion. Our Lions motto is "We Serve!"***

## Club Endorsement

The West St Paul Lions Club fully endorses Lion Wasył (Bill) Myskiw in his bid for the Office of 2nd Vice District Governor for the District of 5M11. Lion Bill was a Charter Member and the first President of the West St Paul Lions Club in 2010/2011. Since then, Lion Bill has held the positions of Past President, 2nd Vice President, Director and for the last 2 years he has been our Club Treasurer.

He works diligently on all of our projects and events.

***Yours in Lionism,***

***Lion Larry Jones, President***

***West St Paul Lions Club***

## Letter of Intent

To: Lions District 5M11

Subject: LETTER OF INTENT

Please consider this letter as my "official letter of intent" to run for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor for the District known as 5M11.

I am a member in good standing with the Lions Club of West St. Paul located in the RM of West St. Paul, Manitoba. I am the current Treasurer with the Lions Club of West St. Paul. I have held this position for the past 2 years.

I have been an active member of the club for the past 5 years. The positions I have held at the club are as follows, Treasurer, 2nd vice President, 1st vice President, and President. I have actively and jointly participated in all activities and events that Lions Club of West St. Paul have initiated.

In the district of 5M11 Cabinet, I currently hold the position Zone Chair 9 of district 5M11.

I am proud to say that I was appointed as Co-chair of the 5M11 Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides this past year and have volunteered for the past several years.

Please consider me for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor.

Should you wish to contact me for further information, please call

1- 204-339-1242 or e-mail [wjmyskiw@shaw.ca](mailto:wjmyskiw@shaw.ca).

***Yours in Lionism, Lion Bill Myskiw.***

# Past District Governors Luncheon

**Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>,**

**5M11 Midwinter Convention 2016**

**Club Regent Casino Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**5:00 pm**

You are invited to the Past District Governors Luncheon. This will give the Past District Governors the opportunity to socialize with former Past District Governors and have a good time. The luncheon will last approximately 1 hour.

I hope you will be planning to attend the 5M11 Midwinter Convention in Winnipeg on Feb 19, 20 & 21 this year. A great convention is in the works with many good speakers and entertainment.

To make this PDG Luncheon possible, I would like to have a response from you if you will be attending. The luncheon will cost approximately \$24 Canadian plus applicable tax.

Please let me know if you are able to attend the PDG luncheon on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Email me at [dwolsen@msn.com](mailto:dwolsen@msn.com) or phone me at 218-790-1825 or 218-483-3297, if you will be attending by January 31, 2016.

**Thanks,**

**Dennis Olsen, IPDG, 5M11**

20617 14<sup>th</sup> Ave S

Hawley, Minn 56549



## Say Cheese at Convention

**CHEESE!**



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

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

name, address, club and email or phone.



## Looking for a 2nd Vice District Governors



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

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

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

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

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

## Proposed Amendment to District 5M11 Bylaws

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

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

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

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



## Speakers

### **EMCEE**

Past District Governor Lion Chris Barnard joined the Steinbach & Area Lions in 1999. He was named the “Rookie of the Year” by his club and then quickly worked his way through the Club Officer positions of Director, Membership Chair, and Publicity Chair. At the District level he served as Zone Chair, Region Chair, Publicity Chair, Vice District Governor, District Governor, and GMT Coordinator. He has been a seminar presenter on a variety of topics at numerous conventions both within and outside of his district.



Lion Chris is a certified Guiding Lion and is currently serving in that role with the Ste. Anne Lions Club which chartered in May of 2014. He has taken numerous training courses over the years, most recently the MD5M “Train the Trainer” course in September of 2015. Lion Chris was a member of the faculty for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in April of 2015 and hopes to do so again in 2017. He has been asked to be a presenter at the Lions Regional Forum this coming November in Mahanoma, Minnesota.

Lion Chris has been acknowledged with a number of awards including a Lifetime membership in the Lions Foundation of Canada, A Hope Medal, International Presidential Certificates, 3 Extension Awards, A Diamond Excellence Award as District Governor, An International Presidents Medal, a Bright Light Award, and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2009.

PDG Chris is married to Pat, also a Lion and has a son, daughter-in-law and 3 wonderful grand boys. He had a varied career which included working for the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the running trades, owning a number of restaurants, and managing a gasoline station where he retired.



**Rolande Kirouac** is the owner of Spadrole Training and Development a company that provides dynamite keynotes, interactive workshops, life-changing retreats and unique coaching. She is a co-author of two books Leadership Gurus Speak Out and The Power of Transformation, author of her own book The Three Sisters and creator of the laughter CD ‘HA!’,

Fluent in French and English, she is a professional member with the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers, the National Speakers Association, a member of the Association of Applied and Therapeutic Humor, the Chamber of Commerce and Toastmasters. Rolande has appeared on national and local television and in the press.

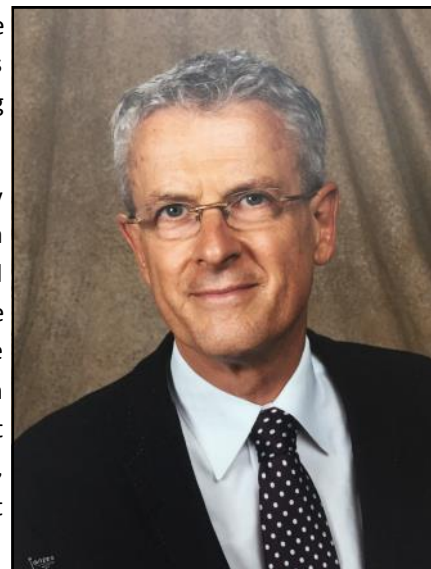
For over two decades Rolande’s workshops have impacted leaders and staff in organizations, small businesses and with various levels of government. She has taught clients from such diverse backgrounds as health care, education and justice how to lighten-up and stand out in a crowded market. A graduate of the Story Theatre Method, Rolande also offers a variety of keynotes infused with powerful stories and contagious laughter. She lifts the spirits of audiences and inspires people to move forward.

As a certified Laughter Yoga™ Teacher she organises an Annual Laughter Retreat where she has trained dozens of leaders to promote the benefits of healthy laughter. To complement this training, Rolande implemented Laughter Clubs and World Laughter Day celebrations in her community.

Rolande builds on her extensive experience in developing positive workplace culture to help organizations become more effective and efficient. She just recently launched the “Set Your Course” coaching program which provides a refreshing and innovative approach to complement workplace wellness initiatives and support leaders in fostering co-operation, creative thinking and promoting greater job satisfaction.

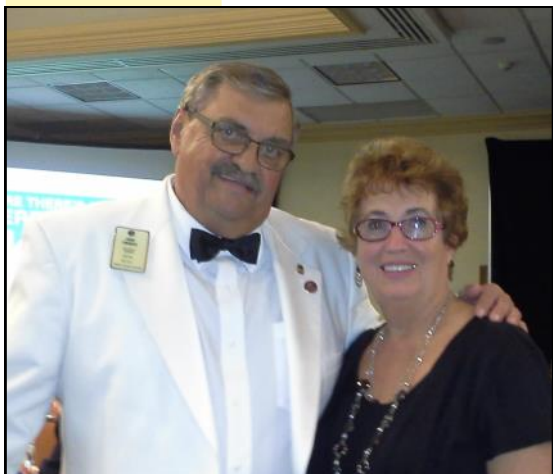
**Brian Scharfstein** is a Canadian Podiatrist specializing in care of the diabetic foot. He is the President of Canadian Footwear and The FootHealth Centres in Winnipeg and Calgary. He is the owner of FHC Podiatric Consulting Services. Brian is a past chairman of The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

Brian's passion for footwear and footcare dates to his childhood as he grew up in the family footwear business. Brian has been able to take his skill and create the FootHealth Centre, a centre of excellence for the management of lower extremity problems in persons with all types of orthopedic, rheumatologic, and diabetic complications. Brian was an active member of the Health Sciences Centre Diabetic Foot and Complicated Wound Clinic where he was an integral part of the healthcare team. Through this affiliation with the Health Sciences Centre, Brian is actively involved in the management of patients with diabetic foot complications, and in the teaching of trainees in medicine, occupational and physiotherapy, as well as, Podiatry and Podiatrics. Brian is also actively involved in the teaching of foot care nurses.



Brian runs the Fit Feet on the Street program, an offshoot of The Two/Ten Foundation's SOS program. Brian sits on a number of community boards, including Winnipeg Harvest, Winnipeg Biz Downtown, Mount Carmel Clinic Foundation, and Grow Winnipeg for the Jewish Community. He is currently a member of the Diabetes Compendium group.

Serving those in the community who are most vulnerable is Brian's true passion.



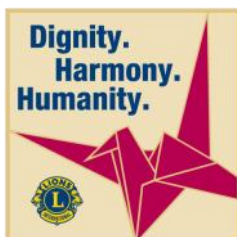
**Jim and Jan Strandlie**

PDG Lion Jim is a member of the St. Hilaire Lions Club, joining in 1996. He served as President in 1999-2000. Lion Jim served as a 5M11 Zone Chairman for two years. He was elected Vice-District Governor in 2004 and District Governor in 2005. Lion Jim has been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow, and the Helen Keller Sight Award. He served on the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation for six years, the maximum one can serve. Soon after, he was appointed to the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, on which he has served for three years. Lions Jim and Jan were appointed by IPDG Dennis Olson to Co-Chair the Centennial Service Challenge commemorating the 100th anniversary of Lionism.

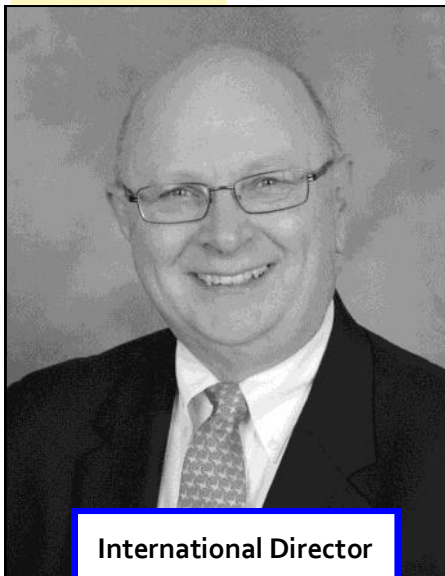
Lion Jan joined the St. Hilaire Lions Club in 2004. She served as president of her club in 2012-13, and is presently the club secretary. She served as a 5M11 Zone

Chairman for two years, and is presently serving as a Zone Chair Mentor for 4 zones in 5M11. Lion Jan has received the Melvin Jones Fellow, and the Helen Keller Sight Award, as well as a Lions Intl. Leadership Award, and participation awards from Project New Hope.

Lions Jim and Jan are very active in the community working with Lions, Sons of Norway, St. Pauli Lutheran Church, TRF Concert Association., and other volunteer activities. They say, "Keeping busy keeps us young." Travel is their passion, and when they are not busy on a project, enjoying their family, or spending time at their cabin at Buffalo Point, Manitoba, they are traveling the world somewhere.



# 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.

**Jocelynn Johnson**, profoundly Deaf since the age of 7, has been a handler of her **hearing ear dog, Lulu** for nearly 6 years. With a background in dog training and show dogs, she was a great match for this independent, intelligent and often stubborn service dog. She is a board member of the Civil Servants with Disabilities organization and she has given talks on hearing ear dogs and/or Deaf accessibility to the Lions, several Government departments, the Smithsonian Institution and several secondary and post-secondary schools throughout the province. She never shies away from educating the public and commenting to Jocelynn that she has a "cute puppy" often results in an impromptu lesson on service dogs. Jocelynn currently works as a Geospatial Analyst for Conservation and Water Stewardship, Government of Manitoba.



**The Golden Chordsmen Chorus** and our quartets are ready to provide you with a fine evening of musical entertainment. Our extensive repertoire includes a good mix of traditional "barbershop" tunes, as well as modern songs arranged in the 4-part a cappella harmony style. Our musicianship and energy leave audiences with lasting memories. The Chapter is a membership organization of male singers, who meet regularly on Wednesday evenings to enjoy, practice and perform 4-part a

cappella music in the Barbershop style. We currently have over 50 singers of all ages, all walks of life, and from all parts of the Winnipeg area. We have been entertaining audiences in Winnipeg, rural Manitoba and the northern United States since 1948.



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

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

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

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

*Lion Mike*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Yours in Service, Lion Mike Molenda*

# **97th Annual MD5M Lions Convention**

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

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

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

# **Come Canoe with 5M2**





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



### Registration Form

Please print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

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☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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

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Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

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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

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

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

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.



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## **Hotel Information**

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

**Hilton Garden Inn**

**Attached to Verizon Wireless Center**

**20 Civic Center Plaza**

**Mankato, MN 56001**

**Phone: 507.344.1111**

**Rate: \$90 +tax**

**Mankato City Center Hotel**

**Attached to Verizon Wireless Center**

**101 E. Main Street**

**Mankato, MN 56001**

**Phone: 507.345.1234**

**Rate: \$94.99 +tax**

**Holiday Inn Express**

**3.5 miles away**

**2051 Adams Street**

**Mankato, MN 56001**

**Phone: 507.388.1880**

**Rate: \$99.99 +tax**

**Best Western Hotel**

**1.5 miles away**

**1111 Range Street**

**North Mankato, MN 56003**

**Phone: 507.625.9333**

**Rate: \$94.99 + tax**



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

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

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



**Festival du Voyageur**

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



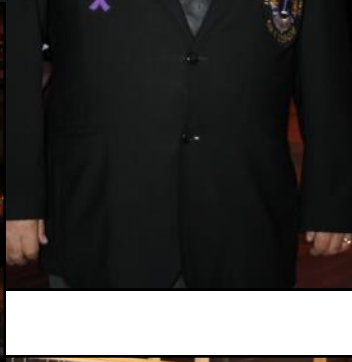
They can apply now to go to hundreds of countries or many of the states in the USA, where ever there are Lions Clubs. Exchange stays are 4 to 6 weeks with a large number including a week at a camp.

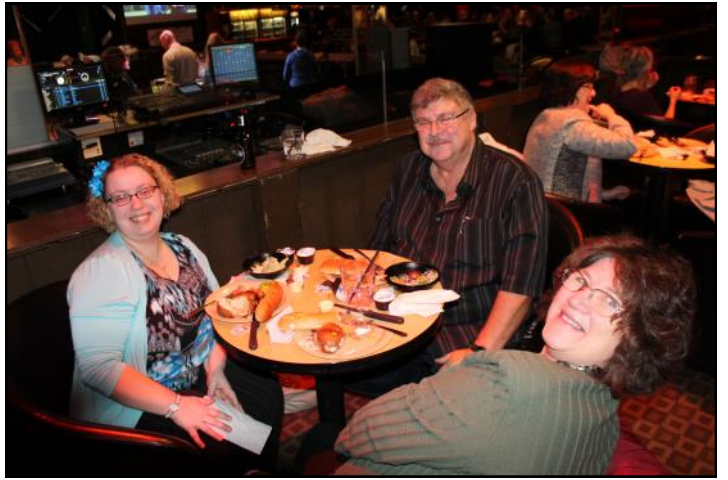
As a participant the student will:

- Live with a host family.
  - Meet people their age from around the world at camp.
  - Learn about the bonds we all share --and the differences we respect in each other no matter where we live.
- Dead lines are fast approaching!!!

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

# Bud, Spud and Steak fundraiser





***Thanks for coming to Mid Winter 2016!***

***Hope everyone had a great time, learned lots of new things, made new friends and got reacquainted with old friends and had lots of fun!***