

## DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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### *DG Reich accepts the gavel*

For years the custom has been that PDG Wayne Swanson, Crookston, MN Lions, has crafted and presented a gavel to the incoming district governor at the beginning of the new Lions year. In the past this has taken place at the first cabinet meeting of the year. This year the first cabinet meeting was held as a virtual meeting not allowing the gavel to be presented at the meeting. On July 20 DG Kevin Reich was in attendance at the Crookston Lions Club family picnic. In his wisdom, PDG Swanson (L) had the gavel in possession and presented it to DG Reich.



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### District 5M11 2020-2021 Cabinet Meetings

- October 24, 2020: Selkirk & Area Lions on Christie Street, MB / Bethany Lutheran Church, Red Lake Falls, MN – 10:00 AM
- January 29, 2021: Hampton Inn & Suites, Bemidji, MN – 2:00 PM
- May 15, 2021: Bethany Lutheran Church, Red Lake Falls, MN - 11:00 AM

### 2021 Mid-Winter Convention

- January 29-31, 2021: Hampton Inn & Suites, Bemidji

### • **Zone 2 Meeting**

- \* Wednesday, 23 September - Meal at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:00pm
- \* Ulen Community Center
- \* RSVP to Lion Jenifer at 5m11jenifer@gmail.com (see flyer in newsletter)

### • **Zones 8, 9 and 10 will be holding a Tri-Zone in-person meeting**

- \* Saturday, 3 October - Meal served at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:00pm
- \* Arrive by 6:30pm in order for dinner to be served on time
- \* Held at the Selkirk and Area Lions on Christie Street

### • **Zone 1 Meeting**

- \* Monday, 26 October - 6:00pm in Moorhead, MN

## Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos

As this newsletter comes to you, we are still being challenged as Lions, Lionesses and Leos being able to go about our work, service, and fundraising. The last six months have been a challenge for those of us who are so accustomed to being able to greet one-another, shake hands, and/or share hugs when we are reunited. The phrase that I am reminded of is; "this too shall pass." The sooner the better.

The cabinet meeting scheduled for October 24 **will not** be held in Ste. Anne, MB. The hope/plan is for the Canadian delegation to gather at one site and the Minnesota delegation at another site and communicate via the internet. For those of you who are cabinet members we will keep you informed.

### **We have three zone meetings scheduled to-date;**

- Zone 2, Sept. 23, 6:30 pm in Ulen, MN
- Tri-Zone (Zones 8,9,10), Oct. 3, 6:30 pm in Selkirk, MB
- Zone 1, Oct. 26, 6:00 pm in Moorhead, MN

Your district governor team plans to attend the two Minnesota meetings in person. I hope to be able to be a part of the tri-zone meeting via the internet. Hopefully the technology experts (not me) can make it all happen.

For those of you on the Minnesota side of the border, please consider a date for club visits and submit the club visitation request form. For those of you in Manitoba you can submit a visitation request also knowing it will have to be a virtual visit.

It is important during these socially restricted times to remember your friends, neighbors, Lions, and others. Keep in touch and engaged with each other. Not keeping your fellow Lions engaged could be reason for them to consider a Lions departure. We do not want to lose any Lion. Every Lion, Lioness, Leo provides two hands for service. Better yet, during these restricted times reach out to a potential Lions candidate and ask that person to consider being a part of the largest, greatest service organization in the world.

As a "team" we will get through these challenging times and be stronger in the end. Keep up the hope, spirit, and service.

Yours in service,

Lion Kevin Reich

5M11 District Governor 2020-2021

["Serving with Diversity and Kindness"](#)

[Dr. Jung-Yul Choi](#)

[102<sup>nd</sup> Lions Clubs International President](#)



# **Zone 2 Meeting**



**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**Ulen Community Center**

**6:30 pm Meal - 7:00 pm Meeting**

**Presentation will by our 5M11 District  
Governor Team**

**We will be social distancing and wearing face  
coverings.**

**Meal will be catered by the  
Sugar Shack**

**Please RSVP to Lion Jenifer at  
[5m11jenifer@gmail.com](mailto:5m11jenifer@gmail.com) by 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you will be attending but not eating please let us  
know how many will be eating so caterer can  
prepare for meal.**



# September is Childhood Cancer Month

**MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation**  
will be selling T-shirts to promote  
Childhood Cancer Month



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**\$ 25.00** (S,M,L & XL)

**\$ 30.00** (2XL,3XL,4XL & 5XL)

Long sleeve - S-XL **\$30.00** 2XL-3XL **\$35.00**

Send order form with check to:

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# MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

## Childhood Cancer T-Shirt Sales



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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZC \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 25.00**

2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_\_\_ 5XL \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 30.00**

**Long Sleeve - S-XL \$30.00 2XL & 3XL \$35.00**

Send order form and check payable to:

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Well it is official....

I have put forth my resume ...

I have been interviewed by Past International President Brian Stevenson, Past International Director Ben Ward and Past International Director Marvin Chambers...

And now it's all up to you!

In the year 2023 the Canadian side of Multiple District MD5M has the unique opportunity to have a Canadian Director from 5M10, 5M11 or 5M13. Even more exciting is that 5M10 has a candidate in the race for this opportunity. We have not had an ID in 5M10 since 1978 when the late Lion Bud Danylchuk made us proud in this role. This opportunity only comes once every 14 years!

So what is the role of an International Director?

Generally speaking the ID is a Lion who have been entrusted with the responsibility of giving leadership and direction to the world's largest and most successful service club organization.

Specifically...As an international director, you represent your constitutional area on an international level and will serve as an active liaison between the local Lions and the international association. Not only will your local Lions rely on you to represent their interests on an international level, they may also ask for your assistance in handling local issues as well. You should be available to help districts solve local problems, assist Lions Clubs International in the resolution of problems with the districts, and give guidance and motivation to local Lions and their leaders. You may also be asked by your district governors to assist them in obtaining speakers for their conventions and other functions. And, of course, you should be ready to respond when the international president, International Board of Directors or the international headquarters staff asks you to represent the association on a matter of importance in your area. Constitutional area II is a huge responsibility.



So why me?

Although I am relatively new to Lions, joining in 2010, I believe that I have accumulated experience far beyond those chronological years.

I am PASSIONATE about Lions and the mission of service that this organization exudes. Enthusiasm, empowerment and commitment to District and Multiple District excellence is exemplified clearly in the team I was able to evolve in my District Governor year as well as my continued contributions at my Club, District and Multiple District levels.

I have lived service however long before Lions be it through my nursing career, my volunteer work in both Haiti and Guatemala, time spent educating nursing students as well as time spent on many District boards as a Director and as a chair.

I believe fully in our Lions motto and the code of ethics...Lions is service, service for all and by all. That service is a gift to those that it is assisting, but more so it is a gift for the person providing that service. It is a gift we need to share to as many we can. I also believe that this service should bring fun and enthusiasm to all those it touches.



I continue to be active in my Club as I mentor new Lions in roles of leadership, in my District as Global Membership chair, Constitution and Bylaws and support to our current and incoming DGs, in my Multiple as MD Global Membership Chair and past Constitutional and Bylaws chair and at an International level presenting at USA Canada Forum and the International Convention in Milan.

Continued education in the organization we belong to makes our organization stronger and makes us all better members. I have embraced this education as I received my bachelor's and master's degree from Lions University last year at the USA Canada forum in Spokane, as I complete my Doctorate from Lions University and as I completed my Faculty Development Institute training in Houston, TX in January of this past year.

The future for our organization has for certain seen one thing in this year of COVID....respect for tradition but a change in perspective...change in the way we need to do things....Diversity....Ladies in Lionism and leadership....all things we need to embrace to carry on the motto of Service.

So yes, the rest is up to you! I am not the only candidate...5M11 as well has a very qualified candidate who I am sure you will hear from if you have not already! Please ask us both any questions that you might have before the Canadian voting members vote at our District conventions. Please use all your club votes...lets show up Canadian proud to support a Canadian International Director! The Future of Lions in Canada is your hands...

**"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them." Denis Waitley**

Thank you for your support  
Lion Joanne Ogden



**Ogden for ID in 2023**





Lela Paetznick treasurer of Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls, MN presenting a check for \$50 to Steph Myrold, manager of the Eagles Club in Thief River Falls. It is to pay for a cancer card to be donated to Polly Englund, a friend of Moonlighters Lioness Club President Sherry Sorenson, on July 21, 2020.

President Sherry Sorenson of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls, who is also an Eagles member, presented her friend Polly England with a cancer gas card on July 23, 2020. The Moonlighters donated \$50 to the Eagles to purchase the card.

Moonlighters Lioness Club also gifted Polly England a cement cat for her flower bed.



Moonlighters Lioness members deliver Meals on Wheels, Aug 10-14 in Thief River Falls, MN.

Pictured left to right are:  
Lioness Cindy Venness, Lioness Treasurer Lela Paetznick, Lioness Jarod Solberg, Lioness Pres/Sec Sherry Sorenson (the driver!).







Dilworth Lions are pictured during a "Pop-Up" drive-thru food distribution in Moorhead on July 9th. 100 families received 300 boxes of meat, dairy and produce at A Place For Hope Food Bank. Members of the Dilworth Lions and DGF LEOS have been volunteering here since March and have logged close to 1000 hours since then.

Moorhead President, Lion Wendy Allen, is shown handing a check in the amount of \$1,000 payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind to Lion Ken Bauer, chairperson of that nonprofit for the district. This is part of the profits from the bowling fundraiser that the Moorhead Lions sponsor on an annual basis. Lion Ken states, "The annual bowling tournament is very well run and the Barnesville Club has at least one team there every year. It's a fun time." The Moorhead Club realizes that, even through this pandemic, Leader Dog still has continuing expenses that have to be met and exemplify the Lions motto of, "We Serve."



## Warroad Lions Receive Top Dog

In 2019 the Warroad Lions Club made a contribution to Can Do Canines. As a result of that donation the club was awarded A Top Dog award. Past President Lion Pat O'Loughlin (left) accepts the award from District Governor Kevin Reich on August 11, 2020.



## Thief River Falls Lions receive Melvin Jones Fellowship



At the recently held awards luncheon, two Thief River Falls Lions were presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

Pictured are Lion Clyde Sorenson (L), award recipient, DG Kevin Reich, Lion George Davis, award recipient.



## Thief River Falls Lions receive Helen Keller Award



Two Thief River Falls Lions were presented the Helen Keller Sight Award at the Lions club recent awards luncheon.

Pictured are Lion David Olin, (L) award recipient, DG Kevin Reich, Lion Kenneth Olson award recipient .



On Wednesday, September 2, Lion Pat from Lions Club of West St. Paul presented a check for \$500 to Principal David at WSTPaul Elementary School for their breakfast program.







Lion Pat, President WSTPaul Lions Club, presented a cheque for \$4,262 to the winner of the first "Chase the Ace" session.



Lion Peter Wight receives "silver key" from Lion Debbie, Secretary WSTPaul Lions Club.



Lion Debbie, Secretary WSTPaul Lions, presented Lion Nadine Neufeld with the "silver key" from LCI.



Former Barnesville Lions Club President Chris Seifert is shown holding a \$700 gift card from Scheels. Lion Chris sold the grand prize winning ticket in the club's recently completed raffle to his brother Rich who resides north of Denver, CO. Since the grand prize was an MP15 Smith & Wesson 5.56 weapon, his brother preferred the gift card, which is redeemable at a Scheels Store in his area. Additional \$100 cash prize winners were Michael Brandt, Colten Tangen, Reese Schritz, Dave Grommesh, David Larson, Steve Thompson, Brian Albrecht, Anita Rise, Jeff Berg, and Tim McCarte. The community's excellent support made this raffle a success and the club will donate 10 cents of every dollar raised to various causes, with the majority of the money donated locally, exemplifying the Lions motto of "We Serve."

Lion Kevin Reich

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Visitation requests are preferred for late July through mid-

December and early January through late March. Two or more

clubs working together for a joint visit would be appreciated.

### Lions 5M11 2020-2021 Request for Club Visitation by Lion Kevin Reich

Lions Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion requesting the visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of preference: 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of social, if held: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Will there be a meal: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name of meeting location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of meeting location: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be other Lions Clubs represented? If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

What time will be best to meet with the executive officers? \_\_\_\_\_ Before the meeting would be preferred.

Would you like any of the following done?

District Governor Dress Code

1. Install Officers: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. Install Members: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
3. Present Awards: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
4. Other, Please List: \_\_\_\_\_

Formal, in uniform: \_\_\_\_\_

Casual, in comfort: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse able to attend: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Please mail this request form or email it to the appropriate address above. Thank you!**

**The date will be confirmed after checking the schedule and the requesting Lion is notified.**





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***\*To submit a photo for the newsletter, please include the following so your club can be properly recognized:***

***\*\*Date, Location, Event, Club, and any other details or information you would like to appear.  
Please submit photos in .jpeg format please.\*\****

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