

# DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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## 5M11 MID- WINTER VIRTUAL CONVENTION

**JANUARY 30, 2021**

**@ 10:00 AM CST**

**~ VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION ~**

### **Guest Speakers:**

*International Director Bob Block and his wife,  
Lion Brenda*

*Lion Brooklyn Driver*

## LIONS SPOTLIGHT

*Each month, a Lion from one of the district's Lions clubs, will be featured in the newsletter. This is a great opportunity to recognize an "everyday" Lion from your club.*

*The featured Lion can be a charter member, a newly enlisted member, a member that is great at recruiting new members, a member that can be depended on to serve at every Lions sponsored community event. The local club members can choose who they want to be in the spotlight from their club.*

*When it is your clubs turn to feature someone, please submit a short story about the Lion and a picture of the person to the newsletter editors the first week of the month. Clubs will be notified in advance when it is their month to feature a Lion.*

**SPONSOR  
A LION**

## ***LIONS SPONSORSHIP COULD YIELD A FREE HOSPITALITY BOOKLET***

Every Lion that sponsors a new Lion during the first six months of 2021, January through June, will have their name put into a drawing for one free 2022 mid-winter convention booklet, approximately a \$100 value. There will be a free booklet awarded each of the months for a total of six booklets.

Example: during the month of January there are ten new Lions members throughout the district. Each of the ten sponsor's names will be entered in the drawing for the month. The name drawn will be awarded a free hospitality booklet. If someone sponsors a Lion more than one month, their name can be in the drawing more than one month. Each sponsoring Lion will be limited to two free booklets. If a sponsoring Lion wins a second booklet, they can choose who to gift the additional booklet to. Maybe one of their newly sponsored Lions?

At the end of the six months, the club with the greatest number of new members will receive two free hospitality booklets. The booklets could be awarded to two of the club's new members?

This is a win-win for everyone. Our district wins with additional Lions members, the local club wins with additional volunteers to serve, and sponsors could win a hospitality booklet. A great way to get 2021 off to a great start.



## Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos



As this Lions, Lioness, Leo year progresses, we continue to venture through uncharted territory. This is certainly true as we prepare for the upcoming district mid-winter convention. This year I prefer to refer to it as our district meeting instead of district convention.

In the past the convention has been hosted by a host club or clubs. They have been responsible for the convention details and program. This year your district governor team, along with your district cabinet executive members, will be responsible for the one-day meeting. Yikes, the pressure is on us!

The meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, January 30, 2021**. The morning session will consist of the cabinet meeting. The afternoon will include some guest presentations and the business meeting.

Throughout the day we will have the pleasure of **International Director Bob Block and his wife, Lion Brenda**, from Illinois, being two of our guests. They both plan to address the virtual attendees. Bob and Brenda are both very sincere Lions passionate about Lionism. I had the opportunity to meet them last February at 5M2's convention. We will also have the opportunity of hearing **Lion Brooklyn Driver's** story as to how a KidSight screening event and daily treatment and therapy for 10 years, saved her vision. Brooklyn is a college student from Lafayette, Tennessee that serves as a Lion today because of how Lions and Lions programs saved her vision. Seeing and hearing these guests in person would have been great but we hope to make the best of this alternative.

This year's meeting will involve some out-of-the-box plans. **The club with the greatest percentage of membership attendance will receive a \$1000 donation to be gifted to the foundation of their choice. We will hold our first ever virtual silent auction.**

As with any other year, we will have some business meeting matters and elections. Speaking of elections, to our knowledge, the district does not have a Second Vice District Governor elect candidate. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me. Please take note of the **Hall of Fame nomination form** in this newsletter. There is a deadline submittal of **December 30, 2020**.

The Manitoba clubs of the district will soon be involved with the **election of an international director (ID)**. The actual voting by the delegates will take place January 19-21, 2021. The elected director will represent 5M10 Ontario clubs, 5M11 Manitoba clubs and 5M13 clubs. This person will serve as an ID from 2023-2025. There are two candidates for the ID position; PDG Doug Wiens, 5M11, Grunthal, MB and PDG Joanne Ogden, 5M10, Emo, ON.

Also in this newsletter is the **Parade of Green form**. We realize most clubs have been challenged with fund raising efforts but there is still a need for our support. If your club can afford it, please consider donations to the Lions projects listed on the Parade of Green. You will note donations are to be submitted to one of the project directors/representatives.

In July our district applied for a matching grant as part of the Canadian Centennial celebration. In November we received a \$6500 grant that will assist the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario. The funds will be used for remodeling of the suites in the Lions Manor in Winnipeg. The suites are available for those who are in need of medical treatments and/or family members offering support.

Even with the restrictions we are faced with, our work as Lions must continue, in order to better our communities and to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. When I look at the reports filed with LCI, on behalf of the clubs, there are five clubs that deserve being mentioned; **Dilworth of MN, Dilworth Loco of MN, West St. Paul of MB, Whitemouth and District of MB, and Winnipeg West of MB**. It is obvious, by the reports filed, the pandemic has not slowed down these clubs. In the month of November West St. Paul logged 192 hours of service. Hats off to these clubs for their service and for reporting their service.

As we look back on 2020 there are many things we would rather forget. As we look forward to 2021 hopefully there will be things, we will want to remember. Let's hope for a better 2021. Keep up the hope, keep the spirit, and keep serving.



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



# *ROSS ADAIR JOHNSTON*

April 12, 1930 - October 31, 2020

Peacefully at home, Ross died with his family by his side on October 31, 2020.

Ross was a cheerful, enthusiastic and active person. He would greet you at his door with a warm smile and offer you a cup of tea. He loved to chat, had a quick wit, and over the years his puns had "groan" on almost everyone!



Ross grew up in the West Broadway and Wolseley areas of Winnipeg, attending the old Mulvey and Gordon Bell schools. He sang in the All Saints Church Boys Choir and took part in Scouts and YMCA activities. High school summer jobs included swim supervisor at Camp Manitou, gardener at Brookside Cemetery and grass cutter at Kildonan Golf Course. During the great flood of 1950, he went out west to work as a gardener at the Banff Springs Hotel. Later, he joined the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, which enabled him to continue university.

In 1952, Ross graduated with a BA from United College, followed by a law degree from the University of Manitoba in 1956. He practiced law at the firm, then known as, Johnston, Jessiman and Gardner. Following private practice, Ross was the prothonotary of the Court of Queen's Bench, before serving as a Provincial Court Judge for 30 years.

Ross met Betty Jo on a badminton court, and they married in 1959. He loved her dearly, and would write odes and limericks to her on every birthday and anniversary. He was proud of his two daughters and two sons. Without a doubt, Ross was a dedicated family man. During dinner, he would want to hear about everyone's day. Ross ensured that the family spent lots of time together. In June, he loaded the station wagon bound for the cottage at Beaconsfield. There he wore his beach shirt and hat and loved giving his children wheelbarrow and dune buggy rides. In the winter, he would build a backyard toboggan slide and skating rink. Annual road trips to ski areas were very important to him.

Growing up during the depression influenced Ross. He established many university and college scholarships and bursaries, and he gave generously to countless other community causes and organizations. The Lions Club was a perfect match for Ross, with its "we serve" motto. He was an active member and club archivist for 60 years. He served as President, District Governor, and became the "First Director Emeritus of the Lions Club of Winnipeg". Ross was also a dedicated Freemason of 65 years. He received an honorary 33rd degree, and was a member of Assiniboine Lodge, Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Khartoum Shriners and Ritualistic Unit.

In retirement, Ross was always on the go. He chaired school reunions (high school, Arts, and Law) and continued his work with St. Andrews River Heights United Church, Lions Club, Camp Manitou, and Freemasons. Ross embraced yard work at home and the cottage. He was constantly writing newsletter articles, reports, speeches, and poetry, always with the news or Turner Classic Movies on in the background. He loved sweets, the symphony, theatre, art, watching football and curling on tv, roller coasters (until age 85), playing bridge and cribbage. He enjoyed annual Florida trips, bringing back an assortment of flea-market gifts, which led to the notorious family Florida Night!

Ross will be remembered as a kind and loyal friend.

Ross is predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Betty Jo (Ball) and parents, Pauline (Adair) and Percy Johnston. He leaves behind his children, Allison (Ken Koots), Brian (Penny Blatz), Grant, and Gail (Greg Bieber); grandchildren, Kelvin, Simon, Abby, Sofia, Rebecca, and Natasha; and brother-in-law Bruce Ball (late Barbara); extended family and friends.

The family wishes to deeply thank Elena, Lynette, Linda, Jeriline, Elna and Rose for their compassionate care and friendship. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving a donation to one of the organizations that Ross supported.

Interment at Elmwood Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.



**NORMAN IVAN JOHNSON**

**May 16, 1942 - November 19, 2020**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Norman Johnson on November 19, 2020. He will be missed immensely by his wife of 52 years, Kay, his daughter, Tanya (Graeme) and granddaughter, Fiona, as well by his many friends and family. He is survived by his brothers, Lloyd Neher and Kelly (Bonnie) Johnson and his sister, Lorraine (John) Murray; along with his nieces and nephews.

Employed by CPR, Norman began his career as an electrician at the Weston Shops in Winnipeg in 1967. He transferred several times across Western Canada before returning to Winnipeg in 1993. He retired from the railroad in 1997.

Norman was very devoted to his family and to his community. He was a proud member of the Lion's Club for over 30 years; holding various positions, including District Governor. He was always fundraising for different initiatives. His favorite fundraising event was the annual Walk for Dog Guides at Bird's Hill Park.

The family would like to thank the nurses, health care aids, and staff at Bethania Personal Care Home for the wonderful care and support provided to Norman. Especially while the family was separated from him, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for the tireless efforts of these front-line workers.

A celebration of Norman's life will be held at later date when it is safe for us to gather once again. To honor Norman, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to the Lion's Foundation of Canada, 152 Wilson Street, Oakville, Ontario, L6K 0G6 at: [www.dogguides.com/donate](http://www.dogguides.com/donate)

*- Posted by: Winnipeg West Lions Club (fellow lion club member/friend) on: Dec 01, 2020*

Past District Governor Norman Johnson for 2004-2005, as Norm was known to those in the Lion's family of service, was a very dedicated Lion, and volunteered his time willingly and freely whenever he could.

In his year of governance his wife Kay surprised him and also joined Lions. He will be remembered for all of his years spent tirelessly organizing the Dog Walk for Lions Foundation of Dog Guides out at scenic Bird's Hill in the fall. These events were highly attended in those years with dogs of many breeds doing the routes with their owners/friends/families all to support Dog Guides. He received the Lions Foundation of Dog Guides Patron award, a prestigious award given to those who have devotedly served.

Lion Norm joined Lions in 1984 and during his Lion's journey was presented with many awards for his service in many areas: Hope Medal, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award, Life Membership in Lions Foundation of Canada, Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, Stu Peever Award. Lion Norm transferred into Charleswood Tuxedo Lions Club in 1994 which later changed its name to Winnipeg West Lions Club where he remained a member to 2020.

Thank you Lion Norm for your many years of service in the southwest of Winnipeg, and your friendship; you will be fondly remembered by all who knew you.

Sincere condolences to Kay, Tanya, Graeme, & Fiona from your very large extended Lion's family here in Manitoba, NW Ontario and Minnesota.

### **January 2021 for International Director in Constitutional Area II, Canada in 2023 - 2025**

Two Canadian Lions, PDG. Joanne Ogden of Emo, Ontario and PDG. Doug Wiens of Grunthal, Manitoba are eligible to run as candidates.

Due to COVID-19 health restrictions, and no face-to-face convention business meetings being held (where voting usually takes place), voting is being done by electronic balloting.

A Canadian company based in Montreal, 'Simply Voting', has been hired to guide the district election committees through the process, with PID Ben Ward as Election Manager.

Election committees in 5M10, 5M11 and 5M13 are collecting names of delegates from the clubs with the three districts, and will be forwarded to Simply Voting to prepare ballots. Instructions will be sent to each delegate on the voting pro-cedure, giving them a link where votes can be recorded and counted. Clubs are eligible for one voting delegate for every 10 members or majority thereof. Example: 14 members - one vote, 15 members - two votes, 21 members - two votes, 25 members - three votes. Past District Governors are eligible to one vote in addition to their club delegates.



# Meet the Candidates

**PDG Joanne Ogden**  
Emo, Ontario



## Election dates have been set as follows:

- January 19, 2021 — ballots sent out at 8:00CST
- January 20 - 22, 2021 - voting will take place.
- January 22, 2021 at (23:59CST) election ends.

*Votes recorded after this time will not count.*

## **PID Ben Ward,** **Election Manager**

Forward all questions to:  
wardone707@gmail.com

**PDG Doug Wiens**  
Grunthal, Manitoba



Joanne was raised on a dairy farm with her parents that emigrated from Holland and settled in the small town of EMO, Ontario.

With her husband of 35 years, Lion Kent, they raised two daughters, Lion Chelsey and Lion Riley!

She has been a nurse over 35 years, spending 20 of those years in Intensive Care and the past 15 years nursing in the vastly underserved First Nation population. She has volunteered her nursing skills in earthquake stricken Haiti and built homes in Guatemala. She has had multiple acknowledgements throughout her years in Wound Care and honoured with the National Nursing Award of Excellence in 2018. She continues her nursing career assisting in the development of a Wound Care centre and continue to nurse through the troubled time of COVID.

She joined EMO & District Lions in 2010, president of the club in 2014-16 in which she brought the club membership of 18 to 103. She became District Governor in 2018-19 and developed a District team that received multiple membership awards ending with an 80+ positive growth for the year.

She is a graduate of RLLI, presented at Northern Pride Lions Institute, as well as at the USA/Canada Forum in Spokane and the International Convention in Milan Italy. She completed her Facility Development Institute training with LCI in January 2020. She continues her contributions with Lions at Club level, GMT for the District, as well as the current Multiple District GMT. She is the NAMI champion for 5M10, the Chair of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario, as well as a director on the MD5M KidSight Foundation, and Chair of their hospital board.

She has been honored with many achievement awards in Lions including a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, a Presidential Leadership Award, and most recently the PID Ben Ward Fellowship.

"I believe in the Principles embodied by the Lions Code of Ethics, I believe in tradition but I embrace change...not for the purpose of just change but for a change that has a purpose. I believe that the success of our organization requires eyes and voices of our youth, the knowledge of elders and the strength and commitment of those brave enough to make the changes required. I believe in diversity and inclusion not just through words but through our actions. I also believe that I am brave enough and committed to contribute to the betterment of our organization, our districts, our clubs and our members."

Please follow Joanne at:

<https://www.facebook.com/joanne.ogden.71> or email her at:  
wwaogden@jam21.net

"I thank all three Districts for this opportunity and look forward to your support."

Lion Joanne,  
EMO & District Lions, 5M10

My Fellow Lions, for those of you who don't know me let me introduce myself. I am Lion Doug Wiens of the Grunthal Lions Club, in Manitoba.

I have been married to Kathy for 33 years. Together we have three daughters and presently have three grandchildren.

I joined the Grunthal Lions in January 2006 with my father as sponsor. Although I haven't been a Lion for very long I got involved very quickly. I was a zone chair from 2009-2012. Was elected as 2nd VDG in 2012 and moved up to 1st VDG in late September of that year when 1st VDG Mike Farrell passed away. I was District Governor from 2013-2014. Together with my team we earned the District Governors Excellence award, which earned myself a presidential medal as leader of the team from PIP Barry Palmer. I was the GMT Chair for 5M11 from 2014-2019, and currently sit as 5M11's Dog Guide Chair. I also represent 5M10, 11 & 13 on the National Liaison committee with Diabetes Canada.

I was also the vice chair of the 2018 MD5M Multiple Convention Committee which was held at the Victoria Inn & Convention Centre in Winnipeg. In 2013 I was a participant representing Lions on STARS CEO Island rescue fundraiser.

Prior to joining Lions I owned and operated a 60 cow dairy from 1984 -2004, at which time the decision was made to sell the cows and quota. From 2004 to 2019 I ran an 800 acre grain farm with my father.

In 2019 we sold the grain farm. I also attained my real estate license and started selling real estate in 2004.

During my life I have always been involved with the community. I sat on the regional milk advisory committee with Manitoba Milk Producers, I was the Eastern Holstein Clubs representative on the Manitoba Branch of Holstein Canada for 10 years. I was a 4-H leader with the Southeast Dairy Club from 1998-2003. I was one of the leaders of Team Manitoba's Western Canadian Classic team (which is a junior dairy competition between the four western provinces) from 2001-2012. I sit on the Steinbach Curling Club board of Directors from 2006 to present, including one year as president from 2012-13. As well I am currently the treasurer for my church.

I'm a graduate of the Dale Carnegie program as well as a graduate of RLLI. Now that I'm no longer farming I'm hoping to attend the Faculty Development Institute

This year we will be selecting a representative to run as our International Director Candidate 2023-2025.

I believe I would make a Great ID and would love your vote.  
Thank You.

Lion Doug Wiens  
Grunthal Lions Club, 5M11

## PURPOSE

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

## AWARD

There will be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients will receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients will appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, will be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees will be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

## CRITERIA

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in

MD5M, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in MD5M at the time of their death.

## PROCESS

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District.

There will be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee will be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction will be sent to MD5M and will be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Mid-Winter Convention.

Each individual District will annually hold an election at their Mid-Winter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor will have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame will not be announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations will use the standard form, no others will be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination will not be considered.

All successful candidates will be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor will ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention when the honorees are inducted.

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

# MD5M HALL OF FAME NOMINATION (October 2003) Revised December 2020



Return the completed form and nomination fee by **December 30, 2020** to DG Kevin Reich, 15475 110<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 or email: [kwrrlf@gmail.com](mailto:kwrrlf@gmail.com). Fee may be mailed to DG Reich.

## DISTRICT 5M11 - NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINEE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

*(Lions, Community Service, Family, Work – length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects and awards. Attach an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.)*

## WHY IS THIS PERSON BEING NOMINATED FOR THE MD5M HALL OF FAME?

**Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Mid-Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.**

The cost of attendance to the MD5M Convention and Saturday luncheon will be at the expense of the nominee, not the MD5M or the MD5M Convention Host Committee.

Return the completed form and nomination fee by **December 30, 2020** to DG Kevin Reich, 15475 110<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 or email: [kwrrlf@gmail.com](mailto:kwrrlf@gmail.com). Fee may be mailed to DG Reich.



## 2020-2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify

Date

Club Number

Club Name

District

Member Number

2020-2021 Club President's Name

Email Address

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

☐ Achieved a net growth of: \_\_\_\_\_ **or** Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch:  
Name of club, or branch: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. SERVICE

- ☐ Contributed to LCIF
- ☐ Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!*
- ☐ List Three projects/events hosted by the club:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

☐ Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

☐ Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events. *Select all that apply:*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District              | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International         | <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center |  |

☐ Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club.

Improvements include: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

☐ The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media. Choose all that apply:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook                | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram               | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Website                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards              | <input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____             |   |

District

2020-2021 District Governor Signature\*

Member Number

Date

Due by: August 31, 2021

Send to: [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org) or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2021-2022 District Governors

\*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.



# *Catch the Dream...*

*...a world without Diabetes!*

## **& Catch some Ca\$h**



A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will donate net proceeds from this cash raffle toward research to treat and curing Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.

### **10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10**

**2 \$1,000 winners    2 \$500 winners**

**2 \$200 winners    4 \$50 winners**

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

**Drawing** 7:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

**Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee  
for tickets & information!**

Kim Peters, [kpeters@arvig.net](mailto:kpeters@arvig.net)

Sandy Bertilrud, [sandybertilrud@yahoo.com](mailto:sandybertilrud@yahoo.com)



Visit [MnLionsDiabetes.org](http://MnLionsDiabetes.org) for more information and contacts.



Bend in the River III  
Join the Jamboree!



## 2021 MD5M Convention

The **2021 MD5M Convention** is just around the bend! District 5M-2 invites you to join the jamboree at the **Mankato Event Center, Mankato, MN, April 30 through May 2nd, 2021.**

Save the date, as District 5M-2 prepares for a weekend that is guaranteed to entertain you with festive music and inspire you with our speakers. District 5m-2 will also plan on a virtual convention as an alternative to unforeseen events.

More information on the hotels and registration form can be found on the 5M2 Lions Facebook page or at [www.lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org) . Registration and meal packages range from 0- \$130.00 per person. Information on the site will be updated periodically.

Along with all of the fun and festivities, a raffle room will be available and co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation. There will be speakers from the University of MN on Childhood Cancer, Lions Gift of Sight, MN Lions Hearing Foundation, and a speaker from Leader Dogs.

In addition to the usual business happenings of the convention, service projects will be included. Your help is always appreciated in making Service Projects a success. The MD5M convention host committee plans to focus on a few projects of need. More information to come!

***District 5M-2 hopes to see you at the Bend in the River III 2021 Convention!***



### LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2020 - 2021 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (3). The 2021 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2021.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org) In the right column, **click on LITPC Scholarship Information.** Then **click on Scholarship Application Form.** Please follow the instructions, fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (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 country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2021** to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman, Email: [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com) Phone #: 763-786-8072

**You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to all!!**

**The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,**

**“WE SERVE”**





*The winning entry, for the district, in the Peace Poster contest was submitted by **Willow Larson of Gary, MN**. Her entry was sponsored by the **Fertile Lions Club**.*

*Willow's poster will be entered in the multiple contest. Her quote about peace, "**Peace is our best reward.**" Thank you and congratulations to Willow.*

## St. Hilaire, MN Lions



St. Hilaire Lions Club. Since we had to cancel our Governor's Banquet due to Covid, we held a small club meeting.

Left: Lion Dan Vandeventer accepts plaques from PDG Lion Jim Strandlie, one for Past President for 2019-20, and the other for LION OF THE YEAR for all his work in promoting and implementing our annual Baja Race Fundraiser.

Right: Lion Kari Nelson (center) receives a Dream Catcher Award (Lions Diabetes Foundation), presented by Lion Christy Klemz and PDG Lion Jim Strandlie. Lion Kari has been working hard to change her diagnosis as a diabetic.



St. Hilaire Lions hosted a Blood Drive for Vitalant Blood Services that was very successful, practicing all their guidelines for keeping everyone safe.

St. Hilaire Lions recently held a Holiday Cash Raffle, with members using social media, texting, and phone calls to sell tickets. Our profits were almost \$2,000.





Jim Rystad recently received recognition for the Red Lake Falls Lions from the Department of Transportation. The recognition was for 30 years of Lion ditch cleaning for a two mile stretch of Highway 32 South of Red Lake Falls. In 1990, the Lions decided to participate in ditch cleaning as a service project, and Jim Rystad agreed to be in charge. He has managed the project twice a year for all of the thirty years.



### RED LAKE FALLS LIONS—30 YEARS OF LION DITCH CLEANING



The Red Lake Falls Lions bagged and delivered the famous "Chippers" to 120 elderly and shut-ins in the local area.

Pictured are Lions Sheila Reich, Jim Rystad, DG Kevin Reich, Donna Rystad, and Sandy Bertilrud. Not pictured is 1VDG Allen Bertilrud.



The Mahanomen Waubun Area Lions handed out Halloween treats in Waubun and Mahanomen during the Town's Trunk Trick or Treating Events. Lions Ann and Bennie were in Mahanomen. Lion Josh was in Waubun.

Merry  
Christmas

December 12, 2020 Sherry Sorenson President and Secretary of the Thief River Falls Moonlighters Lionesses Club donated \$50 to the The Shed to buy Christmas gifts for the seniors in the nursing homes.



**2021 Parade of Green Donations Lions 5M11 Mid-Winter Convention January 30, 2021*****PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AS LISTED BELOW AND MAIL TO ADDRESS INDICATED******DO NOT SEND DIRECTLY TO THE FOUNDATION AS OUR 5M11 REPRESENTATIVES NEED TO RECORD DONATIONS FROM 5M11***

<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<b>MAIL CHECK TO</b> 5M11 DIRECTOR/TRUSTEE/CHAIR/COORDINATOR
<b>MN Lions Vision Foundation *</b> Children's Eye Clinic (on memo line) Macular Degeneration Center (MAC on memo line) Lions Eye Institute (on Memo line)	<b>Lion Carol Skabo</b> PO Box 311 Dilworth MN 56529 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative: Lion Scott Grove)
<b>MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation* (Canada &amp; US)</b>	<b>Lion Kevin Reich</b> 15475 110 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW Red Lake Falls MN 56750 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative: Lion Tamie Rue)
<b>MN Lions Hearing Foundation*</b> Children's Hearing Center (on memo line)	<b>Lion Gerald Amiot</b> 177 North Acres Estates Crookston MN 56716 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative: Lion Gladwin Lynne)
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<b>Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN *</b>	<b>Lion Joshua Kent</b> 2883 105 <sup>th</sup> Ave Mahnomen MN 56557
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<b>Lions Foundation Canada Dog Guides</b>	<b>Lion Doug Wiens</b> Box 12 Grunthal MB R0A 0R0
<b>Lions Foundation of Manitoba &amp; NW Ontario</b> Medical Assistance Program (on memo line) Rural Housing (on memo line) Hearing Foundation (on memo line) Eye Bank (on memo line)	<b>Lion Patricia Wight</b> 525 Adsum Dr Winnipeg MB R2P 0W8 (Other Representatives: Lion Richard Pinchin, Lion Evelyn Myskiw, Lion Bonnie Popowich)



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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 .\*\****



### **5M11 ZOOM ACCOUNT**

Available for 5M11 Lions Clubs use: District Club Meetings, Zone Meetings, and other group meetings held.

**Contact Lions Mike & Lisa Jenness to set up meeting.**

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