

## DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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*Farewell DG Williams*



*~Farewell to DG Lion Deanne Williams.  
Thank you for your service to 5M11 and Lions International.*

### WILLIAMS' WANDERINGS AND WONDERINGS

#### DG REPORT JUNE 2020

Although I have not been able to visit many of our clubs due to the current pandemic, I have been able to attend some COG and foundation GoTo meetings, etc.

Some of you may know from my speeches, that Psychologist Dr. Abraham Maslow says one of humans' basic needs is a sense of belonging. That has been very difficult these past few months. I have been unable to visit clubs. I don't know if I have or have had COVID 19 as it is clear it can spread without symptoms. I don't know if someone I may be near someone who has a child or elderly relative battling other issues or cares for someone who may be more susceptible. I want my community and Lions family to thrive and stay healthy. It has not been an easy decision to stay away. I also work full time as an EMT and a personal care assistant for a paraplegic patient. I don't know if I may carry the virus from someone to them or from them to others. I want to be part of the solution as numbers of positive cases and deaths are rising again. I want to be considerate and careful and I feel that a mask is a good start, but a mask and 6 foot distance may not be enough. By staying away, I could potentially prevent someone from getting sick and dying.

You may or may not agree with me, but please know that I have been available by phone or email and I have been thinking of all of you. I hope that you have found ways to keep in contact with members and continue to serve.

If I have not visited your club, I will be mailing out pins and membership chevrons. I had hoped that I would be able to wait a few weeks and then visit and then a few more weeks and so on and on..... Many events have been canceled.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your District Governor. If you wish to help with my goals of raising \$1500 for MN Lions Diabetes and 100% club donations to LCIF, you can still send to me directly or to the foundations. LCIF has helped many worldwide during the pandemic and can do more with our help. Every penny counts and adds up to more help. Also, membership adds more help. While it is an honor to induct new members as a DG, any past president can induct in social distance or online.

*As your now Past District Governor, let me continue to serve each of you. Contact me at 218-790-3715 or [williams.deanne77@gmail.com](mailto:williams.deanne77@gmail.com) I will do my best to help or find the answers.*

***Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!***

***Keep safe and Keep Roaring!***

***Lion Deanne Williams, PDG 5M11 2019-2020***



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## *Thank You DG Deanne*

As the 2019-2020 Lions year comes to an end, District 5M11 and its Lions members thank DG Deanne for her leadership and service this past year.

As we all know, it has been a time of change the past three months. The change and the restrictions associated with COVID 19 resulted in the discontinuation of club visits. This did not allow DG Deanne to meet many of the members of the district, by not being able to make club visits. It has been disappointing for her.

In the future, when you see DG Deanne, please reach out to her and thank her for the service she provided the district this past Lions year.

We wish you the best DG Deanne!



Shown on the far right is Lion Mike Quiggle, in the middle is Lion Pete Larson, and on the left is Pete's son Rylan. Pete enlisted the aid of his son Rylan to give him an example of service and Mike is the chairman of this service function. They are standing in front of a pile of garbage that they collected from 4 miles of ditches south of Downer. Each spring and again in the fall the Lions are responsible for cleaning a total of 8 miles of ditches, reflecting the Lions motto of "We Serve."



Every February the Grygla Lions invite members of the Wannaska, Warroad, Goodridge and Goodridge Lion Tamers Clubs to their Potato Dumping Supper. The dumplings are awesome. The fellowship is awesome. And the sharing of activities, ideas and suggestions are awesome. Thank you to the Grygla Lions.



## Grygla Lions Potato Dumpling Supper



*Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls President Sherry Sorenson donates "Super Kena" book to the Thief River Falls Library, March 9, 2020. (left)*

*The author is from Crookston, MN who wrote the book about her deaf daughter being bullied in school and about other handicapped students. Pictures of how to learn sign are also in the book. Books can be ordered on line [SuperKena.com](http://SuperKena.com). President Sorenson donates another book to Jamie Bakken, the librarian at Challenger Elementary School. (right)*

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*Lion Ken Bauer is shown giving Mike Stetz, the Barnesville Area Fire Chief, a check in the amount of \$1,000. The check will be used to offset the costs to purchase equipment necessary for the department to make rescues of individuals who become trapped in grain bins. The Lions realize that even during the current pandemic, the fire department will take no time off when emergencies require their attention.*



Governor's night for the Plummer Lions and the Plummer Lions Too was held on Tuesday, February 18, and Governor Lion Deanne Williams shared the evening's message with Leader Dog Chair Lion Ken Bauer. Governor Lion Deanne gave longevity pins to various members and relayed a message centered around the Lions motto of, "We Serve." Lion Ken shared a DVD and talked about the only guide dog program that was begun by three Lions in 1939. Because of the excellent support given by the Plummer Lions over the years, Lion Ken presented the club with both miniature bricks (the originals laid in the Walk of Fame at the Leader Dog Home office in Rochester Hills, Michigan), and Founders' Plaques. Pictured are L to R, Ken Bauer, LD Chair, Plummer Lions displaying their club's recognition items, Steve Rosten, Bob Johanning, Tony Gerardy, Derek Gagner, and District Governor Deanne Williams. District Governor Lion Deanne had visited the Leader Dog home office and was very knowledgeable regarding the work being done by that extremely important 501C3 which certainly influenced her decision to graciously share her Governor's Night Spot-



### Red Lake Falls High School Seniors Recognized

As we all know, the final three months of education for high school seniors was much different this spring than for previous senior classes. Not only did they not assemble in classrooms, they did not get to compete in any spring sports or arts, they did not get to have spring prom, and they did not experience the customary graduation ceremonies.

To honor and recognize graduating seniors from Lafayette High School, Red Lake Falls, MN, the Red Lake Falls Lions purchased and displayed two banners picturing the graduating seniors. Red Lake Falls Lions pictured with one of the banners are, Allen Bertilrud, Jim Rystad, and Donna Rystad. Congratulations to all graduating seniors throughout District 5M11!



14 Lions bagging 7,000 pounds +.  
Over 1100 overfilled 5 pound bags. Bagged from 1:00- 3:30.  
43 total man hours including Ron and Joe to get spuds at Perham.  
Ron E is missing from pic; he snapped the pic.



# Wannaska Lions 23rd Annual Fishing Derby—15 February 2020

*This family event was enjoyed by about 200 participants.*







*The Thief River Falls Noon Lioness Club gains two new club members at their monthly meeting March 11. Club membership now numbers 25. Lioness Edie Brandli (L) inducts Marie Wiseth and Michelle Naplin into the club. We welcome these two ladies to the Lions family.*

The photo shows the students who did two miles of ditch clean up on both sides of Hwy 34 near the Barnesville Golf Course. Thirteen young people ranging from 3rd grade through the sophomore year participated along with 4 parents. Lion Jon Pauna was in charge of this cleanup and he is very much aware of the contributions the Lions have made to the baseball activities including donations for equipment, field improvements and a portable pitching mound. The kids and parents enjoyed a beautiful evening and Lion Jon commented that it was a good experience for the kids to understand the importance of volunteering their time as a show of appreciation to the Lions, who are committed to this cleanup in the spring and in the fall. And he added, the evening's end with dilly bars at the DQ was an added bonus more appreciated than the removal of many ticks found on most of the participants.



Lake Bronson Lions Club sponsored a blood drive in the Covenant Church in Lake Bronson on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2020. This was our first activity since March held behind face masks and with temperature screening and lots of disinfectant. We were surprised how many attended the event to provide needed blood.



Because of the Coronavirus that is so prevalent, the Lions 23rd Annual Sportsman's Stag was cancelled; however, a drawing was held the night of the cancelled stag to draw the three winners of the large prizes and twenty additional \$50.00 gift certificate winners for Scheels Sports Store. Pictured with the grand prize winner of an \$800 Traeger grill is ticket seller Lion Mike Quiggle with winner Lyla Sanford. 2nd place prize winner is Travis Desing, shown with his Scheels certificate for a \$500 Ruger Creedmor package. Third prize winner is Brian Scheffler shown with his \$450.00 Ion 8 " Electric Auger.

Even though the tickets are in the Lions possession and the booth is rented for Potato Days, the Club has decided to cancel the 20th annual summer raffle. The community's support made giving away 4-wheelers, Harleys, a pickup, a Mustang Convertible, \$20,000 vehicle certificates and \$15,000 cash prizes fun and rewarding. The Lions are hopeful things will return to normal for their stag and raffle next year, since these two events combined have raised \$435,000, all of which is donated to various causes, most of them in the Barnesville Community.

