



District 5M11 Newsletter

April 2015



STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE



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MD5M Regional Leadership Institute

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute was held from March 26 through 29 in Mahnomen here in 5M11. 69 students from all over the Multiple attended and learned a lot about leadership and Lions. Every one of them had a GREAT time and enjoyed themselves very much.

6 members from 5M11 were in attendance, 1st VDGE Mike Janssen, from the East Kildonan Lions, Mark Spielman from the Flom and Area Lions, Brian Norberg from the Dilworth Lions, and Patricia McPherson, Gary Marriott, and Stephen Belaire all from the Ste. Anne Lions. PDG Chris Barnard was a 1st time member of the faculty.

The RLLI is held once every two years in MD5M. It is a forum for identifying and training upcoming leaders in our organization. It is 3 ½ days of intense study and learning with a whole lot of fun thrown in. Experienced and dedicated Lions give of themselves to ensure our future leaders are prepared for the challenges ahead.

Start thinking now about attending the next session which will be held in 2017. Ask any previous graduate if it was worthwhile and you will get a resounding YES as an answer. It is an experience you will not want to miss.



5M11 Attendees – Lion Gary Marriott, Lion Mark Spielman, Lion Mike Janssen, Lion Chris Barnard, Lion Patricia McPherson, Lion Stephen Belaire, Lion Brian Norberg.



DG Dennis's report

Ask1



DG
Dennis Olsen

Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M11

I hope everyone has had a good February & March as winter has ended and spring is beginning. It won't be long and we will be into the warm weather season.

Our district membership at the end of March 2015 stands at 1926 members. This past month we have had added 13 new members, dropped 8 members for a gain of 5 members. For the year we have added 132 members and dropped 142 members for a net loss of (-10) so far this year. I would like to see our district in the + positive gain for the year in the next few months. "JUST ASK ONE" is what Lion Club members are being asked is to Just Ask One person this

year. If each District Lion member will ask at least one person to join our Lions club, I think our membership will show positive gains for the year. I would encourage each member to ask at least one person to join our Lions organization.

Our Multiple Convention will be held April 17,18 & 19th 2015 at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington MN. I would encourage each club to have representation from your club at the multiple convention. Members attending the multiple will pick up valuable information for your club and will help make your club more productive. If your club is attending, you will need to have some members be delegates and vote at the Multiple Convention business meeting. Make sure your club dues are paid up so your club will be qualified to vote. Have your club treasurer check LCI website on your clubs status as to paid up dues.

Please report all your new officers for the coming year to LCI as soon as your club elections are completed. Encourage all newly elected officers to attend officer training which will be occurring in the later part of April. We are planning on having new officer training at three locations so your new officers will not have to travel large distances. It is extremely important for the new officers to attend this training, especially the Secretaries, & Treasurers to pick up new information.

Our 100th year Lions Anniversary will be in 2017. I would like to see each club work on the Centennial Service Challenge for the next two years and make sure to report your service projects to LCI so your club can get credit for the Centennial Challenge.

A large thank you to all of you Lion members, for the great work you do in serving your communities.

Lion Dennis Olsen, District Governor 5M11

"We Care, We Serve, We Accomplish"



2014-2015 5M11 Leadership
2nd VDG Mike Janssen, DG Dennis Olsen &
1st VDG Gerald Fontaine

Lions100.org
Visit the Centennial Website





DG Elect Gerald's Report

Greetings Lions,

Since the last newsletter I have attended the DGE Training which was held in Brooklyn Centre, MN, between March 11 - 14, 2015.

DGE's were kept busy throughout the whole session. We toured Lions Funded Projects at the University of Minnesota as well as Can Do Canines.

Excitement was in the air as we were informed that the successful implantation of digital equipment had been performed on a human eye and that the patient who was legally blind could now see shapes and shadows where none could have been seen before. Other implants are being planned for the near future. This is being referred to as the "Bionic Eye".

The following days were kept busy with DGE Training and the Council of Governors Meeting.

The next Council Chair Elect of the Council of Governors for the Lions Year 2015-2016 is PDG Lion Kathy Jensen. I look forward to working with the Council Chair Elect and her Council in the coming year. I was chosen as Vice-Council Chair Elect.

My wife and I look forward to the next Lions Multiple District 5 M Convention in Bloomington, MN on April 17, 18 and 19th.

Immediately after this convention I will be busy with my colleagues preparing for Officer Training Sessions to be held at three different locations in our District.

In Lionism, Lion Gérald Fontaine—DGE 5M 11

Riverside Lions # 3113



Moorhead Lions Club inducted a new member, Chris Kollitz, center. His sponsor was Lion Brenda Houglum, left, and was inducted by PDG Jim Aasness.



DG Elect
Gerald Fontaine



Lions Multiple District 5M District Governors Elect (and partners in service) who will serve as DGs beginning in July after they are sworn in at the International Convention in Hawaii. This group worked hard in training this week!



1st VDG Elect Mike's Report



**1st VDG Elect
Mike Janssen**

Hello fellow Lions.

Well here we are in April and Easter has come and gone. where has the time gone? I hope every one had a wonderful Easter weekend, Tammy and I received a great Easter Sunday present, Our first grandchild. A granddaughter who wanted to enter the world three weeks early. Mom and baby are doing great and Dad is ecstatic.



With MD5M Leadership Institute instructor, PID Brian Sheehan.

I went to the Council of Governors meeting in Brooklyn center on 14th of March and Lions regional Leadership training from the 26th to 29th of March. I am exited to be putting into practice what I've learned, it was an experience well worth the time. I highly recommend it.

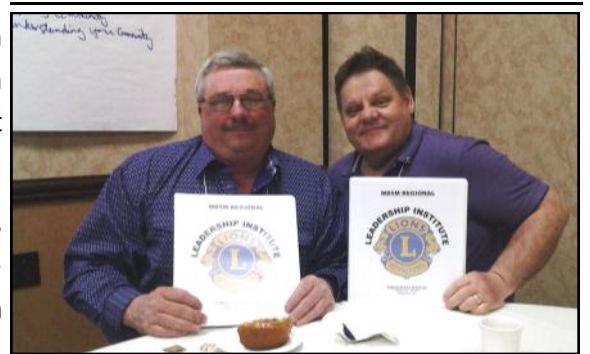
I was asked to preside at the West St Paul Lions election as well. It looks like I will have a few other events to attend this month, a few more zone meetings and the Multiple Convention and 1st VDG training on April 17th to the 20th.

Please remember as we are I the last quarter of the Lions year Just Ask One. I will report on the Multiple Convention in the next newsletter.

Until then keep roaring.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Mike Janssen , 1st Vice District Governor Elect



Mark Spielman and I in the same group at the MD5M Leadership Institute training.



Bruce Skalsky of the St. Hilaire Lions was presented with a President of the Year plaque at the St. Hilaire and Moonlighters Lioness of Thief River Falls Dist. Gov. visit on March 10, 2015 at the Black Cat by Dist. Gov. Dennis Olsen of Hawley, MN and St. Hilaire Vice President Terri Cuppett.



With his fellow 1st VDGs at the March 14 COG meeting.

Plummer Lions' 6th Annual
Spring Fling Dance
Saturday, April 11 at the Plummer
Community Hall from 8 p.m. to Midnight.
Featuring Billy D and the Crystals

State of the District

**We added 13 new members this month (March)
while losing 8 bringing us to 1926 this month with a +5.
For the year, we have added 132 members and dropped 142 for a -10.
Worldwide membership is at 1,395,721**

Did you ask someone to be a Lion today?



New Lion Members to 5M11

5M11 is so excited to add so many new Lions to help us "SERVE" our communities. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be a part of this hard working service organization. We look forward to working with you, side by side and strive to make a difference in a community or world-wide project to help "a person in need". THE FOLLOWING LIST IS AS FROM LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL. So if your new members are not on this list yet, it is due to when we get the confirmation from International.

Kyle Beaudry – Alvarado Lions Club

Brandon Lisell – Alvarado Lions Club

Douglas Knutson – Alvarado Lions Club

Jarad McFarland – Alvarado Lions Club

Darin Moen – Alvarado Lions Club

Jeremy Newland – Alvarado Lions Club

Ross Pape – Alvarado Lions Club

Jarrold Peterson – Alvarado Lions Club

Ronald Warnes – Alvarado Lions Club

Kurt Yanish – Alvarado Lions Club

Raquel Green – Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions Club

Jen Herbranson – Dilworth Loco Ladies Lions Club

Grace Kangasl – Dilworth Loco Ladies Lions Club

Jacey Mueller – Dilworth Loco Ladies Lions Club

Angela Perreault – Grunthal Lions Club

Chris Kollitz – Moorhead Lions Club

Jared Kelly – Plummer Lions Club

Timothy Denny – Crookston Lions Club

Geoff Dent – East Kildonan Lions Club

Cathie Vail – East Kildonan Lions Club

Paul Peltier – Fosston-Lengby Lions Club

Lisa Swanson – Grygla Lions Club

Michaella Vliem – Moorhead Lions Club

Justin M Carriere – Red Lake Falls Lions Club

Teresa Hams – Red Lake Falls Lions Club

Randy Rakosnik – Thief River Falls Lions Club

Robert Hilligoss – Warroad Lions Club

James Tadman – Winger Lions Club

Donna Crispe – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Joseph Hardy – Winnipeg West Lions Club



*Clubs, as you add new members, please e-mail Lion Stacy, Newsletter Editor,
as well as DG Dennis to be included in the next newsletter.*

(E-mail is skleinwachter@yahoo.com or specialk.stacy@gmail.com)



Zone Meeting Notices

5M11 Lions Zone 3 Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 Hosted by Bagley Lions

At Fireside Bar and Grill – Bagley (Hwy 2 W)

Social – 6:00pm, Meal – 7:00pm, Program to follow:

Lion Jen Spielman – Project New Hope

PDG Lion Jim Strandlie – Lions Hearing Foundation

Lion Jan Strandlie – Lions Centennial 2017

Lion John Vik - LCIF

Choice of walleye or sirloin steak - \$20 (includes tax and gratuity)

Please RSVP to your club by April 1 for an attendance count

(Any Lion attending who is not a part of Zone 3 or on the agenda must inform Lion Kevin Reich if you intend to attend and your meal choice. Thank you. 218-253-2522 or kwrrlf@yahoo.com)

You are invited to

Governors' Night –Zone 2 Meeting

Hosted by the Twin Valley Lions Club on Wednesday, April 8th, 2015

6:30 PM Registration

7:00 PM Dinner/Meeting

Twin Valley Community Center

Menu: Chicken—Mashed Potatoes—Caramelized Carrots \$10.00 per plate

RSVP by Wednesday, March 25th to 218-584-8325 or pghanson@arvig.net

Please invite everyone from your club!

Zone 4 Meeting

Lions Zone 4 Spring Meeting—Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Erickson's Smokehouse Restaurant, Fertile

Hosted by the Fertile Lions

Social & Registration – 5:45 PM

Dinner - 6:15 PM

Program

Featured Speaker – Lion Jim DuChamp, District 5M-11 Co-Chair Can Do Canines Assistance Dogs – Celebrating 25 years of Service

Club Reports – Club Presidents—Focus on projects completed or planned in the areas of *Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment* as part of the **Centennial Service Challenge**

Please RSVP to Lion Norma Erickson at norbru@gvtel.com or 218-779-9197 by April 4, 2015 with the number of members attending from your club. A Meatball Dinner will be served with a Salad Bar, Dessert and Coffee all for \$13.00, including tax and gratuity. Please encourage your membership to attend.

Zone 1 Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2015 at Glyndon Community Center

Hosted by Glyndon Lions & Lioness

6 PM – Social; 6:30 PM – Dinner; 7 PM - Meeting

Pork Loin Dinner—\$12.00 per person

Lion Ken Bauer – Leader Dog-Canine Development Project

Lion John Vik - LCIF

RSVP to Lion Gayle Robertson at

701-367-8922 or mrober3294@aol.com by April 16, 2015

Please encourage all of your members to attend!

Zone 10 Meeting

The final zone 10 meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Hosted by the St. James Lions at the St. James Lions Estate - 868 Sturgeon Road.

The program will consist of club reports, a discussion of dog guides and hopefully a service dog and owner discussing what the dog is capable of doing, and Andrea Kwasnicki from Diabetes to discuss that program.

Thanks, and cheers, zone 10 chair, Ernie Jones

HAVE YOU CHECKED THE DISTRICT WEBSITE LATELY

All Lions Clubs in 5M11:

There have been many new items added to the website and if you have not been on it lately then you should check it out. Changes and additions have been made to the following pages, Home page, Projects page, Newsletter page, as well as the 5M11 Downloadable forms and convention pages. Lots of new links have been added.

<http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m11/index.php>

Please send items to Newsletter Editor Stacy Kleinwachter, Lion Bea Barnard or myself to be added to the website.

Lion Dave Hollyoake, PDG District 5M11



Winnipeg South Annual Bingo Bowl

Winnipeg South Lions Club

Presents

11th Annual Fundraising Bingo Bowl

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2015

Where: Dakota Bowling Lanes, 1085 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg

Time: 8:00pm – 10:00pm (Please arrive at least 15 min prior to start time)

Cost: \$15 per person (includes shoes, 3 games, and lite lunch); Children under 12 and Supporters - \$10 each

*****Rainbow Auction***50/50 Draw***Licensed Premises*****

For Tickets, call Kevin at 204-806-6339



West St.Paul Lions Spring Tea



Date: Sunday April 26th

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Place: Sunova Community Centre
48 Holland Drive West St. Paul



Admission : \$5.00 per person



Proceeds To
Send A Type 1
Diabetic Child to
Summer Camp



vendor/home consultant table - \$10.00 per table -
proceeds going to "Guide Dogs" in Oakville ON



*15th Breakfast on the Farm
At Kasin Farms on Saturday,
May 30, 2015*

7 am until Noon

3.25 miles S. of Hawley

on County Hwy. 31

Only cost is Freewill

Offering for Breakfast

Hawley Lions

Serving a Farm



(Free will Donation)

Pancakes w/Strawberries

Breakfast Sausage

Fresh Scrambled Eggs

w/Cheese

Milk, Coffee, Water

Events of the Day

FREE Barrel-Train Rides

FREE Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

New and Old Farm Equip. Display

Milk Drinking Contest

Farm Safety Just for Kids

Horticultural Information

Bio-Diesel/Ethanol Information

Farm Animal Zoo

Various Tickets & Door Prizes

given away by Hawley Rodeo

KRCQ 102.3/WAVE 104.1/KDLM 1340

970 WDAY & 790 KFGO

KRJB 106.5 & KRJM 101.5



Kids Pedal Tractor Pull



Registration 8:15

Pull at 9 am

Sponsored by

Hawley Lions

**Kids who meet
Corso The NDSU
Bison from
Chahinkapa Zoo**



Corso will be there 9 am to noon



Fosston Lengby Lions help the community



The Fosston Lengby Lions donate to Fosston Area Hospice. 2014 new member Lori Sundbom, Luke Nelson, and Peter Danos present a check of \$1500 to Carrie Nephew and Jodi Nelson from Essentia Health. \$900 of the \$1500 was generated from the pancake breakfast during the Hospice tree walk.



Lions Vice President David Burggraf presents 15 new basketballs to Karen Graham operations manager at the Fosston Civic Center. The Lions believe we are extremely fortunate to have such great facilities in our area and want to encourage everyone to stop in to the civic center to shoot some hoops, pass a volleyball or swim some laps in the pool. Open gym hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 5:30-9pm and Saturday 2-5 and 7-9



With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- Free entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- Free event t-shirt
- Free Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- Featuring the Teddy Bear Band
- Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- Fun for families of all ages
- A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

Children ages 12 and under get in free. Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!

Visit us for more info at: www.5mhf.org

Event Details:

- **Date: June 6, 2015**
- **Time: 9:30 a.m.**
- **Place: Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN**
- **Kids 12 & under get in free!!**

FEATURING:

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!
June 6, 2015**



TEDDY BEAR BAND



Ste Anne Lions and Zone 3 award

Walking Tall

Ste. Anne Lions club helped Mr. Bourgouin from Ste. Anne Walk a little taller last week when they presented him with a new walker. His regular sized walker caused him to bend over to reach the handles and was just not suitable for a man of his stature. The Ste. Anne Lions club aims to provide help to anyone in the community in need of help. If you would like more information on the Lions Club feel free to speak to one of your local lions or email them at steannelionsclub@gmail.com



Therese and Emile Bourgouin with Rick Mcpherson Jan Mcpherson and Pat Barnard from the Ste Anne Lions .



**STE. ANNE
LIONS CLUB**

**2nd
Annual**

**KITE
FESTIVAL**

JUNE 20, 2015, 10-5

STE. ANNE, MB

OLD #12 SOCCER PARK

CALL RICK FOR MORE INFO 204-430-6820

Johnson receives Inspiration Award

Tim "Bun" Anderson of the Winger Lions Club was presented an "Inspiration Award" by Zone 3 Chair Lion Kevin Reich, Red Lake Falls Lions. "Serving as zone chair has enabled me to learn and gain much more from the Lions Club members than I could ever possibly relay to them" stated Reich. "During this time I have gotten to meet and befriend some great Lions. As Lions it is our mission to serve those who are less fortunate and I have been truly inspired by Lion Bun. I thought it was only appropriate to recognize him."



Warren Lions



Newly-elected Officers for the 2015-2016 Warren Lions Club Year. Front Row: Doug Safar-Past President, Steve Novak-Director, Rick Schmiedeberg-1st Vice-President & Tail Twister, Kevin Johnson-Lion Tamer, Jim Duckstad-2nd Vice-President & Secretary, & Allyn Roley-Treasurer. Back Row: Tony Gullikson-3rd Vice-President & Lion Tamer, Darrell Rindy-President, Bob Mattson-Director, & John Bowman-Tail Twister.



(The following information and picture was recently sent to our local newspaper, the Warren Sheaf, pertaining to Lion Jim DuChamp as a guest speaker at our recent meeting)

At the recent March meeting of the Warren Lions Club, Jim DuChamp (Lions District 5M11 Can Do Canines Co-Chairperson) spoke to the Warren Lions about Can Do Canines. Can Do Canines is based out of New Hope, MN and is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial relationships with specially trained dogs. Each fully trained dog is provided free of charge to those in need. Dogs are provided for Hearing Assistance, Mobility Assistance, Diabetes Assistance, Seizure Response Assistance, and Autism Assistance.

Warren Lions Club members seated (counter-clockwise) are Jim Duckstad, Jon Holter, Rick Schmeideberg, Wade Johnson & Allyn Roley.

**appeared in the Warren Sheaf*

Warren Lions Pinochle Tournament Fundraiser held at Mick's on Saturday/3-28-15. 36 Pinochle Players were in attendance...the largest crowd yet in the 4 years that this Tournament has been held. Funds raised from this Pinochle Tournament will be donated to various organizations in our community.



Warren Lions Members John Bowman (4th Place), Mike DuBore (1st Place), Mick Riopelle (2014 Tournament Champion) presenting the 2015 1st-Place Trophy to Mike DuBore), and Jim Myrfield (2nd Place).



Group Picture of some of the Players at our Tournament.



Sabin Lions host benefit to Save Gracie

Saving Gracie Benefit

Silent Auction & Pasta Feed

**When: Sunday, March 22nd
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Where: Sabin Community Center
4 Main Street, Sabin, MN - Hosted by The Sabin Lions Club

Cost: Freewill offering

For more information or if you would like to make a donation to the silent auction, please contact Leslie at (701) 799-4523

Gifts: To make an online gift visit www.dakmed.org/lendahand click Donate, and select Gracie Albrecht Benefit fund

Monetary donations can be sent to:
Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union
C/O Gracie Albrecht Benefit Fund
403 8th Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560

All funds will help Gracies family with out-of-pocket medical costs and travel & lodging during upcoming and future treatments for Gracie.

Lend A Hand is providing \$5000 in Matching Funds!

Lend A Hand Platinum Sponsors

We Hosted a benefit on March 22nd at the Sabin Community Center. We served Pasta for over 400 people. The event was called Saving Gracie Benefit – Silent Auction & Pasta Feed. Here is the news coverage:

<http://www.kvrr.com/news/local-news/Sabin-Community-Helping-Young-Girl/31955492>



All the Sabin Lions with all of the volunteers of family and friends of Gracie's family.



Flom & Area and Red Lake Falls Lions



Held a benefit for a local man fighting cancer. Twin Valley Lions helped us out. Since the benefit he has passed away but the money raised helped out his wife.



Flom & Area Lions and the Twin Valley Lions again worked together at a fundraiser for a Family in Twin Valley that welcomed identical triplet girls into the family.



Jasmine Diehl, Amara Lampton & Mackenzie Lampton are going to be great Lions one day.



Spring pancake Brunch

Red Lake Falls Lions host benefit

On March 29 the Red Lake Falls Lions hosted a benefit for Ryder Quamme a three year old boy who suffers from neurogenic bladder disorder, kidney disease and numerous other medical conditions. Proceeds from the benefit will assist Ryder's family with medical expenses and travel to and from the Twin Cities.

Red Lake Falls



Lion Sheila Reich; Cassie Ellefson, Ryder's mother; Ryder; Lions Patty Purath and Sandy Bertilrud.



Fertile, Hallock, St. Hilaire/TRF Moonlighters

**Appeared in the Fertile Journal*

In describing the Lion of the Year, Fertile Lions Club Secretary Norma Erickson used the phrase “kinda quiet” several times. She was referring to Robert Nelson.

“But he is always there for any project the Lions have,” Erickson hastened to add. “He has his favorite Lions project and he tells us when this project should happen and when it needs to be done.”

Nelson has chaired the annual newspaper drive for a number of years.

“We all know what a great job he does in taking care of this project,” said Lions Club President Paul Borslien.

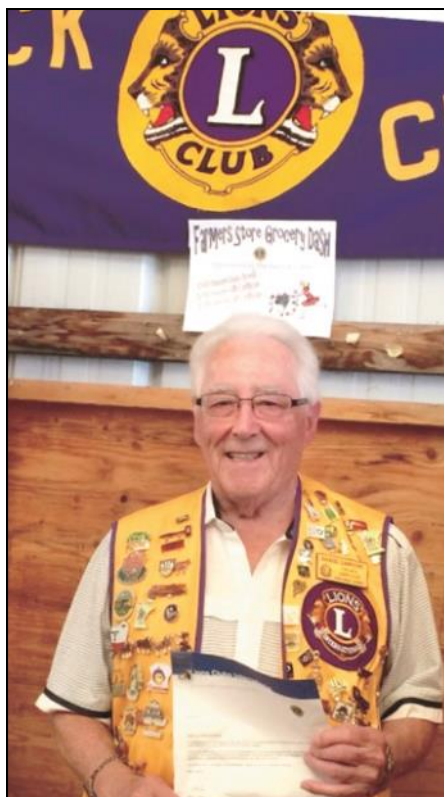
Borslien presented the Lion of the Year Award to Nelson on March 12 at Erickson’s Smokehouse.

“It’s in recognition of outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism,” Borslien said.

Nelson has been a member of the Fertile club for 24 years and is a past president. “He has received the 100 percent (perfect attendance) pin just about every year since I have been keeping track,” Erickson said.

She said Nelson is “a loyal member, again kinda quiet, but always friendly.”

As for his acceptance speech, Nelson simply said “Thank you. This is quite an honor.”



**Appeared in the Kittson County Enterprise*

DAN CARRIERE, HALLOCK, was presented with a pin and a certificate for his 55 years of service to the community through the Hallock Lions Club. Dan received his award from Hallock Lion’s President Jodi Johnson and Vice President Bob Jaszczak at the Kittson County Fair.

St Hilaire and TRF Moonlighters Governor Visit



Fertile Lions Club President Paul Borslien, left, presented the Lion of the Year Award to Robert Nelson at a meeting March 12 at Erickson’s Smokehouse.



The Lions Dist. Gov. Dennis Olsen from Hawley, MN paid a visit to the St. Hilaire Lions and Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls supper on March 10, 2015 at the Black Cat. Front row: Howard Dalager (Tail twister of St. Hilaire Lions), Lela Paetznick (Treas. of Moonlighters Lioness), Sherry Sorenson (President and Secretary of Moonlighters Lioness), Terri Cuppett, (1st. Vice President of the St. Hilaire Lions). Second row: Bruce Skalsky (Past President of St. Hilaire Lions), Todd Johnson (Board member of St. Hilaire Lions), Carrie Nelson (Treasurer of St. Hilaire Lions), Dennis Olsen (Dist. Gov. from Hawley, MN), Shannon Gilbertson (St. Hilaire Lions). Third Row: Myles Alberg (St. Hilaire Lions), and Jim Kotaska (St. Hilaire Lions).



LIONS 5M11 CancerCare Initiative

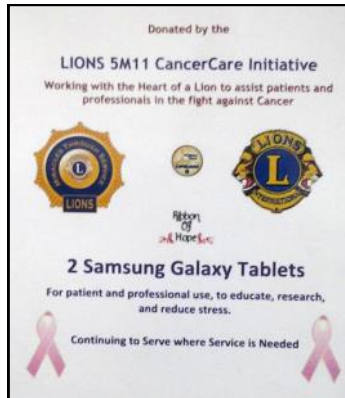


Well Easter has come and gone and as spring is upon us I remember asking the clubs of 5M11 to consider planning just one CancerCare Project. Raise money for someone with cancer who is in need or assist your nearest cancer center in whatever they may require. I have asked for a report on the outcome on the projects and am still awaiting that first report. Which club will it be. The first club to complete a project and report it will receive an award. As your 5M11 CancerCare chair I have approached the Children's Hospital cancer ward here in Winnipeg and the hospital and the CCI are planning together to finalize a project project that will hopefully assist them in meeting their needs. as stated previously any clubs on the Canadian side that wishes to join me need only drop me an e-mail stating so.

I also asked the clubs in the U.S to do the same for a children's cancer center in your area. Now that I am retired I am willing to assist any club in this worthy endeavour. Please let me know how I can help you. Together we can make a difference.

Lion Mike Janssen, Chairman

LIONS 5M11 CancerCare Initiative.



Dropped off the 2 Samsung Galaxy tab 4 units to GD6 today. Very appreciative nursing staff on that ward. Got lots of hugs. The tablets will be put on to charge for the next 24 hours and then right in to service, none to soon as they are in high demand. Unbelievable what these items mean to patients stuck on a ward for months battling leukemia, lymphoma, and other blood bourne cancers. I presented them as the LIONS 5M11 CancerCare chair and as the 2nd Vice District Governor.

GARY LIONS DIABETES PROJECT

Saturday, April 18, 2015 • Gary Legion Hall

Please come and join us for a fun and educational day of learning how to prevent and manage Diabetes!
Adults and children of any age are welcome!

SCHEDULE

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Diabetes Screenings and Blood Pressure Checks (come with limited food intake for a more accurate reading)

- Informational tables will be available to visit and the Gary Lions Club will be collecting any used hearing aids and eyeglasses.
- There will be games and other youth dealing with Diabetes available for fun and conversation.
- There will be snacks available throughout the morning.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Julie Garden-Robinson, PhD/Professor and Extension Specialist at NDSU will speak with us about the importance of nutrition and how it contributes to our over-all health and management of Diabetes.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Jennifer Kruger, Exercise Specialist with In-line Fitness will speak about and demonstrate exercise and how it regulates overall wellness and the effects it has on Diabetes.

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. THE STRIDES WALK! Pledge Sheets for the walk are being sent home with Elementary Students (feel free to make copies) and are available for pick-up from your local Lions Club Members or the NCE High School Office if needed.

All proceeds will be donated to the Lions Club International Diabetes Foundation. PLEASE help contribute to the research and education of this disease so we will all one day see a cure! All who participate will receive a t-shirt.

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Free Diabetes-friendly lunch with Dr. Joe Herbs from Sanford Health Systems and Jim McLaughlin, Lions Diabetes Educator will both be speaking over lunch. Free Will Offering taken for expenses.

1:45 p.m. – 2 p.m. Prize give-away

If you should have any questions or need a pledge sheet to gather donations, please don't hesitate to
Call LeAnn Moen at (218)356-8577 or (218) 556-2569. Hope to see you all on April 18th!



Winnipeg Lions Club update

LIONS CLUB OF WINNIPEG – MARCH REPORT

February 26th, we held our first evening meeting. Our guest speaker was Sergeant Jennifer McKinnon of the Winnipeg Police Forensic Unit. Although Sgt. McKinnon did not get into any of the gory details of her job (she is the investigating officer of most Winnipeg murders) she did a commendable job of explaining how police units do their investigative jobs. She went to great lengths to explain that the CSI television shows are not reality – because the police service would never get away with what they do on television. Her audience was spell-bound for the duration of her talk.

Our second evening meeting is coming on Thursday, March 26th and again we are having a Winnipeg Police Sergeant who will be showing us how to protect ourselves from cyber crime, and other such things.

We have been busy planning our Spring Dinner – which is happening on Saturday, April 11th, 2015. Tickets are \$65.00 and we only have seating for 144. There will be a partial tax receipt. The profits are earmarked for the Lions Foundation – Medical Assistance Program, and we are hoping to break the \$10,000 profit.

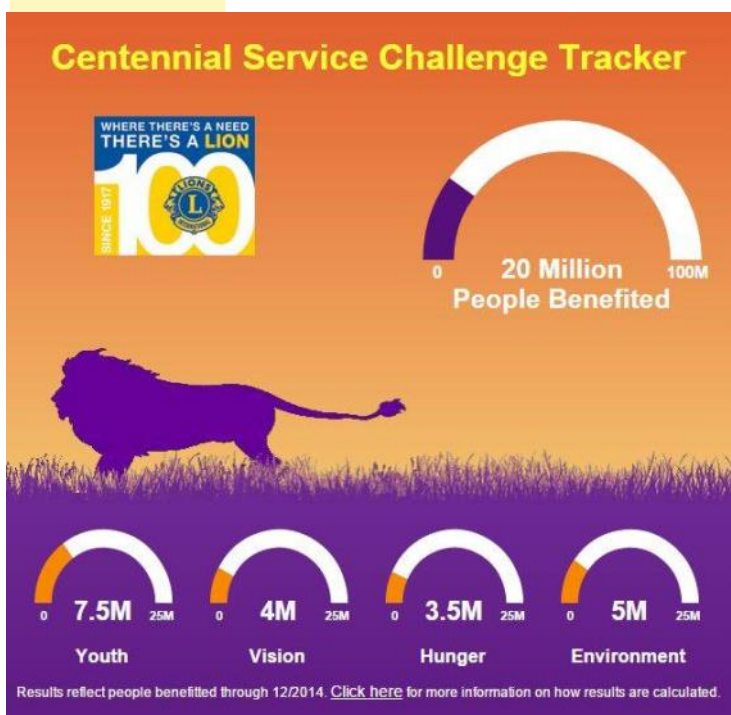
Once again, we are supporting our area children from the Broadway Neighbourhood Centre who will be eager to attend Camp Manitou this summer. We are providing the financial assistance for them. As well, we are also committed to helping our local high school raise funds for lighting for their recreation/athletic field.

As Easter is approaching, we are once again selling chocolate rabbits – milk, white, dark, and diabetic are our bunnies of choice. So far, we have sold in excess of 10 cases and to reach our target, we have only 4 more cases to go.

Residents of our Lions Place building, also asked us to bring in more honey, so we have also been selling jars of honey as we did earlier in the year.

We are also in the preliminary stages of planning for our 100 Hole golf challenge which will be happening on Monday, September 14th at Larters of St. Andrews Golf and Country Club. If anyone is interested in further information or to register, you can contact the Lions Club of Winnipeg. The profits of this venture go to the Lions Hearing Foundation. With Spring almost here, it's time to start thinking about golf, and what better way to serve than with our 100 hole tournament!

Further up-dates will be forthcoming when these sales initiatives have been completed.



“Dream Catcher Award”

The MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Inc. would like to thank the Lions Clubs of Minnesota for your contributions to diabetes research and programs. We would like to remind you to please check with your District Diabetes Co-Chairs if your club or individual members are eligible for a Dream Catcher Award. A total of \$1,000 in donations is needed to qualify for this award.

Starting July 1, 2014, to qualify for a Dream Catcher Award, a club or individual must have accumulated \$1,000 in donations to the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. All accumulated donations for any diabetes contribution in the past are still eligible for qualifying for the Dream Catcher Award. There is no time limit for the accumulation of donations toward the award.



International News



Protect the Environment and be part of the Centennial Service Challenge

Each April, Lions around the world to focus on Protecting Our Environment. Your club can get involved in the Centennial Service Challenge and celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by organizing special projects throughout the month that raise awareness and protect our planet. Ideas include planting trees, organizing a beach or roadside clean-up, establishing a recycling program, and hosting an environment-related seminar or workshop. Environmental projects are a great way to engage the entire community in hands-on volunteer work that makes a big impact. Start planning today for a greener tomorrow!

Partnering with You in the Fight Against Measles

There is still a lot of work to be done in the fight against measles, but Lions have the power to help eliminate this disease. Your donations to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative are saving the lives of children in countries where measles remains a heavy public health burden, causing vision and hearing loss, brain damage, pneumonia, encephalitis and even death.

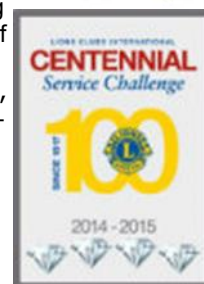


Get Ready for the Worldwide Week of Service in May

Now we're inviting you and your club to join Lions around the world for the next big Centennial event, the Worldwide Week of Service in May. Serving children in need is one of our international service goals for the year.

Lions around the world are planning their service projects for May 16-22. This year, President Preston made serving children in need a priority, so consider joining the Centennial celebration by sponsoring a service activity benefitting youth in your community.

Visit the Centennial website for project ideas and resources. And no matter how you choose to serve, remember to use the hashtag #LIONS100 in all your communications. We'll share our favorite photos on the LCI Facebook page!



Celebrate Family and Friends Month in April!

Let's show family and friends how much they mean to us, and how much your Lions club means to the community. This April, invite your family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your club at a special event. Organize a service project, plan an open house, host a lunch or even a picnic—you decide how to introduce family and friends to your club. Start planning your Family and Friends Month event today!

Announcing the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest Theme



The new theme for the 2015-16 Lions International Peace Poster Contest is "Share Peace." Kits for the contest, which include the official guide and rules, flyers, stickers and certificates, go on sale January 15. Lions clubs interested in sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in their community must order a kit, either online through Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit) or by downloading the Order Form.

For more than 25 years, the Peace Poster Contest has encouraged children across the globe to express their thoughts on peace through art. Learn more about the contest and order your kit starting January 15!



Can Do Canine Message

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge. We'll be graduating more than 20 new assistance dog teams on Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m. at Can Do Canines facility (9440 Science Center Drive) in New Hope, MN. Please join us in congratulating them!

Below is a follow-up story to a graduate, Beth Klingellhofer & Diabetes Assist Dog Faith who was partnered with a Can Do Canines assistance dog in 2013. Thank you again for your support of our organization.

A Prayer Answered

Beth Klingellhofer & Diabetes Assist Dog Faith

When Beth Klingellhofer was driving to New Hope to pick up her Diabetes Assist Dog Faith from Can Do Canines, she knew she was headed into a hope-filled future.

Beth, who has Type 1 Diabetes, had previously experienced numerous, frightening episodes of low blood sugar. These episodes had drastically limited her outside activities and isolated herself at home. She was afraid to venture out for activities or chores that most would consider "routine," without her husband along to make sure she was safe.

Then a Google search revealed Can Do Canines based in New Hope, Minn. and the rest is history. Faith, a beautiful black lab, was trained for Beth, and the final confirmation of good things to come happened on the trip to New Hope to bring Faith home. On the radio, a song called "The Prayer" played, and the lyrics that stood out to Beth validated everything: "Give us faith, so we'll be safe."



Faith has indeed made Beth safe. "She saves my life at least three times a week," says Beth.

Beth, who has hypoglycemic unawareness, does not know when her blood sugar levels are low. But, Faith does. By smelling her breath, Faith can alert Beth by nudging her, letting her know it's time to test and thus averting an emergency. In return, Faith has a family who adores her.

"Having Faith has allowed me to be more independent, to do more things—especially to do more things with my kids, and without the help of my husband. He can even go on business trips now without worrying that something might happen to me while he's gone."

Faithful to her breed, the assistance dog has a deep love of retrieving—tennis balls are her favorite. In fact, when the weather prevents playtime outside, there's a place in the house where the tennis ball can be thrown. She is so enthusiastic, though, that Beth has to place pillows in front of the wall so that Faith doesn't hurt herself crashing after the ball. She loves retrieving so much that the balls have to be hidden away when the rest of the family is tired of throwing them for her.

At 45 pounds, Faith is small for a Labrador retriever, and Beth has had people inquire if she is indeed fully lab. Beth's reply? "She's mostly lab, mixed with a little bit of angel."





Lion District Governors Elect visited Can Do Canines facility on March 11, 2015 to see first-hand how Can Do Canines assistance dogs change lives.



Winnipeg Lions Club president, Rick Marrin receiving the Stu Peaver Award from the Executive Director of the Hearing Foundation - Elly Prendergast.



Show in the picture is PDG Lion Len Quinn and his Leader Dog Slyder doing a presentation in front of 150 6th graders at Carl Ben Eielson Middle School in Fargo, ND. The teacher commented that she had never seen the students sit so quietly.



MD5M Hearing Foundation Raffle



The Lions Multiple Hearing Foundation will be holding a fundraiser on April 17-19, 2015 at the Multiple District Convention in Bloomington at the Airport Marriott.

There are several chances to help out this fundraiser:

Raffle Tickets: \$10.00 per Ticket (Need not to be present to win)

- 1.) Vacation in Orlando, Florida—\$1800.00 Value (One week, 2 bedroom, 2 bath Condo—Feb. 2016)
- 2.) Getaway to Causeway on Gull Lake—\$1400.00 (Feb. 28 to March 5, 2016)
- 3.) Ontario Canada Fishing Trip—\$1300.00 (2 people, 4 nights, 3 days at Eagle Lake Lodge-American

Plan)

Raffle Items:

Donated Raffle Items—Tickets \$1.00 to be placed in buckets at Convention

Silent Auction Items—Bid sheets at Convention

Live Auction Sunday AM at Brunch—3 items to be auctioned off with a half an hour

To get a ticket, Please contact PDG Jim Aasness or PDG Jim Strandlie

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Passports and Bus to Mid Winter Convention 2016

Start thinking about the Mid Winter Convention in Winnipeg in February 19-21, 2016.

You need your passport or passcard to travel to Canada.

Don't want to drive yourself, consider riding a charter bus up there.

Trying to get a bus to travel up to Winnipeg. The bus would hold up to 57 attendees.

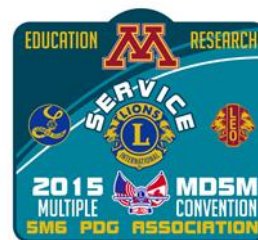
More information to follow.

Interested in riding the bus to convention, contact Jen Spielman at 5m11jenifer@gmail.com



MD5M

2015 CONVENTION



It's not too late!!!!!! You can still join in the MD5M Family Reunion otherwise known as the 2015 Convention. But you must register to take part in any events!!!! Deadline for any food event is April 10th. Registration form and event schedule can be found at: <http://lionsmd5m.org/MD5M/MD5MConvention/MD5MConvention.htm>

In addition to listening to great speakers on Saturday afternoon, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve", you also have the opportunity to participate in a great service opportunity.

Saturday afternoon, from 2:00 to 4:00, up to 140 Lions, Lioness, and Leos can work packing meals at the "Feed My Starving Children" facility right near the hotel. If you are planning to participate in this service activity please send an email to Lions Steve Knudsen at steven.knudsen@usfamily.net, provide the name of each individual, name of Lions club, and the individual's email address. You must email Lion Steve by 4-1-2015.

We have sold out our rooms at the Marriott Airport Hotel. If you are planning on attending and have not made your hotel reservation there are several hotels in the area you can call.

<u>Hotel Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Nightly Rate (Dollar \$)</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Miles from Minneapolis Airport Marriott (Driving)</u>
Radisson Blu Mall of America	(952) 881-5258	\$157 Average Nightly Rate	Mall of American, 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425	1.1 Miles
Ramada Bloomington Minneapolis Airport	(952) 854-3411	\$154 Average Nightly Rate	2300 East American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.1 Miles
Radisson Hotel Bloomington By Mall of America	(952) 854-8700	\$110 Average Nightly Rate	1700 East American Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.3 Miles
Fairfield Inn & Suites Minneapolis Bloomington	(952) 858-8475	\$94-104 Average Nightly Rate	2401 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.5 Miles
Courtyard Marriott Bloomington	(952) 876-0100	\$99-109 Average Nightly Rate	7800 Bloomington Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425	0.6 Miles

April 17-19, 2015 Marriott Airport Hotel 2020 American Blvd East Bloomington MN 55425

Where There's a Need, There's A Lion



96th Annual MD5M Convention April 17-18-19, 2015

Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington, MN

Registration Form

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

email address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

District Number & Club Name: _____

Is this your first MD5M Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EVENT:

YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals

Hospitality Book

Friday Evening Social

Saturday Breakfast

Saturday Luncheon

Saturday Banquet

Sunday Brunch

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

email address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

District Number & Club Name: _____

Is this your first MD5M Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Before Mar. 15 After March 15 # Attending Amount

YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals

Hospitality Book \$130 USD \$140 USD

Friday Evening Social \$15 USD \$20 USD

Saturday Breakfast \$30 USD \$35 USD

Saturday Luncheon \$30 USD \$35 USD

Saturday Banquet \$45 USD \$50 USD

Sunday Brunch \$30 USD \$35 USD

No meals will be available after April 10th, 2015

Make Check Payable to: SM6 PDG Association

Send registration form and payment to: PDG Joe Fox, 1821 Myrtle Street, Mablewood, MN 55109

Cancellations accepted & refunded prior to March 15, 2015. A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be applied.

Registration Questions: Joe Fox: foxj012@umn.edu or Dave Dominick: david.dominick@ymcatwincities.org

Special Hotel Rate: \$99.42 per night for a regular room (tax included)

Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel - Free Parking- rate guaranteed through 11/1

Beginning 11/2 - hotel rate will be \$110.85 (tax included)

Hotel will begin accepting reservations beginning May 1, 2014

To Make Room Reservations- Contact: MPLS Airport Marriott Hotel at 1-800-228-9290

Make reservations early ~ Tell them you are with MD5M LIONS Convention



Newsletter needs club assistance



Greetings Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-11!

Zone Chairs and Club Officers please make sure your members are receiving the monthly newsletters. Club Officers, if need be, please print at least one copy to pass around at your meeting. I pack a lot of information into each newsletter.

I am in need of **EVERY CLUBS** assistance to improve the newsletter. I am **CHALLENGING** each club to send in upcoming activities, recaps of events with photos and/or articles, something that your club does. If it is in your local newspaper, have them send it to me please. **I WANT EVERY CLUB** to be in the newsletter this year. Please help me by sending in items, every month if you would like. Lets get your club on my list. Almost 2/3 (46 out of 72) of the clubs have submitted something. Get your name on this list.

PLEASE HELP ME MEET THIS CHALLENGE FELLOW LIONS

Please send the information to me by the 25th of each month
unless stated otherwise.

Upcoming deadlines for the newsletter:

April 20th — May Newsletter

May 25th — June Newsletter

Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor

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Thanks to the following Lions and Lioness clubs for submissions: Ada, Alvarado, Bagley, Barnesville, Barnesville Thursday Nite, Crookston, Dilworth, Dilworth Loco Ladies, East Kildonan, East St. Paul, Fertile, Flom and Area, **Fosston-Lengby, Gary, Glyndon, Greenbush-Badger, Grunthal, Hallock, Hawley, Hitterdal, Lac du Bonnet, Moorhead, Moorhead Middy Central, Pinawa, Plummer, Red Lake Falls, Riverside, Roseau, Sabin, St. James, St. Hilaire, Ste. Anne, Steinbach and Area, Thief River Falls, Thief River Falls Moonlighters Lioness, Twin Valley, Ulen, Warren, Warroad, West St. Paul, Whitemouth and District, Winger, Winnipeg, Winnipeg Beach/Dunnottar/Lakeside, Winnipeg South and Winnipeg West.**



Websites to Know



Lions Club International: www.lionsclubs.org

Multiple District 5M: www.lionsmd5m.org

District 5M-11: <http://e-district.org/sites/5m11> *NEW*

Lions Program Sites:

Can Do Canines: www.can-do-canines.org

Leader Dogs for the Blind: www.leaderdog.org

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): www.lcif.org/EN/

Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and NW Ontario: www.eyebankmanitoba.com

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides: www.dogguides.com

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation: www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

Project New Hope: www.projectnewhope.net

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: www.usacanadalionsforum.org





We Serve

**Lions 5M11 District Governor
Club Visitation Request Form
2014-2015**



Today's Date _____ Club: _____

Preferred Date _____ Alternate Date: _____

Person Requesting _____

Phone# _____

If more than one club will be attending, please include the names of all clubs:

Meeting Time: _____ Social Time: _____ Dinner Time: _____

Lions Contact Person for visit: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Special requests: (Ex. Special Speech, induction of new members, installation of officers, present awards, etc.)

Please submit as soon as possible. I will confirm date with contact person either by phone or e-mail as soon as possible after request is received.

Please send this information to:

DG Dennis Olsen

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

April 2015:

7th	Argyle, Stephen, Warren, Alvarado Oslo Lions club visits	
8th	Twin Valley Lions club visit	Twin Valley, MN
16th	Greenbush-Badger Lions club visit	Greenbush, MN
17th-19th	MD5M Convention	Bloomington, MN
23rd	Dilworth Lions club visit	Dilworth, MN

May 2015:

2nd	Last Cabinet Meeting	Red Lake Falls, MN
18th	Selkirk and District Lions club visit	Selkirk, MB

June 2015:

22nd	Oslo Lions club visit	Oslo, MN
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If you have sent me an email requesting a visit and I have not responded, please send it again. I will respond immediately. Thank you, Dennis Olsen, DG 5M11

Don't forget to schedule a visit from your District Governor!

Needed: Cabinet Secretary

Looking for a Cabinet Secretary for 2015-2016! Would start July 1st. Would like to know more about the position, contact Cabinet Secretary Jenifer Spielman at 5m11jenifer@gmail.com. She would help assist the new secretary learn the responsibilities. Another way to learn would be coming to the cabinet meeting on May 2.

Last Cabinet Meeting

The last Cabinet meeting for 2014-2015 will be Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Red Lake Falls. Lunch is \$10. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

Lake Bronson Lions	55 years	4/28/1960
Halstad Lions	43 years	4/18/1972
Crookston Dawn to Dusk Lions	40 years	4/29/1975
Selkirk and District Lions	36 years	4/30/1979
Thief River Falls Noon Lioness	33 years	4/16/1982
Thief River Falls Moonlighters Lioness	32 years	4/11/1983