



District 5M11 Newsletter

February-March 2015



STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE



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Awards at Mid Winter Convention (More convention photos in Supplement)

Most of the awards presented by DG Dennis Olsen and ID Steve Tremaroli at the Governor's Banquet.



PDG Jim Aasness, center, received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from DG Dennis and ID Steve. This is the 4th highest award.



PDG Joanne Swanson, center, received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from DG Dennis and ID Steve. This is the 4th highest award.



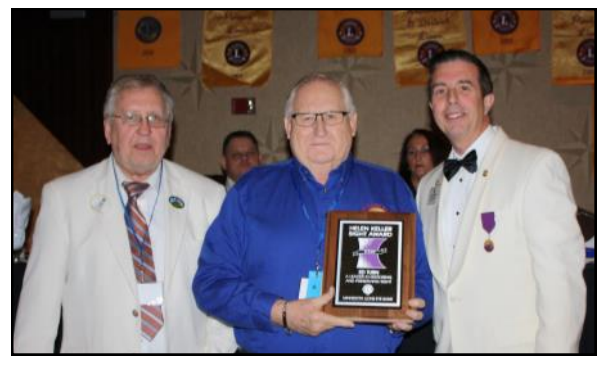
Newsletter Editor Stacy Kleinwachter, center, received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from DG Dennis and ID Steve. This is the 4th highest award.



PDG Doug Wiens, center, received the Int'l Leadership Award, the 3rd highest award possible from DG Dennis and ID Steve.



PDG Dave Hollyoake, center, received the Int'l Presidential Medal, the 2nd highest award possible from DG Dennis and ID Steve.



Ed Turn, center, Red Lake Falls, received the Helen Keller award from ID Steve Tremaroli, right, and DG Dennis Olsen.



Crookston Leo Club received the Leo Club Excellence Award for the 24th straight year from PDG Doug Weins



Jim McLaughlin, left, and Dave McLaughlin, center, each received the Dream Catcher award from ID Steve for all the hard work they do with Diabetes.



DGE Gerald Fontaine with the First Timers from St. Hilaire, Ste Anne, Sabin and Winnipeg South. Judy Noel, not pictured, won 1st place with a full registration and hotel to next year's convention. Janet McPherson, 4th from left, (gray sweatshirt) received 2nd and full registration for next year.



DG Dennis Olson presented Flom Area Lion Merlyn Olson with a Lion of the Year award.



2013-2014 Club President Excellence awards were given to the following clubs and presidents: Grunthal—PDG Doug Wiens for Ernest Froese; West St. Paul—Stephen Logan for Peter Wight; Crookston—Gerald Amiot; Glyndon—Charles Leach.



2013-2014 District Team Excellent Award was presented to DG Dennis Olsen, PDG Doug Wiens and DGE Gerald Fontaine.



Richard Reger of the Thief River Falls Lions was elected to the MD5M Hall of Fame at Mid Winter Convention.





DG Dennis's report



DG
Dennis Olsen

Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M11

October, November, December and January have been very busy. Over the past several months, I have had a chance to visit many clubs in our District. I have found the Club visits very informative , interesting and fun. Thanks to all the clubs I have visited for your hospitality. I have visited the following Lions clubs, Riverside, Fertile, Gary, Barnesville, Barnesville Thursday Nite, Steinbach, Crookston, Red Lake Falls, East St. Paul, Winnipeg, Moorhead Midday-Central, Winger, Warroad, Zone 2 Lions, Hitterdal, Hawley, Ulen, Flom Area, Twin Valley.

We currently have 3 Lions applying for 5M11 Hall of Fame. Gary Olson, Moorhead Midday, Dale Skallerud, Hawley Lions and Richard Reger, Thief River Falls Lions.

We have 8 5M11 Lions who have applied to the MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute at Mahnomen in March. The applicants are Stephen Belaire, Patricia McPherson, Gary Marriot, all of the Ste Annes Lions, Gerald Amiot, Crookston Lions, Mark Spielman, Flom Area Lions, Brian Norberg, Dilworth Lions, Mike Janssen, East Kildonan Lions, & Curtis Hamre , Crookston Lions.

Our district membership at the end of January 2015 stands at 1898 members. This past month we have added 14 new members, dropped 6 members for a gain of 8 members. For this year we have added 85 new members, but have dropped 123 members. We have a net loss of (-38) so far for the year. My goal is to get our district on the plus side of membership and try to get our District membership at 2000 members. I need all of your club support to accomplish this. I would also like to see two new clubs chartered by the end of the year.

Thanks to the Moorhead Lions for hosting this year's Midwinter Convention. They have spent much time and effort in planning and setting up the convention. Please thank them for their effort at our Midwinter Convention.

Our 100th year anniversary will be in 2017. I would like to see each club work on the Centennial Service Challenge for the next 2 years and make sure to report your service projects to LCI so you club can get credit for the Centennial Challenge.

Thanks to all of you for being a Lion member and serving our 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





DG Elect Gerald's Report

Good Day Lions.

My wife Éliane and I attended Lions District 5M 11 Mid-Winter Convention in Mahnomen and we had a very good time. We laughed a lot, mainly at ourselves as featured in PCC Bruce Beck presentation and with the very brave Lions who got hypnotised and others who danced Hawaiian style.

Canadian Lions certainly needed the laughs as our poor currency had recently tanked and everything immediately cost us 21% more in US funds. Éliane had forgotten to factor this into account while bidding on auction items. There were so many nice auction items it was easy to get carried away. Thanks to PDG Doug Wiens for graciously rescuing her from some of her leading bids.

We drove back home with the convention paraphernalia ready for next year's convention in Winnipeg. The planning of this convention suddenly became very real. We took some time during the cold days of February to fix, strengthen or replace some of the boxes and storage containers for the convention supplies which had experienced too many moves over previous years. A big thank you goes to PDG Chris Barnard for giving us advance warning to bring our van so we could carry all those items back to Winnipeg as this would not have easily fit in the trunk of a car.

We are looking forward to an evening of entertainment/fundraising organised by the Ste. Anne Lions Club on February 28th.

I wish you good weather and good road conditions for your remaining winter / spring events.

In Lionism,

In Lionism, Lion **Gérald Fontaine**—
DGE 5M 11

Riverside Lions # 3113



DG Elect
Gerald Fontaine



A huge Thank You to all the clubs and members for your support at the District 5M11 Mid-Winter convention held in Mahnomen, MN.

With your donations and raffle ticket purchases we are able to help so many Canadians regain their independence.

The winner of the LFC Dog Guide convention raffle was Lion Fred McGillivray of the East St Paul Lions. Congratulations.





1st VDG Elect Mike's Report



**1st VDG Elect
Mike Janssen**

I have been dealing with some issues with some of the clubs in the northern end of the district and have attended a number of zone meetings. I as well have been asked to induct new members and have been willingly doing so using the candlelight ceremony. I have also been hosting District Governor Dennis when he travels to this end of the district and have attended many events with him. I have also attended the council of Governors meeting in Detroit lakes in the fall. I have asked members of the district to take to heart the theme of International President Joe Preston's campaign to just "ASK ONE" in an effort to reinforce the idea that if a percentage of our members would do so we would be successful in recruiting a great number of new Lions into the district. I have submitted my intent to run as First Vice District Governor at the Midwinter Convention and

submitted a letter of endorsement for my club as well. I am asking for your support and your vote of confidence. During the remainder of the year I intend to get to as many events in the district both U.S. and Canadian as I can keep in mind that I will be retiring at the end of March. One such event will be the Leadership training in Mahnommen in March.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Mike Janssen , 1st Vice District Governor Elect

**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

**Share Pictures of your
Club's Activities!**

State of the District

We added 14 new members this month (January) while losing 7 bringing us to 1897 this month with a +7. For the year, we have added 85 members and dropped 124 for a -39. Worldwide membership is at 1,380,093

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.

Michael Hinds-Paul – East Kildonan Lions Club

Patrick Anderson – Sabin Lions Club

Shane Gott – Sabin Lions Club

Monty Martin – Sabin Lions Club

Larae Gott – Sabin Lions Club

Robert Gregor – Sabin Lions Club

Tyler Spriggs – Sabin Lions Club

Lori Reller – Wannaska Lions Club

Irene Wynne – Wannaska Lions Club

Nikki D'errico – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Nick Kokil – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Phillip Thomas – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Ron D'errico – Winnipeg South Lions Club

Herdial Singh – Winnipeg South 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)

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>



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)

Zone 1 Meeting Recap

The Winter Zone 1 Meeting was held on February 11, 2015, at Barnesville American Legion in Barnesville, Minnesota, hosted by Barnesville Thursday-Nite Lions Club.

Those attending represented 9 area clubs: Barnesville, Barnesville Thursday-Nite, Dilworth, Dilworth Loco Ladies Lions, Glyndon Lions, Glyndon Lioness, Moorhead Lions, and Sabin Lions and Lions Jenifer and Mark Spielman from Flom and Area Lions, for a total of 26 attendees.

A recap of club activities since the last zone meeting comprised the roll call.

Lion Jenifer gave a very informative and interesting presentation on Project New Hope US, followed by a short presentation on the USA/Canada Leadership Forum by PDG Lion Jim Aasness, who encouraged any members interested in more leadership training to attend this year's Forum scheduled for September 17 – 19, 2015, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Spring Zone 1 Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at Glyndon, hosted by Glyndon Lions and Glyndon Lioness Clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Gayle Robertson, Zone 1 Chair & Glyndon Lions Club Secretary

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 Notice

The Zone 4 Spring Meeting will be hosted by the Fertile Lions on April 8th, with the tentative location being the Erickson's Smokehouse Restaurant in Fertile.



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:



TEDDY BEAR BAND



Moorhead Lions Club

Post Office Box 1262 Moorhead, Minnesota 56561-1262

It's time to be thinking about our ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT!

We would love to have you be a part of all the fun!!

The Moorhead Lions Club along with Sunset Lanes will be hosting a fun morning of bowling. This is a great opportunity to have fun and help our club raise funds for a special Lions Project call LEADER DOG which helps with dogs for the blind. We also have several community projects that have needs.

Teams - Teams can be from a business you own, or work for, or you and 3 friends!! Team fee is \$100.00. . . that's it. . . no other bowling fees!! The fee pays for 3 games of bowling for 4 people, a morning of fun, and a charitable donation to your local Lions Organization.

The event will be **Saturday, March 7th, 2015**. Mail in your entry postmarked by Monday, March 2nd, or call or email in your registration by Wednesday, March 4th. Call Sandra at 701 371-0129 or email: designerinmn@msn.com

The bowling shift starts about 9:00 am, so check-in should be done before 8:45 am so we can get the lanes ready.

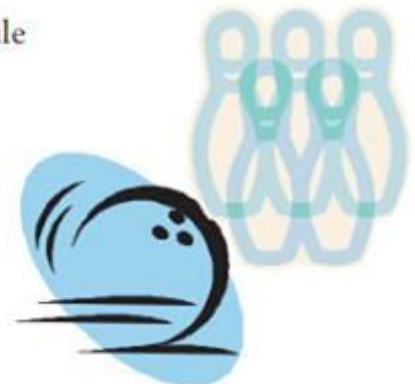
A monetary donation or any gifts you could donate for the Silent Auction or the participation prize drawings would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate something for our "strikes" prizes that would also be appreciated.

The Teams will be bowling 3 games -- **Moonlight** (colored pins); **9-pin No-Tap**; and **Scotch Doubles**. While the bowling is going on we will be drawing for participation prizes. The Silent Auction will conclude at the end of the bowling shift.

We are looking forward to having an entertaining morning while raising funds for several worthwhile causes.

We hope you or someone you know will sign up for a chance to enjoy some bowling and helping support this special project and our efforts in this wonderful community.

Sue Hauglid
Tournament Chair





Moorhead Lions and Sunset Lanes



7TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015 - 9:00 AM START TIME

4 People per Team – Team Entry Fee – \$100.00

NOTE: Bowlers can be any age, as long as they know how to bowl.
No bowling aids such as side rails or aiming racks can be used.

Bowlers must be at least 18 years of age to participate in any drawings requiring a ticket or playing card purchase.



BOWLING FORMAT

- Game 1 - Moonlight style colored pin bowling
- Game 2 - 9 Pin No-Tap (9 pins down on the first ball = strike)
- Game 3 - Scotch Doubles (Bowlers pair up - alternate turns bowling)

A portion of the proceeds will go to help Lions Projects such as LEADER DOG along with other local charity organizations.

Come and Join the Fun!!!

Many Silent Auction Items Available To Bid On
Along With Drawings For Some Awesome Prizes!!



Every Bowler is entered into our Participation Drawings.



Donations for the Silent Auctions and/or drawings
and **“bowling a strike prizes”** are always appreciated!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Don't Delay - Reserve your Team Spot
Deadline - Entry Postmarked Monday, March 2nd
or call by 6:00 pm Wednesday, March 4th - 701 371-0129.

TEAM NAME: _____

Contact Person's Name _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/ST _____

Email address: _____ Zip _____

Bowler #1: _____ Bowler #3: _____

Bowler #2: _____ Bowler #4: _____

Mail your entry form and payment to:
Moorhead Lions Club, Post Office Box 1262, Moorhead, MN 56561-1262
or call Sandra 701 371-0129 - email designerinmn@msn.com.



American Diabetes Association Alert Day®

American Diabetes Association® **ALERT! DAY**

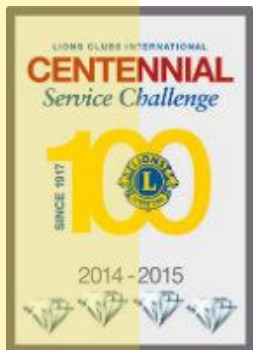
Americans are urged to take the Diabetes Risk Test on American Diabetes Association Alert Day® and to share it with everyone they care about to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

American Diabetes Association (ADA) Alert Day® is a "wake-up call" asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. This year, during the Association's 75th anniversary, Alert Day will kick off on Tuesday, March 24 and continue through Tuesday, April 21.

The Diabetes Risk Test asks people to answer simple questions about their weight, age, family history and other potential risk factors for prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. Preventive tips are provided for everyone who takes the test, including encouraging those at high risk to talk with their health care provider, eating more healthfully and getting active.

You can be part of the movement to Stop Diabetes®! To get information about diabetes, take the free Diabetes Risk Test (available in English or Spanish) and join or start a Step Out team, visit us at diabetes.org/alert or call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383). Lions Clubs of Multiple 5M are joining ADA Minnesota in this campaign. If you would like risk assessments to use at upcoming events in your community, contact **Lion Deb Weston at (763) 360-4696**.

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight to Stop Diabetes® and its deadly consequences and fighting for those affected by diabetes. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes. Founded in 1940, our mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org. Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish.



Opportunity to Serve

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation is seeking a treasurer.

Volunteer should:

- Contribute 10-15 hrs/week
- Have knowledge of QuickBooks and Excel spreadsheets
- Attend quarterly Vision Foundation board meetings
- Visit the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank (Saint Paul) weekly

For more information or to receive a job description, contact:

Lion Roger Badenhop
612-839-5634
rogerb0708@gmail.com



Our mission is vision!





Alvarado, Bagley, Grunthal, Lac du Bonnet Clubs updates



Alan Poole, President of the Alvarado Lions Club, was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at their January meeting. This Award is named for Lions founder, Melvin Jones, and is the highest form of recognition that Lions Club members can receive. It embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. Pictured with Poole receiving the award are Kam Harstad, Vice-President and Matthew Edman, Secretary of the Alvarado Lions Club.



**appeared in the Farmers Independent on Feb. 4*

The Bagley Lions Club recently made a donation of \$500 to the Bagley High School robotics team. The check was presented by Duane Hayes and received by John Danielson, a member of the team. Hayes was recently recognized for being a Lions member for 30 years.



GRUNTHAL Lions (PDG Doug Wiens) present Jenny Werle a legally blind grade 12 student. Jenny got a eye infection related to her arthritis when she was 12, by the time the infection was cured she was 14 and legally blind. The school divisions occupational therapist approached the Lions with the iPad request.



The LCIF Grant Cheque for \$37,500, approved in July 2014, earmarked for the Lac du Bonnet Lions Accessible Park Project was presented on Jan 27th . I have attached a picture of the presentation plus the associated article from the local paper, the Lac du Bonnet Clipper. You may wish to excerpt specific parts for the sake of room. If it helps, I have attached the same article scanned in OCR.

Left to right in the picture are Lions Greg Short, Lion Len Woodworth and Lion Rolly Simard of the Lac du Bonnet Lions Club receiving an LCIF Matching Funds Grant cheque for \$37,500 US from PDG Doug Wiens while Gunter Zion, District 5M11 LCIF Coordinator, looks on.



Fertile, St. Hilaire, TRF Moonlighters club updates



Lions District 5M-11 Gov. Dennis Olson of Hawley presented membership pins and Lions International letters of congratulation to Fertile Lions Club members at Governor's Night, Nov. 12, at Erickson's Smokehouse. From left were Olson and pin recipients Bud Roof for 15 years, Donovan Wright for 45 years, Dave Bertils for 25 years, Gary Werner for 50 years and Erman Ueland for 50 years. A 20-year pin will go to John Wahlin, who was not present. Olson also presented a governor's pin to and a Strength of Pride pin to Roof.



The Fertile Lions donated \$1,000 to Fair Meadow Nursing Home for a low vision reader. Lions Club President Paul Borslien, left, presented the check to Administrator Barry Robertson in front of the new reader. Fair Meadow Activities Director Kristy Langved said the reader, which cost about \$3,000, allows users to magnify type and change background colors and fonts depending on what works best for people with low vision. "The nice thing about it is that residents will be able to use it to see pictures. The project started because one of our ladies said she wished she was able to look at pictures of her family," Langved said. The reader, which is in the front lounge, is available to all the residents. "We had an older model – it didn't have many options and was pretty clunky – that just played out," she added.



The St. Hilaire Lions Club has finished their 2015 calendar project and have delivered a check for \$1500 to benefit the reorganizing of the Little Brother/Little Sister program. April Ballard, Coordinator of the LB/LS program accepted the check from Lion Jan Strandlie, Secretary.

Several members of the St. Hilaire Lions Club diligently sell ads for the calendar to local businesses. The ads include their logo and pertinent contact information. The calendar also includes birthdays, anniversaries, meetings, and local events in the immediate area and the 200 calendars are distributed free within the community. The Lions wish to thank each business or organization who bought an ad for the 2015 calendar, enabling them to give this generous gift to support the Little Brother/Little Sister program.



This is President of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls Sherry Sorenson with an arm load of Christmas gifts for a little boy with the Angel tree on Dec. 6, 2014. Treasurer Lela Paetznick helped to shop that day also and take the picture.



West St. Paul Brent Butt Show

Feb. 21st 2015 playing to a full house even the -40 weather couldn't stop people from showing up with both Jimmy Mack & Brent Butt giving us all present our money worth. To Nancy great job and to the West St Paul Lions Club we once again showed our colors.



Nancy & West Paul Lions Crew & Brent Butt



Jimmy Mack (open act)



Brent Butt & President Lion Larry Jones



Brent Butt



Brent Butt & Lion Bea Barnard



Roving Reporter Peter Wight & Brent Butt



Whitemouth Lions donate Christmas hampers

**Appeared in "Here and There with Carol Ans" in The Clipper*

Christmas was made happier for 38 families in the Whitemouth/Reynolds Municipalities when members of the Whitemouth Lions' Club packed generous hampers for them.

The hampers were ready for pickup on Dec. 19 and one of the Club members told me he realized the meaning of the words "it is more blessed to give than to receive" when some of the recipients thanked him profusely, some with tears in their eyes, telling him what a difference the hampers would make for them and their families.

The Whitemouth Lions would like to heartily thank all the businesses, organizations and individuals that donated and volunteered for the hamper drive. Without all your help this aid would not be possible. One lady in particular knitted and donated over three dozen touques, mitts and scarves to put in the hampers. It was greatly appreciated.



Members of the Whitemouth Lions' Club gathered at the Whitemouth Rec. Centre to pack 38 hampers of food, gifts and knitted items for families in the Whitemouth/Reynolds areas.

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Receiving miniature bricks for their club's donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Left to Right: Richard Reger, Thief River Falls Lions; Dale Skallerud, Hawley Lions; Sheri Berg, Moorhead Lions; Len Quinn and Slyder; Paul Borslien, Fertile Lions; Steve Rosten and Jim DuChamp, Plummer Lions.

Receiving miniature bricks for their club's donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind--looking to Len--L to R: Goodridge Lions Club--Lion Vernon Rogalla and John Cullen; to the far right, Dilworth Lions Club President, Lion Dave McLaughlin.



The Barnesville Lions were one of 44 "Leader Dogs for the Blind Top Dog" Clubs, out of 4,000 clubs that donate to LD. And the photo is of the amount that was collected by "passing the hat" that PDG Lion Doug Wiens gave to me at convention. This money will be used toward the "Kennel Remodel Project" as PDG Lion Len Quinn indicated in his Thank You response, and I will add \$37.00 so the total amount will be \$600 .



Three line copy miniature bricks are presented to clubs that donate \$250, and six line miniature bricks are presented to clubs that donate \$500 to Leader Dogs. The actual bricks are laid in the "Walk of Fame" at the Leader Dog Campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan.



Upcoming Leadership Development Webinars

Webinars are virtual trainings generally one hour long that are conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect the group members with the instructors. To register go to lionsclubs.org and type “webinar” in the search box. Click on the course section in which you want to participate. There will be more specific directions there.

Most webinars have one or two instructors and a moderator/host. Participants view a PowerPoint presentation and polling questions on their computer. They listen to the instructors either via their computer speakers or headset. The participants may use the phone for audio/speaking or a computer headset with microphone to interact in discussions and respond to questions asked by the instructors, similar to training conducted in a classroom.

Below are descriptions of upcoming Webinars available:

Minding Your Members—Leading Strong Teams

Develop confident and creative Lions teams through intuitive leadership that includes self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and communication skills. Presentation offers practical scenarios in which Lions demonstrate best team leadership practices in everyday club situations.

Intended Audience:

All Lions **Register for a session:**

Wednesday, 3/4/15, 12:00pm, CST

Friday, 3/13/15, 7:00pm, CDT

You’ve Been a Club President...What’s Next?

Follow the journey of three Past Club Presidents as they continue their Lionism at the club, district, and zone levels. Content includes discussion of creating a personal mission statement, the district committee structure, one path to the zone chairperson role and suggestions for continued service at the club level.

Intended Audience:


Current and past club presidents who want to explore district-level opportunities **Register for a session:**

Wednesday, 4/1/15, 12:00pm, CDT

Friday, 4/10/15, 7:00pm, CDT


Breakfast on the Farm

Located just 25 minutes from the F/M or Detroit Lakes area



Kasin Farms

4271 230th Street South
Hawley MN 56549



From the stop light in Hawley go South 3.25 miles on County 31

Saturday, May 30th, 2015

7 am till Noon

Kasin Farms

Free Will

Donation for the

Breakfast

prepared by

Hawley Area Lions



FREE Barrel-Train Rides

FREE Horse Drawn or Tractor Wagon Rides

New and Old Farm Equip. Display

Milk Drinking Contest

Farm Safety Just 4 Kids

Horticultural Info

Bio-Diesel/Ethanol Info



International News



Ask One in April and Be Recognized

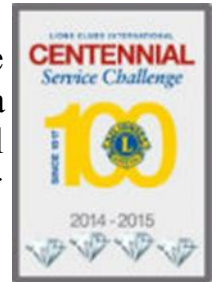
Ask One is a small step that can make a big difference in your membership efforts. And when you Ask One friend, family member or neighbor to join your club in April, you can earn special recognition. Invite a member to join your club in April and you'll receive a Membership Growth Award Pin! Plus, if you invited a member in October, you'll receive a gold pin and a banner patch for your club



Earn Centennial Recognition for Your Club

When you sponsor a service project benefiting Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment, your club can earn a special **Centennial Banner Patch** with a progressive gemstone design. Go for a diamond-level patch by participating in all four campaigns. Remember to report your activities through MyLCI to earn your recognition.

Start planning your next project today, and visit Lions100.org for Centennial news and updates throughout the Centennial Celebration.



New Centennial Video: Founding of Lions Clubs International

Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, the year the United States entered World War I. Melvin Jones, secretary of the Business Circle of Chicago, was among those searching for a way to help improve the lives of others. He invited similar business groups around the country to form a service-oriented club known as the International Association of Lions. Watch the first in a series of Centennial videos to learn about Lions history, and be sure to download and share this video on social media (use the hashtag #LIONS100) or at your next club meeting or event.



“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

Eye Donor Awareness Month in March

The month of March is a special time to honor eye donors and their families for giving the gift of sight. Eye donations are crucial for research and education, as well as for corneal transplants that can help restore the sight of children and adults.



Lions Eye Banks recover, evaluate, store and distribute human eye tissue for sight-saving procedures. Lions support more than 50 eye banks in eight countries. Recognize Eye Donor Awareness Month in March! Contact your local eye bank to learn how you can raise awareness in your community about the importance of eye donations.

Protect Our Environment in April

Looking for a great way to make a difference *and* find new members? Consider hosting a special service project for family and friends during the Protecting Our Environment campaign in April.



You can organize a community clean-up, plant a tree, plan a “green” campaign or a recycling project to make your community a better place for all. Check out the project planning guide or click “Learn more” for additional information and resources. And remember to share your projects through MyLCI to earn a **Centennial Banner Patch** for your club!

Register for Lions Day with the United Nations



Mark your calendars for the 37th annual Lions Day with the United Nations, on March 7, 2015 in New York City. Join us as we commemorate 70 years of partnership with the United Nations. This year’s theme is “Children in Need.” Engage in panel discussions with UN diplomats, key Lions representatives and partners and discover the winner of this year’s International Peace Poster Contest! While you’re in New York, enjoy a

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're on track to graduate 46 new teams in 2015, an increase of ten additional teams over 2014. That's more dogs than we trained ever before!

Below is the story of one such team, Deborah Javinsky-Wenzek & Mobility Assistance Dog Zach, who graduated from Can Do Canines in 2013. Thank you again for your support of our organization.

A BIG CHANGE FROM A LITTLE (FURRY) PACKAGE

Deborah Javinsky-Wenzek & Mobility Assistance Dog Zach

Taking off your socks—you probably do it every day without even thinking twice.

But, for Deborah Javinsky-Wenzek of St. Louis Park, Minn. she needs a little help.

Not because she's incapable of doing it

herself, but because each day she knows the energy in her muscles is limited. If she wants to live her active day to the fullest, as she's always strived to do, she needs to call for Mobility Assist Dog Zach.



Deborah was diagnosed with a form of Myotonic disorder at age eight. But, as she jokes, "I was born with it—you know like Maybelline." Deborah explains that her blood has traveled around the globe and been tested in St. Lake City, Boston and Germany. But the cause of the illness still remains unknown and treatment has been elusive.

The disorder has been a constant hurdle in her life, including when she was younger. One day as a child her muscles became so stiff her father had carry her to bed while her mother gave her medicine through an eyedropper because Deborah couldn't move. That's the primary symptom she experiences: muscle stiffness. But as years have gone by, muscle stiffness has led to muscle weakness, which can leave her incapable of getting out of a chair for a period of time.

"There was a time when my life stopped," Deborah says. "I stopped working because I was so fatigued. I could go only 2-3 hours before my energy would completely drop."

But help came in an unexpected way. After the passing of one her dogs, Deborah rescued a Jack Russell-Cairn Terrier puppy named Zach. The long-haired little tike was rambunctious at first (or a holy terror, as Deborah describes him), but he had a quickness and desire to learn. After a few years and four levels of obedience training, Deborah trained him to fetch his favorite treat—the beef stick. This got her wondering, "Perhaps he could be trained to help me in other ways?"



Deborah called Can Do Canines and the two set about equipping Zach with a variety of skills to make Deborah's life easier. Primarily this meant retrieving items, in which Zach is now an expert. He picks up the remote, cell phone, bags, small pieces of paper and couch pillows, amongst other things. While these may not sound like life-changing skills, Deborah attests that they are.

"Picking up things for most people isn't tiring, but for my muscles it is,"

Deborah says. "Every kind of movement takes energy away from me trying to get through the rest of the day."

Zach also puts away his own toys, can retrieve his own special phone in case Deborah has an emergency, and removes her aforementioned socks. Deborah's even training Zach to do the dishes.

"He can bring me silverware from the floor, and can almost put the silverware in the dishwasher—we're working on that. Also if I drop a used food container, he'll sniff it first, but then bring it right to me!" Deborah says.

The two have become a perfect pair together, not just because of the tasks Zach is able to help with, but because of his companionship.

"I don't know if all service dogs raised as puppies are like this because I first had Zach as a pet, but he's definitely still my companion," Deborah says. "He's my lap dog. He licks my face and provides all the emotional stuff that dogs do."

Deborah says that if Zach wasn't with her, she'd be exerting a lot more energy. She'd have to plan her life on a contingent basis and would feel a lot more discombobulated.

"Once when I was out with Zach, my phone rang. In an effort to grab it, I dropped all the items I was carrying and my purse spilled out. Without even asking Zach started picking everything up," Deborah says. "Life's much less stressful with Zach around."



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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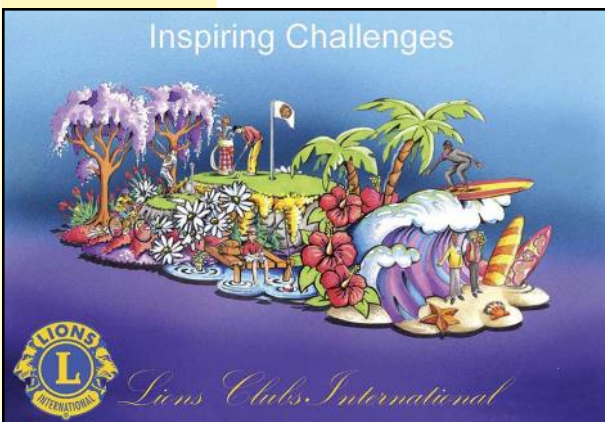
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Lions 2015 Float "Inspiring Challenges" Lions providing recreation for the blind and visually impaired

The float depicts challenging recreational activities that Lions around the world provide for hundreds of thousands of blind and visually impaired individuals. These "Inspiring Challenges" are: Blind Fishing Derby - Hosted by 7 clubs in District 31-J North Carolina
Blind Surfing - Encinitas, California MD4-L6
Blind Buddies Golf Challenge - Rancho Cucamonga, California MD4-L4
Blind Bicycling - Antelope, California MD4-C5
Miracle League Blind Beep Baseball - Moody, Alabama District 34-B
Many clubs around the world provide these activities, not only for the blind, but handicapped people as well.





MD5M 2015 CONVENTION

Spring is just around the corner and in April Lions, Lioness, and Leos from all over our Multiple District will be gathering in Bloomington MN to share fellowship, knowledge, and remember those great Lions that have passed on before us.

Come and experience dynamic speakers, amazing auctions and raffles and great entertainment!!!!

Past International President Lion Al Brandel and his wife Lion Dr Maureen Brandel.

Dr Brooks Jackson, Dean of the Medical School, U of M

Retired MN Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson

Dr. D.D. Michaels – Lions Voice Clinic @ Department of Otolaryngology U of M

Carol Ann Kirkbride, Leader Dog Puppy Raising in Prisons

Adrie Haynesworth-Taylor, Donor Coordinator, MN Lions Eye Bank

Annette Kuyper, Director Military Outreach, MN National Guard, "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon"

A live and silent auction and raffles with amazing items and prizes!!!

Participate in a great service opportunity Saturday afternoon up to 140 Lions, Lioness, and Leos can work packing meals at the "Feed My Starving Children" facility right near the hotel. Sign-up sheets will be available at all district mid-winter conventions.

The Rockin' Hollywood's present "Solid Gold Rock & Roll" from the 1950's thru the 1980's with an energy and excitement that captivates audiences of all ages.

April 17-19, 2015

Marriott Airport Hotel

2020 American Blvd East

Bloomington MN 55425

Call 1-800-228-9290 (tell them you are with the MD5M Lions)

Rooms are going fast-----reserve today!!!!!!!!!!

<http://lionsmd5m.org/MD5M/MD5MConvention/MD5MConvention.htm>

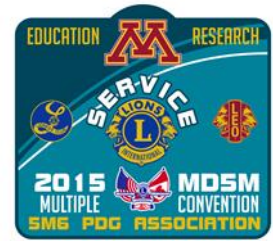
Where There's a Need, There's A Lion





MD5M

2015 CONVENTION



Great News!!!!!! It looks like over 400 Lions will be attending our 2015 MD Convention in April!!!

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.

We are close to selling 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 if the Marriott is sold out.

<u>Hotel Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Nightly Rate (Dollar)</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Miles from Min-</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

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

Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington, MN

Registration Form

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

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Name & Title: _____

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

email address: _____

email address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

District Number & Club Name: _____

District Number & Club Name: _____

Is this your first MD5M Convention? __Yes __No

Is this your first MD5M Convention? __Yes __No

EVENT:	Before Mar. 15	After March 15	# Attending	Amount
YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals				XXXXXX
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, Moplewood, 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 2/5 (38 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:

March 25th— April Newsletter

April 25th— 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, Glyndon, Greenbush-Badger, Grunthal, Hawley, Hitterdal, Lac du Bonnet, Moorhead, Moorhead Midday Central, Pinawa, Red Lake Falls, Riverside, **Roseau**, St. James, St. Hilaire, Ste. Anne, Steinbach and Area, Thief River Falls, Thief River Falls Moonlighters Lioness, Twin Valley, Ulen, Warroad, West St. Paul, Whitemouth and District, Winger, Winnipeg, Winnipeg Beach/Dunnottar/Lakeside 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

20617 14th Ave S

Hawley, MN 56549

E-mail: dwolsen@msn.com



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

March 2015:

10th	St. Hilaire Lions club visit	St. Hilaire, MN
12th	Thief River Falls club visit	Thief River Falls, MN

April 2015:

8th	Twin Valley Lions club visit	Twin Valley, MN
16th	Greenbush-Badger Lions club visit	Greenbush, MN

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!

Club Updates:

Dilworth: March 28th—Italian Dinner and April 23rd—Governor's Night

Dilworth Loco Ladies: March 22nd—Ham Bingo

Roseau: Recently held a fundraiser for Pastor Erling Huglen and \$32,000 was raised. He has diabetes and had a leg amputated. Also, sponsored the Roseau Spelling Bee.

FOR SALE

The Greenbush-Badger Lions Club is selling one of their pancake grills. It is an LP 4 burner portable grill with 18" x 48" surface, on a steel table with wheels. Call Bernie 782-2586 or Ernie 218-782-2486. Asking \$ 1500 with table, \$ 1200 without.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

Argyle Lions	63 years	2/6/1952
Ada Lions	63 years	2/24/1962
Barnesville Lions	63 years	2/28/1952
Lac du Bonnet Lions	52 years	2/7/1963
Glyndon Lions	49 years	2/14/1966
Riverside Lions	66 years	3/6/1949
Steinbach and Area Lions	41 years	3/11/1974
Hitterdal Lions	40 years	3/11/1975
Glyndon Lioness	39 years	3/1/1976
U of M Crookston Lions	5 years	3/4/2010