



District 5M11 Newsletter

January 2015



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Holiday Train delivers in Whitemouth



Photo by Arlene Davidson

Canadian pop group The Odds performed with Roxanne Potvin on the CP Holiday Train when it rolled into Whitemouth on Dec. 3.

Articles By Arlene Davison, Appeared in the Lac du Bonnet Clipper and Beausejour Clipper Dec. 11, 2014

The CP Holiday Train made its annual stop in Whitemouth on Dec. 3 bringing some Christmas cheer and a much needed boost to the food banks of North Eastman.

The event was organized by the Whitemouth Lions Club who collected \$535.85 in cash donations and 730.5 pounds of nonperishable food items at the event.

Brightly decorated Christmas trees adorned play areas and snow banks surrounding the train stop while Christmas carols played over a loud speaker. Visitors, young and old sipped on hot chocolate and visited with Santa as they waited with anticipation for the train to arrive.

As the train approached, the crowd cheered and applauded in awe of the light spectacle created by the festively decorated engine and box cars. As the train slowed and stopped, the stage door opened and the show began.

Entertainers this year included Juno award nominee Roxanne Potvin of Montreal and Canadian power pop group The Odds, best known for their single *My Happy Place*, the theme song from the TV sitcom *Corner Gas*.

"Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the awesome entertainment. We had a great crowd and many volunteers to help make this such a great success again this year," said Lions president Shannon Malkoske.

Whitemouth Reeve Bill Dowbyhuz and La Verendrye MLA Dennis Smook joined Malkoske on stage as CP made a donation of \$4,000 to the local food banks in Lac du Bonnet and Beausejour.

The Whitemouth and District Lions Club and the United Steel Workers Union Local USW 7806 each contributed \$1,000. With community donations included, a total of \$6,635.85 was collected for the food banks this year.

Malkoske extended her gratitude to the CPR and entertainers and everyone who assisted in any way.

"Without your help this special event would not be possible. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Whitemouth and District Lions Club," she said.

Holiday Train supports food banks

Volunteers of the Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank received a visit from members of the Whitemouth Lions Club on Dec. 4 when donations collected at the CP Holiday Train event the night before were equally divided and delivered to food banks in Lac du Bonnet and Beausejour.

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Photo by Arlene Davidson

Margaret Dawson (left) and Barb Sabanski of the Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank accept a donation of food and money from Whitemouth Lions members Shannon Malkoske and Jim Sutton.

Holiday Train supports food banks



Photo by Mel Stefaniuk

Beausejour Food Bank volunteers Shirley Hicks (left) and Anne Ticknor (right) accepted 365.25 lbs of food and a cheque for \$3,317 from Whitemouth & District Lions Club members Roy Moir (second from left) and Calvin Kirby.



Volunteers of the Beausejour Food Bank received a visit from members of the Whitemouth Lions Club on Dec. 4 when donations collected at the CP Holiday Train event the night before were equally divided and delivered to food banks in Lac du Bonnet and Beausejour.

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Lion Roy Moir (left) presents Whitemouth Postmistress Lorraine Henderson with a \$100 donation to the Canada Post Community Foundation with Whitemouth and District Lions Club president Shannon Malkoske



DG Dennis's report



DG
Dennis Olsen

Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M11

Thanks to all Lion members of 5M11 for the work and projects you do in helping our communities in NW Minnesota and SE Manitoba. I wish all of you a prosperous year in 2015. For me, it is hard to believe it is the year 2015.

Our MidWinter Convention is only 30 days away at the Mahnomen Shooting Star Casino on January 30, 31, and Feb 1st. Again I would encourage every club in 5M11 be represented at the Midwinter convention. You will learn a lot about the Lions in 5M11 and meet many new people at the Midwinter.

I have visited 10 clubs this past month. The club visits were very informative and fun. I would like to thank the clubs for their hospitality and information on their clubs projects and activities. I am very impressed with our clubs in our District. If you would like me to visit your club, please send me a request and I would love to visit your club.

We are looking for a 2nd VDG candidate or candidates for our Mid-Winter Convention. If you would like to be a candidate for 2nd VDG, please contact me and I will inform you on the position for our District.

Lions have a 100 year anniversary coming up in 2017. The Lions Club International is and will be promoting the Centennial Service Challenge for our Lions Anniversary. Lion Clubs club goals is to serve 100 million people with service projects in the next 3 years. The project areas include: 1) Engaging Our Youth, 2) Sharing the Vision, 3) Relieving Hunger, and 4) Protecting Our Environment. You will be hearing more about this in the future.

Have you asked someone to become a Lion? Just Ask

Have a happy and exciting 2015.

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

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Visit the Centennial Website



1st Vice DG Gerald's Report

Good Day Lions.

Since the last report, I was pleased to attend the following:

Oct 8th Zone 9 Meeting East St. Paul Lions

Nov. 21st MJF Memorial Ceremony with Lion John Vic East St. Paul Lions

Nov. 27th. Zone 8 Meeting Winnipeg South Lions

I will be attending DGE Training in Calgary, Alberta on Jan 24 and 25th. Lions in Area 2-A have been given the choice to attend to their training either in Calgary or in the Minneapolis area.

I have been in contact with PCC Allan Hunt who will be one of the trainers in Calgary. Flight reservations have been made.

Upon my return from Calgary, I will be attending our Multiple Convention in Mahanomen on Jan 30, 31 and Feb 1st, 2015

I will be hosting a meeting on Dec 20th with representatives of the 5M 11 district to discuss and hopefully recommend District Goals and a Plan of Action which is one of the assignments that I must prepare for the DGE Training in Calgary. This meeting will take place at Riverside Lions Estates in The Lions Den at 188 Worthington Ave, Winnipeg.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Lionism, Lion Gérald Fontaine—VDG 5M 11

Riverside Lions # 3113



LETTER OF INTENT TO RUN FOR OFFICE:

Nominating Committee

To Whom It May Concern;

This is my letter of intent to seek the nomination for the office of District Governor in the Lions Cabinet of 5M 11.

Yours Very Truly,

Lion Gerald Fontaine



**1st VDG
Gerald Fontaine**

Nominating Committee

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

Re: Lion Gerald Fontaine

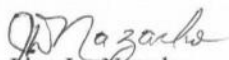
To Whom It May Concern:

Lion Gerald Fontaine is seeking the nomination for the office of District Governor in the Lions Cabinet of 5M 11.

Lion Gerald Fontaine is a member in good standing of the Riverside Lions Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Lion Gerald has the unanimous support from our club for this position. We know that he is qualified to seek this office if he is elected. We know that he will serve the district with the same enthusiasm that he has shared with our club and zone now, in the past and we know for the future.

Yours very truly,


Lion Jan Mazarko,
Secretary

I am a member in good standing of the Riverside Lions Club in Winnipeg, MB. I have my club's support. I believe I am qualified to seek this office and if I am elected, I will continue to serve the district with the same enthusiasm that I have shared with my club and zone in the past.



International News



2nd VDG
Mike Janssen

My fellow Lions Hope and trust that you all had joyous Christmas and a wonderful new years celebration. And I hope that the new year has many great times in store for you and your clubs. This new year will provide my family and I many new challenges and exciting events. January 14th. I turn sixty, March 31st I retire, sometime in late April or early May Tammy and I become first time grandparents as our youngest daughter and son in law have their first child, and our oldest daughter gets married on August 1st. and who knows what else the year may bring.

As we embark on the year 2015 and the second half of our lions year I must take this time to remind to of International President Joe Preston's campaign to just "ASK ONE" . If just 50 percent of our members we successful in recruiting a member we would have over a thousand new Lions joining us. Taking Joe's campaign to heart I have done just this and invited a staff member at work to join. As a result we have one more member

in our club, our district, and in Lions. Just ASK ONE. Remember many hands make light work.

As we approach our Mid-Winter Convention I have submitted my intent to run as First Vice District Governor as well as a letter of endorsement for my club. I am asking for your support and your vote of confidence. During the year I intend to get to many events in the district both U.S. and Canadian. I want to be there to cheer you on and help you should you need and request it. I want to hear your ideas and your concerns and lobby for your needs. I hope to talk with many of you at the convention. See you there.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Mike Janssen

LETTER OF INTENT TO RUN FOR OFFICE:

Nominating Committee

To: Lions District 5M11

Please consider this my official letter of intent to run for the office of Vice District Governor of the District known as 5M11.

As the Current Second Vice district Governor I am a member in good standing of the Lions Club of East Kildonan in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I have been a member of the club for almost 20 years. within the club have held the offices of Tail Twister, Lion Tamer, Director, Secretary, Vice President, and President.

In District Cabinet I have held the offices of Zone Chair, Leo Chair and Region Chair (District 5M12), and Leo Chair, Zone Chair, and Lions 5M11 CancerCare Chair, (District 5M11)

Yours in Lionism

Lion Mike Janssen, Second Vice District Governor

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

Nominating Committee

December 11, 2014

The East Kildonan Lions Club fully endorses Lion Mike Janssen in the his bid for the Office of Vice District Governor of District 5M11. Lion Mike Has been a member in good standing of the club since 1997. He has held many offices and chair positions during this time and was recognized for his work with the club. He has been rookie of the year, Lion of the year. He was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship and received The International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.

Yours in Lionism

The Lions Club of East Kildonan

State of the District

We added 6 new members this month (December)
while losing 3 bringing us to 1894 this month with a +3.
For the year, we have added 66 members and dropped 108 for a -42.

Worldwide membership is at 1,388,699

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.

Rhonda Delaney – Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions Club

Ashley Wiebe – Grunthal Lions Club

Beth Halvorson – Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions Club

Troy Ferguson – Plummer Lions Club

Bernie Vermette – Ste. Anne Lions Club

Kathryn Van Den Einde – Barnesville Thursday Nite 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

Zone 5 Winter Meeting

January 13, 2015

Hosted by St. Hilaire Lions

St. Hilaire Community Center, St. Hilaire, Minnesota

Registration/ Social Hour 5:30; Meal 6:30

Guest Speakers: Steve Rosten, Leader Dog & Jim DuChamp, Can Do Canines

Club Roll Call: What makes your club proud?

Meal - \$10.00: Meatballs , Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable and a Dinner Roll, coffee and dessert.

Please RVSP by Tuesday, January 6th, to Debbie at jdduke@gvtel.com or 218-465-4215

Zone 4 Winter Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Hosted by the Red Lake Falls Lions, Red Lake Falls American Legion

Social Hour & Registration – 6:00 PM Dinner - 6:30 PM

Program: Featured Speaker – Lion John Mielke,

Crookston Lions Member Participant at the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Oakbrook, IL

**Meal—\$10.00: Walleye, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert and Coffee
(Vegetarian option available upon request)**

Please RSVP to Lion Ed Turn at eturn@unitybanking.com or 218-253-7017 by January 9, 2015 with the number of members attending from your club. Please encourage your membership to attend.

Zone 2 Winter Meeting

January 21, 2015

Hosted by the Hitterdal Lions Club, Hitterdal Community Building

6:30 PM social, 7:00 PM Supper

\$10.00 per Person

Please RSVP by January 14th, 2015 to Lion Brian Nelson @ defsim@feltontel.net or 218.962.3480 If you have anything that needs to be brought up at the meeting let Lion Brian know

Zone 10 Winter Meeting

January 28, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Hosted by the Winnipeg West Lions; Lions Glendale Court

No Cost to attend

Winnipeg West Lions will host the zone 10 meeting for Zone Chair Lion Ernie, they will have coffee and snacks available and will be presenting their Reading Action Program (RAP) to the group.



Cabinet Treasurer News from Lion John

1. **First Half Per Capita Billing:** First half per capita billings were sent in August. This billing covers the time period of July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, and is based on your club membership as of July 1. *Most clubs have sent in payment, but some of the bills are still outstanding.* Check with your club treasurer to see if your club is current. I would appreciate payment by the end of December.
2. **Second Half Per Capita Billing:** Second half per capita billing will be sent to club treasurers in January. This billing covers the time period of January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015, and is based on your club membership as of January 1. Prompt payment would be appreciated.
3. **District Convention Raffle:** Raffle tickets for the District Convention Raffle and a cover letter will be sent to club presidents after the first of the year. Tickets will be \$1.00 and to be sold only to Lions club members. Proceeds will be divided between the winning ticket holder (club or individual), District Lions attending the USA/Canada Forum, and District Lions attending the International Lions Convention. Drawing will take place at the Mid-Winter Convention.
4. **2015 Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Green:** A form listing the various Parade of Green options is included with this Newsletter. Return the form with your checks at the Mid-Winter Convention.

Lion John Wollenzien

5M11 Cabinet Treasurer

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
rogerbo708@gmail.com



Minnesota Lions
Eye Bank

Our mission is vision!



Minnesota Lions
Vision Foundation



Moorhead Lions become Holiday Helpers



rape and abuse
crisis center
advocacy. counseling. education.

Members of the Moorhead Lions took time to share the holiday spirit on Saturday, December 6th at one of the local Ronald McDonald Houses in Fargo by baking, frosting and decorating plates of Christmas goodies. This annual project for us shares the Christmas treats with the Ronald McDonald House, which helps families with a low cost or free place to stay while their child is in the hospital. We also delivered boxes of cookies and candies to several other non-profit facilities such as The Dorothy Day House, a local Moorhead shelter for persons who are homeless and hungry. In conjunction with this project, we also made up "Thank You" boxes of the cookies and deliver them to some of our many sponsors who have participated in our Annual Lions Bowling Tournament which is held the first Saturday of March, with the 2015 tournament being our 7th Annual Event.

While all this baking and decorating was going on, 3 or 4 members were busy in the next room helping to wrap Christmas gifts. The Moorhead Lions also partners with the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center and adopts families/individuals each year. We are given a "Wish List" of items from each family member. We then purchase and wrap the gifts which will be given to them by the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center to help make their Christmas a little special.





Hitterdal Santa Day

The Hitterdal Lion Club held their recent Santa Day held in Hitterdal, MN Saturday, Dec 6. They gave away about \$3000 worth of toys and treats to the kids and they got to visit with Santa.



Hitterdal Lion members that worked Santa Day Dec 6: Brian Nelson, Dave Nelson, Dean Melbye, Julie Anderson, Julie Holte, John Anderson, Leroy Peterson, Keith Mickelson, Russ McDougall, Morris Peterson.





Glyndon, St. James & Winnipeg Lions Clubs updates

Glyndon Lions: Several members of Glyndon Lions and Glyndon Lioness Clubs gathered for their Christmas party on Monday, December 1, 2014, at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Hawley, Minnesota. Some spirited bingo, a good meal, and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Several members of Glyndon Lions Club were guests of Glyndon Cub Scouts Pack 641 at their meeting on December 16, 2014. After supper and a program, guests were presented with fleece blankets made by the Pack members. Glyndon Lions Club is the chartering organization for Pack 641.

St. James Lions: St. James Lions have been busy the last little while. A number attended the zone 10 meeting on October 7th 2014. There was a joint visit with the St. James Lions and Riverside Lions Club hosting the District Governor - Dennis Olson. Then a number of the St. James Lions attended the charter night of the St. Anne's club.

The club helped raise money through the sale of Lions Christmas cakes and from their profits made a donation to the Salvation Army Christmas appeal.

(In September the St. James club hosted a group of teen mothers who are still attending school and their babies in an alternative school in St. James. That night was so successful, they were planning to hold a Christmas lunch for the same group of mother and babies

Winnipeg Lions: December is usually a slow month. We have made donations to the Agape Table, and the Christmas Cheer Board. We have had several requests for assistance – either hearing aids, or for other medical needs. Our committee has approved 2 separate requests for hearing aid assistance.

We continue to collect clothing for one of the Missions in our catchment area – as well as other useful items. – coffee, tea and creamer being among the most important for them.

Our first Christmas dinner of this year, for the residents of Lions Place took place on Wednesday, December 10th. The residents opted to have stuffed chicken breasts, rather than the traditional turkey. A number of our members served them with drinks, dinner and dessert. After the meal, Santa Claus paid a visit, and a number of guests received presents – from chocolates to nuts to books, and other useful things. Any resident guest who did not receive a gift (their names were randomly picked from those attending,) were the recipients of Christmas ornaments from the Lions Club members. There were about 80 residents from Lion Place present, and 5 or 6 of our Lions members were the servers.

The second of 3 Christmas meals will be held at Lions Manor, Wednesday, December 17th. Again, members of the Lions Club were the servers. About 55 residents of Lions Manor enjoyed their meals, again served by 5 Lions members.

It certainly pays to read the Newsletter (thanks Stacy) – because we discovered that the District Governor, Dennis Olsen would be visiting East St. Paul's Lions club on Wednesday, December 10th. And staying over to visit a number of clubs at Transcona on Thursday evening – December 11th. As we meet on Thursday at noon, our President Rick Marrin called DG Dennis to ask him if he could fit in a visit to our club during the noon hour, and he was more than happy to oblige. His visit was extended as he got to visit the Lions Eye Bank and Lions Foundation in Winnipeg, he was invited to tour our Lions Manor and then he had lunch with about 20 of our members. After lunch, as he still had time before the evening at Transcona, he was invited back to Lions Place where he also was able to tour the building, and he was particularly impressed with the Greenhouse attached to the building. He was also able to spend some time discussing the various projects the Lions Club of Winnipeg have that are on-going such as our involvement with Camp Manitou and the #6 Jim Whitecross Air Cadet Squadron. He was also able to give us for presentation later chevrons for several of our members – for 10, 15, 25 50, and 60 years of service to Lionism. This was truly one of the best visits we have had in that DG Dennis was able to spend so much time with us. Thanks DG Dennis (and special thanks to Stacy for the Newsletter)

We held our final luncheon of the year on Thursday, December 18th, with 26 members and significant others present. Although we were not blessed with a Santa visit this year, there were some presents distributed by our resident curmudgeon – Badly-dressed Mr. Claws that were mostly fun little gifts

We will be off for the next couple of weeks, reconvening on January 8th 2015 when we will be working on our plans for the New Year.



District Governor visit in Winnipeg

Winnipeg West hosted a District Governor visit with several area clubs attending. There were Lions from seven different clubs in attendance for a visit from District Governor Dennis Olsen: Winnipeg West, Winnipeg South, Transcona, Grunthal, Ste. Anne, West St. Paul and East Kildonan.

42 in total, A great meal was provided by the Transcona Lions Club and the Transcona Country Club. A 50/50 draw and tail twisting were part of the fun, DG Dennis presented service chevrons to members in attendance and also inducted a new member, Michael Hinds-Paul into the East Kildonan Lions Club. His sponsor was 2nd Vice DG Mike Janssen.



District Governor Dennis Olsen, left, inducted new member Michael Hinds-Paul, center, into the East Kildonan Lions Club. Mike Janssen, right, was Hinds-Paul's sponsor.





West St. Paul Santa Day

Well the West St. Paul Lions are at it again and of course your roving Report (Lion Peter Wight) was on the scene. The young people sitting with Santa was little helper for their Face painting and Craft table and as always the West St. Paul Lions Crew. This year we added picture with Santa. 60 some kids got to talk and smile with Santa then about 15 minute later, poof they had the picture to take home.

West St. Paul Lions of Manitoba what to wish everyone A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.





Hawley 17th Annual Lutefisk Feed

The Hawley Lions 17th annual Lutefisk feed was held November 23. They served over 300 family style, 320# of lutefisk prepared. They also serve meatballs, potatoes, gravy, corn, lefse and homemade desserts.

They made about \$400 on the meal, however we sell sponsor placemats. They sell business card size to local business for \$50 each. They copy in color, take in \$1100-1200 and use those placemats through out the year at various banquets. Community awards, Boy Scout blue gold, etc.



Hitterdal Donation

Hitterdal president Leroy Peterson presenting a check to Jane Bartholomey representing the Hospice of the Red River Valley.



TRF Moonlighter Lioness Bell Ringing



Pres. Dan Sip of the St. Hilaire Lions and his son Riley ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Super One on Dec. 20.



Jared Solberg and Brent Fuller members of the Moonlighters Lioness club of Thief River Falls helped to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Super One on Dec. 20.



Sherry Sorenson, President of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls and Lela Paetznick, Treas. of the Moonlighters worked to collect money on Dec. 20 at Super one for the Salvation Army.



Dear Lion,

A new year brings new challenges, new rewards, and new opportunities. We have a lot to build on this year thanks to you. Lions are using new tools to keep their clubs strong, and adding new members because Lions have embraced the **Ask 1** campaign.

But there is a significant challenge we need to address: the number of members that are leaving clubs. Inviting new members *and* keeping existing members is the key to strengthening your club. That's why we introduced our **Keep 1** initiative.

Keep 1 is a simple concept that reinforces the importance of keeping each one of your members actively involved. Every Lion can play a key role in supporting new members and engaging existing members in your club.

It is important to value your members, to encourage them, mentor them, and more. There is an old saying, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." If we are to reach our full potential, we have to do a better job of keeping our members engaged and happy to serve as Lions. And together, WE CAN!



LIONS

Worldwide Week of Service in January

The Lions Worldwide Week of Service is a special Centennial Service Challenge event that brings Lions around the world together for a week of celebration and service. It's a great opportunity to showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.



Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January

- 1) **Plan your project** – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of **January 10–16**.
- 2) **Share your project** – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
- 3) **Report your project** – Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

Start Planning Your Service Project

Share this special event with your club and start planning your project today. Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in January!



Share event photos using the hashtag **#Lions100**, and we'll share them on the LCI Facebook page!

lions100.org



Global Leadership Training Update



Lions Holiday Special

Club Excellence Process **SALE** Days!



Our CEP Special Includes:

- Dynamic Facilitators
- Free Materials
- Positive Results
- Guaranteed Enlightenment
- Improved Strength/ Health
- Fun for the Whole Club

**The CEP Special - Give your club the gift that keeps on giving.
Contact any District Officer for details - Order Yours Now while
quantities Last!**

Go Team Go

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a great tool to find out how the Lions in your club feel about your club. To get started and take advantage of this tool, contact PDG Joanne Swanson at 5m11pdgjoanne@gmail.com or call 218-281-5922

LIONS 5M11 CancerCare Initiative

Well another Year has come and gone and as a new one begins to unfold I ask that the clubs of 5M11 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. be inventive in your project and send me a report of how it went. As your 5M11 CancerCare chair I will be approaching the Children's Hospital cancer ward here in Winnipeg and see what their needs are. I will then come up with a project that will hopefully assist them in meeting those needs any clubs on the Canadian side that wishes to join me need only drop me an e-mail stating so.

I also ask the clubs in the U.S to do the same for a children's cancer center in your area and if I can be of assistance please let me know. together we can make a difference.

Lion Mike Janssen, Chairman

LIONS 5M11 CancerCare Initiative

Hunger Affects Diabetes



The Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action campaign is going strong through January! According to the American Diabetes Association, food insecure adults are at high risk for diabetes. To help reduce food insecurity, especially for people with diabetes, consider the following partners in your community:

- Restaurants and markets can retrieve fresh food donations for a local food pantry
- Healthcare professionals can provide free classes on nutrition and food preparation

Local residents can help establish a community vegetable garden or food co-operative

Report your hunger service via MyLCI to qualify for the #LIONS100 Centennial Service Challenge. Help us reach our goal of serving 100 million people by 2017!

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 special Lions luncheon at the UN's Delegates Dining Room and go on a guided tour of the UN headquarters. Space is limited, so register today!



LITPC Youth Scholarship Information

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) is now awarding an annual \$2,500 Youth Scholarship to a graduating senior who is the child/grandchild of a Lion, Lioness or a member of a Leo club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Cub International, "We Serve". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed us\$144,00 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin trader's slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2015.**

Three \$2,500 Youth Scholarships have been awarded so far. The first recipient was a Leo from Pennsylvania in 2012. A Leo from Virginia was awarded the second Youth Scholarship in 2013. The third recipient was a graduate from Iowa in 2014.

Please have applicants begin checking the LITPC website for the application form. The website from the 2015 Scholarship Application is www.LITPC.org

The deadline for submitting the completed LITPC Youth Scholarship Application is **March 1, 2015.**

All completed Youth Scholarship Applications should be mailed to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, President—5M Pin Traders, 9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448.

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Bill Guthrie at 763-786-8072 or bmguthrie9@q.com.

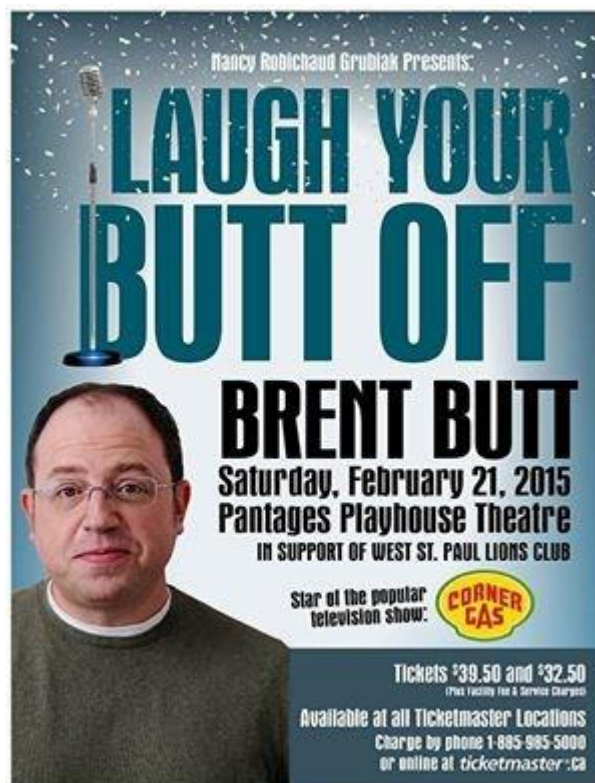
BRENT BUTT TO DO A WINNIPEG SHOW IN 2015 IN SUPPORT OF WEST STI PAUL LIONS CLUB

PRESS RELEASE Laugh your BUTT off! BRENT BUTT Saturday, February 21, 2015 . Doors at 7:30PM. Show at 8:00PM. Pantages Theatre, 180 Market Avenue E., Winnipeg Tickets \$39.50 and \$32.50 (Plus Facility Fee & Service Charges) available at all Ticketmaster Locations. Charge by phone 1-885-985-5000 or online at www.ticketmaster.ca. Nancy Grubiak presents:

BRENT BUTT is one of Canada's funniest and most successful comedians. Also a gifted writer, producer and actor, Brent created the hilarious "CORNER GAS". It was an instant hit earning unprecedented ratings and numerous accolades including an International Emmy Award nomination (2004) as well as being named Funniest Show on TV by TV Guide readers. The iconic show went on to become Canada's #1 comedy, broadcast in over 26 countries including the US and airing for six seasons. Brent then created "HICCUPS", a sitcom starring himself and Nancy Robertson. The show ran two seasons, winning multiple LEO Awards along the way. Brent recently made the transition to the big screen, having completed shooting on his new feature film "NO CLUE" which he wrote and stars in. Even with such a busy schedule Brent continues to tour the country performing standup. Butt was honoured with the Comedy Network Sir Peter Ustinov Award at the World Television Festival (2008). Past recipients include John Cleese, Bob Newhart, John Candy and Eugene Levy. Along the way, Brent also won four Canadian Comedy Awards for Best Male Stand-up (2001), Best Male TV Performance (Corner Gas, 2004-05) and Best Writing – TV Series (Corner Gas, 2004). "I love what I do." Butt says. "I still look at it as just having coffee. Only now it's with a thousand or so people at a time." *CORNER GAS: THE MOVIE*. The entire beloved cast is back and hitting theatres December 3rd 2014. With Brent performing, writing, executive producing, and even directing, there is little doubt the future holds many untold achievements for one of Canada's brightest stars.

This will be the comedy spectacular of 2015! You do not want to miss an evening with the one and only BRENT BUTT! For more information about BRENT BUTT visit www.brentbutt.com.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Its 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in 207 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.





Moorhead Lions in the Xcel Energy sponsored Parade of Lights



The Moorhead Lions and Frosty The Snowman along with our own Lion mascot participated in the Xcel Energy Parade of Lights that was held November 25, 2014, as part of the Fargo-Moorhead community welcoming Santa for this Christmas Season. The weather was cool but not too cold for hundreds of children from ages 1 to 92 to line the streets and enjoy all the wonderful floats, the lights, and of course the candy. We like to participate in events like this to show our presence in the community.



Preping the vehicle with lights and stocking the candy bins are Brent Berg and Sharon Johnson.



Club President Sherrie Berg makes sure that the smaller children receive some goodies too.



The Moorhead Lions members and families with Frosty the Snowman and our Lion mascot.



Frosty the Snowman enjoyed greeting people along the way and was stopped by many children and adults alike to get a picture taken with him.



Message from Past ID Brian Sheehan



Dear Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

I am writing to invite you to learn more about one of our Multiple District 5M projects, Can Do Canines. I have watched them grow over the years, visited their facility, and met some graduates and their assistance dogs. **I can fully endorse them as a worthy charity.**

Lions clubs have supported this organization since 1989 and they became an official Multiple Project in 1997. More than 560 clubs in our multiple have made donations to Can Do Canines. Clubs in the multiple joined forces with an LCIF grant in 2011, raising \$150,000 to add a wing of kennels to their facility. **Lions are behind them, 100%.**

This year, Can Do Canines is celebrating 25 years of service to our community, placing assistance dogs with people who have disabilities, **free of charge.**

They have graduated more than 470 assistance dog teams and plan to graduate 46 new teams in 2015.

You can learn more about them on their website at can-do-canines.org or watch one of their videos. I suggest "25 Years of Service" or "So Many Stories," both of which share interviews with the people whose lives have been changed.

I am so sure you will agree that Can Do Canines is of special interest that I am asking them to send you their e-newsletter, "The Howler," free of charge. I hope you will enjoy the interesting stories.

After learning about some of the lives that have been changed by this organization, I hope you will agree with me that Lions are fortunate to work closely with charities like Can Do Canines to help people in need across our state.



Yours in Lionism,

PID Brian Sheehan.



**To learn more about Can Do Canines
visit can-do-canines.org.**

"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.

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MD5M 2015 Convention

In a little over 4 months 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**

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

Plus easy access to the **Mall of America**, home to 580 stores!!!!!!

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



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

Before Mar. 15

After March 15

Attending

Amount

XXXXXX

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No meals will be available after April 10th, 2015

Make Check Payable to: 5M6 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 1/2 (34 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:

NEW February 20th— Will be a double issue (Feb/March) that *will include*
Mid Winter Convention recaps

Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor

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Thanks to the following Lions and Lioness clubs for submissions: Ada, Barnesville, Barnesville Thursday Nite, Crookston, **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, **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

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Hawley, MN 56549

E-mail: dwolsen@msn.com



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

January 2015:

14th	Goodridge Lions club visit	Goodridge, MN
28th	Fosston-Lengby Lions club visit	Fosston, MN
30th-Feb 1st	Mid Winter Convention	Mahnomen, MN

February 2015:

2nd	Lancaster, Lake Bronson and Hallock visits	Northern MN
10th	Whitemouth and District Lions club visit	Whitemouth, MN
26th	Dilworth Lions club visit	Dilworth, MN

March 2015:

10th	St. Hilaire Lions club visit	St. Hilaire, MN
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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!

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

St. James Lions	61 years	1/18/1959
Lancaster Lions	54 years	1/8/1961
Grygla Lions	44 years	1/20/1971
Bagley Lions	41 years	1/28/1974
Alvarado Lions	40 years	1/10/1975
Fosston-Lengby Lions	38 years	1/24/1977
Gary Lions	34 years	1/13/1981
St. Hilaire Lions	33 years	1/28/1982
Greenbush-Badger Lions	30 years	1/17/1985
South Junction & Area Pineland Lions	30 years	1/17/1985