



# District 5M11 Newsletter

May 2015



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## PCC Richard Reger honored with MD5M Hall of Fame award



Past Council Chairman Richard J. Reger received the Hall of Fame Award at the Multiple District 5M Convention in Minneapolis on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Noon luncheon. The award was presented by Past International

President, Al Brandel from New York and Past International Director Debra Wasserman. PCC Reger was sponsored by the Thief River Falls Lions Club at the Mid-Winter Convention where he was elected by the Delegates to receive this honor from District 5M11. This award is given to individuals who have been active in their Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts, Community and Church.

PCC Richard J. Reger has been President of Thief River Falls Lions Club, District Governor 1998 for District 5M11 and Council Chairman 1999 for Multiple District 5M. He has held many positions on the District Cabinet, Multiple District 5M Council of Governors, and was Chairman of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation for four years.

Lion Richard is married to Judy. They have two children and five grandchildren.



# DG Dennis's report



DG  
Dennis Olsen

## Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M11

I hope everyone has had a good March & April, with May the grass and flowers and trees should be greening up for the approaching summer.

Our District membership at the end of April 2015 (4/28/15) stands at 1936 members. This past month we have added 20 new members and dropped 6 members for a gain of 14 members for the month. For the year we have added 152 members and have dropped 152 members for a 0 gain for the year. Hopefully we will be in the positive member gain in the next two months. "JUST ASK ONE" is what I am asking our Lion club members to do this year. If each Lion member in our district will ask at least one person to join our Lions clubs, I

think our membership will show a positive gain for the year. I am challenging each member to ask at least one person to join our Lions organization in the next two months.

Our Multiple Convention was held April 17, 18, & 19th at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington Minn. I thought it was an excellent Multiple convention with many excellent speakers. Past International President, Al Brandel was the main speaker, with many others providing excellent seminars. It was a good time and a time to learn from other club members of their projects and ideas that they have carried out with their clubs.

If your club has not reported your new officers for the coming year to LCI, please do so as soon as possible. The new officer training will be completed by the end of April. The new officer training sessions were excellent. I would like to thank Joanne and Wayne Swanson and DGE Gerald for setting up an excellent training for our new officers. The turnout of new officers for the training was excellent.

Our 100 year Lions Anniversary will be in 2017. I would like to see each club work on the Centennial Service Challenge for the next two years and make sure your clubs report their Centennial Service projects to LCI, so your clubs can get credit for the Centennial Service Challenge. Jim & Jan Strandlie are our chairpersons for the Centennial Service Challenge and will be presenting information on the Challenge for the upcoming year. Checking on the LCI website, many of our clubs will qualify for Centennial Service Challenge projects they are already doing.

A large thank you to all of our Lion Members in 5M11, for the great work you do with your club in 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**

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Visit the Centennial Website





# DG Elect Gerald's Report

## Greetings Lions,

Here we are already having our 4th Cabinet Meeting of the year. From my perspective as DG Elect, it has been an interesting and educational period to say the least.

District Membership Goals have been prepared and have been submitted to LCI. The Leadership Goals have also been submitted to LCI. I am proposing that all of these be submitted to Cabinet for their review possibly at the next Cabinet Meeting after the Hawaii Convention in late June.

On April 8th, 2015 I was invited to attend and participate in Governor's Night along with DG Dennis Olsen at the Twin Valley Club. This also turned out to be a Zone Meeting at the same time. It was a great opportunity for me to meet and greet these wonderful Lions from that end of the District. It was a very enjoyable evening. The banquet was delicious, the reports complete and the comradery and friendship exemplary. Thank you to Lions Marvin and Peg Hanson for making their guestroom available to me for the night. They are very gracious hosts.

I undertook to help out our GLT Leader Lion Joanne Swanson with some of the Club Officer Training being held in three communities in our District. Two of the Training sessions were held in Twin Valley and Karlstad on April 21st and 22nd respectively. The third is being planned in Canada for Wed April 30th at the Transcona Country Club, Winnipeg. To date, these have been well attended. There will be a Zone 10 meeting to be held at the St. James Lions Estates in Winnipeg on April 28th.

My wife and I have been invited to attend the Lac du Bonnet Lions 52nd Charter Night Banquet on April 26, 2015. I look forward to meeting Lion Nick Bessam. PDG Lion Nick was District Governor of Former District 5M 12 before the District was transitioned.

At bit of Interesting History:

Did you know that the "wooden box" which houses our "Gong and Gavel" comes from former District 5M 12? The Gong and Gavel Case was hand-made by Mr. Bill Barnett of Portage La Prairie, MB from a tree felled there in 1983. A tally of the growth rings indicates that the tree would have been 230 years old. The "Gong and Gavel Case" was commissioned by Lion Bruce Mintenko who on October 31st, 1988 was Cabinet Secretary.

## In Lionism,

**Lion Gérald Fontaine—DGE 5M 11**

**Riverside Lions # 3113**



**DG Elect  
Gerald Fontaine**



2015-2016 District Governors and spouses with Council Chair Kathy Jensen and PDG Dave Jensen.





# 1st VDG Elect Mike's Report



**1st VDG Elect  
Mike Janssen**

**Hello fellow Lions.**

Thank you for your vote of confidence electing me to Vice- District Governor at our last convention. I have hosted a number of lions at my home since The Midwinter Convention and have inducted new members at various clubs using the candlelight ceremony.

Over the past few months I have been visiting some of our clubs. I have been invited to sit on our District Governor Elects Midwinter Convention Committee and have done so enthusiastically. I believe it will be a great convention. I took the Lions regional leadership training in March and have learned many new things that I truly believe will help me in the upcoming years, it was a great experience and I highly recommend it.

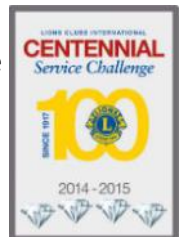
I have also attended the council of Governors meeting in Minneapolis when I attended the Multiple Convention where I also attended my Vice District Governor Elect training. I continue to ask members of the district to take to heart the theme of International President Joe Preston's campaign to just "ASK ONE" in an effort to reinforce the idea that if a percentage of our members would do so we could be successful in recruiting a great number of new Lions into the district.

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 since I have retired as of April 8. I just attended The Lions Club of Lac Du Bonnet with DG Dennis and will be attending The Leader Dogs Training school visit with my fellow Vice District Governors during the second week in August. Add to this our new granddaughter, a Wedding/Adoption social for my other daughter at the end of May, her Wedding on August first and a family reunion weekend and the other Multiple District events I will be attending It should be a very busy lead into The new Lions Year.

**Until then keep roaring.**

**Yours in Lionism**

**Lion Mike Janssen , 1st Vice District Governor Elect**



**2015-2016 1st Vice District Governors Elect**

# State of the District

We added 20 new members this month (April)  
while losing 6 bringing us to 1936 this month with a +514.  
For the year, we have added 152 members and dropped 152 for a 0.

Worldwide membership is at 1,400,000+

*Did you ask someone to be a Lion today?*



## Multiple Convention

Thanks to Lions Ed Nelson, Nadeen Lunde, Steve Wasserman, Bruce Beck and Janet Hall for the photos from the Multiple Convention.



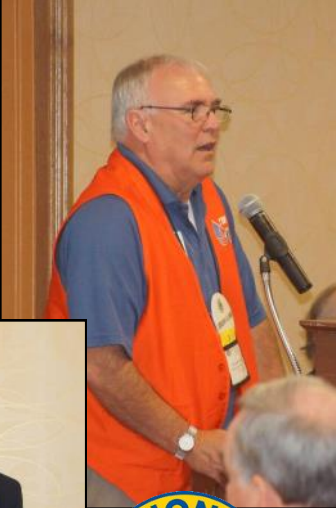




# More Multiple Convention









# Notice of ALL CLUBS Centennial Service Challenge

**Clubs can easily check to see if they have completed the 4 categories for the Centennial Service Challenge**  
**(Time is running out for this year!)**

On the Service Activities screen where secretaries enter their service activities for the month –

Click on “Find Activities” at the top right corner

A screen will come up with the 4 categories listed (Youth, Vision, Hunger, Environment)

Click on Youth and it will tell you how many activities in this category have been reported by your club and what month!

Click on Vision .....etc., etc.

If you find that you have 0 activities for a particular category, there is still TIME to get busy and do a project in that category to get credit for the 2014/15 Lion year.

The attachment shows this screen.

All Zone Chairs should be aware of this to help out their clubs.

For more information, contact co-chairmen of the District Centennial Service Challenge, Jan and Jim Strandlie. 218-681-2116 or at [janstrandlie@mncable.net](mailto:janstrandlie@mncable.net) or [jimstrandlie@mncable.net](mailto:jimstrandlie@mncable.net)



## Top Awards around the district



Art Gredvig, left, received a Helen Keller Sight Award for service to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Past District 5M-11 Governor Wayne Swanson made the presentation at the Lions Zone Four meeting April 8 at Erickson's Smokehouse in Fertile



### Ollen Church receives the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

Lions Club International Foundation recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This Fellowship Award (LCIF) is the highest form of recognition that a Lion can receive for charitable work. The award embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his club and the community for which it serves.

At the last Lions Club meeting, Lions District Governor Dennis Olsen presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Ollen Church for outstanding service to his club, community, and the Lionism ideal. Ollen has been a Lions member since October 1980. When considering a project that needs to be done, Ollen will always say “I can do that”, or “I will help”. Over the years he has organized and worked at more fundraising projects, particularly Tailgating functions, than can possibly be numbered. He is always upbeat and a pleasure to be associated with. He has served his club as Vice-President and President of the Ada Lions club.



Lions Zone Four Chairman Jerry Amiot, right, managed to find a place on Art Gredvig's vest to attach a Helen Keller Sight Award pin. The presentation was made at the zone meeting April 8. Gredvig is part of the Fertile Lions Club.





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

*7 am until Noon*

*3.25 miles S. of Hawley*

*on County Hwy. 31*

*Only cost is Freewill*

*Offering for Breakfast*

**Hawley Lions**

**Serving a Farm**



(Free will Donation)

Pancakes w/Strawberries

Breakfast Sausage

Fresh Scrambled Eggs

w/Cheese

Milk, Coffee, Water

## Events of the Day

**FREE Barrel-Train Rides**

**FREE Horse Drawn Wagon Rides**

**New and Old Farm Equip. Display**

**Milk Drinking Contest**

**Farm Safety Just for Kids**

**Horticultural Information**

**Bio-Diesel/Ethanol Information**

**Farm Animal Zoo**

**Various Tickets & Door Prizes**

**given away by Hawley Rodeo**

**KRCQ 102.3/WAVE 104.1/KDLM 1340**

**970 WDAY & 790 KFGO**

**KRJB 106.5 & KRJM 101.5**



## Kids Pedal Tractor Pull



**Registration 8:15**

**Pull at 9 am**

**Sponsored by**

**Hawley Lions**

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



**Corso will be there 9 am to noon**

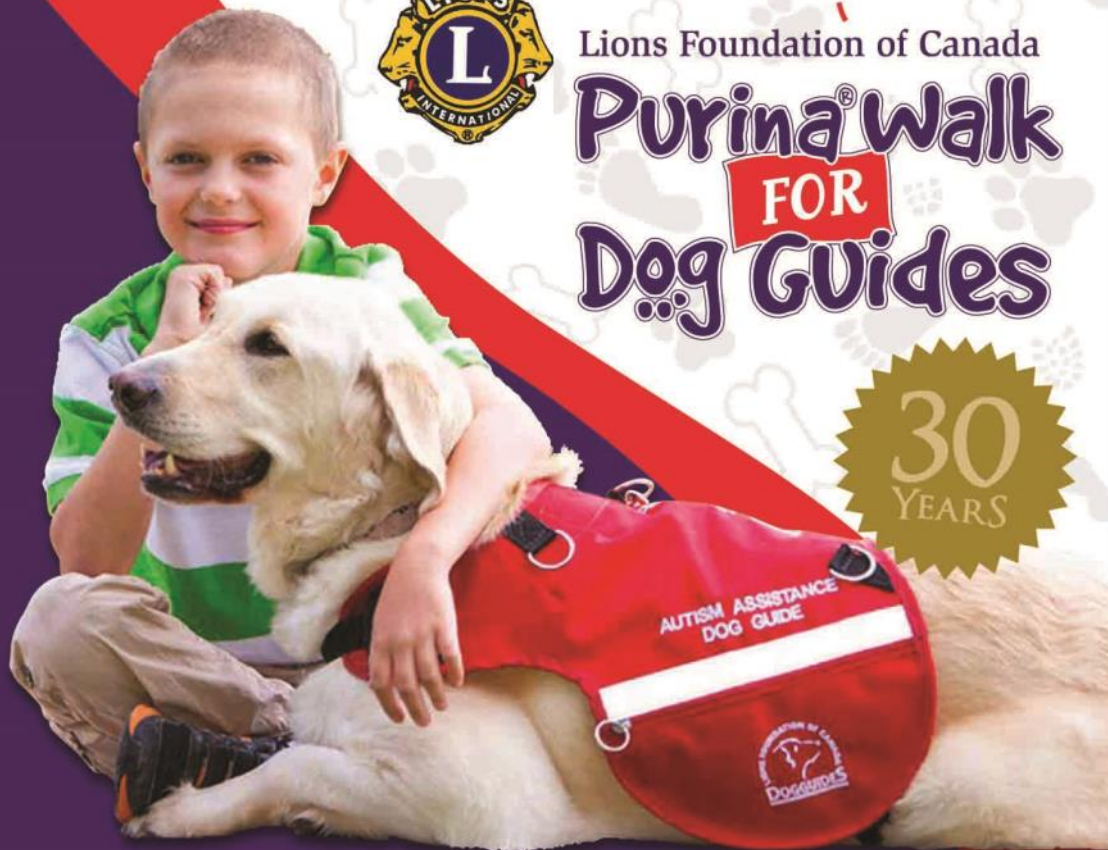
**MAY 31, 2015**  
**10AM - 2PM**



Lions Foundation of Canada

# Purina® Walk FOR Dog Guides

**30**  
YEARS



## GIVING CANADIANS A NEW **LEASH** ON LIFE

CANINE VISION • HEARING EAR • SERVICE • SEIZURE RESPONSE • AUTISM ASSISTANCE • DIABETIC ALERT

**May 31 at Redemptorist Park in Ste Anne**  
**Sign in at 10:00 AM Walk Start at 12:00 PM**  
for more information contact

Chris Barnard at 204-422-8259 or [cbarnard@mts.net](mailto:cbarnard@mts.net)

[www.purinawalkfordogguides.com](http://www.purinawalkfordogguides.com)



The Annual Walk For Dog Guides will be happening in the following communities in District 5M11

- Ste Anne - May 31st
- Winnipeg Beach - July 26th
- Winnipeg - September 20th (Birds Hill Park)

Ste. Anne Lions Club Walk for Dog Guides will take place at Redemptorist Park in Ste. Anne, MB. Sign in is at 10:00 AM Walk Start at 12:00 PM. Dog show, face painting, food and refreshments, silent auction and more. For more information contact Chris Barnard at 204-422-8259 or [cbarnard@mts.net](mailto:cbarnard@mts.net) or visit [www.purinawalkfordogguides.com](http://www.purinawalkfordogguides.com)

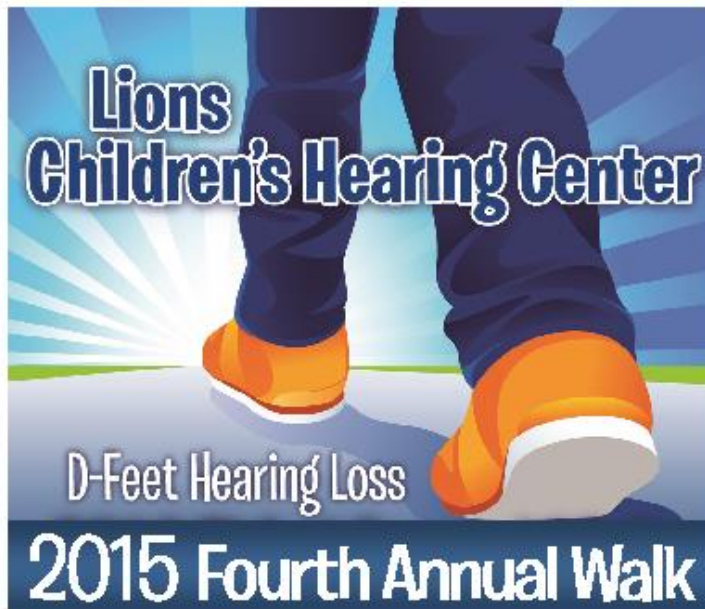




## D-Feet Hearing Loss 4th Annual Walk



Help the 5M11 Team! Donate, check the website and find the 5M11 team!



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](http://www.5mhf.org)

### Event Details:

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

### FEATURING:

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



# TEDDY BEAR BAND





## Ste Anne Lions



Peace Poster Winners from the Ste. Anne Immersion School. Well done Raygan and Schyler. Also in the photo is the school's Principal, C Hebert.



Some of the crew for clean up day at Ste. Anne.



# 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

Ste. Anne Lions Club Family Kite Festival will take place from 10:00 am till 5:00pm at the old #12 Soccer Park beside the fire hall in Ste. Anne, MB. Don't have a kite buy one on site. Hot dogs and refreshments, music, face painting, henna tattoos and more. Fun for everyone. For more information contact Rick at 204-430-6820.





## Warren, Plummer and West St. Paul Lions

Warren Lion Roger Hille speaking to the Warren Lions Club at their 4-8-15 Meeting. Roger is speaking on the upcoming 3rd Annual Trails4Transplants Organ, Eye & Tissue Donor Awareness Horse & ATV Ride from Mandan, ND to Belle Fourche, SD occurring from May 30th through June 12th (In the background is Warren Lions Club Secretary Jim Duckstad). Trails4Transplants is a long-distance, multiple week long trail ride to raise awareness about organ, eye, and tissue donation. "Discovering the Dakotas" is the third leg of a 2,000 mile journey over a 6-year time span, and this third leg covers a distance of 304 miles. Trails4Transplants' goal is to alleviate major health issues by simply raising awareness for the immense need of organ, eye and tissue donation and promote donor registration. Lion Roger Hille spearheaded this Trails4Transplants Horse & ATV Ride a few years ago, as he has a son-in-law who has received a liver transplant....so you can see he is very connected and thankful for the benefits that have resulted from this. You can give the gift of life and register to be a donor today at [trails4transplants.org](http://trails4transplants.org).



## Plummer Spring Fling



Plummer Spring Fling fund raiser was held on April 11, 2015. This is the 5th year the Billy D and the Crystals Band has played. Members of the band are Jay Vagts, Scott Jarvis, Jan Vagts, Matt Dauner, Jesse (sound and lights), Ed Moore and Lion Bob Johanning.

The spring fling in Plummer, MN held on April 11, 2015 with the Billy D and the Crystals Band. This is the 5th year they have played for the fundraiser. Lion Bob Johanning played with the band. Scott Jarvis is singing with the 2 birthday girls Ashley McLean and Lion Deb DuChamp.

## West St. Paul Spring Tea

West St. Paul Lions tried out a new event West St. Paul Spring Tea. Lion Pat (purple Hair) chaired this event and added a new twist by adding vendor as well serving Tea & coffee and dainties. Turn out was not what they wanted but fund raising is never easy but the West St. Paul wouldn't back down.







## Karlstad Lions Club

# Bingo! Jose Cole Circus



Karlstad Lions were the Bingo callers for the March Bingo.



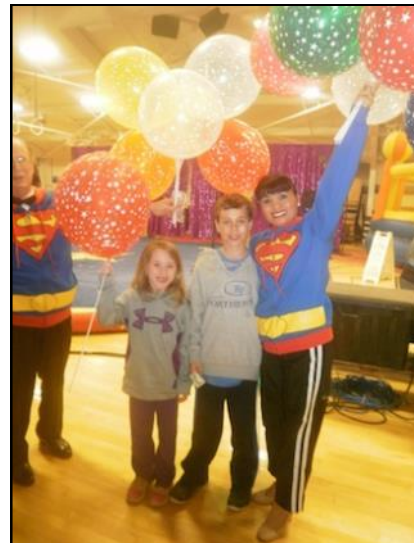
Lion members that worked at the Jose Cole Circus in Karlstad.



Lions members selling bars at the March Bingo.



President Clyde Nelson enjoying his cotton candy.



A few of the kids that enjoyed the circus.

## Klub dinner







# Hallock Lions

On March 27th the Hallock Lions had their Spring Bingo. They raised money for the local ice arena that received a Mighty Ducks grant. The community and school have to raise the matching funds for the grant. Over 150 community members attended the event.

The Hallock Lions had an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th for the community children on Saturday, April 4th at the Kittson Central Playground. 109 children registered for the event and the prizes that were given away. The local bowling alley gave away free bowling game certificates, the Clark station gave away ice cream cone coupons and the Farmers Store, our local grocery store donated the candy for the eggs. The Lions filled over 1000 eggs with the candy and certificates and coupons for the children. Over 15 Hallock Lions participated in the local community traditions.

Afterward the Easter Bunny and some Lions visited the Nursing Home and the Assisted Living.



On Saturday April 4th the Hallock Lions club had it annual Easter Egg Hunt at the K-12 School park. Afterward the Easter Bunny and some Lions (Jodi Johnson) visited the Nursing Home.







## Barnesville Lions Clubs



The Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions would like to thank the women that joined us for Ladies' Western Night Out! Special thank you to all the businesses that donated to this event, we appreciate your support. So much fun was had, we cannot wait to see you again next year!



Barnesville Lions continue to grow: Lion President Jon Yeske inducting new member Scott Nelson, far right, while sponsor Lion Mike Olson looks on.



Shown working to make certain that the Barnesville Lions 18th Annual stag was a success are (L to R) Lion Dean Ernst, Lion Jon Yeske, Co-Chair of the event, and Lion Jon Pauna. When the event concluded on April 9, the Club had raised \$12,000 thanks to guests that numbered 265.



Lion Mike Quiggle, (L) and Lion Dean Ernst are busy in preparation the night before the Barnesville Lions 18th annual Sportsmen stag which was held on April 9. Approximately 265 guests supported this event and the result was \$12,000 raised to be given to various causes, local, national, and international.



The Barnesville Lions are preparing the night before for their 18 annual Sportsmen's Stag that was held on Thursday April 9. Shown in this picture (L to R) are Lion Chris Olson, Co-Chair of this event, Lion Terry Schritz, and Lion Chris Seifert, past chairman of this event.







# Ste. Anne Lions Club

## Lions Coffee House Fundraiser sells out

The Ste. Anne Lions Club held their second coffee and entertainment evening on Saturday, February 28. The evening was a total success; the hall was decorated with kites to promote the Lions upcoming Kite festival on June 20 here in Ste. Anne. Peace posters created by children from the local schools decorated the walls and funny little Lion bobble heads and handmade games topped each table, turning the club jovial into a very fun relaxing atmosphere.

The evening's musical entertainment by the Chammartin Family literally brought the house to their feet cheering for an encore. They are amazingly talented artists and made the night very memorable.

There was a silent auction and honey sales and a 50/50 draw to raise funds for future causes in the community. During the evening, Lion Chris Barnard called up a young Katrina McPherson, age 14, who is always eager to lend a hand in her community and named her an honorary Lion and presented her with her very own name tag. "I love volunteering it's so much fun to help out. I really can't wait till I'm old enough to join the lions club". Said an excited Katrina. Lions Club International is the world's largest service organization with 1.35 million members in 207 different countries. The Ste. Anne Lions Club is a new service here in town; they are dedicated to helping those in our area who need assistance. If you are interested in helping out in your community and learning more about the Ste. Anne Lions Club, please email the lions at [steannelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:steannelionsclub@gmail.com)



New members inducted into the Ste. Anne Lions Club on Tuesday April 21. L - R = PDG (and Guiding Lion) Dave Hollyoake who performed the ceremony, Lion Cathleen Roy, sponsor Lion Pat McPherson, Lion Tannis Nikkel, sponsor Lion Bea Barnard, sponsor PDG (and Guiding Lion) Chris Barnard, Lion Jacquie Trudeau (new Lion and sponsored Lion Marcel), Lion Marcel Trudeau, sponsor Lion Pat Barnard. (Not pictured - Lion Gin Gagnon)



## Winnipeg Lions Club update

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was another big day for the Lions Club of Winnipeg. This was the evening of our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Dinner. The meal itself consisted of Italian Wedding soup and a wonderful fresh spring salad. The main course was breaded Salisbury steak which was also tasty. Finally, to round out the meal there was tea and coffee and tiramisu. There was also a plentiful supply of red and white wine during dinner. Each course of the dinner was served by some of the cadets from the #6 Jim Whitecross Air Cadet Squadron – and there were 18 cadets present.

A wan'dring minstrel (unfortunately without the music) roamed through the crowd of 126 guests giving out \$10 gift cards here and there to lucky recipients and as the whim hit him.

For the first time ever at one of our dinners, we had a real live auction. Although we only had two items on the auction block, this proved to be an interesting side bar. The first item was a chocolate lovers basket – with a huge assortment of chocolate goodies certain to tickle the palette of any chocolate lover. The second item up for auction was a 32" (should that now be measured in centimeters?) television set.

As well, we featured our usual envelope madness (you have to be there to truly appreciate what this is and why it is called envelope madness), and our silent auction.

The most important aspect of this dinner and the reason we do this, is to raise money for a charity. This year, the profits generated from our dinner are being given to the Lions Foundation (Manitoba N/W Ontario division) and is to be used specifically for the Medical Assistance Program.

Pictured are 18 of the 120 cadets that the Winnipeg Lions Club sponsor with the #6 Jim Whitecross Air Cadet Squadron.

We asked for volunteers for the group to come help us out at the dinner, and we had to stop at 18. They worked the parking lot, made sure the coat room was manned, opened the door to let our guests in, tried to make sure that everyone who came in to the building for the dinner had their photo taken, brought the flags in to open the dinner officially (to a real bagpiper playing) then 1 or 2 to each of 16 tables, they served each of the four courses, including removing dishes as each course was finished, they made sure each table had a supply of bread buns and butter, made sure each glass was constantly filled with water, served dessert, and then tea and coffee. They were indeed busy little cadets and they began at about 5:30 p.m. and finished somewhere near 8:00 p.m.



# 32 Million People Benefited



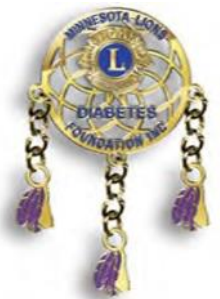
## Centennial Service Challenge

lions100.org



Results reflect people benefited through 4/2015. [Click here](#) for more information on how results are calculated.

## “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

## Lions Recycle for Sight Month in May

The month of May provides an opportunity for your club to build awareness about the importance of eyeglass collection in your community. Order LCI eyeglass recycling boxes to establish new community collection sites, or check your current locations to make sure your containers are in working order. Publicize your eyeglass collection campaign and consider sponsoring a local contest between clubs or districts to collect the most eyeglasses. You can also participate by approaching local businesses or organizations to start a collection for their employees. Don't forget to collect sunglasses, too! And remember report your activity on MyLCI to receive Centennial Service Challenge recognition!



## Get Ready for the Worldwide Week of Service in May

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

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

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

## Join Lions Helping Children in Need this May

Children are some of the most vulnerable members of society. This May 16-22, join us for the Lions Worldwide Week of Service, where Lions all over the world will host projects to improve the lives of youth in their communities.

Visit the Worldwide Week of Service website for project ideas and resources to help share your event with friends and family. And remember, no matter how you choose to serve, use the hashtag #LIONS100 in all your communications. Your club's photos could be featured on the LCI Facebook page!



## RAP and Environmental Awareness

Lions around the world are addressing children's literacy needs through the Reading Action Program. Take your RAP volunteer work outside by organizing events related to April's theme of environmental awareness. Consider organizing a book-swap or nature themed story time at your local library or community center. Sponsor a family reading room with books about local wildlife and plants at a nearby nature preserve. Host a nature themed poetry competition for youth. However you serve, don't forget to report your activity on MyLCI! Happy reading!

# 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!



## Backpack project and Ada Diabetes project



Lions clubs from Ulen, Hitterdal, Twin Valley and Flom worked together to cook breakfast for the Backpack Program Fundraiser held at the Ulen Community Center on April 18



Gary Lions held their 1st Annual Diabetes Project on April 18th in Gary. They had speakers in the morning on nutrition and exercise. They then had a Strides Walk and a Diabetes friendly lunch.



After lunch Dr. Joe Herbst gave a talk about what diabetes is and gave a great talk getting the attending kids involved in a skit. Connie Hagen then spoke on what the Lions Diabetes Foundation is doing to find a cure for diabetes. Two young ladies and their moms told us what it was like to find out that they have diabetes and what it is like to have a insulin pump.





# 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.

Below is the follow-up story of a graduate, Chad Wilson, who was partnered with a Can Do Canines assistance dog in 2012. Thank you again for your continued support of our organization!

## A BRIGHTER WORLD BECAUSE OF YOU

*Chad Wilson & Mobility Assist Dog Porter*

“Porter is one of the best things to ever happen to me. What he brings to me, in addition to physical support, is joy and companionship.”

When Chad Wilson shares this over the phone about Mobility Assist Dog Porter, you can hear the smile on his face. A large dog, weighing in at 75 pounds, Porter has an ample personality to match. Chad describes him as a “funny guy” with a love for squeaky toys. Chad says Porter shakes his whole body and jumps around like a “bucking bronco” when he’s excited.

Chad’s mother Sandy says, “Porter is, most importantly, Chad’s companion. He’s always there for Chad, and it’s clear that for Porter, Chad is number one. If you could see the way they interact, you would have no doubt.”

Chad was born with muscular dystrophy, a condition which causes progressive weakness and loss of muscle mass. He was diagnosed at age four, and received his first electric wheelchair when he was 14 years old. Sandy says that the wheelchair has sometimes been a barrier, but that Porter serves as an “ice breaker,” encouraging people to approach and engage socially with the two of them.

“Because of my disease, I get progressively weaker, and certain things become more difficult for me. I always try to find a way around these difficulties, which is where Porter comes in.”

Chad’s main concerns are falling and the loss of his ability to bend over and pick things up when he’s dropped them. He has worked hard to stay as independent as possible in his daily life, and that continues to be his primary goal.

“Porter is a great help in making that possible.” Chad says.

Porter acts as a brace for Chad when he falls, and retrieves any items he may drop. He’s also been trained to get the emergency phone in case Chad needs some “non-canine” assistance,



To sum up their partnership, Chad says, “Having Porter is having peace of mind, knowing I can go out into the world and not have to worry about the things I can’t do on my own. Porter allows me to have independence. Without Can Do Canines, I wouldn’t have Porter, and in turn, my world would be a little less bright.”

# Officer Training 2015



**Officer Training held at Norman County East High School on April 21st . There was a good attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy the breakout sessions.**





# LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

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February 12, 2015

District 5M-11  
Kenneth J. Bauer, Leader Dog Co-Chair  
429 4th Street NE  
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Dear District 5M-11,

Thank you for your district's support of Leader Dogs for the Blind's kennel redesign project to create the Canine Development Center. Your gift of \$600.00 on 2/10/2015 makes a great impact as the kennel is much more than just a building. It is at the heart of all of the work we do. It is where we breed future Leader Dogs, care for young puppies and prepare our dogs to be matched with our clients.

It is so wonderful to see how your club came together with its members and community to raise this gift. Following is a breakdown of the gifts:

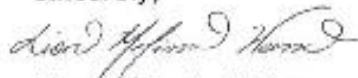
- Club gift: \$563.00
- Individuals gift total: \$37.00 (Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Bauer)
- Grand total: \$600.00

The goal of this project is to develop the ideal environment for our dogs: one that reduces stress, maximizes human interaction and best prepares future Leader Dogs for their remarkable work. Your contribution to this project will have a deep and lasting impact on both the clients we serve and the Leader Dogs upon which they depend.

Please note that you will receive the appropriate level of recognition just following the end of the fiscal year. If you ever have a question on your gifts, or the project's activity, please contact Mike Dengate, our Lions Campaign Manager, at 248/650.7102.

On behalf of all the people we serve, our volunteers and the Leader Dog team, please accept our gratitude.

Sincerely,



Lion Melissa L. Weisse  
Chief Philanthropy Officer

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# Passports and Bus to Mid Winter Convention 2016

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

You need your passport or passcard to travel to Canada.

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

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

More information to follow.

**Interested in riding the bus to convention, contact Jen Spielman at [5m11jenifer@gmail.com](mailto:5m11jenifer@gmail.com)**





## Newsletter needs club assistance



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

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

I am in need of **EVERY CLUBS** assistance to improve the newsletter. I am **CHALLENGING** each club to send in upcoming activities, recaps of events with photos and/or articles, something that your club does. If it is in your local newspaper, have them send it to me please. **I WANT EVERY CLUB** to be in the newsletter this year. Please help me by sending in items, every month if you would like. Lets get your club on my list. Almost 2/3 (49 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:**

**May 25th**— June Newsletter

**June 20th**— July Newsletter (moving at the end of the month)

**Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor**

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## Websites to Know



**Lions Club International: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)**

**Multiple District 5M: [www.lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org)**

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

**Lions Program Sites:**

**Can Do Canines: [www.can-do-canines.org](http://www.can-do-canines.org)**

**Leader Dogs for the Blind: [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)**

**Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): [www.lcif.org/EN/](http://www.lcif.org/EN/)**

**Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and NW Ontario: [www.eyebankmanitoba.com](http://www.eyebankmanitoba.com)**

**Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides: [www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)**

**Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation: [www.mnlionsdiabetes.org](http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org)**

**Project New Hope: [www.projectnewhope.net](http://www.projectnewhope.net)**

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: [www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://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:**

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

### May 2015:

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

### June 2015:

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

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

## Needed: Cabinet Secretary

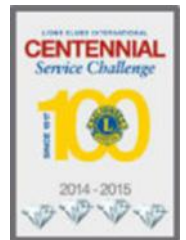
***Looking for a Cabinet Secretary for 2015-2016! Would start July 1st. Would like to know more about the position, contact Cabinet Secretary Jenifer Spielman at [5m11jenifer@gmail.com](mailto:5m11jenifer@gmail.com). She would help assist the new secretary learn the responsibilities.***



*(Appeared in the Northern Watch)* ***Donations made the Plummer Lions in 2014:***

**RLCC Schools—Plummer and Oklee site:** Paid for the milk for all students in the elementary for one year; helped pay for the new scoreboard at Brantl Field in Plummer; Elementary Music Department; RLCC speech team—sponsored meets, all trophies and medals; various other projects.

**Cities of Oklee, Brooks and Plummer:** Helped pay for new floor in basement of Community Hall in Plummer; fuel costs for three local churches; provided candy and treats for the elementary schools Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas; JO Volleyball and Take Down Club; Cancer Society—Relay for Life; Salvation Army; scholarships; Cub Scouts; Ducks Unlimited; Holiday Train; MN Lions Eye Foundation; Lions Diabetes Foundation; Can Do Canines; LCIF: Lions Hearing Foundation; Leader Dog Foundation; and Many other areas where help was needed. ***Total of our donations for 2014 were over \$46,000! The Plummer Lions would like to thank everyone for your continued support. Without you, we would not be able to do this! THANK YOU!***



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

Warroad Lions	55 years	5/5/1960
Winnipeg West Lions	41 years	5/29/1972
East St. Paul Lions	19 years	5/13/1996