



District 5M11 Newsletter

December 2013



DREAMS



5M11 Peace Poster winners

Thank you to all the clubs that participated in this year's Peace Poster contest. The theme this year was "Our World, Our Future". The winning poster will be submitted to the Multiple District for judging next. Remember to get a start on next year's Peace Poster. Kits can be purchased after January 15, 2014.



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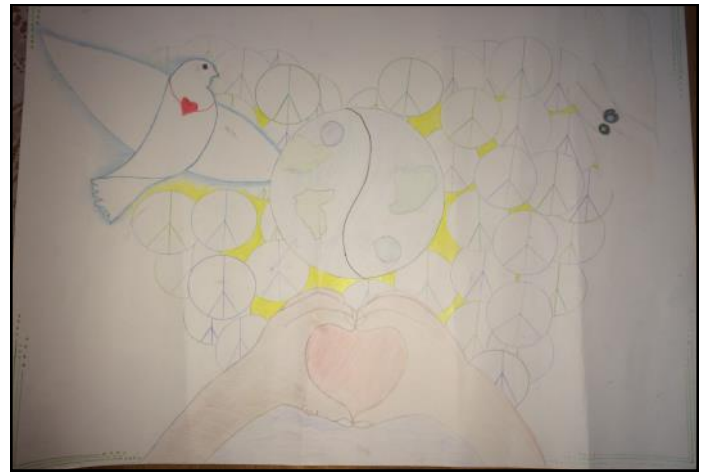


The 5M11 district winning poster was by sixth grader Amber Eken from Norman County East. She was sponsored by the Gary and Twin Valley Lions Club. Eken's quote on peace was "We are all one, united forever".

Lions International Peace Poster Contest



Sixth grader Kya Anderson from Barnesville Public School was the sponsored poster by the Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions. Anderson's quote on peace was "One world, many hands, peace to achieve".



Desirae Ramos, a sixth grader at Fosston School, had her peace poster sponsored by the Fosston-Lengby Lions.



Hailey Barth, a sixth grader at Tri-County school, had the sponsored poster from the Karlstad Lions. Barth's quote on peace was "Learn from the past, live in the present, think about the future".



Seventh grader Peyton Klein, from Kittson Central School, was the sponsored poster from the Hallock Lions. Klein's quote on peace was "I think our world, our future should be bright and colorful. Therefore, I colored our worlds' flags and national monuments bright and vividly".



Donald Wyatt, a sixth grader at Ulen-Hitterdahl school, had the sponsored poster from the Ulen Lions. His quote on peace was "Peace around the world, different cultures, black and white, China and Japan, peace all together".



Eighth grader Jenna Balmer had the sponsored poster from the West St. Paul Lions.



DG Doug's Report

Wow I cant believe that it was only 1 1/2 years ago that I was elected to 2nd VDG. I have been saying that the most amount of fun you can have on cabinet is being a zone chair. I was wrong, if I was having any more fun being DG it would probably be illegal.

The month has been busy driving up to Beausejour one night and down to Barnesville the next. Chairing the cabinet meeting Saturday morning and early afternoon the 23rd then taking in Bingo at Ulen. Eating Breakfast in Ulen at 10 and lutefisk at 11:30 in Hawley. Its great to be able to induct new members as well as recognizing members for their years of service with Chevrons. We have a couple this year that are being recognized for 65 years of service. I personally had the opportunity to present a PDG from East Kildonan Lions with a 50 Chevron.

Have you registered for mid winter? If not, why not? The organizing committee has done a great job putting together both an entertaining schedule as well as an educational one. If you love to have fun, meet new people and learn something new this is the place to be January 24-26. Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. We are looking for someone to step up to be elected to 2nd VDG at convention. The next Second 2nd VDGs elected will be the outgoing and incoming DGs at the 100th year celebration at the International convention in Chicago. Exciting stuff! If you have been a club president and a zone chair and are a member in good standing, We Want You! Scared? Unsure? Don't be. Our multiple offers some of the best training in the world. We will have you stealing gavels in no time. Don't be shy, get your clubs endorsement and step up to the plate. P.S. our theme for Friday night is Come as your Winning Team.

If you are having a fundraiser let me know I will try my best to make it. Have you invited someone to enjoy becoming a Lion? Don't Delay do it today. Lets get our district to 2000 members.

I'm off to have fun in the sun.

Having fun in Lionism,

DG Doug Wiens

DG Doug shows off his gavel holder.
No gavel stealing from him.
Be sure to watch your own.



**DG Doug
Wiens**



When filling out your Christmas cards,
Take a card and send it to:

Holiday Mail for Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD
20791-5456

Pass this on and think of how
many cards these wonderful
people who have sacrificed so
much would get.

Please share,
It's the least we can do
to show our love and support.

Deadline is December 6th 2013





1st Vice DG Dennis's report



1st VDG
Dennis Olsen

Zone 1, 2 & 6 have held Fall Zone Meetings. Zone1 Fall Meeting was held in Dilworth, hosted by the Dilworth Loco Ladies on Oct 21, 2013. Jim McLaughlin spoke on the Diabetes Foundation. Zone Chair Gayle Robertson did an excellent job in setting up the zone meeting. 7 clubs were represented.

Zone 2 Fall meeting was held in Hitterdal, hosted by the Hitterdal Lions on September 18, 2013. Zone 2 Chair, Brian Nelson did a good job in conducting the meeting. 6 clubs were represented.

Zone 6 Scary (Halloween) Zone Meeting was held on Oct 29, 2013 hosted by the Argyle Club. Attendee's were encouraged to come with scary costumes. Zone Chair Kami Underdahl did an excellent job in setting up and conducting the Zone Meeting. This was one of the best zone meetings, I have attended. Lion Deb DuChamp, Global Leadership Coordinator was the main speaker and did an excellent job.

The Flom Lions hosted a Governors Visit for Zone 2. An Evening With The Governor was held on October 24, 2013 at the Flom Community Hall. Governor Doug did an excellent job on his presentation about his goals for our district. Seven clubs were present and all made presentations to Governor Doug.

On October 16th and 17th, all the 1st Vice District Governors of MD5M had a training session held in Mahanomen, MN. All 12 districts were represented by the 1st VDG's. We all got very well acquainted with each other and their partners. Our instructors did a fantastic job by making the sessions fun and interesting and time went by very fast. On Oct 18th all the 1VDG's attended the Council of Governors meeting. We experienced the responsibilities that we will inherit next year as governors. Our present Governors do a fantastic job representing their fellow Lions at these meetings. Governor Doug was very impressive at these meetings.

Membership in our District is moving in the right direction. Governor Doug would like to have each Lion member recruit one new member this year. So go out and ask someone to join. What's the worst thing they could say? NO. What do you have to lose?

Our Mid Winter Convention is fast approaching. It is in Mahanomen, MN at the Shooting Star Casino on January 24, 25 & 26, 2014.

Please sign up. You will discover these Mid Winter Conventions are fun and educational. You will meet many other 5M-11 Lions from Northwest Minnesota and Manitoba and Ontario. The Shooting Star Casino does an excellent job in hosting the convention. See you there. **I hope you all have a good exciting year in your Lions Club.**

1st Vice DG Dennis Olsen



DG Doug presented the Silver Pins to Lion Deb DuChamp (GLT), PDG Lion Chris Barnard (GMT), 1st VDG Dennis Olsen and 2nd VDG Gerald Fontaine at the November Cabinet meeting. The pins were the dream achievers award Silver Pin For plus membership from a year ago and fewer drops or + retention from a year ago.



2nd Vice DG Gerald's Report



2ndVDG
Gerald Fontaine

Things are winding- down for the Christmas period.

District Governor Doug held his Winnipeg Club Visitation at the Transcona Country Club on

Monday Nov. 18th. The meeting was well attended by most of the Winnipeg Clubs.

Zone 8 Chair Dave Saran held his zone meeting on Thursday Nov 21st. Zone Chair Dave is now planning the Spring Zone Meeting.

I have sent in my registration for the Mid-Winter Convention in Mahanomen for this coming January, 2014.

As most Lions know, I attended the Cabinet Meeting in Red Lake Falls, MN on Nov 23rd.

I expect to be making it down to other Zones before too long. I appreciate the Club Reports that are coming in.

This pretty well sums it up for now.

I take this opportunity to wish all Lions in this District a safe and Happy Christmas!

Gerald Fontaine,

2nd Vice District Governor 5M11



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".

Gary Tonkin – Argyle Lions Club

Dan Kotaska – Goodridge Lions Club

William Wagner – Greenbush-Badger Lions Club

Christopher Astrup – Moorhead Midday Central Lions Club

Del Rae Williams – Moorhead Midday Central Lions Club

Dan Kotaska – St. Hilaire Lions Club

Harvinder Kaur Mavi – Winnipeg Asia Lions Club

Sarbjit Singh Mavi – Winnipeg Asia Lions Club

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

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



State of the District

We added 9 new members this month (November)

while losing 13 bringing us to 1946 this month which is -4.

For the year, we have added 77 members and dropped 60 for a +17.

Worldwide membership is at 1,369,648

Did you ask someone to be a Lion today?



Zone 3 meeting notice

Zone 3 meeting

Monday December 16

Hosted by Fosston-Lengby Lions

Ventures Bar & Grill

104 Amber Ave, Fosston

6:00 Social

6:30 Meal

\$10 for Roast Beef Dinner

7:00 Meeting

Zone Chair is needed, Please be willing to volunteer.

Zone Chair is not a hard job and you would have great resources if needed.

Meeting will be chaired by

DG Doug Wiens & VDG Dennis Olsen

Please RSVP Doug

djwiens@mymts.net or phone 2043260189



Qualifications for Office

Section 2: DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES. Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the convention, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Section 3: FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES. Any member of a club in the district seeking the office of first or second vice district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the convention, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

*From the Constitution and By-laws of Lions Club International

A candidate for the office of district governor shall:

1. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
3. Currently be serving as the first vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.

A candidate for the office of first vice district governor shall:

1. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or subdistrict.
3. Currently be serving as the second vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

1. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or subdistrict.
3. Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
 - a. As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 - b. As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - c. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.



WELCOME TO THE 2014 MIDWINTER CONVENTION

January 24-25-26.

"A WINNING TEAM IN 2014."

The Hawley and Hitterdal Lions are requesting your presence at the 2014 Mid-Winter Convention at the Shooting Star Event Center in Mahanomen, MN.

A Winning TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More).

District Governor Doug, 1st VDG Dennis, 2nd VDG Gerald, and the Lions of Hawley and Hitterdahl are working to make this Mid-Winter convention one that we all can follow our dream, when we return home.

As District Governor Doug has asked that all clubs have at least two members in attendance, wouldn't it be nice if we exceeded the District Governor's expectations. Now is the time to get your registration forms into Lion Dale Skallerud, Hawley Lions Club, P.O. Box 368, Hawley MN 56549.

Remember to call the Shooting Star Event Center at 1-800-453-7827 and ask for Block # 460990 for the Lions rate. (Registration and room rates are in this newsletter on the following pages.)

In order to help reduce our cost, we are not accepting credit cards, only Cash or Checks. THANK YOU.

We are also requesting that clubs bring along a gift to be used for a fun night on Friday.

Place an Ad for the Mid-Winter Convention

Want your club to be apart of the 2014 Mid-Winter Convention Booklet? Have a your own business and want to help out? Here is your chance. They Mid-Winter Convention committee is selling ads for the booklet.

The booklet is going to be 8 1/2 by 11. Deadline for the ads is December 10th.

Full page ad is \$100.

Half page ad is \$60

Quarter page ad is \$40

Single Line ad is \$25

Those desiring ads, are asked to e-mail dales@arvig.net a copy of their ad and to send the money to Dale Skallerud, Box 368, Hawley MN 56549.

Further questions, please contact Dale Skallerud.



5M-11 Mid-Winter Convention

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January 24, 25 & 26, 2014

Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center, Mahanomen, MN

Registration Form -- (Please fill out 1 form for each attendee)

Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest ☐ 1st Timer ☐

Name _____ Title: _____

Address _____ Club: _____

City _____

State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Full Hospitality Book

(Includes Friday night Social, Saturday breakfast, lunch & Banquet, & Sunday Brunch)

		Total \$
Prior to November 30, 2013	\$110	<input type="text"/>
After November 30, 2013	\$125	<input type="text"/>
Individual Event Tickets		
Friday Night Social	\$20	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Breakfast	\$20	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Lunch	\$25	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Banquet	\$50	<input type="text"/>
Sunday Brunch	\$25	<input type="text"/>
Total:		<input type="text"/>

Make checks payable to: Hawley Lions Club

Please mail registration with payment to:

Hawley Lions Club

P.O. Box 368

Hawley, MN 56549

Hotel Reservations -- Contact the hotel directly -- Rate \$85.00/night + taxes until Jan. 3, 2014.

Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center -- 800 453-STAR (7827)

Ask for Block #460990 Lions to receive convention rate.

Shooting Star Contact: Dan LaFrinier, dlafrinier@starcasino.com

For Convention Information: Lion Russ McDougall 218 962-3433

Lion Dale Skallerud 218 483-4888

rgjdoug@feltontel.net

dales@arvig.net

Conventions Host Clubs: Hawley Lions & Hitterdal Lions



Speaker at Convention is Lion Bob Harms



MD5M Executive Secretary Lion Bob Harms
and wife PCC Lion Deborah

MD5M Executive Secretary Lion Bob Harms is a member of the Kingston Lions Club. He has been a Lions member for 22 years. Lion Bob has worked as the MD5M Executive Secretary since 2003 and this year marks the eleventh Council of Governors he has had the honor and privilege to work with. When not working as the MD5M Executive Secretary, Lion Bob serves as a Trustee for the Lions Hearing Foundation and a Clerk for the City of Kingston.

Lion Bob and his wife PCC Deborah have three sons—Mike, Scott and Tim; three grandsons—Ryan, Brent and Cam; one great grandson—Brayden; Duke, Chester & Barney—two Chihuahuas and a Beagle.

Joined Lions: 10/01/90

Occupations: 35 years in the field of service of super computers, technical management and production management of high technology devices. Currently employed by the Lions

as MD5M Executive Secretary and as Clerk, City of Kingston.

Lions Service: 23 years service as a Lion. Served as President, Tail Twister 6 years, Director 6 years. Served as Public Relations Chair for 5M4 for 6 years, Director of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank for 6 years, 5 years as Chairman of the Thanksgiving for Vision Committee, 5 years as Co-Secretary of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Inc, and 4 years as Trustee for the Lions Hearing Foundation.

Awards: Recipient of the International Presidents Leadership Award, Melvin Jones Award, Helen Keller Award, Hearing Research Fellow Award and Five International President Certificates of Appreciation.

Pin Trading Reminder

From PDG Lion Jim Aasness

Lions Pins will be available for purchase at the 5M11 Mid Winter Convention in Mahanomen, January 24-26, 2014.

Bring your unwanted Lions and Lioness Pins to the 5M11 Mid Winter Convention. We will sell them for you.

Donate your Lions Pins Collections or the Lion's Vest with the pins on it. We will have a silent auction for them.

Money collected will be used to pay for the annual purchase of the MD5M Snowman Pins, 5M11 purchases or other expenses. In the past, we have use the money to help purchase laptops and other miscellaneous items.



5M11 Memorial Service Notice

The 5M-11 Mid Winter Convention committee is putting plans together for the memorial service on Sunday morning. We need to know of any members of you Lions family who have passed away this year since the last Mid-Winter convention in Winnipeg. **Please send the information to Lion Jim Johansen (jkjohansen55@gmail.com) along with a jpeg photo of the deceased member.** Lion Jim will advise in the next newsletter which names he has and clubs can correct or add to it. Names and photos include: Chuck Vind of Fertile, Bev Lewis of Winnipeg West, and Jack Whitlaw of St. James.



Endorsement to attend Mid Winter

Written by Sherry Sorenson President of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls, Minnesota

I don't remember how many conventions I have attended since I joined in 1983. I didn't attend for a few years when I first joined. I probably have been to about 25 out of my 30 years of membership.

I have made many new friends from many different towns. I even have friends in Canada. It makes me feel so good when I hear "Hi Sherry so good to see you." I also receive hugs from many. Gosh I feel important. Somebody knows me and they remember my name. I enjoy the entertainment, food and workshops. The speakers are very good. This is a way to learn more about our projects and hear about the research first hand. I love it when I can attend the convention when it is held in Canada. I get to use my passport.

Last year was so much fun. Terri Cuppett and I made new friends with Peter & Pat Wight from Winnipeg. They helped take Hosie outside, etc. We had lots of laughs with them also. They are supposed to visit us some day for a cup of tea made by Terri. I don't think Terri will be attending the convention this year but I will be on the look out to visit with Peter and Pat.

I will always remember the help of the security guard named Lonnie who helps us to find the toffee. He told his wonderful wife to purchase some at the local Wal-Mart. She brought it to us. He would not let us pay. He even sent us more in the mail a few months later. I told him to call us when he comes to the states. We plan to take them out for a steak supper. We still talk on the computer and on the phone once in while.

I also will always remember Terri singing with the Elvis Presley impersonator. It was a moment to never forget. They should have been on American Idol. I also love going to Winnipeg so I can visit with some American friends named Pam and an old neighbor Yvonne who have moved there. It had been five years since our last convention in Winnipeg. Terri had missed seeing Yvonne at the motel because we were held up at the border. We went shopping in the mall in the second highest winds that Winnipeg had ever had. Going through a doorway a lady stepped to the side. I said. "What are you doing here?" I knew Yvonne. Here is the lady we were supposed to meet. Terri knew her voice. They had not met for many years. We got to have our picture taken with her and talk for awhile in the motel.

So people please attend these conventions. See what you are missing: friendship old and new, good entertainment, learning new things in workshops and maybe some excitement.



**Lioness
Sherry Sorenson**

Crookston Leo Club



The Crookston Leo Club collected 1,800 pounds of food on Halloween night. PDG Joanne Swanson stated, "we are all proud of the Crookston Leo Club and all of the good things they continue to do in our community. What a wonderful way to encourage our youth to volunteer."



(October 2003)

Date _____

Name _____
Address _____
Club _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Club _____

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Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.



Winger Lions Little Free Library

Winger Lions Club has taken on an exciting new Service Project.

Little Free Libraries are springing up all over America. Most have been quite successful. The theory is for these libraries to be self sustaining, but it doesn't always work quite that way. The theory is simple: Take a Book – Leave a Book.

The Winger Lions did some fairly extensive research to find out what worked and what didn't work in other areas. The two biggest problems seemed to be vandalism and weather. Most of these Little Free Libraries are set up outdoors, and consist of a box with a door on the front, filled with 20 or 25 books, depending on the size of the box. Moisture is a book's worst enemy, and the Lions were concerned about how one of these boxes would stand a Minnesota winter. The vandalism issue is of concern too, especially in a small town where there is little, if any traffic on the streets late at night.

Service and maintenance were also discussed at some length. If we're going to associate the name of the Winger Lions with a project of this nature, it would be imperative to keep the stock neat and up to date. Lions members will be responsible for upkeep and restocking.

We chose to proceed with the project, but with a couple variations from the norm. We chose to locate the libraries inside a business within the community, and to use a bookshelf arrangement rather than a box. This potentially solves all three of the most obvious problems, and gives some other advantages besides. Weather and vandalism would not be a concern, and the shelf arrangement would allow us to put in a larger stock of books, and greater variety.

It was decided to locate these libraries in small towns in our area that do not have a public library, thus providing some good quality reading material to those who don't have ready access to a public library. Here's the way it works: We set up a small table, like a computer table, and place a three bookshelf unit on the table. This gets the books up to eye level, so elderly people don't have to stoop down to the floor to look for a book. No check out or return of books is required. The concept of Take a Book – Leave a Book will make the library somewhat self sustaining, but we want to emphasize that people are welcome to take a book without leaving a book, and if they don't get up town real often, they may take more than one book at a time. We have a very large store of books (Thousands) with which to replenish our stock, so we won't run short.

We looked for businesses that were frequented by a majority of the citizens of the community, and were open every day. We had no problem finding businesses that were more than willing to host a library site. Plans for the Winger Lions is to start with libraries in Bejou, Winger and Erskine, and then possibly spread out to other area communities that may be interested.

We set up our first Little Free Library at the Cenex Convenience Store and Café in Bejou. We filled the shelves with a good variety of quality books (No piles of rummage sale junk). The shelf unit we used holds about 75 books.

Any Club wishing to pursue such a project is welcome to contact Winger Lions for help with starting stock and ideas. Contact person is Lion Dick Roue at 218-435-6604 (Home) or 218-435-1313 (Work) or droue@gvtel.com. The signage is on 11 x 17 stock and is laminated – Lion Dick Roue will make these for other clubs if they need them.



The Bejou Little Free Library.

CancerCare Initiative update

Mike Janssen, chair, has had meetings with The Lions Foundation of Man. & NW Ontario as well as with Cancer groups in Manitoba. 50% of whatever the Initiative generates in funds will be given to the foundation's M.A.P. to be used to aid recipients dealing with cancer. The other 50% will go to other cancer entities to assist in their program costs and equipment purchases etc.

We are currently looking at holding a raffle on a \$500 quilt, a \$200 afghan, and a Lions Logo side table. The plan is to draw the winners at the Mid Winter Convention. As well we will be selling LIONS Mints to assist in the fundraising. A celebrity head shave is also in the works and who knows may even show up at the Mid Winter Convention and who know who could find themselves bald.

We will also be an advisement body to the clubs on all matters dealing with cancer questions. If we don't have the answer we will get it "from reliable sources". We will not answer medical treatment questions or requests but will put individuals in contact with the appropriate professionals. We have already advised one of our clubs dealing with issues arising from a cancer aid request and helped them resolve the concerns they had surrounding this request.





Local Lion dedicated to serving community

This article appeared in the St. Vital Lance Nov. 20, 2013 and it is authored by Christine Melnick. Ms. Melnick is the Member of the Legislature in the Manitoba Government representing the Riel Riding in the City of Winnipeg.



Lion Stan Puchniak, right, of the Riverside Lions Club was recognised by the Manitoba Government represented by Minister Christine Melnick. Lion Stan was awarded a certificate of honourable mention for his work with the Riverside Lions Club in supporting two affordable housing projects in the St. Vital area. Lion Stan stated that he was also involved in a third housing project when he helped the Royal Canadian Legion Charleswood Branch with one of their projects.

The award was presented at the Manitoba Legislature on Tuesday October 29, 2013.

It was with great pride that I attended the Manitoba Council on Aging 2013 Recognition Awards, presented by the Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat in the Manitoba legislature last month (October).

These awards recognize the outstanding contributions each award winner has made within their communities. I celebrated with one of our own from Riel this year — Mr. Stan Puchniak received an Honourable Mention for his tremendous work within the Riel community and well beyond.

Mr. Puchniak has devoted significant time and energy to many local community projects over the years. To list only a few of his accomplishments, he has been a long-standing member of the Lions Club of Riverside for more than 30 years. He has been a mainstay of the Club throughout his membership, in particular providing his skills as a chartered accountant for the Club's many projects.

These have included the Riverside Lions Estates, a 130-unit apartment building for seniors and adults living with disabilities, as well as more recently the Lions Seniors Residences, a 75-unit facility for assisted and supported living. It is important to note that both of these are affordable housing facilities, with congregate meal programs available to all residents. Stan Puchniak provides a living example of the Lions Club motto "We Serve," demonstrating how one person can make such a great difference by bringing their skills to the table in an open, caring way.

Age-friendly living is a priority for Manitoba because it's a priority for families. Together, we're moving towards a province which recognizes the diversity among older Manitobans who have different needs. Manitoba is considered a leader in creating age-friendly environments, with 80% of our population living in communities that have signed on to the Age Friendly Manitoba Initiative.

Age-Friendly Manitoba's partners provide a range of services to older adults in Manitoba including advocacy, education, elder abuse counselling and referral. We believe that these partnerships are essential to creating age-friendly communities that will ensure the participation, health, independence and security of older persons and contribute to healthy aging in our province. For

more information on services available to older Manitobans go to Manitoba.ca or by calling 204-945-2127.

One again, congratulations and thank you to Stan. His example shows us what becomes possible when people move from saying "Me" to saying "We."



East Kildonan Lions

The East Kildonan Lions Club put together two shoeboxes for Operation child.



Barnesville's Governor's Night and RLF donation



PDG Lion Ken Kolding presenting Lion DG Doug Wiens with a gift to include a gas card to help with all his travels.



Lion Sean Wahl representing the Barnesville Community Fund show presenting Lion DG Doug Wiens with a calendar featuring photos taken by the late 1st VDG Mike Farrell of the Barnesville Lions.



Kevin Reich, left, of the Red Lake Falls Lions Club, presented a donation to Project New Hope (PNH) representatives at a recent meeting. They include: second from left, Jenifer Spielman, 5M11 PNH chair, Dale Johansen, PNH Board Treasurer of Underwood and Betty Johansen of Underwood. For the past 4 years, the RLF Lions have had a 5K/10K run/walk with all proceeds going to PNH.



Lion Mike Quiggle receiving the Helen Keller Award Plaque from Lion District Governor Doug Wiens at our Governor's Night in Barnesville. Lion Mike Quiggle has sung in Our Savior's Luther Church Choir, served on its council, and taught Sunday School. He is a volunteer to deliver meals on wheels, deliver commodities, and assist HELPERS to give seniors rides to appointments. Lion Mike is currently the club's 2nd VP, has served on the club's board of directors, and has been the club secretary. He has served as Zone 1 chairperson, and is the person in charge of the many miles of ditch cleaning in the spring and fall. He always does his share or more when it comes to tickets sales for the club's stag or annual raffle, as well as Bingo at the Clay County Fair or Potato Days.



Thursdays Night Lions President, Lori Guida; DG Doug Wiens and Barnesville Lions President Dean Ernst during the recent Governor's Night.

**Enjoy a trip across the
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**Mike Farrell
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Calendar
Now Available**



In tribute to Mike Farrell many contributions to our community, region and beyond, the Barnesville Area Community Fund has printed a special 2014 calendar featuring the Mike's beautiful photography from across the United States and beyond!

While quantities last, receive this Mike Farrell calendar when you make of gift of \$10 or more to the Barnesville Area Community Fund.

**Calendars are available at the EDA
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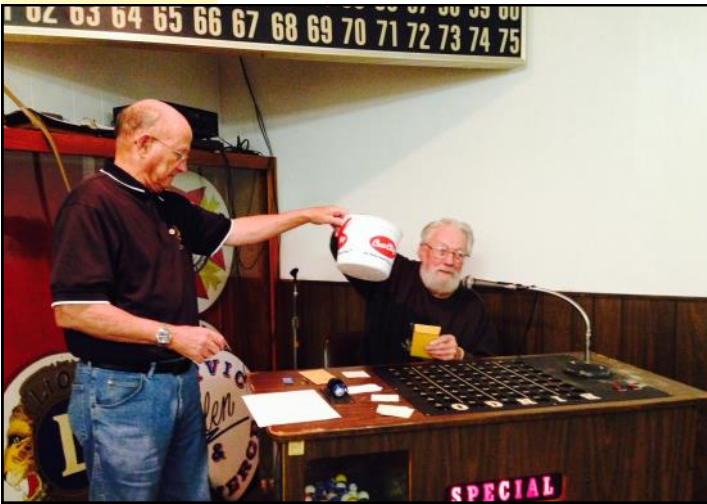
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A graphic illustration at the bottom of the logo showing a silhouette of a town skyline with a church steeple, set against a background of stylized waves or clouds.

CALL 218-354-2145 for more information or to give a donation



Ulen and Hawley Lions Club activities



Ulen Lion Gordy Nichols drawing Top Hat Theatre tickets at the Lions Bingo event Nov. 23. Lion Ron Evans is holding the pail and announcing a winner at Bingo night Nov. 23.



District Governor and other dignitaries at Ulen Lions club's annual Bingo night at the Event Center Nov. 23rd.



Ulen Lions serving breakfast for Alissa Stall's Benefit Nov. 24th.



Ulen Lion Dale Holman mixing scrambled eggs for Stall Benefit Nov. 24th.



The Hawley Lions that bagged 5000 lbs of donated potatoes from the Cavendish farms, then the Hawley Lions delivered 10- 12 lb bags of potatoes to food pantries in the area. This is the 2nd year that the Hawley Lions have conducted this project.



St. Hilaire and Fertile Lions activities



The St. Hilaire Lions Club give 1st place and 2nd place prizes in 3 different age-groups, and everybody else gets a 3rd place prize of \$5 for their annual Halloween Party.

They feed them hot dogs and chips, and after the costume judging, take them on a hayride around little St. Hilaire to "Trick or Treat". The community enjoys this, as all the kids come at one time.

This year we had 67 children in costume attend, along with many parents.



Princess Kay of the Milky Way, MarJenna McWilliam of Winger, honored the Fertile Lions club at our meeting on Oct. 23rd, 2013. She was chosen out of the 12 finalist, out of 70 candidate. She is from Winger, which is in Polk County, and she was crowned the 60th Princess Kay of Milky Way, and is the second winner from Polk County. Pictured with her, is her father and our President Lion Ray Nelson.



Lion Ken Bauer from the Barnesville Lions Club came and spoke at the Fertile Lions club Nov. 13th about Leader Dogs. The presentation he gave, had us all in awe. He told us about the process of dogs to become Leader Dogs. And invited us all to visit the Training Center in Rochester, Michigan. After the meeting our club decided to donate \$500.00 for one of the bricks, that are placed at the Training Center. We thank Lion Ken for paying us a visit and giving us more knowledge about Leader Dogs.



Thank you Lions

At this time of the year we are reminded of the generous support from individual Lions and Club support from Clubs in District 5M-11. We would like to extend a very warm thank you for supporting the important work the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation is doing. Your support has made it possible for us to continue ***touching lives with hope***. That hope lights the way for patients today and the cures of tomorrow as we continue our dedication in restoring the gift of sound through research, equipment and clinics.

♦ Lions Children's Hearing Center ♦ Lions 5M International Hearing Center ♦ Lions Voice Clinic

In 1999 the Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide newborn hearing screening program. Early diagnosis and treatment is key to young children as statistics show that children diagnosed and treated for hearing loss by the age of 6 months will have the ability to progress with speech at the same level as their normal hearing peers.

We hope you will help us continue the important work we are doing at the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation by supporting us at your mid-winter conventions and Parade of Green donations. ***Thanks again for your support!***

SAVE THE DATE...JUNE 7, 2014

Date:

**JUNE 7,
2014**

Place:

Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, MN—55318



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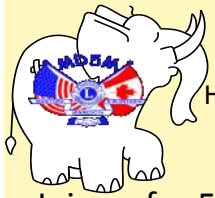
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Save the date of June 7, 2014 and come out and join us to walk in the beautiful gardens of the Arboretum and raise money for a great cause!

95th MD5M Multiple Convention

April 25-27, 2014

"Meet Horton @ Morton MN"



Jackpot Junction Casino

Hosted by:

Milroy Lions & 5M3 Lions



Join us for 5M3's 1st Multiple Convention!

Start making plans now to attend the 95th Annual Multiple Convention. The Convention Committee is hard at work to make this a convention to remember.

Pre-registrations are now being taken for ONLY \$80.00! This includes 4 meals & the Friday night mixer. After September 30, registrations will go up to \$90.00. Hotel registrations can be made at 1-800-946-2274. Room prices are: Thursday night - \$48.09; Friday night- \$63.06; Saturday night- \$70.5 (includes all tax). Room selections are: King Room, Handicapped Room or Double Room. Closest Airport: Redwood Falls, MN.

EVERYTHING at the convention is under 1 roof, short walking distances and easy accessibility. Can't sleep? Casino floor is open 24 hours a day at Minnesota's first gambling casino. A new ground ventilating system is presently being installed that removes smoke from the building.

NORTH-From St. Cloud: Take Highway 23 southwest to Highway 71 in Willmar. Continue South on 71 through Olivia to Redwood County Road 2 (Note: Do not turn on Renville County Road 2) and follow the billboards to Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel.

SOUTH-From Albert Lea: Take I-90 west to Highway 71 North, through Redwood Falls. Turn right on Redwood County Road 2 and follow the billboards to Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel.

EAST-From Twin Cities: Take 494 west to 212 west. Stay on 212 west all the way to Olivia, MN. Head south on Highway 71 approximately 16 miles to Redwood County Road 2 (Note: Do not turn on Renville County Road 2) and follow the billboards to Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel.

WEST-From Sioux Falls: Take I-90 east to Worthington. Take Highway 60 east to Windom. Head North on 71 through Redwood Falls continuing on 71. Take 71 to Redwood County Road 2. Turn right on 2.

COME ROAR WITH US!

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TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 25-

8:30-10:30am Political Liaison/Council of Governors Mtg
 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Registration
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Credentials
 3:30-7 p.m. Credentials
 12-2 p.m. 1st VDGE and Spouse Training
 12:00-1:00 p.m. Convention Committee Meetings(if needed)
Sergeant at Arms Resolution, Rules Convention City Election
 1:30-2:30 p.m. DGE's Meet the IV Guest
 3:00 p.m. Convention Opening Ceremonies
 3:15 p.m. Seminar- **Global Membership Team PCC Bob Jechorek**
 4 p.m. Seminar- **Quest- PDG Jack Riordan**
 4:00-6:30 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
 5:00-7:00 p.m. Pin Trading
 5:30-7:00 p.m. PDG Social & Banquet
 6:30 p.m. 1st Timers Meeting
 7:30-8:30 p.m. Service of Remembrance
 8:30-10:00 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
 8:30-11:30pm Oktoberfest/Cash Bar "New Ulm Concord Singers"



Saturday, April 26-

6:30-8:30 a.m. Brunch
 7-8:30 a.m. Registration
 7-8:30 a.m. Credentials
 7:30-8:30 a.m. Convention Raffle Open
 7:30-8:30 a.m. Foundation Meetings- (20 minutes)
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation/Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation/ Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation
 8:30-11:30 a.m. General Business Meeting
 9-11 a.m. Seminar- Non-Lions/Guests
 10-11:30 a.m. Leo's Seminar
 11:30 am-4:30 pm Pin Trading
 11:30-1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon (Peace Poster/Hall of Fame)
 1:30 p.m. Pin Traders Meeting
 1:30-5:30 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
 1:45-4:15 p.m. Seminar Speakers

1:45-2:30 p.m. *Alzheimers Panel*

2:40-3:25 p.m. *Soles 4 Souls*

3:30-4:15 p.m. *Dog Guides of Canada*

4:30 p.m. MN Lions Diabetes Fndtn Drawing
 5:15-6 p.m. Meet & Greet 2nd VDGE & Spouses
 5:15 p.m. Social & Cash Bar
 5:30 p.m. DG, DGE, PID & Guests Reception
 6:30-11:00 p.m. Banquet followed by Entertainment

Speaker: PID Haynes Townsend
 Entertainment: Scott Hansen & Co.



Sunday, April 27-

7:15-8:00 a.m. PDG Meeting
 7:15-8:00 a.m. International Convention Meeting
 8-9 a.m. Registration
 8:00-8:45 a.m. Ecumenical Service
 9:00-11 a.m. Brunch
 Tail Twisting/Raffle
 Speaker: Can Do Canines
 Closing Business Session
 2014 Convention Report
 Adjournment

11 a.m. Past Council Chairs & Council Chair Elect Meeting 20



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Funding for Diabetes Research

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....The Saga of the Silent Killer....

There's a silent DEADLY Killer that's in our communities and we need YOUR HELP to hunt it down!! Saddle Up Lions – ***"We're going after Diabetes"***...we need you to join our MN Lions Diabetes Foundation "Citizen Posse". Join our posse to find a CURE to fight this deadly disease!

We have a great big territory out there to cover if we're going to CAPTURE this deadly killer "DIABETES"...so we're going to need lots of posses!

We need to be organized to succeed....we need you to round up all the citizen Lions in your club and band together with community members who have diabetes, friends, family and businesses to build your posse! (You might have to lasso a few "Citizens" to help them realize how IMPORTANT this mission is and we can't do it without them!!)

You might start out as a Ranch Hand Posse, but as soon as the word gets out that we're tracking down DIABETES.....your posse will soon grow into a Cowboy Posse! Next your posse could become Deputized. As you start to cover more territory you will want to become Sheriffs! As we get closer to our capture, we will need more Marshals and finally when we start putting DIABETES on trial we will need the big Posse ~ "The Judge"!!

Let's SADDLE UP Lions and organize your POSSE!! Give your posse a *fun name* and we'll list your posse on our MLDF website in the following categories:

Purchase 25 tickets (\$250)	=	Ranch Hand
Purchase 50 tickets (\$500)	=	Cowboy
Purchase 100 tickets (\$1,000)	=	Deputy
Purchase 200 tickets (\$2,000)	=	Sheriff
Purchase 500 tickets (\$5,000)	=	Marshal
Purchase 1,000 tickets (\$10,000 +)	=	"The JUDGE"

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc

5M11 Posse Update



Ranch Hands

Who will be the first?



Cowboys

Who will be the first??



Deputy

The 1068 Locomotive/Dilworth

Zone 6/5M11

District 5M11

SADDLE Up Lions and Stop in @
www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

To see how the hunt is going!!

REWARD "Cure For Diabetes"



The new CancerCare Initiative sign board for the display is complete thanks to Pixel8 Graphics of Winnipeg. The display board is ready to use and I am making dates to attend various clubs to give presentations. These presentations deal with education, information, and fundraising. There is an effort to raise funding to create awards to present to clubs and individuals based on efforts to support the initiative. For more information, contact Chair Mike Janssen at mjanssen@shaw.ca or at 204-669-0473 or cell 204-479-1843.



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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 Leo. Two \$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.

Now it is time to be thinking about the 2014 recipient. Although the 2014 LITPC Scholarship application forms are being revised and will be posted to the LITPC website when available, it is still time to begin spreading the word about this wonderful opportunity.

All members of the 5M Pin Traders are being asked to inform your Club and District members about this scholarship.

Please have applicants begin checking the LITPC website for the application form. The website for the 2014 Scholarship Application is: www.LITPC.org

The deadline for submitting the completed LITPC Youth Scholarship Application is March 1, 2014.

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@g.com

Pin Traders – it is time to begin our search for that very deserving 2014 LITPC Youth Scholarship recipient!!!



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. I WANT EVERY CLUB to be in the newsletter this year. As it stands, only 28 clubs have sent in items. Please help me by sending in items, every month if you would like. Lets get your club on my list.

PLEASE HELP ME MEET THIS CHALLENGE FELLOW LIONS

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

Upcoming deadlines for the newsletter:

December 20th EARLY deadline for the January newsletter (last one before convention)

January 30th LATE deadline for the February newsletter (right after convention)

Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor

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*Clubs that have submitted items since July are Alvarado, Barnesville, Beausejour, Crookston Noonday, Crookston Dawn to Dusk, **Crookston Leo Club**, Dilworth Loco Ladies, East Kildonan, East St. Paul, Fertile, Flom and Area, Glyndon, Hawley, Lake Bronson, Lions Club of Winnipeg, Moorhead, Red Lake Falls, Riverside, St. Hilaire, Thief River Falls, Thief River Falls Moonlighters, **Ulen**, Warroad, West. St. Paul, **Winger**, Winnipeg West, Winnipeg South, Whitemouth and District.*



Websites to Know



Lions Club International: www.lionsclubs.org

Multiple District 5M: www.lionsmd5m.org

District 5M-11: www.lions5m11.org

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





**Lions 5M11 District Governor
Club Visitation Request Form
2013—2014**



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:

Address for Site of Visit: _____

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

Lions Contact person for visit: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Special Requests** (Etc Special Speech Topic;
induction of new members: installation of Officers; present awards; dress , or others)

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 Doug Wiens

E: doug@prudentialriverbend.ca

In lieu of gifts during visits, please donate to either
the Minnesota Diabetes foundation or the Canadian
Diabetes Association.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

December 2013:

9th and 10th	Crookston club visits	Crookston, MN
11th	East St. Paul club visit	East St. Paul, MB
12th	South Junction & Area Pineland visit	South Junction, MB
16th	Zone 3 meeting	Fosston, MN
18th	Winger and Plummer club visits	Winger, MN

January 2014:

3rd-5th	5M9 Convention	Mahnomen, MN
8th	Red Lake Falls club visits	Red Lake Falls, MN
10th-12th	5M1 Convention	Rochester, MN
	5M5 Convention	Bloomington, MN
	5M6 Convention	Bloomington, MN
17th-19th	5M7 Convention	Bloomington, MN
	5M10 Convention	Bemidji, MN
24th-26th	5M11 Convention	Mahnomen, MN

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

Winnipeg Lions	92 years	12/15/1921
Twin Valley Lions	55 years	12/3/1958
Moorhead Midday Central Lions	55 years	12/10/1958
Ulen Lions	41 years	12/7/1972
Borup Lions	35 years	12/29/1978
Wannaska Lions	289 years	12/6/1984
Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions	14 years	12/10/1999

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