

5M13 Midwinter Convention fast approaching

Plans for the 5M13 Midwinter Convention, February 22-24, 2013 have been finalized. The Convention is being held at the Lakeview Resort and Conference Centre in Gimli. There is ample free parking on site. All meals will be served and all events will be under one roof.

For those who arrive early on Friday, the Hospitality Room will be open from 4 pm to 6 pm, with complimentary food and beverages. The Hospitality Room will also be open after the Friday night mixer and before and after the Saturday night banquet.

The Theme of the Convention is "Welcome to New Iceland". The Friday night mixer will feature a high energy and interactive show by Manitoba's premier Elvis tribute artist, Adam T. Elvis accompanied by the Good Rockin Tonight Band, with a Hawaii theme. Members are asked to wear either Hawaiian shirts or dress as Vikings. Leis will be presented upon arrival. A late night snack will be served.

There will be two guest speakers during the Saturday breakfast. PDG Lion Harvey Kingdon will be giving a presentation on LCIF. The other speaker is Brett Devloo, aka "Brett the Blind Kid". Brett is a Grade 12 student from Stonewall who lost his eyesight last year due to a rare genetic mutation of his DNA. Despite being totally blind, Brett maintains a positive attitude and will speak about his experience and overcoming obstacles.

Saturday morning after breakfast, there will interesting

and educational seminars. PDG Lion Rick Plaiser on Membership, Lion Gord Kingdon on Youth Exchange, retired RCMP Sergeant Lion Dennis Hawkins on Fraud and Identity Theft prevention and ID Lion Stephen Glass on Lions Serving in the Community.

Following the Saturday morning seminars, there will be the traditional youth speak off competition. The guest speaker for the Saturday luncheon will be Dilla Narfason of the Icelandic Canadian Society who will speak on Icelandic culture and the hardships faced by the early Icelandic settlers.

We encourage all clubs in the district to send delegates to the convention as we understand that there are several important resolutions to be voted on at the business meeting Saturday afternoon. Any guests who will not be attending the business meeting are invited to the New Iceland Heritage Museum conveniently located a block away from the hotel. A guided tour of the museum will be followed by a short film and a coffee and pastry reception. Best of all, no admission will be charged.

The Saturday evening banquet will feature a Necrology Service and a key note address by our Guest of Honour, ID Lion Stephen Glass. Following the formal part of the evening, there will be an old fashioned sing along led by Tom and Sheridan Forshaw, two accomplished musicians, featuring well known songs such as Those Were the Days, Me and Bobby McGee, Jambalaya and Waltzing Matilda. The winners of the variety auction will be posted during the banquet. In addition, we have 14 Elvis DVD's which will given away during desert.

A non-denominational worship service will be held Sunday morning. During the Sunday morning breakfast there will be the Parade of Green and the drawing of the Journey for Sight Raffle. The key note speaker will be Dave Nash from the Lions Foundation Dog Guides in Oakville, Ontario.

The Convention Committee has worked very hard to make this a memorable convention filled with fun and fellowship. Please forward your registration as soon as possible.

District nominations

By-Laws, Section 11

Any member of a Club or District seeking the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice-District Governor or Third Vice-District Governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention and furnish therewith evidence of his/ her compliance with the qualifications for such office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Qualifications for office

Based on Constitution and By-Laws of LCI

- Candidates for each office must: 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.

A candidate for the office of district governor shall:

1. 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:

 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:

 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) 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.

Since no mention is made of "A candidate for the office of third-vice district governor", in District 5M-13 such a candidate must meet the qualifications for "Candidates for each office" and be prepared to meet the qualifications required when seeking.



"STANDARD TIME" TOM & SHERIDAN FORSHAW

Saturday night after dinner and presentations, you will be entertained with the music and songs from late 50's, 60's, and 70's. Performed by Tom and Sheridan Forshaw. Tom and Sheridan have been playing and singing together for 25 years. They have performed at special events across southern Manitoba. Tom plays piano, pipe organ, violin, banjo, guitar and bass. He teaches out of his studio west of Teulon. Sheridan plays the guitar and plays the fool. She is a graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada. Together they have written more than 50 praise and worship songs. They live on a small hobby form and have raised goats, chickens and rabbits. They are called 'Standard Time' because they sing standards, and they encourage you to sing along!!

D.G. Digest...we are Roaring Along

Happy New Year....Lions Family Welcome to 2013

entlemen and ladies, start Gyour engines if we thought the first half of our Lions year fast ... hang onto your hats for the next 6 months.

As we look back we have so many things to be thankful for, and as we look ahead we know we are going to make a difference in so many ways to so many 'We Serve'.

During the upcoming few weeks we have so many events happening. we have our Lions Bonspiel, Journey for Sight, and the Mid Winter Convention. I would like to thank each of the organizing committees for all their hard work in making these

events happen.

At this time of year we always make New Years Resolutions, and I would like to suggest the Clubs and the District strive to improve from our starting point last July to the handing over of the reins to our successors at year end. We can look back and improve what perhaps didn't work the way we wanted and look for opportunities to serve in perhaps a different way.

In a "World of Service" has been an inspiring theme for Lions around the world and we are seeing clubs step up to the plate and participate in the Club Excellence Program, and a



prerequisite is to complete three community service projects in addition to other criteria, but have FUN.

As most of you know I love the laughter and the fellowship of spending time with Lions, and whenever Lions get together, problems get smaller and communities get stronger.

Please feel free to offer your suggestions as my inbox is always available and I appreciate your ideas and support. I look forward to a successful second half of my term only because of how great you are in the thoughtful giving of your time and energy DG Willie

Please support LCIF

s we prepare for "Parade **L**of Green" donations at our Mid-Winter Convention, please consider a donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). It is our Foundation and the official charitable organization of LCI. All funds forwarded are used for the designated purpose, with administrative costs coming from the fund interest.

The funds are used for preserving sight, combating disabilities, promoting health, supporting youth, and providing disaster relief. Your donation can be threefold: helping

others throughout the world, contributing towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship, and meeting one of the requirements for club excellence.

In November 2012 LCIF provided a US \$35,300 matching grant for cataract surgery equipment for the Swan Valley area. This was the 21st LCIF grant given to Manitoba providing a total of US \$1,051,772.

These funds come from Lions throughout the world. Let us contribute to LCIF so such contributions may continue.

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January11-13	District Curling Bonspiel Bowsman
19	Journey for Sight Celebration Brandon
26	Minitonas, Swan River, Bowsman Visitation
February 8-10	5M11 Mid-Winter
14	Boissevain Visitation
22 – 24	5M13 Convention, Lakeview Resort & Conf. Centre, Gimli, MB
March 16	Council of Governors Meeting, Brooklyn Center,
May 3	Council of Governors Meeting, Rochester, MN
May 3	Multiple Convention, Rochester, MN

July 5 INTERNATIONAL, Hamburg, Germany

Please book a day for the District Governor to visit your club if you haven't already done so. Many Thanks!

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Due to health reasons there will be no club reports this month. A speedy recover to Secretary Lion Omer Champigny



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Message from Vice District Governor VICE DG LLOYD MCCABE

Here we are in the third quarter of our Lion year and a lot of things will be happening soon in preparation for next year.

My responsibility is to put together the membership for a new cabinet for 2013-2014. I have already been reviewing most of the positions and have approached many Lions in this great District of ours to serve outside of their clubs. There are so many dedicated leaders to choose from it is not an easy decision to focus on just one Lion for each position. I thank those of you who already have confirmed to accept a position.

Another responsibility is to have the PU-101's for each Club sent to Lions International by the end of April 2013. So as a reminder to each Club, your nominating committee should become active by the end of January. Once the new executive has been approved, the secretary of each club has the responsibility to file the PU-101 report. The report requires only four names and relevant information: the incoming President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair.

By the time we all read this the Journey for Sight will have been completed under the very capable guidance of Lion Blair McIntyre. This is the Lions Eye Bank major fundraiser and we certainly thank all the riders who generously donate their time and money raising efforts for a week long ride at the coldest time of the year.

The Lions Provincial Bonspiel in Bowsman will also have been completed.

Next on our agenda will be the Mid-Winter Convention in Gimli. I trust that most clubs will be sending their representatives to enjoy the best weekend of the winter for a fun and learning experience. One very important part of the program is the Parade of Green and the financial commitment of Clubs to the many projects in our District.

Our incoming

International President, Barry Palmer advises that LCI had conducted a recent research project on the reasons why Lions quit. They found that three out of four former Lions expressed that they dropped their membership for the following top five reasons as: unproductive meetings, not enough younger members, meetings were not enjoyable, they did not feel like they belonged and the club felt too political. An obvious challenge for all of us to learn from those who have left our ranks. I challenge each club to review the Club Excellent Process (CEP) to further improve the success of your club.

On December 7, I attended Hearing Foundation meetings in Winnipeg for the Canadian Division including 5M10, 5M11 and 5M13. Dr. Ritterman, Provincial Audiologist Program Manager, reported that we now have all ten birthing centres staffed with a qualified Audiologist. This



is the first time that this had been in place since the Infant Screening Program began in 2000. The demand for the increased funding obviously will increase with all programs in full operation. We also have now provided hearing aids to 15 individuals, which included one individual who was fitted with a BAHA. These new hearing aids are provided financially in a 3-way split with the Lions Hearing Foundation, the sponsoring Lions Club and the Horizon Hearing Clinic. Continued collection of used hearing aids is encouraged by all Lions Clubs and our continued support from Horizon Hearing Clinics is most appreciated.

Lion Bev and I would again like to thank our Wheat City Lions Club for their continued support and encouragement.

Teulon Lions receive Jubliee medals

Teulon and Area Lions Club is proud to announce that on Friday, December 14, two of its members, PDG Lion Josip Lecnik, and Lion Ralph Eichler MLA, received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medals, presented by fellow Lion James Bezan, Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake.

The medal was created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen

Elizabeth II's accession to the throne, and to honour deserving Canadians'

significant contributions and achievements. These two Diamond Jubilee recipients stand out amongst their peers for the commendable service they have provided. Combined, they exemplify community service and public service.

"For over 20 years, Lion Josip has devoted his time and energy to bettering the lives of those less fortunate, " said MP Bezan." I am extremely pleased to be able to recognize his virtuous and moral work."

Bezan said of Lion Ralph: "In any role Lion Ralph has ever undertaken, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to bettering his community and his province." In 1957, PDG Lion Josip Lecnik



emigrated to Canada. He served as President of Winnipeg's Yugoslav-Canadian Association from 1971 to 1978. He was the founding Chairman of the Teulon Senior Resources Council. After joining the Teulon and Area Lions Club in 1989, he has served his club with exemplary devotion and honour. Among his achievements are three terms as club president, plus chairman for Gala Dinners, and Dinner Theatres fund raisers. In 2002 and 2003, he was Zone and Region Chairman for 5M12. From 2005 to 2007, he served as Zone 11 chairperson for 5M13. Lion Josip served as District Governor for 5M13 for the 2009-2010 year, and was responsible for over 64 clubs throughout western Manitoba. As DG, Lion Josip's "pet projects" were the Medical Assistance Program, and the Lions Foundation of Canada Guide Dogs program.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to Lionism, Lion Josip received the Lions Club's highest honour, the Melvin Jones Plaque, in 2006.

Lion Ralph Eichler's career includes ranching, auctioneering, banking, school board administration, and owner of an agricultural business. Besides being an active member of the Teulon and Area Lions, he is also a member of the Stonewall

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 52 Some of his past activities include: Board Director of Prairie Implementations Manufacturers' Association, Board Chairman of Neicom Developments, first director of Teulon Green Acres Park Board, President of the Interlake Riding Club, supporter of the Teulon Handivan Committee,, member of the Interlake Community Foundation Board, and Treasurer of the Teulon Gold and Country Club. Lion Ralph has been an MLA since 2003. He was elected by his peers as a Director to the State Agriculture Chairs Summit, working with US state agriculture legislators, Canadian provincial ministers, and elected officials, to develop agricultural policy and to exchange best practices.



Rivers Lions host senior citizens supper

Rivers & Area Lions sponsored Senior Citizens supper began the same year they were chartered in 1975. The first two years soup and sandwiches were served, and then in 1978 they provided their first Christmas supper to 75 members of the community. This year Lion Jim Boles thanked those Lions and wives who provided the meal for some 240. Lion Jim mentioned that there were three ladies who had helped served at all the suppers since their inception.

President Tanya Cameron and Lion Jim Boles presented \$200 cheques to each of the following: Rollingdale Enterprizes for their preparation of the table centre pieces, Rivers Handivan for pickup and delivery of many seniors in the community and finally to six of the grade twelve graduates who assisted in serving the supper; Jillian Beever, Taylor Froese, Britany English, Tegan Radcliffe, Sydney Springer and Jacob Heapy.



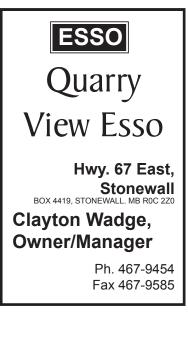
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Lion Wally Hillier recevies Melvin Jones Fellow award

Lion Wally Hillier receives a Melvin Jones Fellow award on December 6, 2012 at the Rivers & Area Lions sponsored Senior Citizens Christmas party.

Lion Wally joined the Rivers & Area Lions Club in October 1976 sponsored by Lion Brook Creighton. He went on to act as Treasurer in 1978 and 1979. He became the Tail Twister for 1980 and 1981. Then President in 1984 and Zone Chair in 1986. In 1986 and 1987 he was the Secretary. In 1986 and again in 1989 he served on the Lions Eye Bank as one of its Directors. District Cabinet duties came calling in 1989 when he served as Deputy District Governor and went on to serve as 3rd Vice District Governor in 1991. He finished his Cabinet duties as its Treasurer in 1993.

During Lion Wally's years he sponsored seven Lions. Lions Ross Lindberg, Don McCracken, Don Winfield, Jim Casey, Danny Harrison, Keith Johnston and Jim Hare.



Lion Wally, and his wife Pat, were recognized for their many years of service to the community. Over the years they



VDG Lloyd McCabe (on left) officially induct three new members to the Rivers Lions Club. Lion Jim Boles - sponsor, Harvey Wood, Shelly Brown, Tanya Cameron - sponsor, and Wendy Wood.

both have been involved with Riverdale Hospital, Church, Community Arena, Rollingdale Enterprizes, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Branch #75, Rivers & Area Lions Club and many others.

Lion Wally and Pat are moving to Portage La Prairie. We wish him congratulations on his award and his long years of service with Lions.



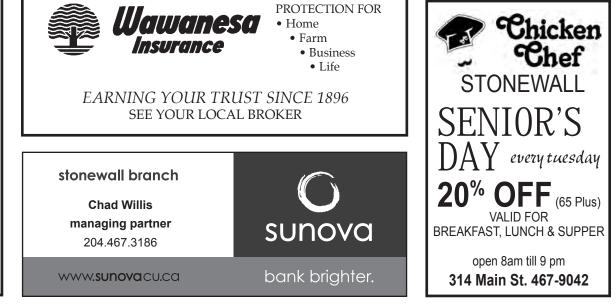


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The Portage Lions Club held an Auction of merchandise donated by city and area Hutterite colonies on November 3. The Auction, with cash donations, raised \$14,000. Tim and Dave Rogers, local auctioneers, volunteered their services. The merchandise ranged from a children's table and chair set to a set of tires.



The Teulon and Area Lions took part in the Teulon Christmas parade, on November 23rd. Teulon and Area President Lion Lory Wowk drove the "train", of decorated and lighted cars, with electricity provided by a small generator. Accompanied by our Christmas Carols, "Leo the Lion" (2nd VP Lion Barbara Prescott in costume), and 1st VP Lion Judith Dedrick-Williams, handed out candy along the route. Lion Barbara had the little children growling at her in return for a candy cane treat! Lots of smiles that night! Lions Doug Stone and Ron Findlay started, and manned the bonfire, a traditional part of the festivities, one which helps to warm everyone up! All in all - we enjoyed ourselves, while letting Teulon know the Lions were in town!

Virden Lions give back





Kandace Waldner, a Grade Six student at Green Acres Colony School, was the winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Wawanesa Lions Club. A total of 43 posters were entered and made a colorful display at the Remembrance Day Services of Wawanesa School and the Wawanesa Community. Prizes were awarded to the top three winners and all participants received a treat, courtesy of the Lions Club.

On Friday, November 30, Virden Lions gave donations to organizations in the community. Back row: (I-r) Ian Frankton representing Virden Ball Diamonds and the proposed Virden Curling Club, Cindy Soder (Elkwood Manor in Elkhorn), Lion Dick Noble, Lion Ken Wardle, Paul Rocan (ACL).

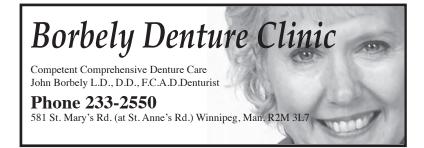
Middle row: (I-r) Tony Schneider (Virden Ball Diamonds and Virden Curling Club), Brad Yochim (Wallace District Fire Department), Glen McKinnon (Virden Well View Golf Course), Myrna Bisson and

Linda Haskett (Virden and Area Food Cupboard), Ron De La Hey (Virden Auditorium), Lion Harvey Sawchuk, Lion Garnett Goodridge.

Front row: (I-r) Gerry Gatey (Virden Youth Training Centre), Laura Neely-Carter (Canadian Diabetes Association), Carol Anne Trowell (Virden & District Health Auxiliary), Lorraine Harvey (Heart & Stroke Fund), Shelley Savy (ACL) and Lion John Carefoot. The collective total of the donations was \$44,000. Photo courtesy of Charlotte Cutler / Virden Empire Advance



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