



# District 5M11 Newsletter

January 2016



## DIGNITY THROUGH SERVICE



### A Seasonal Success: Whitemouth Lions donate food, funds collected through CP Holiday Train

By Arlene Davidson of the Lac du Bonnet Clipper

On Dec. 5, members of the Whitemouth Lions Club completed the CP Holiday Train tour with their final destinations as they delivered nonperishable food items and cash donations collected at the Dec. 4 event to the local food banks.

While Whitemouth Lions club president Shannon Malkoske and others arrived at the Lac du Bonnet Food Bank at 11 a.m. with truck box filled with food, fellow Lions Calvin Kirby and Co. arrived at the Beausejour Food Bank with similar good in tow.

As Lions carried boxes and bags of canned and dry staples inside, volunteers weighed and tallied a total of 573 pounds of food donations in Lac du Bonnet and around 660 pounds of food in Beausejour.

Malkoske reported that cash donations from individuals, businesses, organizations and corporations totaled \$6,770.50 which was split equally with presentations of \$3,385.25 to both the Lac du Bonnet and Beausejour Food Banks.



Photo by Arlene Davidson  
Whitemouth Lion President Shannon Malkoske presents a cheque for \$3,385.25 to Pat Terra, chair of the Lac du Bonnet Food Bank.



Photo by Mel Stefank  
Janice Zakaluk and volunteers of the Beausejour and Area Food Bank accept 660 pounds of donated food and a cheque for \$3,385.25 from Calvin Kirby and the Whitemouth & District Lions Club on Dec. 5.



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the First Stop Grocers in Whitemouth.

“We want to thank everyone who came out to the event, and for the generous cash and food donations that were made. There were more people this year than we have ever seen,” said Malkoske, who praised the RCMP and emergency service personnel who monitored numbers and maintained safety at the event.



## Looking for a 2nd Vice District Governors

### 5M11 is looking for someone to become a Vice District Governors.

The district is need of a 1st Vice District Governor for next year (2016-2017) and a 2nd Vice District Governor for next year as well.

Check out the Qualification listed further in this newsletter or check out the link for last month’s supplement <http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m11/page-9.php>. You will receive extensive training from the MD5M Multiple so you will be well prepared. If you have held the office of Club President and Zone Chair/ Cabinet Member or attended the MD5M Leadership Institute.

**THIS JOB IS FOR YOU! Interested?**

Contact DG Gerald at [gerryfontaine@gmail.com](mailto:gerryfontaine@gmail.com) or call R. 204.433.7955





# DG Gerald's Report

## Greetings Lions,

As I travelled the roads in early December going to District Governor Club Visitations, I was very grateful for the summer like road conditions.

Since my last newsletter message, my wife Éliane and I have visited with the Barnesville Lions and the Barnesville Thursday Nite Lions. Hopefully we will have the opportunity to take-in the mashed potatoes sculptures and mashed potato wrestling competitions at their next summer's Potato Days.

We visited with the Goodridge Lions and the Goodridge Lion Tamers who just wrapped-up working on their Community Centennial. We were given a tour of their large and a very useful meeting place with a complete kitchen, formerly a fire hall, leased to the Lions Club by the City.

We then went on to visit with the Lions Club of Crookston, the University of Minnesota Crookston Lions and the Crookston Leo Club. The very active Crookston Leo's were awarded with their 25th consecutive Leo's Club Excellence Award. WOW!

Next we were hosted by the Winger Lions Club who is very fortunate to have such a nice and practical meeting place (there is a lounge attached) at Moran's Supper Club.

My last visitation this month was with my home club, Riverside Lions in Winnipeg, on December 17 in conjunction with the clubs annual Christmas party.

I am scheduled to be at the 5M 1 Mid-Winter Convention in Rochester, MN between Jan 21st and 24th. There, as Vice-Council Chair, along with my colleagues on the Council of Governors I will be interviewing candidates to replace our very efficient 5M Executive Director, Lion Bob Harms. He is planning to retire after he trains his replacement.

I hope to see you at the Mid-Winter Convention coming-up in Winnipeg between Feb 19 and 21st. Hé-Ho!

I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



DG  
Gerald Fontaine



## In Lionism, Lion Gérald Fontaine—DG 5M 11

# State of the District

**We added 10 new members this month (December)**

**while losing 30 bringing us to 1883 this month with a -20.**

**For the year, we have added 82 members and dropped 122 for a -40.**

**Worldwide membership is at 1,398,225**

# 2015-2016 Cabinet Meeting Schedule

**Cabinet Meeting Schedule for the 2015-2016 year is February 19 in Winnipeg at the Mid Winter Convention in Winnipeg, and May 14 in Red Lake Falls.**



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



# 1st Vice District Governor Mike's Report



**1st VDG  
Mike Janssen**

### Greetings Lions!

Well T'was the season and I hope all was well for everyone. It's hard to believe that Christmas and New Years are but a haze of days gone by. The Lions year is half over! But take heart, Midwinter Convention season will soon be here and there is still time to get your registrations in, but don't wait too long it will be here before you know it. I've seen the plans and it will be a fantastic one. Please take time to discuss any amendments to the constitution and nominations of election that will be conducted at the convention, with your club members. This will ensure that your delegates will vote the way the club wants them to. Don't forget the Friday night mixer and the hospitality room as well.

### Reflect and Contemplate

Half way thru our year is also a great time to reflect on the plans our clubs made for 2015-2016. How are those plans progressing? What do we need to do to ensure that our goals are met? Will we exceed those goals? It's also time to contemplate on the future of 5M11 and its clubs. where will we be heading over the next 5 years? Who will our members be and what will our clubs and district look like? who will be our leaders? We are one of 2 districts in the multiple with members

on both sides of the boarder and that does come with its own set of concerns, but it is also one of our strong points. Remember the boarder is but a blur, and we have great lions and clubs on both sides. In many ways Minnesotans and Manitobans are very similar. We need to inspire Lions on both sides to step up and take the reins and manage the district in the future, I know they're out there, and yet we have no one to take on the position of First vice District Governor. A problem I hope will be resolved at this year's Midwinter. If we don't resolve this we will be a district in crises. We need dedicated people to step up, to lead.

### Dedication not Procrastination!

My plans for attending the International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan are almost complete and I can't wait to go! Tammy and I will be spending 12 days there and are sure to get in some sightseeing. I am extremely excited as this will be my first International Convention, although I'm sure it will not be my last. I'm already making plans to attend in Chicago and Las Vegas.

**And please remember "Lion Mike Janssen For District Governor 2016 -2017"**

**ROAR LIONS, BITE EM, BITE EM, BITE EM, DON'T YOU HEAR THEM LIONS ROAR.**

Need me to visit, or I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is [mjanssen@shaw.ca](mailto:mjanssen@shaw.ca), my home phone number is (204) 669-0473 and my cell number is (204) 330-3802.

Yours in Lionism

**Lion Mike Janssen, Vice District Governor**

## Letter of Intent & Club Endorsement

**January 2, 2016**

**To: Lions District 5M11**

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

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

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

**Yours in Lionism**

**Lion Mike Janssen, First Vice District Governor**

**January 6, 2016**

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

**Yours in Lionism**

**Ron Wally, President**

**Lions Club of East Kildonan**



# LIONS 5M11 CancerCare Initiative



Well Christmas and New Years have come and gone and I hope that this article finds you all happy, healthy and full of prosperity for the new year ahead of us.

Unfortunately for many of us we know someone who is struggling with cancer and in need of our support. When we get news of this situation most of us don't know how to react, What do we say to someone dealing with cancer or do we say anything at all? It make us feel uncomfortable. Well look at the person not the disease, your relationship with them has not changed and life must continue, as normal as possible. offer help where you can and continue to be a friend, the persons situation has changed not the person. We must all be there for that someone.

Once again on The Friday night of the convention I will be offering to have my wonderfully colored hair (Purple and Gold) to be shaved off by persons attending the convention, for a price of course. Pay a bit of money and take a swipe. it's all for a good cause, Our own Lions 5M11 CancerCare Initiative.

I am also looking for someone to take on the American side of the Initiative. Any monies from the U.S clubs would go to support cancer issues in The U.S. side of the district; this would go a long way in helping individuals dealing with cancer. **Please keep The Lions 5M11 CancerCare Initiative in your thoughts when preparing for the Parade of Green.** a record of Monies from any club will be tracked and when a donation \$400.00 is met your club will receive a "Kristin's Hope" medal to bestow on a member of your club who has worked to make a difference in the battle against cancer. The donations are cumulative. I hope to see more medals being awarded Should anyone wish to know what our money and efforts have already done please ask and I will be happy to talk with you.

Please look for our booth at the convention! Together we can make a difference!

**Lion Mike Janssen, Chairman**  
**LIONS 5M11 CancerCare Initiative**

## The LIONS 5M11 CancerCare initiative Presents "The Kindest Cut for Cancer" The Rerun



**Help Me  
Look Like This Again**



**At The Mid-Winter Convention  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Friday, February 19, 2016**



### Head Shave fundraiser For Cancer

**I'm shaving mine, will you shave yours?  
if you want to give it a go just say so!  
help raise money for your Lions 5M11 CancerCare Initiative**

**It will grow back!**

**Lions Zone 4 Winter Meeting**  
**Red Lake Falls American Legion**  
123 Main Avenue South,  
**Hosted by the Red Lake Falls Lions**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**



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

**Program: Lion Jim McLaughlin, Diabetes Foundation**

Please RSVP to Lion Jim Rystad at [jimrystad@hotmail.com](mailto:jimrystad@hotmail.com) or 218-689-2723 by January 11, 2016 with the number of members attending from your club. Dinner includes **Baked Chicken**, Baby Red Potatoes, Salad, Dinner roll, Dessert and Coffee. Dinner cost is \$12.00. Please encourage your membership to attend.



**Proposed Amendment to District 5M11 Bylaw**

**Alternative procedure to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of First or Second Vice District Governor-District 5M-11 Bylaws, Article 111, Section 6, shall be amended by addition of the following paragraph:**

ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE: in the event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or second vice district governor at a time when it is not convenient to convene a meeting of the members of the existing cabinet, and a candidate or candidates announces his or her candidacy to the district governor, the district governor shall submit the candidates' qualification to the district nominating committee. If the candidate(s) are qualified, the district governor will appoint an election committee consisting of the district secretary and one or more members of the governor's cabinet. The election committee shall submit the name(s) to all members of the district cabinet by US or Canadian mail or e-mail, as provided in Article X, Section 4 of these by-laws, in a format that complies with Article 111, Section 4: Ballot. Votes by cabinet members are to be cast within two weeks of sending of the ballot, by US or Canadian mail or e-mail to the members of the elections committee. The elections committee, at the close of the designated voting period, shall compile the votes cast and report the results to the district governor. A candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast, or a majority of "Yes" votes if there is only one candidate, shall be declared elected. The district governor shall convey the results to the international office within seven days, together with the elections committee report, and such other documentation as shall be required by the international office.

**Rationale:** During the past three years, a qualified candidate for second vice district governor was not elected during the Midwinter Convention, leaving the office vacant. Due to the geographic expanse of District 5M11, calling of a special meeting is not practical or cost effective. The proposed Alternative Procedure has been used effectively to fill two recent vacancies, and the procedure should be formalized as a part of the 5M11 Bylaws.

**Submitted by:** PDG Wayne H Swanson, 5M11 Policy and Legal Advisor, and Constitution and Bylaws Chair.





# Centennial Bonspiel

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**First draw at 4:00 pm**

***A fundraising charitable venture by the East St. Paul Lions Club and Curling Club  
Come on out and join us for a fun night of curling and fundraising to bring the community  
together in a celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary!***

The evening includes two 4-end games, dinner, prizes and an extensive silent auction.  
Come on out and support your clubs and your community!

## **TURKEY SHOOT WITH MAJOR PRIZES**



A fabulous meal catered by Grrumpy's! Curling and fun for a team of four for \$160. Individual curlers \$40. Includes a chance in the TURKEY SHOOT



Supper for only \$30. Enjoy the curling from the comfort of our lounge. We will also gratefully accept any donations toward our fundraising goal.



**\$500 Centennial Sponsor:** Includes 3'x3' signage on Curling Club's Centennial Recognition Wall for the season and recognition as Grand Prize Donor.



**\$250 Corporate Sponsor:** 1' x 2' signage in Curling Club and includes dinner and curling for a four person team. The best advertising deal in town!



**Prize Sponsors** – All donations gratefully accepted for the silent auction.



**For more information, tickets or to book your team contact one of these volunteers:**

Gary Rebeck  
204-668-8380  
[mgrebeck@shaw.ca](mailto:mgrebeck@shaw.ca)

Norm Paulson  
204-663-5306  
[npaulson@mymts.net](mailto:npaulson@mymts.net)

Renee Fletcher  
204-654-9601  
[sfletchr@mts.net](mailto:sfletchr@mts.net)

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**The Ste. Anne Lions Club**



Presents

**Our 3rd Annual**



**“Evening of**



**Coffee & Entertainment!”**

**Featuring our Special Musical Guest -**



**Trev Schellenberg**

**Saturday January 30th 2016**

**7:30—10:30 p.m.**



**Club Jovial**

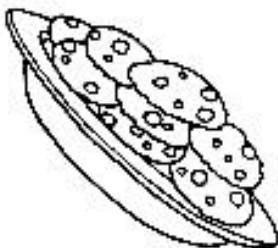


**Ste. Anne, Manitoba**

**Limited number of tickets available from any**

**Ste. Anne Lions Member**

**\$10**



**Or by calling (204) 422-8259**





You are invited to join the Campus Lions Club at UMD for our


# CHARTER NIGHT

JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

5:00PM – 7:30PM

KIRBY BALLROOM AT UMD

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Dinner plates will cost \$15

Please RSVP to [walsh301@d.umn.edu](mailto:walsh301@d.umn.edu) before January 19th

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## THE EVENING

**SILENT AUCTION** - Please bring cash or check to purchase items

**DINNER** - An Italian buffet \*\*please include food allergies in RSVP

**INDUCTION CEREMONY**

# Executive Secretary

Lions Clubs International Multiple District 5M

## Organization Summary

Multiple District 5M, second largest Lions Clubs International District in North America consisting of 21,500 members serving local communities in Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, while meeting humanitarian needs, encouraging peace, and promoting international understanding through 648 Clubs is seeking an Executive Secretary.

**Location:** Minnesota **Closing Date:** January 20, 2016

**Job Type:** Part Time **Job Category:** Administrative Support Services

**Salary:** \$30,000 - \$35,000

**Primary Duties:** This position reports to the Council Chair with direction of the Council of Governors. Executive Secretary shall perform such duties as specified or implied by the Constitution and By-Laws of MD5M. This position provides direct administrative support to volunteers. These duties include but not limited to receiving correspondence, receiving and depositing funds, preparing checks, maintaining financial accounts, books, and records of MD5M, serve as an ex-officio member of standing and appointed committees of the Council of Governors and shall generally assist the Council of Governors in conducting the business of MD5M.

**Qualifications:** The successful candidate will be a self-starter, extremely organized, have strong writing and verbal communication skills, Microsoft Office skills and have keen organizational and time management skills. This job requires local and international travel. Have the ability to lift up to 50 lbs and must be bondable.

**Experience:** The ideal candidate will have a track record of getting things done, experience with working with volunteers and boards, experience with QuickBooks and budget management. Work experience in Association management preferred but not required.

**Additional Info:** To learn more about MD5M and to download our job application, please go to our website at: [www.Lionsmd5m.org](http://www.Lionsmd5m.org)

To learn more about Lions Clubs International, check out the website at: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

**How To Apply:** *If this position excites you, send a cover letter with your resume and job application to: Kathy Jensen, 32549 CR 11, Wendell, Minnesota 56590-9771 or via email at [quiltdady@runestone.net](mailto:quiltdady@runestone.net)*



# Winnipeg South Lions



Lion Agnes Scott taken on November 26, 2015, receiving a gift of lovely flowers for her 98th Birthday from the Winnipeg South Lions Club.



Lion Kevin Gamble, Lion Andrea Kwasnicki, and Lion Suren Mehta taken at Camp Douglas on Tuesday August 18, 2015 in support of the Canadian Diabetes Association Summer Camp.



Lion Kevin and Lion Suren with some of the children attending the camp.



Winnipeg South Lions Club Christmas Mingle held on Wednesday December 2, @ 7PM. Our new Lions were in attendance this night and all were formally inducted into our club by Lion Past District Governor Doug Wiens.



# True Friends Thank You

On behalf of the leadership, staff, and the clients and their families who are served by True Friends, thank you so very much Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and MD5D Lions Clubs for your dedicated commitment to the programs and services we offer for individuals with special needs from across MN.

The \$100,000 LCIF Grant that we qualified for in November 2015 will be used to support the True Friends TEAM Quest Adapted Ropes Course & Zip-line being installed at Camp Courage located in Maple Lake, MN. In addition, an accessible van will be purchased and used at this camp with monies made available through this grant.

A plaque bearing an inscription describing the LCIF financial support of this project will be dedicated at a special recognition event that will take place at Camp Courage in October 2016.

We are so looking forward to continuing our working relationship with the Lions Clubs of MD5M in 2016, and we hope that you will consider supporting True Friends through your upcoming Parade of Green event as well as at other Lions events in the coming year.

Please feel free to contact us anytime at:

True Friends  
10509 108<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Annandale, MN 55302  
800-450-8376 or 952-697-2290  
[www.truefriends.org](http://www.truefriends.org)



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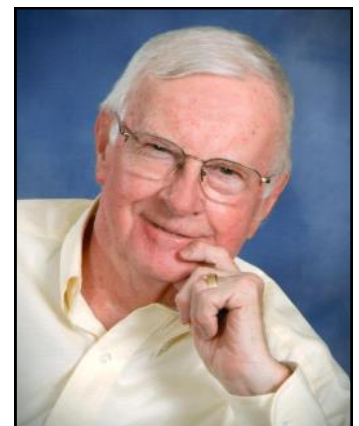
## Fallen Lions



Lion Kathy Nelson of the Karlstad Lions Club.



Lion Robert Janorschke of the Crookston Lions Club.



Lion Richard Maves of the Crookston Lions Club.

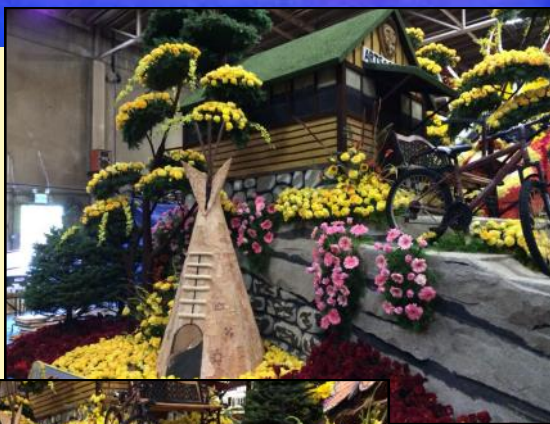
# Rose Parade Float 2016

## Lions Clubs International

### "Camps for All Abilities"

Phoenix Decorating Company

This year's float depicts various camping activities that Lions Clubs throughout the world provide for hundreds of thousands of individuals of all ages and abilities. Two canoes floating on a lake of lowers lead the float down Colorado Boulevard. Two hikers, an archer and two mountain bikers are ready to enjoy the great outdoor setting as a floral waterfall flows off a raised rock formation set among pine trees. A traditional Native American teepee sits nestled in the forest. The hub of action on the float is a lion adorned cabin shaded by a 19-foot-tall, California redwood tree. Seated in front of the cabin is the Lions Club International president and his wife, overlooking the day's activities such as: archery, arts and crafts, bicycling, canoeing, fishing, and hiking. Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world with 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries.



# Barnesville Lions Clubs Governor's Visit



They are Dionne Merkens, she was sponsored by Dar Hines, Melissa Brasel and Kaytlin Harbin, who were sponsored by Shirley Durensky. Jill Schafer is our other new member who was not able to attend that night.



Barnesville Thursday Nite Lion Chanda Christianson received the Helen Keller Sight Award.



# Fertile Lions Club

**Fertile Lions Annual Senior Christmas Party:** 24 members, counting the picture taker,( Norma Erickson) that helped with this party. And we had about 65 plus Senior from the Nursing Home, the Assisted Living Apartments, and Seniors from the Fertile community. We served the group coffee, cider, and Christmas goodies. And we had a drawing of 20 some gifts, and they all enjoy that.



Table of Seniors enjoying the day.



The entertainment for the afternoon. This is the Dad, on the bass, the mother, the tall guy, is youngest son, and last is oldest son, and he is the comedian, and plays the piano, and will sing like Willie Nelson, and some country artists. They are the Bergeson's, and have Bergeson's Nursery outside of Fertile.



Members of the Fertile Lions Club



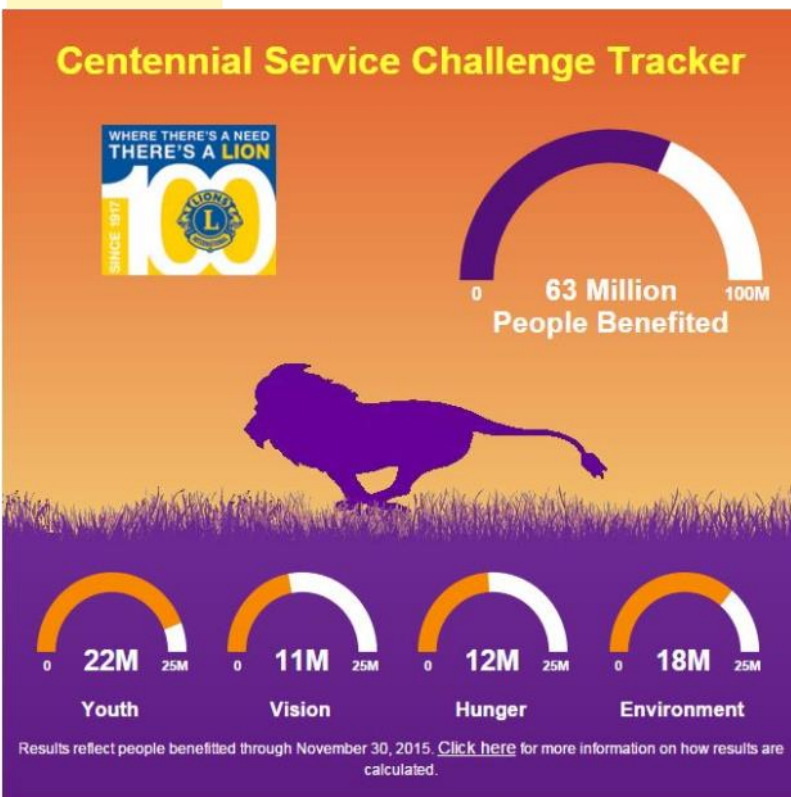
# Riverside Lions Club



On December 17th, at our Christmas Party and District Governor visitation, DG Gerald Fontaine presented Lion President Chris McCormick, Lion Secretary/2nd Vice Jan Nazarko, Treasurer Millie Babaian and Lion Ed Santiago with the Governor's Award pin and his DG pin for all the hard work they do at each meeting. Pictured is Lion Ed Santiago, President Lion Chris McCormick, DG Gerald Fontaine, Secretary/2nd Vice Lion Jan Nazarko, Treasurer Lion Millie Babaian.



The Riverside Lions Club adopted a family for the Christmas Hamper program. Lion President Chris McCormick, Lion Secretary/2nd Vice Jan Nazarko and Lion Tail Twister Gordon Nazarko delivered the hamper to Rodney, Denise Pinchbeck and family. They were delighted to be the recipients of the hamper. Top photo is Secretary/2nd Vice Lion Jan Nazarko, Denise Pinchbeck, Tail Twister Lion Gordon Nazarko and Bottom photo is Rodney and Denise Pinchbeck with President Lion Chris McCormick.







# Winnipeg South & Winnipeg West Lions



Two members of the Winnipeg South Lions Club helping the local Salvation Army with their Christmas Kettle campaign in a local mall. Pictured on the left is Lion Marvin McDougall and on the right is one of our newest members - Lion Ron Novotny. We have inducted 6 new members into our club and five of them have been involved in this project.



Winnipeg South Lions Club members picking up food hampers and toys to distribute to needy families on behalf of the Christmas Cheer Board in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Pictured here are Lion Ron Novotny on far left and Lion Marvin McDougall on far right with a helper and a Christmas Cheer Board worker checking the parcels off to be delivered. This is another of our winter projects.

Winnipeg West Lions at the December Reading Action Program. We have been participating in the RAP since its inception and it has become one of the club members favourite things. For the December reading we presented the daycare children with A Happy Tale coloring book from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Pictured are Lion Norm, Lion Bea, Lion Kay, Lion Joe and Lion Cheryl.





# TRF Moonlighters Lioness updates



Dec. 7, 2015 Lela Paetznick Treas. of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls presented an adult coloring book, puzzle book, color markers, and color pencils to residents of Valley Home. Pictured is Selmer Holen, (resident) and Megean the activities director. Sherry Sorenson President of the Moonlighters also helped shop and take the picture.



Sherry Sorenson President of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls went shopping for the Angel Tree on Dec. 5, 2015. Lela Paetznick Treas. of the Moonlighters Lioness Club also helped pick out the purse, fingernail fun, and the new outfit for this lucky little girl.

**Top photo:** Sherry Sorenson, President of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls helping the Girl Basketball players, Student Council and the Spanish club from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls bake 800 doz. Christmas cookies for the Digi Key Christmas tea in Thief River Falls. Sherry donated a total of 10 hours of time on Dec. 5 and 6, 2015. Lela Paetznick Treas. of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls helped for a few hours. **Middle photo:** Lincoln High student with some of the 800 doz. Christmas cookies for the Digi-Key Christmas tea. **Bottom photo:** What the Home Ec. Room looked like on Dec. 6, 2015 at the start of all the baking.



**Volunteers are not paid,  
not because they are  
worthless but because  
they are priceless.**



# Lac du Bonnet Lions transfer Leslie Park

*By Arlene Davidson, Lac du Bonnet Clipper*

On Dec. 1, the Lac du Bonnet Lions officially transferred Leslie Park over to the town after completing their commitment to raise funds required to convert the public space to one with wheelchair access for all to enjoy.

“This has been close to a four year project for the Lions,” said Rolly Simard, explaining the Molinski family of Lac du Bonnet spearheaded the project when they approached the Lions about the need for such a green space in town. After a successful fund raiser organized by the family, the Lions agreed to come on board and help the dream come true.

“The planning involved taking a strategic approach and we had many things to decide including the location of the site, finding a partner with charitable status and submitting applications for various funds and grants, “ said Simard.

The Lions received some very good news in June 2014 when the Lions International Foundation informed them they would match equally, every dollar they could raise with the next six month period. The agreement was that the Lions could receive up to \$40,000 in matching funds.

Through the generous support of the community, and hours of work from the Lions, the group was successful in raising \$37,500 by Dec. 31, 2014. When the matching funds arrived from Lions International Foundation, the cheque was made out in American currency. What that translated to with the exchange rate, was an additional \$7,555 that could be applied to the project.

The Lions turned over the funds to the Town of Lac du Bonnet, who will use the money to purchase supplies to finish off the final touches in the park. The town will also take full responsibility for future upkeep and maintenance of the green space.

“The town will contract the necessary landscaping including edging and grass restoration, installation of asphalt, improvement to the drainage system and completing the main ramp access,” said Simard. “We want to thank all of the wonderful donations and supporters of this project. It was great to see volunteers of all walks come together to offset unforeseen obstacles we ran into. The real thank you will come when we see the smiles on the faces of the children while they use the park.”

The Lions and the Town of Lac du Bonnet are planning a grand opening of the new, accessible Leslie Park next spring once the contracted work has been completed.



*Photo by Arlene Davidson  
Lac du Bonnet Lions Mike Roy (left), Len Woodworth and Rolly Simard present a cheque to CAO Michelle Wazny (seated) as the final installment to complete finishing touches to their Leslie Park project.*

## **Zone 1 October Report**

I have been very busy since our last Cabinet meeting. I attended the Lions USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, MI traveling with PDGs Dennis Olsen, Joanne Swanson, and Jim Aasness. I learned so much and had so much fun that I signed up for the one next year in Omaha!!

My club, the Dilworth Loco Ladies Lions Club, and the Dilworth Lions club co-hosted our fall zone meeting on September 24th. We had two programs thanks to one planned for the men’s club meeting. One was Angela Dick with her mom, Lori, and her dog Bubba from Can Do Canines and the other Deb Anvik from Lifesource to talk about Eye, Organ and Tissue Donation.

Moorhead Lions have asked to host the next Zone meeting in the end of January or beginning of February. I am looking at 3 zone meetings for the year. I have spoken with Lion Jim Johansen from 5M-9 about having a joint spring meeting on March 29th or 31st in Lake Park.

I am also working on my associate degree at Lions U. I am nearly finished and will get my bachelor at Omaha. I am focusing on my Zone Chair training and webinars as well.

**Deanne Williams, Zone 1 Chair**



## Zone 3 Recap

The Lions of Zone 3 held their Fall Zone Meeting in Fosston this evening, hosted by the Fosston-Lengby Lions Club. Lion President Scott Christen gave a welcome to those in attendance and presented a Distinguished Service Award to Lion Kim Bodensteiner later on during the program. Zone Chairman Kevin led the meeting and introduced the speakers for the evening: PDG Joanne Swanson gave a talk on Club Quality Initiative, Lion John Vik on LCIF, PDG Jim Aasness on Pin Trading and Hearing Foundation. PDG Jim Aasness presenting Lion John Vik with a Hearing Fellowship Award. We were asked to dress in our "Hunting Attire" and awards were given out for that. Paul Peltier took a moment to gather everyone for a photo showing many of those in attendance (33). with the Fosston-Lengby Lions Club.





# International News

## Download Centennial Celebration Resources

The [Lions Centennial Toolbox](#) has the tools you need to celebrate 100 years of Lions service and make an even greater impact in the next 100 years. Participating in the [Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty](#)? Find a [Relieving the Hunger](#) planning guide, call-to-action flyer and customizable press release to promote your event. The toolbox also includes Centennial Membership Awards resources, Centennial club supplies and newsletters, logos, posters, historical videos and more.



## Give Back to Your Community in the New Year

This January 10-16, give back to your community by joining the Lions Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty. This special international event is designed to bring dignity to the nearly 800 million people in our communities and around the world who go to bed hungry every night. Make a difference by hosting a project impacting hunger and poverty in your community, and you'll help us reach our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people. [Visit the Worldwide Week of Service page](#) for more information and start planning your project today!



## Club Presidents – Open the Doors to Success for Your Club!

Each new year brings opportunities for renewed energy and focus on improving your leadership skills and your club! International President Yamada invites you to open the door to success and increased community service by employing the [Seven Keys to Success](#). Encourage your club to make positive changes in how it serves members and the community by leading it through the Seven Keys to Success. You can even earn an award that recognizes your leadership. Just complete the [Club President Award application](#) and forward it to your district governor.



## Peace Poster Contest Kits on Sale January 15

The theme for the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in your community and encourage local boys and girls (ages 11-13) to celebrate peace through art. Resources for organizing and promoting your club's contest are included in the Peace Poster Contest Kit, which may be purchased from the Club Supplies Sales Department starting January 15. [Visit the Club Supplies Store](#) and enter "Peace Poster Kit" in the Search Box. [Visit the LCI website](#) to learn more about the Peace Poster Contest, see past winning posters, [watch the Peace Poster Contest video](#) and more.

## New District Election Procedures: Effective July 1, 2016

Understanding the need to improve the district election process, the International Board of Directors chose to implement mandatory election rules and procedures across the organization effective July 1, 2016. Each district is responsible for reviewing and amending its constitution and by-laws in accordance with these changes. Please review the annotated Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws available on the [Legal Division resource page](#). Election-related seminars will be held at area forums, and e-learning opportunities will be available via the online [District Resource Center](#).

## Celebrating LCIF

LCIF Week is an annual event that gives clubs and districts an opportunity to publicize our Foundation. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss how LCIF supports the efforts of Lions both locally and globally. LCIF has resources to help you [promote the Foundation](#) and [promote your club](#) so your community can see the life-changing work your club, your district and your Foundation are doing every day. There is even an [LCIF song!](#)



# Zone 5 Recap

The Lions of Zone 5 held their Fall Zone Meeting in Alvarado Oct. 26 hosted by the Alvarado Lions Club. Zone Chairman Lion Deb DuChamp ran the meeting which included talks on the Centennial Service Challenge by PDG James Strandlie , a report on the Global Leadership Team by PDGJ Joanne Swanson , an update on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation by Lion Connie Hagen , a report on Can Do Canines by Lion Jim DuChamp, and an LCIF Report by Lion John Vik . We enjoyed a wonderful meal at the Community Center and shared ideas with all the clubs in the zone being represented at the meeting. We were supposed to dress in either black or orange colors to tie in with Halloween.





# Can Do Canine Update

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.

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is 11 year-old Isaiah Kramer. Isaiah has been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a degenerative muscle disease that affects every muscle in the body—legs, arms, lungs, heart, and more. Isaiah continues to physically decline, so he now depends on his wheelchair all the time.

Mobility Assist Dog Leo helps Isaiah by picking items that he drops, pulling off his socks and pushing buttons to open handicap doors in public. Below is a letter from Isaiah about how Leo has transformed his life.

*I am writing to thank you and everyone at Can Do Canines for giving Leo to me.  
Having Leo has changed everything.*

*Before I met Leo, I was unhappy all of the time because I couldn't do much and I always had to ask for help. My family would be busy and I had to bug them all the time just to pick something up off of the floor for me.*

*I was nervous and excited to meet Leo for the first time. Leo got used to me right away, but it was also a little scary. He was excited to see me every time we came for training.*

*Having Leo makes me feel more independent. He picks things up for me, helps me clean my room and carries things for me. I don't have to ask for help from my family as much.*

*Leo loves to follow me around and loves playing with me. We play Frisbee, tug and fetch together. I love how excited he is when he sees me. He runs to me and jumps around and rubs into me with his back.*

*I feel safe at night because Leo is there. I sleep better with him next to me.*

*If I am sad, I can go to Leo and he looks really concerned for me. I can see it in his eyes. He always cheers me up because I can talk to him and he doesn't argue with me.*

*I felt so lonely before. Now Leo will snuggle up next to me, play with me and make me happy anytime. I don't feel as lonely anymore.*

*Thank you for my best friend!*

*-Isaiah Kramer*



## 2016 Winter Graduation

Come meet graduates like Isaiah at Can Do Canines 2016 Winter Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 1 p.m. More than 15 teams will receive diplomas in recognition of graduating from our assistance dog program.

The event will take place at Can Do Canines facility at 9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN 55428. Learn more at [can-do-canines.org](http://can-do-canines.org).



# LITPC Youth Scholarship Information

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) awards annually a \$2,500 Youth Scholarship to a graduating Senior who is a Leo or a child/grandchild of a Lion or Lioness.

Four \$2,500 Youth Scholarships have been awarded so far. The first one was awarded to a Leo from Pennsylvania in 2012. The others have been from Virginia, Iowa and most recently from Virginia.



**After November 1, 2015, the new updated forms for the Application for Scholarship will be on the website: [www.LITPC.org](http://www.LITPC.org) to print them out. The deadline for submitting the completed LITPC Youth Scholarship application is March 1, 2016.**

All completed Youth Scholarship applications should be mailed to:

Lion Bill Guthrie  
5M Youth Scholarship Chairman  
9-101st Lane NW  
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If you have any questions, please contact  
Lion Bill Guthrie at 763-786-8072 or [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com).



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

## OUR FOUNDATION

Dear Lions,

In 1928, Gandhi laid the cornerstone of a school for blind, deaf and disabled students in Ahmedabad. That original building is still in use today. A year and a half ago, I laid the cornerstone for a new building at that school. During my latest trip to India, I was lucky enough to stand beside International President Yamada as he officially opened the new building.

As clubs, districts and multiple districts come together during this **LCIF Week**, remember that LCIF is the cornerstone of service. Service looks different all around the world. In your area, it might be vision screenings or vaccinations. Whatever service looks like in your community, know that LCIF is there to support you while you bring hope and comfort to those around you.

I also want to remind you that your donations to LCIF help make it possible for Lions to meet the growing needs of people around the world. Thank you for your generous support of LCIF.

LCIF has laid the cornerstone, and you Lions are building upon it every day!

Together in Service,

Joe Preston  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation





# TRF Moonlighters Lioness Bell Ringing



St. Hilaire Lions President Terri Cuppett, Hoshi, and Loretta Stowe newest member of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief Rive Falls ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Bruggeman's Super Valu on Dec. 18, 2015.



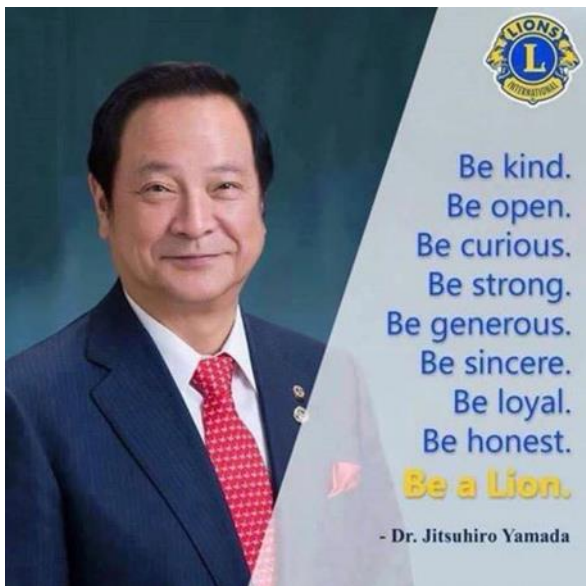
Sherry Sorenson President and Lela Paetznick Treas. of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Bruggeman's Super Valu on Dec. 18, 2015.



Having fun donating to the Salvation Army on Dec. 18, 2015 at Bruggeman's Super Valu.



Brent Fuller, Lela Paetznick Treas., Cheryl McClenahan members of the Moonlighters Lioness Club of Thief River Falls helping to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Bruggeman's Super Valu on Dec. 18, 2015.





# Calling All Lions of Minnesota

We have been asked for our help. As you know we now have the Volunteer Protection Act which allows us to help others without fear of a possible lawsuit. This law needs to be taken a little further.

In Ohio a Lions Club was holding a pancake fundraiser in an airport hangar. The owner of the hangar took it upon himself to offer free airplane rides to visually impaired persons, without the approval or endorsement of the club. This was nice, but the plane crashed killing 6 people. A judge has ruled that the club is responsible and must pay. They didn't have those kinds of funds and had to fold. Now LCI is being held responsible.

A bill is being introduced to prevent this from happening. Please contact your House representatives and your US Senators and let them know where we stand. To learn more go to the following link <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/lions-advocacy.php>. The House bill is HR2290. The Senate Bill is S1684. The website will give you information on how to contact them.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter.

**Council Chair Kathy Jensen**

**More info on VOPA:** We need U.S. Lions to urge their Member of Congress to co-sponsor the Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 2015 ("VOPA"). U.S. Senate Bill 1684 and U.S. House Bill 2290.

## **Why Support the VOPA?**

Nonprofit organizations are involved in a wide range of activities, many of which expose the organization, its officers and volunteers to potential liability. Although their intent is to serve the public interest, these organizations and their volunteers may inadvertently cause harm to others and are thus susceptible to typical tort claims.

Nonprofit organizations play a very important role in the American society and economy, but are now being drawn into lawsuits on a scale previously reserved for private businesses. This phenomenon can endanger the existence of Lions clubs even as public demand for their services grows. In this age of frivolous lawsuits, providing enhanced protection to local service organizations that simply want to help their fellow citizens is a common sense appeal.

Lions Clubs International is proud to have taken the lead on this important measure, but we cannot do it alone. The successful passage of this legislation and the fiscal health of Lions clubs and local nonprofit organizations depend on the strength of Lions across the U.S.!

## **What is the VOPA?**

In 1997, U.S. Congress adopted the Volunteer Protection Act ("Act"), which provides protection from tort claims that might be filed against individual volunteers of nonprofit organizations. However, the Act does not completely protect nonprofit organizations from liability caused by a volunteer.

Recognizing the need to provide enhanced protection to local service club organizations, Lions Clubs International engaged Congressman Steve Chabot of Ohio as well as U.S. Senator Mark Kirk of Illinois to develop a bill to correct this issue. The Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 2015 ("VOPA") was subsequently introduced into Congress this year!

The bill would amend the Act by affording similar liability protections to volunteer organizations as are already provided to individual volunteers, except in cases of willful misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct or flagrant indifference to safety. The bill does not raise the standard of liability for organizations – it merely protects organizations, such as Lions clubs, from being drawn into lawsuits for the wrongful acts of individual volunteers.

**More Information:**     [VPA Overview](#)                     [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

The Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 2015 has the support of a broad group of organizations, representing more than two million U.S. volunteers, standing united to strengthen volunteerism and service in the United States of America. [Click here for a complete list of organizations.](#)

**Contact Us:** To learn more please contact us at [governmentrelations@lionsclubs.org](mailto:governmentrelations@lionsclubs.org).

# West St. Paul Lunch with Santa

West St Paul Lunch with Santa: It's your roving Reporter, Lion Peter Wight, reporting that the West St. Paul Lions held their Annual Lunch with Santa. All those that arrived, BIG and Little kids, enjoy themselves. Even some of the Lions got to cuddle with Santa.



When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple:

**WE SERVE**



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2016 POLAR PLUNGE

# LIONS OF 5M!



*Join the Lions of 5M take the PLUNGE to support Special Olympics MN!*

The Lions have been an important partner of Special Olympics Minnesota for decades, both international and locally here in Minnesota. Whether it be through the supporting our state athletic competitions, the Polar Plunges, or our Opening Eyes (free quality eye care for those with intellectual disabilities), the Lions have been a huge leader in giving back to their communities through Special Olympics.

Spearheaded by the Lions of 5M-7, we invite you to help support the over 8100 Special Olympics athletes in the state of Minnesota!

**Join the team, donate, and/or start your own Plunge team! Here's how:**

- **Join the team and Plunge on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis during our Corporate Hour!**  
You'll enjoy food and beverages starting at 3:00 p.m.! Plunge around 3:30 p.m. and then stay and enjoy the festivities including watching Lion Terry Wold, I-PDG of 5M-7, Plunge with the executives at our Executive Challenge Plunge starting at 5:00 p.m., live on Fox 9 News! Then we'll finish up with fireworks around 7:00 p.m.! Join the team by following this link: <https://reg.plungemn.org/team/lionsof5m>
- **Don't want to Plunge? Donate to the team using the same link!**
- **Want to Plunge at a different Plunge location near you?**  
Great, we have 20 locations! Choose a location and form your own team! Just follow this link and select, "Form a New Lions Team" from the right hand side. <https://reg.plungemn.org/group/lions1>

## POLAR PLUNGE

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## Newsletter needs club assistance –New info



### 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.

Thank you to all the clubs that put forth submissions this past year 2014-2015 as well as the cabinet members that sent me items. 40 out of 72 of the clubs had submitted something. That's almost 75% of the clubs. This year, I want to see this number increase with the ultimate goal of getting every club to submit even ONE item., whether it be an awesome project, someone getting an awards or showing what you do in the community. We love to hear what you are doing and it may give other clubs ideas on what to do.

### **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:

**January 25th** — February Newsletter

**February 27th** — March Newsletter

**Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Newsletter Editor**

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Thanks to the following Lions and Lioness clubs for submissions: Ada, Argyle, Barnesville, Barnesville Thursday Nite, Crookston, Dilworth Loco Ladies, East Kildonan, East St. Paul, Fertile, Flom and Area, **Fosston-Lengby**, Greenbush-Badger, Grunthal, Hawley, Hitterdal, Karlstad, Lac du Bonnet, Lake Bronson, Moorhead, Oslo, Red Lake Falls, Riverside, St. Hilaire, Ste. Anne, Thief River Falls Moonlighters Lioness, Ulen, Warren, Warroad, West St. Paul, Whitemouth & District, Winnipeg, Winnipeg Beach/Dunnottar/Lakeside, Winnipeg South and Winnipeg West.



## 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)

[www.LionsUniversity.org](http://www.LionsUniversity.org) \*NEW\* Check it out





**Lions 5M11 District Governor  
Club Visitation Request Form  
2015-2016**

## **We Serve**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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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# The Journey for Sight

will be arriving in your area between

## Jan. 11-16, 2016



*Join us to help raise money  
for The Lions Eye Bank  
and enjoy a  
fun filled few days  
by becoming a rider  
or support crew member.*

Info contact Lion Ian Mullin, Bowsman  
204-236-4478 imullin1095@gmail.com

Legs from the North, South, East and West.  
*Note: Morden (SE Corner) leg  
will have a ride - but will not be travelling to Brandon.*

**WIN A  
2016 Ski-doo Renegade  
Sport 600**

Birtle Lions Club are coordinating  
tickets and will be forwarding to  
Lions Club in 5M13.  
Birtle Lions Club contact  
Lion Fred Barteaux 204-773-6703  
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Tickets will be available from  
riders, your local Lions Club  
and the Lions Eye Bank office.  
Draw to be made at the Lions  
Mid-Winter Convention  
in February 2016.

<https://www.facebook.com/JourneyForSight/>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

St. James Lions	62 years	1/18/1959
Lancaster Lions	55 years	1/8/1961
Grygla Lions	45 years	1/20/1971
Bagley Lions	42 years	1/28/1974
Alvarado Lions	41 years	1/10/1975
Fosston-Lengby Lions	39 years	1/24/1977
Gary Lions	35 years	1/13/1981
St. Hilaire Lions	34 years	1/28/1982
Greenbush-Badger Lions	31 years	1/17/1985
South Junction & Area Pineland Lions	31 years	1/17/1985