

L10NEWS

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A Lions Weekend at the Falls

Ever wanted to do a fun filled weekend get-a-way while at the same time learn more about our wonderful Lions organization?

Well here is your chance. The Lions of Fort Frances and International Falls have joined together and organized such a opportunity.

The main purpose of the event is to celebrate the birthdays of the Fort Frances Lions Club (50 years) and the International Falls Lions Cub (60 years).

This special evening will be held on Sunday May 4th at the International Falls Americ Inn.

Full details can be found at the 5M10 web site at www.5m10lions.org.

To help celebrate the occasion, First Vice President Joe Preston will be joining us.

There are a number of other activities going on in International Falls that you won't want to miss.

Saturday May 3rd -

10.00 am to 12 noon - 5M10 cabinet meeting. Everyone is invited. If you are not a cabinet member come and sit in as an observer.

12 noon to 2.00 pm - lunch and break.

2.00 pm to 7.00 pm - Global Leadership, Global Membership, CEP Training, Club Extension, and motivational training.

7.00 pm to 8.00 pm - fish fry buffet.

Sunday May 4th -

10.00 am to 12 noon - Zone chair meeting - "Improved Communication". All Lions are

encouraged to join in this special session put together by Lion Shirley Koroniak.

6.00 pm to 7.00 pm - social hour

7.00 pm - dinner to celebrate Fort Frances and International Falls Lions Clubs birthdays. Guest speaker First Vice President Joe Preston.

Monday May 5th -

9.00 am to 10.00 am - Club presidents, first vice presidents and zone chairs meet with LCI First Vice President Joe Preston.

11.00 am to 12 noon - Past District Governors meet with LCI First Vice President Joe Preston.

6.00 pm - Emo & District, Fort Frances and Fort Frances Voyogeur Lions Club joint open house/membership drive meeting at Northridge Funeral Home in Emo. Special guest speaker will be Lions International First Vice President Joe Preston.

New Information

For those of you that can keep up with the electronic media, Lions Clubs International has a new web page (Blog) that has excellent information on membership recruitment and retention. To access, go to the 5M10 web site at www.5m10lions.org

Then when you have your new members ready, participate in the Lions World Wide Induction Ceremony on April 26th.



Lions International
First Vice President
Lion Joe Preston

The Governor's Column

Lion Sue and I just had a great joint visit with the Deer River Avenue of Pines Lions Club and Deer River Lions Club this week. We had the wonderful opportunity to induct 5 new members and present a 50 Years of Perfect Attendance Award to Lion Roger Moede. We have a few clubs left to visit in Minnesota and a few in Northwest Ontario so if we have not visited your club yet I will be contacting you soon to schedule a visit.

At the March Council of Governors meeting the governors voted to approve referring the Bemidji Lions Club bid for the 2017 Multiple District 5M Convention to the Convention Committee at the MD5M Convention in Morton, Minnesota in April where it will be voted on by the delegates. There were no other bids submitted for 2017. A bid has also been submitted by our multiple district to hold the 2018 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The next MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be held in March of 2015. So begin encouraging Lions in your clubs to think about applying for one of the 6 spots our district will get for that excellent leadership institute.

In other action the Council of Governors approved a Plan B creating a Redistricting Taskforce that will be chaired by PID Brian Sheehan and will include the MD5M Global Membership and Global Leadership Coordinators. The taskforce will also include Immediate Past District Governors, Past District Governors from 2012-2013 and 2011-2012 and Global Membership Team Coordinators from the three transitional districts which are 5M3, 5M10 and 5M13. The goals of the taskforce will be to submit a map of new district boundaries, a written proposal of the redistricting plan, a timeline for redistricting and to obtain approvals from MD5M Convention delegates and individual Mid-Winter Convention Business Meeting delegates.

But the governors do not believe this is the whole solution so a Plan A was also adopted which

will include holding motivational and training sessions in each transitional district to try to help those districts increase their membership. We made some progress in March when we increased our membership from 1169 to 1180 members.

This is still 19 members less than last year at the same time and this year we started with 1200 members. Our clubs are slowly making progress in submitting membership reports to LCI so we have an accurate count of our members. After March we have 11 clubs who are not current in submitting membership reports (6 clubs have not submitted since last year). Please contact your zone chair or me if you need help in logging in or submitting reports. I believe a combination of more clubs reporting and recruiting new members led to our membership increase in March.

We have a wonderful opportunity in our district with our International 1st Vice President Joe Preston here to speak at our International Charter Anniversary Night for International Falls and Fort Frances on Sunday May 4, 2014. To take advantage of that opportunity we have planned many events that weekend. We will start with our district cabinet meeting Saturday morning where you can see what the cabinet does. In the afternoon our International Director Mike Molenda, incoming MD5M Global Membership Coordinator David Dominick and MD5M Global Leadership Coordinator Bruce Beck will motivate and train our Lions on leadership development, membership growth, club extension and take us through a Club Excellence Process exercise so we can see how it will benefit our clubs. Since these multiple district leaders are taking their time to come and help us we want a great showing of our Lions there to take part! Sunday morning we will have our Zone Chair Meeting where all can hear Lion Shirley Koroniak present a proposal for "Improved Communication" by setting up a gmail

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5M10 District
Governor
Larry Winner

An apology ...

Fellow Lions .. A few of you will recall that in July 2011, I suffered a stroke.

I was very fortunate, after a six week stint in Winnipeg at rehab, I returned home, with the only lasting effects; reduced mobility on my left side and a problem with my vision.

Unfortunately, my vision problem has become more profound recently and I am affected by brightness, which includes a white computer screen and looking out the window at those cursed white snow banks that just won't go away..

In other words, I am having trouble seeing.

What results is severe eye strain and a need to relax on the chesterfield with my eyes closed (nap).

Lillian thinks that I am just getting lazy, and who knows? She could be right.

I have been struggling with the April edition of L10News for the past couple of weeks and find myself past the publication deadline.

I felt that I should send out what I have because of their importance, page 1 for the great things coming up at International Falls/ Fort Frances/Emo, and Governor Larry's message.



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hub for our district and clubs to use. Then Sunday evening will be the Charter Anniversary Social and Banquet with 1st Vice President Joe Preston. Let's have a great showing of our Lions at the banquet to impress our 1st Vice President! Monday morning 1st Vice President Joe Preston would like to interact with some of our Lions. Our club presidents, 1st vice presidents and zone chairs will have an opportunity to meet with our incoming International President and our past district governors will have a separate meeting with our incoming International President. Monday evening 1st Vice President Joe Preston will speak at an open house/membership drive meeting for the Emo, Fort Frances and Fort Frances Voyageur Lions Clubs.

Remember that April is Lions Family and Friends Month and join the Lions World Lunch Relay

on April 4th! You can get information on the Member Center of the LCI website. Invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your club by planning an open house, planning a service project to showcase the Protecting Our Environment campaign, organizing a fund raiser or service project that promotes the power of reading to children in your community, supporting youth developments in your community and sponsoring a Leo club or hosting a picnic or barbecue to celebrate with family and friends after your service project or fund raiser.

New members also have an opportunity to be inducted by Past International Director Haynes Townsend at the Multiple District Convention at Jackpot Junction in Morton, Minnesota at the Saturday luncheon April 26th, 2014 which is also Lions Worldwide Induction Day! Two new members of the Duluth Lions Club are going to be inducted there. If you have any new members who would like to participate at the convention please let me know!

**Let's
all head for
International Falls
on May 3rd
to show
VP Joe Preston
what the 5M10 Lions
are all about**