



L10News

December, 2015



Bill's Blasts

Wow what a fall, the weather was great, the clubs are busy with service projects and fundraisers, and the roads for the most part stayed ice-free. By the time autumn comes to an end I will have visited all but two clubs they just could not fit in a date that would work for them and me.

On the numbers front, we seem to be losing members as fast as we sign them up, what is going on? I read the obits, and the numbers there are far less than the numbers we're losing every month, (Thank God), so why are we having so much trouble retaining members that we enthusiastically recruit? Is it that once we get them in the club we figure our job is done and forget about them? Alternatively, are there other problems in the club that make some member feel unwelcome? Each club has to assess their own and the CEP is a great way to start. In addition, "My Club My Way" might be a refreshing way to revamp your club and make it vital once again. We have many talented people in our District, if you cannot find the resources you need online just ask your Zone chair, or cabinet member and we'll find a solution together.

LCI continues to have great success with clubs participating in their Centennial challenge; we are over the half way mark of serving one hundred million people by June of 2018. Club secretaries make sure all of your service projects dealing with Hunger, Environment, Vision, and Youth are entered on "My LCI".

As I travel throughout the district visiting clubs, I can't help but notice that I pass through many communities that don't have Lions clubs. Maybe it's time to visit some of these places and get people interested in Lionism. Now that my club visits are

wrapping up, I will be spending some time reviving troubled clubs and starting new ones. If you know of an area that would benefit from having a Lions club in their community please let me know, we have some PDG's just anxious to bring our numbers up twenty members or more at a time.

Mid-winter is just around the corner and wouldn't it be nice to see all 44 clubs in our district represented. Let's make this the year we start having more fun, the more we participate in district activities the stronger our district grows. With the gas prices at the lowest they have been in years it should be an affordable drive to Fortune Bay. The clubs in our district are just one big family and our purpose is to serve those less fortunate. At the mid-winter we can see firsthand all the ways our clubs do serve, and we can have fun together.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a wonderful, joyous, and merry Christmas, and that we all remember the true spirit of the season. Don't forget that your club can make a New Year's resolution too, they're called goals.



From the desk of the 1VDG

Are we having fun yet????

Surely some of the clubs in District 5M10 are having a lot of fun because membership continues to rise month to month. Many thanks to the clubs that responded to DG Bill's challenge to have him induct at least one new member during his visit to each of your clubs. As the holiday parties continue, this is a perfect time to invite friends and family to join your holiday events and experience the fun and fellowship enjoyed by Lions. Remember, if you are having fun, your community will want to be a part of whatever it is you are doing!

As we prepare for the Midwinter convention at Fortune Bay, I challenge every club in District 5M10 to make every effort to help your new members attend. Registration is

free for new members who have joined since the January 2015 Midwinter. The cost to the club is minimal. The best way to encourage attendance is to bring new members with your club delegation. You will be surprised at the energy and enthusiasm that returns to your clubs.

Speaking of the midwinter convention, there are exciting new training opportunities this year. PDG Dennis Kelly, from Stillwater, is going to present his class “Who’s on First?” This class really tells it like it is regarding the LCI initiative to energize and transform our clubs with an infusion of new Lions in club leadership positions. Also, VDG Steve Wasserman, from Faribault is presenting a class on “Go to Meeting”, a digital meeting format that will give our District a free and easy to access ability to communicate more often all types of meetings. I challenge everyone to bring your laptops, tablets or smartphones and participate in an actual digital meeting during the class. It works wonderfully!! We will use it more in the upcoming years.

I hope to see you at Fortune Bay! Party Hard and enjoy friends and family but Drive safely throughout the Holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mel Milender, 1VDG

Merry Christmas
from 2VDG Mark Eyre.



I am looking forward to the Midwinter Convention at Fortune Bay. I am also looking ahead to the next years on the road to becoming District Governor and continuing the progress that the past District Governors and DG Bill Michl have accomplished. Hope to see you at the “Bay”.



PR Power! at the Midwinter Convention

Club Opportunity: Share and Promote Your Club Public Relations Projects at our Midwinter Convention Fortune Bay Casino January 15-17, 2016

Greetings Lions Clubs,

Our 5M-10 Midwinter Convention is just weeks away. As your District Public Relations chair, I will again set up a display table at the convention where clubs can showcase and share their promotional materials, community awareness campaigns, special projects, social media endeavors, website concepts and fundraising ideas. The materials can include brochures, business cards, event/project calendars, published articles, event flyers and club newsletters. Whatever you would like to share!

To keep everything organized and accessible, each club will have their own section in a three-ring binder. There will be plenty of time to place your materials into the binders during the convention. If you are unable to attend and would like to share your information, please mail me your materials by January 10, and I will place them in the appropriate section for your club.

At the display table, I will have information from Lions Clubs International along with tips of the trade to help boost your public relations efforts. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to see firsthand what other clubs are doing to promote themselves and gain new ideas for your own club.

Thank you. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at Fortune Bay!

Happy Holidays,

Lion Barb Oswell
MD5M-10 PR Chair

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2017 MD5M Convention Report

Lions Co-chairs Mel Milender and Wayne Tieman

Christmas Greetings to all. The Bemidji Lions Club, the Bemidji First City Lions, and Lions in 5M10 welcome you to Bemidji, MN, for the 98th Annual MD5M Convention April 21-23, 2017. The theme for the 2017 Lions Centennial MD5M convention will be “Lions of the North for the next 100”.

Lions Club International will be 100 years old in 2017, so many special events are being planned. We anticipate over 600 Lions to attend.

The last MD5M convention held in Bemidji was in 1941. The last MD5M convention hosted in 5M10 was in Thunder Bay in 2002. We have a great opportunity to serve by hosting this special event.

The 2017 convention will be held at the Sanford Center on the South shore of beautiful Lake Bemidji. There will be 660 available hotel rooms in the City of Bemidji, with prices ranging from \$94.00 -- \$170.00 per evening.

Registration will begin at the 2016 MD5M Convention in Mankato April 22-24, 2016.

Planning has begun for the convention and the following committees are formed: Administration, Registration, Greetings and Information, Publicity and Advertising, Program Booklet, Finance, Entertainment and Speakers, and Souvenirs. Additional Information will be at the 5M10 mid winter convention in January, 2016.

If you are willing to serve on any of these committees, please contact either Lion Mel melmile@msn.com or Lion Wayne tieman13@yahoo.com . WE SERVE.

Can Do Canines' Lions Newsletter Submission – December, 2015

Can Do Woofaroo

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.

On September 12, 2015 you showed your support! The Can Do Woofaroo Fundraising Walk and Festival was held on September 12, 2015 at Can Do Canines facility in New Hope, MN. More than 182 walkers, 86 dogs and 90 volunteer came out to the event and raise some serious assistance dog funds.

In total, we raised more than \$60,000. That's enough to fund two new assistance dog teams! Slammer's Supporters, the top fundraising team brought in \$2,218 and the top fundraising individual, Holly Fitzenberger brought in \$3,000. Wow!

Thank you to everyone who walked, pledged and volunteered. We hope to see you again next year for another great event!

In the meantime, if you haven't made it out to Can Do Canines facility (9440 Science Center

Drive, New Hope, MN) consider attending an upcoming Tails to Tell Tour:

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, 11 a.m.

Saturday, February 27, 11 a.m.

Find more information about our Tails To Tell Tours at can-do-canines.org.

***PHOTO CAPTIONS ARE THE FILE NAMES

Fall Graduation Photo Caption

Congratulations to the 18 Can Do Canines teams who received diplomas on Saturday, October 24, 2015 in recognition of graduating from our assistance dog program.

Fall Graduation



JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

I am Lion Corey Hurren from the Bowsman and District Lions Club in District 5M13. Our DG Louise Kernested told me at her recent visit to Swan River that I should contact DG Gerald about getting involved with the 'Journey For Sight' which is an annual snowmobile fundraising event for the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

The next JFS will be from January 11th - 16th. The money is raised by snowmobilers who tour Manitoba collecting pledges and by selling raffle tickets to win new snowmobiles.

One of our Bowsman Lion members, Lion Ian Mullin, is the Chair of the Journey For Sight. He had asked me last year to help him with online promotion of the JFS since I have been doing that for the Bowsman Lions Club.

I made the <http://www.facebook.com/JourneyForSight> page when Lion Ian said he would like to have the riders be able to make posts as they travelled along the Journey, which they now can from their phones when they are within cell range.

Lion Ian and DG Louise would also like to see expansion of the JFS into the other areas of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario not currently involved with the JFS since the Lions Eye Bank serves those areas as well.

DG Louise suggested I ask you if the JFS and it's Facebook page could be advertised in your District's newsletter. I will also send this email to District Governor Bill Michl from 5M10 whose District covers Northwestern Ontario to let him know about these ideas to help promote and grow the Journey for Sight.

Lion Ian can be contacted at imullin1095@gmail.com or 204-236-4478



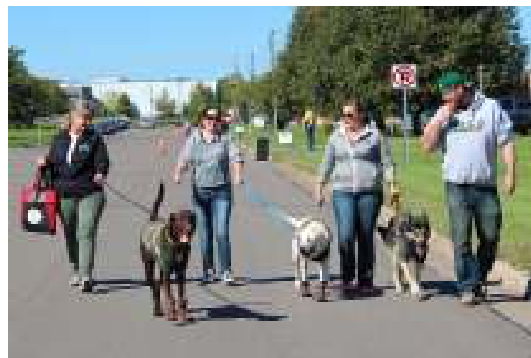
**Julie Schneider and her
Hearing Assist Dog, Shiya**



**Officer Brian Collier and his Explosive
Detection Dog**



(L) Supporters led more than 180 walkers at the kick-off to the Can Do Wooferoo.



(R) Many supporters helped raise funds for Can-Do Canines.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



From DG Bill

This is a picture of a 1930 Ford Model A that the Marathon Lions let me ride in, in their Christmas Parade. After the parade, we served gallons of hot chocolate and cookies to the festive crowd. The only thing missing was snow.

Give Back to Your Community in the New Year



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!

Come to the Mid-Winter Convention and meet 'Melvin the Traveling Lion' and have your picture taken with him too.



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FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION

Dear Lions,

No matter where you live, you have probably heard about the refugee situation in Europe. Hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes and make their way into Europe. They are leaving Syria, Kosovo, Afghanistan and several other countries, usually on foot and carrying what few possessions they still have. They are searching for a place to call home, where they can safely raise their families. Many of them are crowded into camps, lacking adequate food, water and medical supplies.



This is where Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions can help. LCIF has approved US\$200,000 to help Lions address the needs of refugees in host countries. The Lions of Sweden and Turkey are already hard at work providing relief materials to refugees near the Greece/Turkey border. The Lions in the Istanbul, Turkey, region have received a grant for refugee assistance, with which they plan to establish a school for refugee children and support the nutrition and hygiene needs of 100 families for two months.

Lions in Europe and the Middle East recently met to share stories, resources and ideas for helping the refugees. A steering committee comprised of Lions leaders in Europe was formed to help coordinate efforts. Please consider making a [donation](#) to LCIF's disaster fund so Lions in the affected areas can help where help is needed most.

If your District or Multiple District is interested in aiding refugees, you can [contact LCIF to find out how to request funds](#) for local relief projects through a pilot grant program.

Thank you for your dedication to improving lives of people all over the world.

Sincerely,

Joe Preston
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

CLUBS

Atikokan Lions

The float was the creation of Lion Liz MacKay with her many helpers (elves), Lions Perry Sharbot, Arlo Jewell, Randy Cameron (also the loan of his trailer), Garry & Susan Girard, Don MacKay, Heather McLeod, Nancy Kozlovic, Liz Shine, Hilda Shmyr & Jason Sharbot.

On the float we have Jersey Mason - Elsa, and the grandchildren of Past District Governor Angela Sharbot, Kale Sharbot - Kristoff, Isis Sharbot - Anna?

The club is also looking into the collection of used bicycles and shipping these to be repaired and then shipped overseas where they are needed. Lion Randy Cameron is spear heading this campaign and will follow up with more details.



Babbitt Lions

Donated \$250 to an individual for a polar plunge. These funds will go to Special Olympics.

Donated \$200 for a sign for the Babbitt History Center.

Inducted one new member.

Collected 150 pair of eyeglasses.

Bemidji First City Lions Club News!



Lion Penny Strand received her 30 year chevron from Club President Mary Lou Milender!

Our Club welcomed three new members this fall and currently there are 28 active members. Club members participated in World Diabetes Day on November 14 at the local Walmart store providing vision screening and Diabetes information to the community. The Bemidji Lions Club, First City Lions, local eye care providers, Walman Optical and the BSU football team held their annual free Children's

Vision Clinic. Forty youngsters were examined and ten were fitted with free glasses.

The Bemidji Lions Club

The club continues to moves forward in their commitment to serve the community. The recent "Fall Raffle" was a success and the profit from the event enables the club to address additional needs throughout the area. This fall we were involved with a number of projects, including keeping a watchful eye over climbers of a fire tower at the county fair, eye screening and participation at the "Vision Football" game held at B.S.U., answering phones in August and November while accepting pledges for Lakeland T.V., assisting at "Diabetes Awareness Day" held at our local WalMart, contributing to "Holiday Gifts for Kids", and bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Profits from Bemidji Lions Club fund raisers are distributed back to the community in a variety of ways. Recently we financially assisted a number of organizations including the Food Shelf and the Boys and Girls Club, along with funding a Hoby Scholarship. The club has completed an update on both their Constitution and By-Laws and is in the final stages of Strategic Planning. Present membership is at 82 members but we are working hard to bring this number to three figures. Club members are contemplating forming a Leo Club within our high school and there is a possibility of a branch club originating out of Bemidji State University. Next year promises to be filled with excitement and challenges as we prepare for the Multi District Convention to be here in Bemidji in 2017. Meanwhile we will continue to serve the community in numerous ways and have fun along our journey.

From the members of the Bemidji Lions Club have a joyous holiday season.

CAMPUS LIONS CLUB at UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - DULUTH

Hello Lions,

I'd like to formally introduce to you the newest club in district 5M10, the Campus Lions Club at the University of Minnesota Duluth. We are happy to announce that we have successfully recruited 22 members and have submitted our charter to Lions International. Throughout the semester we have been involved in a variety of activities on campus and in the Duluth area including decorating for Homecoming, the Disability and Wellness Resource Fair at UMD, the Community Connect Event, World Diabetes Awareness Day, and an Eye Glasses Drive at UMD. When classes start up next semester, the Campus Lions Club is looking forward to participating in the Spring Activities Fair to recruit more new Lions. On Saturday, January 30th, 2016 the Campus Lions Club will be hosting a charter night in the UMD Ballroom to induct the charter members. A social hour and silent auction will begin at 5pm with dinner to follow at 6pm. We will enjoy the induction ceremony after dinner to round out the evening. All are welcome and invited to join us as we celebrate this outstanding accomplishment.

Yours truly,
Shannon Walsh



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CAMPUS CLUB

DRYDEN TRILLIUM LIONS CLUB WELCOMES THREE MORE NEW MEMBERS



Pictured L to R: Sponsor, Lion Shannon, Lion Cheryl and President Lion Susan



Pictured L to R: Lion Susan, Lion Trish, Lion Debbie and Sponsor, Lion Cheryl

Following is the monthly activity report for the Dryden Trillium Lions Club for November, 2015:

- Welcomed one new member who was inducted at our November general meeting.

- Approved 2 new applications for membership. These new Lions will be installed at our December general meeting.
- Purchased a Remembrance Day Wreath that was laid at the Dryden Cenotaph on November 11th by a Club member on behalf of Trillium Lions.
- Two Lions delivered 19 Meals on Wheels over 2 days on November 21-22.
- Received orders for 48 Lion candles, 24 of which are to be used at the District Convention Memorial Service.
- On November 27 Trillium Lions volunteered at Grace Haven's "Festival of Trees", a 3-day event to raise funds for community programs for seniors. Members baked approx. 45 dozen cookies for the children's movie night that were given to the children in individual bags containing cookies and a candy cane, tied with a tag identifying our club (giving some club exposure to parents). We also supervised various sales tables as well as donated a gift basket to the silent auction that takes place over the Festival of Trees weekend.
- Collected \$125.00 at our November general meeting for our monthly donation to the Dryden Food Bank. This month, as well as 22 lbs. of ground beef, we donated 24 cans of tuna, 20 boxes of Kraft Dinner and 30 cans of meat – chicken, ham and turkey. Total number of people fed by this food was 261
- Eye glass collection resulted in 31 pairs of glasses and 8 pairs of hearing aids.
- Two members attended the Zone Meeting on Nov. 28.

Lion Sharon McGillivray, Secretary

HIBBING LIONS

This is from the Hibbing Lions Club. Recently we had a fundraiser of making and selling BBQ pork or beef sandwiches by Skorich BBQ of Hibbing. We had 12 of our 19 members participate and we raised about \$1050.00 profit. Coming up on Dec. 3 we are having our annual Christmas Party at which our 3 new members will be formally inducted into Lions. This will be led by our District Governor who will be our guest at the Christmas Party. Thank you, Lion Secretary Tom Toscano.

Don't forget to visit the members' page on the LCIF webpage. Lots of interesting information. Great place to learn what Lions are doing around the world.

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>

Duluth Lions Club

Sister City Youth Speak to Duluth Lions Club

On November 3rd a youth delegation from Duluth's sister city of Petrozavodsk, Russia spoke at our noon meeting.



The topic of the presentation was their youth policy. Petrozavodsk is the capital of the youth movement in 37 public schools, several large universities and more in their tech schools. There are 20,000 full time students in their city.

The movement focuses on government of the republic, to integrate youth with physical activity like sports, and work with young people on lifestyle. A large youth center was built to hold many social events where they teach patriotic education and love of their homeland. The presentation was very interesting and highlighted their programs for youth development.

District Governor Visits Duluth Lions Club

District Governor Bill Michl traveled to Duluth for his annual visit on November 10th. We had a great turnout at Northland Country Club and welcomed members of our new UMD Campus Lions Club.



In addition to having DG Bill present, we were honored to have 1st Vice District Governor Mel Milender, his wife Mary Lou, and 2nd Vice District Governor Mark Eyre join us for this special event.



Perfect Attendance Awards

Past District Governor Mark Osthus introduced District Governor Bill who is from the Fort Francis, Ontario Voyageur Lions Club. DG Bill spoke about "Dignity, Harmony, Humanity", LCI's President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's theme for this year. He touched on being a good Lion and taking advantage of the training offered by LCI.

Encouraging everyone to attend the Mid-Winter Convention to learn more about the wonderful things Lions do, to meet other Lions and to exchange/share ideas, DG Bill talked about our accomplishments and support in the areas of vision and hearing – both in the US and Canada. He confirmed, "Strong leadership makes strong clubs."

Past International President Joe Preston recognized PDG Mark with a Presidential Award (one of only two in our district) for the highest membership goal, the largest percentage of women and families and also retention in our district. He also received a Certificate of Appreciation from LCI for furthering Lionism in 2014-2015.



Congratulations to PDG Larry Winner and 1st VDG Mel Milender who were recognized by LCI for starting new clubs in our district. Service awards and perfect attendance awards were also presented.

After dinner, DG Bill inducted our newest member Lion Marie Pank, sponsored by Lion President Bill Pank.



Volunteers included members of the UMD Campus Lions Club and Duluth Lions Club. A special thank you to Lions Robert and Millie Spry, Grand Marais Lions Club and MD5M-10 Zone Chairs, who traveled down to help out at the event!

World Diabetes Day in Duluth!

On November 14th we volunteered to help out at the World Diabetes Day in Duluth at Walmart in Hermantown.



Duluth Lions Participate in the Annual Christmas City of the North Parade

On November 20th the Duluth Lions Club once again participated in the Annual Christmas City of the North Parade through downtown Duluth.

Lion Larry Winner organized the event, where we provided a lot of information about diabetes to shoppers, offered vision screenings for those interested, and handed out gift bags to people who visited all of the information stations.





We were joined by members of the new UMD Lions Campus Club as well as members, family and friends of the Duluth Club. Our float committee did a fabulous job on refreshing the float.

Thanks to Lion Ron Roscoe for shuttling volunteers to the parade start and a special thank you to Lion Dave Rutford who drove his truck and pulled the float!



Spectators shouted, "Lions pancakes! Lions pancakes!" as we marched by, and the children were treated to handshakes and hugs from our Lions and UMD mascots, as well as "Pancake Man" himself (a.k.a. Lion Mark Swanson).



When the parade finished, we all warmed up and celebrated with a pizza party at the Incline Station.

Duluth Lions Serve Youth through LSS Crisis Nursery

The Lutheran Social Service Crisis Nursery has been serving Duluth, Minnesota, and surrounding communities since 1994.

The Crisis Nursery provides an early intervention service committed to keeping children safe by providing support services to families and emergency care for children during times of family crisis.

For the past 15 years, the Duluth Lions Club has donated money to the Crisis Nursery that is used to purchase \$10 coupons for a local department store. Members of the club then purchase new clothes for the Nursery's clothes closet. Families are then able to take the items for their children.



Ileigh and Brittane, staff from the LSS Crisis Nursery, and Lion Gail Tate show off the \$646 worth of new clothes purchased at the Younkers Days of Caring with a donation from the Duluth Lions Club and \$31.36. The clothes are for the Crisis Nursery Kid's Closet.

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONS

November 10th was a special meeting as we remembered the Fallen with the poem "In Flanders Fields" and a minute of silence. President Perry welcomed 19 Lions and 10 guests to the meeting. Hopefully, we will be gaining some new members as a result.

Fred deWind who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis and his special skills dog, Tiger made an interesting presentation.



Fred deWind has been a supporter of the Lions for many years, seeking pledges and participating in the Walk for Dog Guides each year. Fred and Tiger are well known along the walk route.

The Zone meeting on November 28th was very interesting; several presentations made, including Eye Bank, MAP, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, Hearing and the new technology G-Mail. Zone Chairman detailed the training process for t

The annual Christmas Draw is well underway and first prize, a Jeep Sport was decorated and driven in the Santa Claus parade on November 28th, 2015 with several Lions taking part. The Lions Air Cadets walked the route and handed out wrapped candies to the children. Bystanders viewing the parade also passed out food

stuffs to the cadets that were added to the Salvation Army Miracle Marathon gigantic food hampers for the needy. Lion Don Brown made the club's presentation to the Miracle Marathon on November 27th, with the annual donation of \$200.00, plus \$500.00 in special toys.

The Program and Social Committee will host the general meeting on December 8th in the form of a Christmas party for members and guests, which will include Zone Chairman, Forrest Mann and Lion Susan Mann. The Kenora Lake of the Woods Lions Club extend warm wishes to you and your families in District 5M10 for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you at the Mid Winter Convention in January. Take care and drive safely.

NWOnt and Manitoba report

We send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas bringing good health and happiness to you and your family. May the New Year bring peace to all!

We thought you would be interested in knowing what we have been up to July 1 – October 31.

Eye Bank

We have provided eye exams and eyewear for 3 individuals.

We have provided specialized lens and adaptive technology for 3 individuals.

Misericordia Health Centre recognized our contribution by placing a plaque at the Medical Lab. See picture.

CLERC

We have shipped over 17,000 pairs of eyeglasses to Calgary. Thank you to everyone who supports this worthwhile program.

Did you know—CLERC in Calgary shipped 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses to developing countries July 1 – September 30.

Hearing

We have assisted 3 individuals in obtaining hearing aids.

To date, we have collected just over 80 hearing aids. Thank you for helping us.

Did you know:

Dr. Ritterman and I have been asked to speak at the Provincial Forum for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Educators in April. We look forward to meeting the needs of children and families that are not currently being met.

We have been asked to provide screening equipment to a school division.

I had the opportunity to meet the parents who are interested in forming a support group in Manitoba called Hands & Voices. Currently, they have met in our Board room and look forward to being chartered.

We are working with Dr. K. Priestly on establishing a library of resource materials for families that is currently not available.

We do have hearing aid recycle boxes available to those who may want to help us.

MAP

We continue to strive to meet the needs of those facing a medical burden. To date we have assisted 20 individuals. Thank you to all supporting clubs.

Rural Housing

Continues to be a safe haven for individuals needing home like accommodations while undergoing medical situations. To date 16 people have benefitted from this program.

All of these programs are necessary and by working together we are able to alleviate applicant fears and no one group needs to carry the burden alone. Thank You.

To date we have spent over \$24,000.00 in all programs.

Journey for Sight

We ask that you please support Journey for Sight by buying raffle tickets or sponsoring a rider. The Lions Eye Bank is grateful for their support and all monies we receive allow us to help individuals. The 2016 JFS ride begins January 11, 2016 with a wind up in Brandon January 16.


Please visit our Web Site eyebankmanitoba.com.

We encourage you to call at any time should you have questions or share an idea.

Thank You for all you do!

Newsletter Emo and District Lions

A very busy November was completed with the addition of several new members bringing our Club now to 80 members. (and there are several in the sights for next month as well!!) We are making good headway to reaching our goal of 100 members by the 100 anniversary of Lions!! How are you doing in your Club??

Seven Emo and District Club members have been gathering items from other club members as well as purchasing items to take to Guatemala this past month. Two vehicles loaded with 16 extra- large suitcases, 7 carryon bags and 7 back packs made their way to the Minneapolis for a 2 am wakeup call, a 3am ride to the airport, a 650 am plane flight that hopped across the country to arrive in Guatemala at 8pm ending in a 930 pm arrival to the mission house that was to be our home for the next 7 days. 

A total of 40 homes were erected with the help of Guatemala Outreach and Mark Mast and family. Emo Lions sponsored 7 homes, Lion Danette MacIntyre and friends added 3 more making the Lions sponsoring ¼ of the total homes built!! Food and Clothing were distributed to families living at the El Tijar dump as well to the community of San Lorenzo. Past Emo President Stewart Firth danced his way down the streets with aprons made by honorary Lion Patricia Ogden and friends Dixie Kivie and Laura Allen, as well as a good friend of Debra Firth, Sara Rempel...a total of 80 aprons given!! Some beautiful handmade hats went to the beautiful kids at the El Tejar dump thanks to Gwen Olsen who sent them as well with Lion Deb.

Homes were dedicated and sharing a few of the pictures...President Joanne Ogden has made contact with Chimaltenango Lions Club and hopes to with the assistance of new Guatemalan friends be able to complete a twinning with their club on a water project for the community of Yalou. Stayed tuned for progress on that...

We will be hosting a presentation at our next meeting December 9th as well as celebrating the season with a Potluck and gift exchange! Second Vice DG Mark Eyre will be on hand for the fun as well...come and join us if you dare have more fun than one body is meant to endure!!

Melvin the Wandering Lion is coming to midwinter!! He heard that Wayne the cat was our mascot last year so he wants to be the mascot this year!! Lion Stewart Firth had a hand in his resurrection so we thought it was only fair that he bring him to Mid -Winter...we will be visiting Bemidji Lions and leave him in their capable hands sometime following that! I am sure that there will be some fun...perhaps even some money raised because of his attendance in Cook...

Christmas Parade in Fort Frances saw the joint effort of our 3 area clubs in a float to promote Lions and encourage people to join our clubs. Pizza was enjoyed while we decorated and way too much fun was had during the parade...

Stuff a Cruiser will see our club assisting to help add food to the Salvation Army food bank on December 12th as well as helping to ring the bells at several locations throughout the holiday season for the same cause.

A local community member lost their home in a fire and Emo and District was there to deliver a laundry hamper filled with needed items...another community member assisted with out of town medical treatment and extended stay needs away from home.

Emo and District is developing a call tree for emergencies within our district and has begun to meet with local government to begin the protocol to have Lions assist when there is a need.

Our next event is the Polar Plunge 2016 being done again as a shared fundraiser with FF Voyageur Lions...have you sponsored one of our CRAZY club members to jump in the lake in January....jump takes place New Years Day...come and join in our fun!

We hope to resurrect Rabbie Burns Night on January 23 so if you are suffering from post MidWinter Convention depression there is no better cure than a good meal, a good pint of Scotch, a wee bit of Haggis and a whole bunch of FUN!!

Emo and District Club is excited to announce they will be a pilot for a School screening for Sight and Hearing in the near future...Lions Foundation, Rainy River District School Board along with our club will be laying the foundation to be doing this in every community if we are successful...send out your good thoughts for its success!!

Did I mention that we have 80 members....who have you asked today!!! See you at Mid Winter with a crew of new members attending their first convention...come and meet them and show them how a Lion makes another feel part of the PRIDE!!update today has us 3 members away from being the largest club in the district of 5M10....we are arranging a special presentation for the Duluth Club if we get there by midwinter!!!
Come and see what we bring!!





Vermilion Bay Lions News

In November our members were all saddened by the passing of our fellow Lion Nick Sourisseau. A tree will be planted in the spring near the Lion's Pavilion in his memory by our club.

The Lions have had a month full of renovations to the hall. Reno's to be finished Dec 4th. We had a major work party to clean the hall from top to bottom. We now have handicap access to the hall and washrooms.

The Zone meeting was held at the hall on Nov. 28th.

December we gather gifts for Vermilion Bay Helping Hands. We adopted a family and provide a hamper, gift certificates and money to help many needy families in our area.

Our club is participating in the Christmas Parade in Vermilion Bay on December 12. Members will be building a float.

December 14th we hold our annual Christmas Carol night with music and goodies for the local residents.

December 19th we have our Christmas Party and gift exchange.

Many members will be selling tickets on our winter raffle outside at Canadian Tire and inside at local stores before Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Vermilion Bay Lions!

IGNACE LIONS

Ignace Lions Club inducted 4 new members Lee Baldwin, Jim Coutts, Lise Wetelainen and Barry Wetelainen. District Governor Bill Michl was present to assist with the induction ceremony.



The Ignace Lions Club

- Continue to act as a Third Party for Northern Travel Grants to support individuals of the community who required financial support to attend out of town medical appointments. (This is a self-sustaining initiative and the biggest way of giving back to our community).
- Continue to install and/or relocate ramps as needed by individuals with mobility challenges in the community.
- Loan items such as walkers install bath tub bars for community members
- Sponsored a space at the Ignace Nursery School for a family of a 2-3 year old child with special needs
- Donated \$500.00 to the Ignace Christmas Cheer Fund
- Sponsored a Wreath at the Ignace Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11th.
- To promote "PR" we have printed up a letter which will go into our local Welcome Wagon Baskets, these baskets are given to new residence in our community.
- Inducted 4 new members into our club. This brings 9 new members to our club since 2014. We now have a total of 17 members. And with this increase in membership we are gradually filling our executive and club positions. We once again have a Tail Twister and lots of fun is planned for the meetings.

We Wish ALL a Safe and Merry Christmas

Dryden Lions Club

November, 2015 Activity Report Club No.3125

1. Purchased a wreath and laid it at the Nov. 11 Remembrance Day ceremony.
2. Held our on-going \$200 club draw.
3. Membership Chevrons given to Lions Don Felske (55yrs) Stan Church (45yrs)
4. All 50 tickets of the Guide Dog Maple Leaf weekend purchased by the Club.
5. Proceeds from the annual Truck /Boat draw were distributed as follows.

Medical Assistance Fund..... \$15,000

Camp Quality..... \$500

Dryden Food Bank.....\$2,000

Tamarack Home.....\$1,000

Dryden Ringette\$500

Dryden Health Centre Oncology..\$1,000

Falcons Youth Football\$500

Mayors Committee for Children and Youth.. \$500

Dryden Diabetes Education Centre..\$1,000

Total \$22,000

KEEP SCROLLING DOWN. PRINT OUT A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE MID-WINTER CONVENTION. FILL IT IN AND SEND IT IN TODAY. IT IS COMING SOON AND PROMISES TO BE A FANTASTIC TIME OF FELLOWSHIP FOR THE LIONS WHO ATTEND!

27th Level – Shaft Station

Soudan Underground Lab



A Tour of the Soudan Underground Mine will be offered on Friday January 15, 2016 at 9:00 am. The cost is \$25.00 US per person. As there are a limited number of spaces available, reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Transportation to the mine from the hotel will be provided. Please enclose a separate check for the tour with your registration form.

Note: this 3 hour tour will require some moderate walking. The temperature in the mine is a constant 53 degrees F. Casual attire is recommended.

Soudan Underground Mine State Park, Soudan, Minnesota

This park is home to Minnesota's oldest iron ore mine, where visitors can learn about how mining shaped the history and culture of the Iron Range. Explore the dry house, drill shop, crusher house and engine house. Take an underground mine tour and travel a half mile beneath the earth to the deepest area that was mined.

The Soudan Underground Laboratory, operated by the University of Minnesota in partnership with the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the CDMS II and MINOS Collaborations. This unique facility is located almost a half-mile underground, and is designed to explore fundamental questions about the structure of our universe. Not all have answers (at least not yet) but we hope this guide and your hosts can help explain how we go about asking such questions, and why we think they are important.

The Soudan Underground Laboratory is a general-purpose science facility, which provides the deep underground environment required by a variety of sensitive experiments. The Lab currently hosts two large projects: MINOS, which investigates elusive and poorly understood particles called neutrinos; and CDMS II, a "dark-matter" experiment which may help explain how galaxies are formed. Both were built for basic research - exploring how the universe works - but similar efforts have spawned practical (if unforeseen) by-product's, including the world-wide web and even advanced medical imaging techniques.

There may not be any places left on this tour, but it wouldn't hurt to email and see!



**Lions District 5M10 2016 Midwinter Convention
January 15, 16, 17, 2016
Fortune Bay Resort and Casino
1430 Bois Forte Road Tower, Mn. 55790**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
(Please circle all that apply: Lion Lioness Leo Spouse First Timer)

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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Hospitality Book (Includes all convention meals); Please indicate the number of Hospitality Books required.

Early Bird -- Prior to December 15, 2015 _____ @ \$99.00 US _____
After December 15, 2015 _____ @ \$125.00 US _____

OR Indicate your individual meal preferences:

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| Friday Night mixer _____ @ \$23.00 US \$ _____ | Special Dietary Requests _____ |
| Saturday Breakfast _____ @ \$17.00 US\$ _____ | _____ |
| Saturday Lunch _____ @ \$23.00 US\$ _____ | _____ |
| Governor's Banquet _____ @ \$44.00 US\$ _____ | _____ |
| Sunday Brunch _____ @ \$27.00 US\$ _____ | |

Total Amount Enclosed US \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to **Cook Lions Club** Mail with completed registration form to:

Cook Lions Club P.O. Box 502 Cook, Mn. 55723

Hotel Accommodations: Convention rates for January 15th and 16th are \$89.00 plus tax. Lodging reservations should be made directly with Fortune Bay: 800-992-7529. Arrive early or stay late. Fortune Bay is offering a special rate of \$62.00/night plus tax 4 days prior to or 4 days after the convention dates.

Questions or comments? Contact Lion Mark Eyre, meps@accessmn.com 218-666-2758

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**On the shores of Lake Vermilion,
where the lake is deep and frozen
Stands amidst the forest there
the 2016 Mid-Winter Lion's lair.**

**There inside this Lion's den
will gather the Lions of 5M10.
Lions old and Lions new will
share some tales of what we do.
How we SERVE and how we PLAY
make plans to **ROAR** with us - today!**

"Roar on the Shore"

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