



L10News

June, 2016



Bill's Blasts

What an amazing year for 5M10, we came out of transition and now its full steam ahead to make this district what we really want it to be. Although membership will always be a concern, by concentrating on recognizing and training new up and coming Lions we will continue to grow and make us the fun and dynamic service organization we were meant to be in our respective communities.

We are very fortunate in our district to have Lions that step up and take positions to continue to make this district great. Now if you enjoyed your Lion year and had the best time ever doing service and fundraising and other Lion activities, here are the people to thank:

IPDG Mark Osthus (also Long Range Planning Chair, MD5M Hearing Foundation co-Chair), District Secretary, Sue Winner, Treasurer, PDG Jan Bennett (also co zone chair). Zone Chairs Bob and Millie Spry, 2ndVDGE Joanne Ogden (also Lions Eye Bank, Lions Foundation of Manitoba Northwestern Ontario, and Medical Assist Program director), Forrest Mann, PDG Cordell Bennett (also Constitution and Bylaws Chair, Honorary Advisory, LCIF co-Chair US), Steve Caron, Tom Antikainen (also Northeast Hearing Aid and Assistive Technology Chair), Richard Klinzing, and PDG Tom Grubb. GMT, PDG Tim Riorden (also Honorary Advisory), GLT, PDG Larry Winner (also MN Lions Diabetes Foundation co-Chair), Environmental Chair, Dick Schaak (also co-zone Chair), IT Chair, Shirley Koroniak, International Conventions Chair, PDG Dick Briesse (also US/CAN Forum), LCIF Chair (CAN), Susan Pollock, LCIF (US), Chair PDG Tom Salistad. Mid-Winter Convention Chair, 1st VDGE Mark Eyre (also MN Lions Diabetes Foundation co-Chair), Nominations, Tammy Hejda, Public Relations Chair, Barb Oswell, Can Do Canines Chair, Darrin Young, CAN Hearing Foundation Chair, Wendy Wiedenhoeft (also Lake Joseph Transportation Project Chair), CAN Diabetes Chair PDG Peggy Michels, Leader Dog co-Chairs Derek and Melynda Aho, Leo Chair, Bonnie Penney, News Letter Editor Dave Ogilvie, Lions Eye Bank/ Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario and Medical Assist Program (MAP) directors, Lillian Marchant and Al Koroniak, Hearing Foundation of Manitoba Northwestern Ontario, PDG Ivan Pollock (also Honorary Advisory), Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, PDG Gary Hutchison (also Honorary Advisory), Hearing Foundation co-Chair, Barb Tanski, Lions Vision Care Centre Thunder bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation, PDG Angela Sharbot. MN Lions Vision Foundation co-Chairs, Wayne Tieman and Brian Maki, Special Olympics CAN,

Gabrielle Hanzuk, US, Bob Weber, Peace Poster/ Project Pride Chair, Flora Danychuk, Lions Quest CAN, Debbie Michaud, US, Les Sanders.

Now if your year as a Lion wasn't so great here is the person to Blame **DG Bill Michl**, give me a call and tell me about it, maybe we can figure out the problem.

And Last but not least, the person that is going to be steering the ship next year and making sure that all of you have a year of FUN, FUN, FUN, DGE Mel Milender. Thank him for stepping forward to do one of the most rewarding positions I have personally ever taken on.

Good Luck to All.



PR Power!

Getting Social...

Why Use Social Media? Check out: [LCI Social Media](#)

Popular social media channels, such as Facebook and Twitter, allow Lions to share and connect with their communities and fellow Lions around the world. More and more Lions are using social media to make a bigger impact by:

- Following and connecting with other community organizations, leaders and the general public to spread the word about their club.
- Sharing photos of their recent activities to show the world how they're serving the community.
- Keeping current members updated and informed about upcoming projects, meetings and events.
- Attracting new and young members.
- Staying up-to-date with Lions Clubs International news and programs by following LCI social media accounts.

Social Media Resources /How Tos

- How to Create Facebook and Twitter Club/District Accounts
- Social Media Tips and Tricks
- Subscribe to the Lions Blog for More Social Media Tips and How-To's
- How to Get Featured on the LCI Facebook Page
- Lions Online: What the Internet Has to Offer
- Lions Selfie Wall
- Submit a Photo to LCI and have it posted on Lions in Action
- Lions SMiLE Blog (SMiLE = Social Media including Lions Everywhere)

Social Media for Non-profits (Nonprofit Consultants/Sprout Social/Charity)

Non-profits are a great example of a segment of social media with its own unique elements and expectations. The non-profit structure (humanitarian/service-focused and member-based) presents an opportunity for some great ways of putting social media to good use. Though email and websites still rule as non-profit marketing channels, social media is quickly catching up.

Why Social Media Works for Non-profits

1. Get the word out cheaper and faster.
2. Use social context to drive friends of friends to participate.
3. Build a community of supporters.
4. More easily reach the people you're out to serve.
5. Find and engage influencers to help spread the word.
6. Become a thought leader in the space you serve.
7. Better tell your story.

Social media is an opportunity to tell your story, engage with supporters, recruit members and get results.

7 Steps to Develop a Social Media Plan

1. Define Social Media's Role in Your Communications Plan

The role that it can play really well is engagement, especially member engagement and member retention, getting people to pay attention—capturing their attention. The content you will create on social media should tie back to your overall communications plan. Consider how you will connect your organization's social media efforts to your website and/or blog, email marketing, project promotions and any other content you share online.

2. Determine What You Want to Accomplish

Your social media goals should be clear. Common communications goals that can inform your social media efforts are:

Engaging community	Acquiring members	Retaining members
Generating brand awareness		Building leadership

3. Identify Your Target Audience

Your audience is more than the general public. Once you have identified your target audience, find out where they are active online, and focus your efforts on those.

4. Create a Content Strategy

When creating content, focus on storytelling that gets your message across. Don't be afraid to ask supporters what type of stories they would like to see from your organization. You can gather this information in person, via an email survey or by asking on social media. Develop content that you can repeat on a regular basis, such as volunteer spotlights, client stories and how-tos.

5. Include Visual Content

Visual content can often reach emotional triggers in a way that words alone cannot. Images not only increase member and community engagement and retention, they increase program successes.

6. Put Engagement First

Social media is far more than a publishing platform—it's a place to capture people's attention, connect with supporters and build communities. It is designed for two-way conversation, and that's when it is most powerful. Promote through other communication channels by sending links and asking others to like it, share it, or comment.

7. Cross-Promote Your Content

Even the most enthusiastic supporters may not realize that social sharing is a powerful way that they can raise awareness for your cause. If you are creating or ramping up your presence on a specific network, make it known to all of your contacts that they can connect with you there. Show them the value of following the stories, tips and images they can expect to see and educate them about the best ways to show support. Cross-promote your social media content on other channels.

Thank you. Lion Barb Oswell, MD5M-10 PR Chair

Dear Lions

CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

We were quite busy in April and May, so we never got around to sending out a Volunteer Update last month. Wow! It's June and school will be out soon. That means some of you may be hitting the road or taking to the skies for a summer vacation. Before you go, make sure your health insurance is up to date, that you have your Medic Alert device, and that you have enough of your diabetes medication and supplies to get you through. We have heard from volunteers, and I'm also guilty of this, who have arrived at their destination only to discover that they forgot something -- insulin, needle tips, etc. Borrow from the jolly gent himself -- make a list and check it twice!

We have insurance program information, brochures on Eating Away from Home, and more that can help you with your travel planning. Feel free to stop by to pick up your copies.

Here are some volunteer opportunities coming up in the weeks and months ahead. It's never too late to mark them on your calendar and let us know you will help.

Event

Walk With Doc, 7pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2016, Birch Point Park/Boulevard Lake

Display

Fort William First Nation Health Fair, 11:30am - 3:30pm, Monday, July 11

FWFN Community Hall - 400 Anemki Drive

Display/Activity

City of Thunder Bay Teddy Bear Picnic, Tuesday, July 12 12 - 4pm

Volunteers must have completed Vulnerable Sector police check.

If any Canadian Lions would like to volunteer for any of these events, please contact,

Richard Boon

Branch Coordinator, Northwestern Ontario

Canadian Diabetes Association

501 – 200 Syndicate Avenue S.

Thunder Bay, ON, P7E 1C9



In Memory

In May, we lost a great Lion leader: Lion Robert Michels of Thunder Bay, formerly of Atikokan.

I first met Lion Bob at a District 5M-10 Midwinter Convention. For a number of years, Lion Bob was the driving force and head writer for the "Atikokan Players," Atikokan Lions who sang satirical songs and provided great skits during the Friday evening socials. This wonderful entertainment, often poking fun at District Governors and Past District Governors and the political foibles of both Canada and the United States, was often the highlight of our Midwinters.

Lion Bob was probably best known as a strong leader. Using his background in business and consulting, he served on the district's leadership team, helping shape our training programs on many topics. As a board member of the Quetico Centre, Lion Bob arranged for our training to be held at this retreat facility over a weekend so that we would have the opportunity to get away from our day to day lives and become better Lions. He was never satisfied with the present, no matter how well we did, always challenging us to do even better.

Lion Bob generously shared his expertise with others: when a Lions club in our district was having internal struggles, he created a club satisfaction form completed by club members, which identified some of the club's challenges. And, of course, Lion Bob prepared a professional report for this Lions club's board of directors with recommendations for improvement.

On a personal note, Lions Bob and Peggy graciously welcome me into their home in Atikokan several times so that I could participate in the annual "Sightspiel" held over a weekend at the Atikokan Curling Club, a fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind. I'll always treasure our long conversations trying to solve the challenges facing both of our countries.

Recognizing his strong background, skills, and acute mind, leadership in Ontario appointed Lion Bob as a Justice of the Peace, an accomplishment of which he was most proud. Because his court was located in Thunder Bay, Lions Bob and Peggy moved to this community, but Lion Bob remained an Atikokan Lion.

Lion Bob Michels will be sorely missed.

PDG Robert Vokes
Brooklyn Center Lions Club and
Life Member, Duluth Lions Club



Can Do Canines' Lions Newsletter Submission – June, 2016

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained dogs for people with disabilities and provide them free of charge to those in need.

One recent recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is Amanda Mollner. Amanda now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind thanks to Mobility Assist Dog Phyllis. Read their story below.

Amanda Mollner & Mobility Assist Dog Phyllis

At 18, Amanda Mollner of Woodbury, Minn. began having episodes of dizziness. Sometimes she felt off-balance; other times like she was spinning while standing still. She had ringing in her ears so loud that sometimes she couldn't hear. Amanda has Meniere's disease, a rare disorder of the inner ear that causes vertigo, hearing loss and ringing in the ears. "The disease is in my ears," Amanda says. "But it affects my entire body. I fall frequently and drop things a lot."

For nine years, she did her best to cope with the disease that cost her employment opportunities and made relationships stressful. But after three ear surgeries, Amanda began looking for another solution. She found Can Do Canines, and was paired with Phyllis, a two-year-old black Lab. Phyllis helps Amanda by fetching the phone, acting as a brace when she gets up, and retrieving her cane. She also opens doors and drawers, and picks up items that Amanda drops.

With Phyllis by her side, Amanda says she feels more secure and safe, and ready to pursue the independent life she imagined nine years ago. "Phyllis gives me a reason to get up every day," Amanda says. "I am forever grateful to all those who helped bring this beautiful little soul into my life."



VIEW FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE



See Life In a New Way: Update from the Lighthouse

This year, support from the Lions Club allowed us to purchase a refreshable Braille display. A refreshable braille display, when connected to a computer, allows a blind person to read the text on a computer screen one line at a time in the form of Braille characters.



The braille display can be connected to a variety of devices including a computer, iPad or smart phone. In today's modern economy, for an individual with vision loss, Braille literacy and computer literacy together are indispensable skills for the workplace. This device helps Lighthouse clients see all that is possible despite their vision loss.

The Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss serves 1,500 individuals each year in all stages of vision loss. We offer individualized training and support to help those living with vision loss maintain vibrant, independent lives. To learn more, contact us at (218) 624-4828 or info@lcfvl.org.





MD5M Centennial Public Relations Contest

Contest Guidelines for MD5M-10 Clubs:

The Public Relations Contest was created to promote Lions and the 100th Centennial Anniversary. Every club in the Multiple is invited to participate. Small clubs have the same chance as a large club to win.

The contest application form is included in this newsletter. Each club should fill out one application per event or activity, choosing from the centennial categories of Environment, Hunger, Vision and Youth or another Lions project category. Clubs may enter more than once. If there are not enough lines on the application in any area, feel free to attach another page. One picture page may also be included with your application.

The Contest will run from July 2016– December 2016 and January 2017 – December 2017.

Each District will award 1 winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2017 & 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2017 & 2018 Multiple Convention. A money amount will be determined by the District Governors at the July 2016 Council of Governors.

Please submit your application(s) to your District Public Relations Chair, Lion Barb Oswell.

Lion Barb Oswell, Lions District 5M10 PR Chair

5260 Samuelson Road

Duluth, MN 55811

oswbarb@gmail.com

Questions? (218)343-9006





**Centennial Public Relations Contest
Lions Clubs of MD5M July, 2016-January 1, 2017**



District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____

Event _____

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: _____

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

** Attach only 1 picture page

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th? ___ Yes ___ No

Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2017.

Clubs may enter more than once.

(2nd Contest will be run January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017)

Dr. Bud Danylchuk receives Al Jensen Leadership Award

Fort Frances Lions Club

He has been club president, treasurer, and board of directors. He served as Deputy Governor, Governor, Council Chair, and International Director.

As a young Lion in Morris, Manitoba, Bud helped promote the Morris Stampede Rodeo, which today is 2nd only to the Calgary Stampede in Canada. As Governor of 5M2 in 72-73 the district organized 9 new clubs. That year the multiple organized over 30 new clubs and went from 6 districts to 8, a plus of 417 in membership (still highest net gain in North America) He helped establish the "Lions Foundation", the funding branch of the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba/NW Ontario. In his home town Lion Bub was the drive behind the Lions Park in Fort Frances.

Bud shares his extensive knowledge with other Lions when asked and has sat back over the years watching many Lions grow in Lionism because of his advice. Bud takes pride in seeing local Lions achieve in the club and district and is always there to congratulate members.

Bud has always stepped up to the plate when the need arises, in his club, district, and even internationally. Bud was International Director from 1978-1980. During his term he presided over the Extention Committee which at the time was going thru some very difficult changes. He also sat on the Credentials Committee for International for 15 years.

Bud is now living his 10th decade and is still active in his club, (still delivers Meals on Wheels). He takes an interest in new Lions making sure they participate at meetings, projects and service in the community. He still attends District and Multiple Conventions and willingly offers advice when asked.

Bud is a team player and has organized some very successful teams as seen by some of his accomplishments, The Morris Rodeo, the Lions Foundation of Manitoba/NW Ontario and the membership growth during

his term as Governor. None of these were a small feat, and when talking about it Bud uses terms like we instead of I and lists names of those he thought were the biggest help.

Bud is very straight forward in speech and manner and to receive an accolade from him is a reward in itself.



Leadership award

Past International Director Bud Danylchuk, centre, was all smiles after receiving the prestigious Lion Al Jensen leadership award from President Paul Patterson (left) and Past District Governor Anglea Sharbot (right) on Saturday night during the 52nd-annual Lions'

Charter Night dinner at La Place Rendez-Vous. The award recognizes "applying outstanding qualities of leadership in furthering the purpose of humanitarian service through Lionism."

—Cameron Penney photo

Lions Eye Bank, Lions Foundation, Lions Hearing Manitoba & Northwest Ontario

From July 1, 2015 up to and including May 15, 2016 we have been able to promote and assist many people.

Lions Eye Bank

We have assisted 6 individuals in obtaining specialized glasses, adaptive technology and specialized medication.

We have assisted 11 individuals in obtaining eye exams and eyewear.

We have assisted Thunder Bay Vision Care Centre in obtaining necessary equipment.

CLERC

To date we have collected 40,000 pairs of glasses. This is a new record! Thanks for your help.

We have also welcomed 3 new businesses collecting on our behalf.

Lions Foundation

We continue to assist 36 individuals facing hardship while undergoing medical treatment.

District Governors Kerensted and Fontaine have made the Lions Foundation (MAP) their pet project and clubs have generously donated \$3735.00.

Thank you so much!

Hearing

We have assisted 10 individuals in obtaining hearing aids.

Our presentation at the Provincial Forum for the Deaf, deaf and Hard of Hearing Educators was well received. We have made worthwhile contacts and a clearer understanding of how we can best help.

The 8th Annual 100 Hole Golf Marathon will take place September 12, 2016. More news and details to follow.

Housing

We have been able to accommodate 35 people in our Rural Housing program for stays from anywhere from 2 days to 3 months.

Parade of Green

How fortunate we are to receive \$45,570.00 from clubs in all 3 districts. Your support means a great deal to us.

Did You Know?

The Lions Foundation was pleased to award 69 Hope Medals to supporting clubs.

The Lions Eye Bank was pleased to present the following Stew Peever awards:

5M10 Lion Wendy Wiedenhoeft

5M11 PDG Chris Barnard

5M13 PDG Cheryl McKitrick

We send our heartfelt appreciation to all clubs for your unwavering support in all areas. Without you, we would not be able to accomplish and meet the needs placed upon us.

We have spent over \$130,000.00 in assistance.

We will keep everyone posted as to new developments to our programs but in the mean time, enjoy your summer! With many thanks.

Hundreds of Donated Eyeglasses Processed by Local Lions

By

Steve Caron

Zone 1, Region 2 Chair

[Bemidji Lions Club](#)

On a recent Spring Saturday morning Lions Clubs members from the Bemidji Lions Club and the First City Lions Club gathered to sort, clean, classify prescriptions, and package 325 donated eyeglasses.

These donated eyeglasses were sorted and processed on by 18 Bemidji Lions and will be delivered to the Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center in Sauk Rapids for distribution to needy people throughout the world.

Sanford Health Bemidji Eye Clinic Optometrists and Bemidji Lions Jim Molde, Sara Fredrickson-Sant and Sam Sant led this effort. They, and retired optometrist Leroy Hill, classified prescriptions for the eyeglasses processed..

Bemidji Lions club members participating included: Leroy Hill, Kari Klisch, John Sorensen, Mel Milender, Bob Madeson and Steve Caron.



First City Lions participating were: Ike Floura, Vera Weis, Lenay Tieman, Mary Lou Milender, Joy Barclay, Donna Collison, Alice Lapp, Mary Westrum and Kay Murphy.

Caption: retired optometrist and Lion Leroy Hill and Lion Mary Lou Milender Classifying prescriptions of donated eyeglasses

Since the 1930s Lions Clubs in Minnesota have collected 8 million used eyeglasses from civic minded citizens and then distributed to visually impaired people in need.

“Lions work to improve the eyesight of visually impaired people world-wide, according to Jim Molde. We can potentially improve the eyesight of one quarter of the world’s population through this eyeglasses re-cycling program,” continued Molde.



Many emerging countries lack the resources to manufacture lenses for prescription eyeglasses. Lions Clubs will continue to assist people with vision needs through eyeglasses re-distribution and Lions Vision Foundations in Minnesota and through-out the world.

Caption: Lions John Sorensen and Mel Milender sort through hundreds of donated eyeglasses for processing.

Bemidji area citizens donate 300-500 used eyeglasses to Bemidji Lions annually at several “drop-off” collection locations.

Eyeglasses are collected at Sanford Health Eye Clinic, 506 Beltrami Avenue; Third Street Optical, 212 3rd street; Whelan Eye Care, 1900 Division Street NW; and Eagles Club, 1270 Neilson Avenue (Washington Avenue SE).

CLUBS

BABBITT LIONS

On May 21, 10 Lions participated in roadside pick-up. We pick up trash from the north side of Babbitt to our beach.

Two \$500 scholarships were awarded to Northeast Range seniors.

Babbitt Lions treated the Elementary School students to hot dogs, chips and juice on May 27. Ten Lions prepared and served the food. The students look forward to this.

The Lions donated patches for the vests of the Trap Club members. These patches are the Lion logo because our club is one of the sponsors.

The Lions purchased glasses for a young student. She is so grateful that she can now see better.

DRYDEN LIONS

Dryden Lions May 2016 Membership and Activity report Club #3125

1. A member cleaned up the environment for 4 hours.
2. Two members walked in the Purina Dog walk and raised \$100 for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.
3. Our Hot Dog Cart had 13 Lions working for a total of 75 Lion Hours.
4. We gained one new member.
5. Our Centennial Project in conjunction with the Trillium Lions has been finalized. We will be building 6 shelters at the soccer pitch for youth. Estimated cost is \$7000 when completed.
6. We have completed the final planning for assisting at Aboriginal Days in June.
7. Two members have been dropped from membership due to moving .

The Dryden Lions Club Selling hot dogs at the Dryden Home Show. Proceeds from yesterday and today go to building player dugouts at the Dryden Youth Soccer fields.



Duluth Lions Club

Duluth Community Roars for Lions Pancakes!!!



The 59th Duluth Lions Club Pancake Day welcomed 8,858 people to the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center on Thursday, May 5th!



Lion Mike Mazzio, Chair of the 2016 event, confirmed over \$80,000 in cash was collected with an amazing \$12,000 in In-Kind donations received.

We had 2,850 lbs. of pancake flour, 1,410 lbs. of sausage, 340 lbs. of butter, 45 cases of syrup on hand.

Bacon slices were new to the breakfast this year (a very popular addition) along with a local band performing during part of the afternoon.

Money raised will go toward local causes, including: programs for the sight and hearing impaired, youth programs, diabetes organizations and several other programs.



The Duluth Club also offered a Vision Screening station during Pancake Day. A great new sign made its debut this year. With over 383 people screened, we realized a 14% increase over the prior year. We screened 103 more children this year than last and found 11 young kids whose parents had no idea their child had vision issues. Thank you to Duluth President Lion Bill Pank and his wife Lion Marie for their work and dedication to our vision screening project.



In addition, Essentia Health Diabetes Center tested 250 individuals. Five people tested potential for diabetes, and it was suggested they meet with their physician to discuss. Four people were considered pre-diabetic, and it was suggested they meet with their physician as well.

A **BIG** thank you to MD5M-10 Lion members who volunteered their service on Pancake Day: District Governor Elect Mel Milender, Lion Mary Lou Milender, Lion Dick Klinzing & Lion Brian Maki (Babbitt Lions Club) and Lions Bob and Millie Spry (Grand Marais Lions Club). Your dedication is so appreciated.



A LION'S ROAR



To Lion Mike Mazzio, Pancake Day Chair, and the Pancake Day Committee for their work on our 2016 event.

IGNACE LIONS

Ignace Lions Club donates...

\$500 to the building of a playground for their youngest students at the Ignace School.

\$200 to Fort McMurray Fire Disaster Fund, \$150 to sponsor a Grade 12 Graduate Bursary.

\$110 to support the Ignace Nursery School for the clubs advertisement in the Community Calendar.

As well as members are busy installing and/or relocating ramps for four residents of our community.

Membership Keys were presented to Lion Pam Courchene and Lion Joanne Armstrong.

The Ignace Lions Club receive a Hope Medal for their donations to the Lions Foundation Lions Eye Bank.

A potluck supper is planned for Monday June 24th at the Ignace Silver Tops for our last meeting before breaking for the summer.

Ignace School Principle Chantal Moore accepts \$500 donation from the Ignace Lions president Pierre DeKeyser for the building a playground structure for their youngest students.



Kenora Lake of the Woods Lions

The month of May was rather busy for the Kenora Lake of the Woods Lions club as it has been an annual tradition to extend an invitation to the CNIB Clients residing in Kenora and area to attend our general meeting in May; and this year, May 10th, was the 18th year that Lions welcomed 49 very special CNIB guests to join 17 Lions along with three staff members from the CNIB regional office in Thunder Bay to participate in this festive evening.

The evening began spending time when the Lions played host to our guests, both ones who have attended in the past, and getting to know several new ones. Everyone enjoyed the specially served excellent roast beef dinner with all the trimmings and mouth watering desserts. Hit is always informative hearing from the CNIB staff as to their mandate; the many services they provide to their clients and education awareness along with programs the CNIB is working on to assist visually impaired persons.



King George School is trying to revamp their Library and a new Librarian has joined their staff. Here the Kenora Lake of the Woods Lions make a presentation of a cheque in the amount of \$200.00 to help towards the initiative.

Pictured from left Lion Joan Brinkhurst, Librarian Jennifer Label; Vice Principal Gail Mutrie and Lion Joyce Van Belleghem.

A new slate of executive officers for the 2016-2017 Lions year will be installed at the general meeting June 14, 2016. With the current year winding down, best wishes to all Lions and their families to enjoy the summer.

DRYDEN TRILLIUM LIONS

WELCOMES
LION KATHY MacKAY
SPONSORED BY
LION THERESA WAITES



L to R: Lions Kathy, Theresa and President Susan Pollock

EMO AND DISTRICT LIONS

.What a great evening had by all at our Farmers Fling night!! We had this event as our windup as well and for the first time all our Lions also had time to have fun at an event instead of just all bustin tail!!

We started the evening with an incredible meal...BBQ picnic style Pig Roast (local farm pork) with all the fixins including a potato bar as well as an ice cream Sundae bar for dessert! Big thanks to Lions Russell, Tony and Kent for getting up at 5am and sitting out all day BBQing our pig!! Great job always Lion Deb and Stu for organizing the meal and the kitchen!

We had veggie and herb centerpieces on the table that were purchased by guests on a donation offering. These were all grown at a local nursery as well.

Great penny table again with a ton of prizes won as well as a big hit we had a silent auction pie and cake auction...all donated by our wonderful Lions members!! Thank you ladies!!

We had a great time in our newest attraction...the Lions new membership drive prop incredibly made by Lions Roger and Jody!! Pictures were done by Lion Dee for all who wished to have them done in our new Emo Lions crapper!! More on that later!

Door Prize giveaway of a Cloverleaf BBQ meat pack and a beautiful begonia hanging basket!!

We finished up the night with some awesome music with The Fugitives from Winnipeg and the wonderful group of dancers that came with them from Manitoba and Saskatchewan!! Lion Rhonda met some cousins there that she has not seen since she was a wee lass!! Thanks to all who stayed to dance the night away with them!!

Thanks to all our LIONS members...what a great group of people who do what they can when they can for our club and our district!! I am so fortunate to be a part of this club!! Such great things done for our district and this event will help assist in the Agriculture Bursary that we do at all high schools as well as help pay for our Lions Legacy project of building an observation deck on the river for our seniors and hospital residents and staff to enjoy!!

It's been an awesome 2 years as Lions president...an honor I now pass to Lion Jody Pellerin! Keep up the great work and thanks again to all who make this club the success it is!!

Lion Joanne

