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LIONS DISTRICT 5M10 GOVERNOR'S WELCOME MESSAGE

United in Diversity and Kindness



If someone had told me a year ago that I would be starting my District Governor year serving from home, I probably would have thought they were crazy! But here we are in the new normal.

However, for every cloud, there is a silver lining. This has provided the opportunity to invite club members that are not on cabinet to attend our first Cabinet Meeting over Zoom. Under normal circumstances it would have been cost prohibitive to invite all club members. I had a great response from so many Lions! Thank you.

As I write this article, the community of Red Lake, Ontario has been evacuated because of a raging forest fire. Approximately 4000 citizens have been displaced from their homes to neighbouring communities. We are thankful to LCIF in awarding us an emergency grant. Please keep members of Red Lake Lions and community members in your thoughts.

I am starting the year off with a membership incentive. For every new member added during the months of July and August, the new member and the member's sponsor will each receive their choice of a Women in Lionism Pin or a pocketknife with the phrase "Volunteers don't necessarily have time, they have heart". I have purchased 25 pins and 25 pocketknives and would be excited if I need to purchase more. In addition, I will donate \$1 to LCIF for every new member added during the challenge period.



We also had a great membership challenge that ran during the 2019-2020 fiscal year and I'm excited to announce the winners. Congratulations to our 1st prize winner for the most new members, Lion Libby Christenson from Bemidji State University Campus Club, 2nd prize winner for the most new female members, Lion Daryl Harper from Duluth Lions and 3rd prize winner for the most new members under the age of 30, Lion Isabelle Michels from Lakehead Campus Lions.





I will be running an LCIF fundraiser. I will be raffling these coins at every club visit. They are double sided and encapsulated in an acrylic case. For every \$5 donation, the donor's name will go into the draw for a coin and into a year-end raffle for their choice of a ladies or men's Lions watch. Members can make as many \$5 donations as they desire, and their donations will be credited toward their club donations to LCIF.

I am focused on Team Efforts and my theme "Our Clubs, The Heart of District 5M10" places our clubs at the top of the team. They are our heartbeat and everything we do revolves around them. There are several definitions for the word T.E.A.M. when used as an acronym but the image on the right is my favorite. To quote Helen Kellar, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much". I know we can achieve great things together.



Service is why members join and what results in member satisfaction. We have some exciting district wide service projects planned for the year. Watch for details coming soon.

The International theme this year is "United in Diversity and Kindness". What a powerful message and it has never been more appropriate than it is today.

I am looking forward to serving with and for you throughout the year. Kindness Matters.

Yours in Lionism and Service,
DG Shirley

From 1VDG Susan Winner

Why am I a Lion? Because I know that Lions work with international organizations to help populations around the world. I know that 100% of the money I donate or fundraise for goes back to my community or communities around the world. I know this because the structure of Lions Clubs is set up to keep administrative and activity funds separate. Lions Club International uses our dues structure to pay for administrative functions. All the money I work so hard to fundraise for and the money I donate to LCIF goes back to people who need it most.

When there are international emergencies, I know LCIF immediately sends grants to communities or countries that have the need, whether it is a massive explosion or a hurricane. I know we all work hard for our Lions organization and I know that we have the satisfaction of knowing that when there is an emergency, LCIF is already in the process of sending help. When I first became a Lion, Duluth had a flooding emergency and I saw this process work. The Duluth Lions Club received a grant. One of the services we did was serving evening meals to a Duluth Community that was badly hit. When flood waters recede, the mud and mold is left. Community members that were affected were so grateful to have a hot meal at the end of a day cleaning and the connection to neighbors.

When I was in college, I learned about River Blindness in a Parasitology Class. Like most students, I wondered when I would ever need this information. Currently, LCIF is working with the Carter Foundation (President Carter is a Lion) and Merck (providing the medicine) to eliminate River Blindness in Africa and South America. Isn't it our Lions Mission to protect Vision? Working with and cooperating with other organizations is also a great way to make our funds go further than doing it alone. LCIF makes me proud to be a LION. Even if I get older and may not be able to help with service in my Lions Club, I will know that I contribute to a world class organization. file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/Ebook_Vision_C100_en.pdf

A Lion Forever,

1VDG Sue Winner

5M10 Global Membership Team



It's been a very strange and difficult year for Lions. It's been even more difficult for our membership numbers in 5M10.

Our membership last year took a significant hit...we started last year at 1270 members and this year we start at 1211 members...July we started at a loss but August is beginning to make your GMT smile! We are currently at 1212 members...still 38 members away from that magic transition number of 1250.

I know it's been difficult and it's really hard to recruit when we are challenged with COVID but COVID has given us a

chance to look at other opportunities, other strategies and time to look at the way we have done things in the past.

A huge call out to the clubs that have retained their members and added more...congratulations and keep up the great work! To those clubs that have lost members or haven't added this past year or so far this year, I ask this question...WHY did those members leave, is there something we can do to get them back in the family and is there something we need to do differently in our clubs to address the why they left. Completing your club SWOT analysis is a great start and your zone chairs are there to assist! It's a great way to make a good club an AWESOME one!



Times are changing, it might feel a little uncomfortable but remember one thing never changes....the reason we all love Lions and the reason we became one...assistance in service of others in need. This should be foremost in our minds as we begin our new season and the natural disasters (Red Lake 49 fire) that have occurred and of course this insane Pandemic that has given us more opportunity to show our friends, neighbours, communities and districts just exactly what Lions do. Service, flexibility of membership and the enthusiasm of giving back are big reasons that we can draw new members and keep the members we currently have.

Our goals this year are pretty simple...keep the members we have, get back perhaps those members we can that we have lost, plus 2 every club and in no month will we have a negative number in membership. We all, every one of us need to roll up our sleeves and just **ASK ONE**, just **BRING ONE**, help **KEEP ONE**, just **ADD ONE**.

So...I know we have the HEART...find the PASSION, share the PASSION, have FUN and get back to SERVICE. Your DG team has got your back and are here to help!

Thanks for all you do,

In Service
Lion Joanne

It's the 100 year anniversary of Lions in Canada and we are all celebrating in different ways.

As you may recall we had a challenge to the other 2 Canadian member districts of 5M11 and 5M13 to raise \$6500 and apply for a matching grant to completely update and refurbish the 3 Suites at the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. These suites are available for medical appointments at a very reasonable rate and have been essential for those coming to Winnipeg from the rural areas of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

We are ecstatic to announce that all 3 Districts have been successful in their endeavors and as well that the first suite has been under construction by none other than some members of 5M10!

Floors stripped of 1970s carpet and replaced with beautiful laminate, walls repaired and instead of dirty yellow they have been painted soothing and modern colors, old dark cupboards replaced with a new trendy look, new lighting, new bathroom cabinet and sink, ceramic tile backsplashes, new beds, new furniture, and new appliances.

The first room is about $\frac{3}{4}$ complete and we can't wait to show you the fully completed and decorated apartment. Our rooms are now called Serenity Suites and you will soon see why. Until then here are a few pictures to document the progress. Thanks Emo and District Lions for sending your crew...looking forward to some more volunteers to help us finish the job!

Great job 5M10!



Well it is official....

I have put forth my resume ...

I have been interviewed by Past International President Brian Stevenson, Past International Director Ben Ward and Past International Director Marvin Chambers...

And now it's all up to you!

In the year 2023 the Canadian side of Multiple District MD5M has the unique opportunity to have a Canadian Director from 5M10, 5M11 or 5M13. Even more exciting is that 5M10 has a candidate in the race for this opportunity. We have not had an ID in 5M10 since 1978 when the late Lion Bud Danylchuk made us proud in this role. This opportunity only comes once every 14 years!

So what is the role of an International Director?

Generally speaking the ID is a Lion who have been entrusted with the responsibility of giving leadership and direction to the world's largest and most successful service club organization.

Specifically...As an international director, you represent your constitutional area on an international level and will serve as an active liaison between the local Lions and the international association. Not only will your local Lions rely on you to represent their interests on an international level, they may also ask for your assistance in handling local issues as well. You should be available to help districts solve local problems, assist Lions Clubs International in the resolution of problems with the districts, and give guidance and motivation to local Lions and their leaders. You may also be asked by your district governors to assist them in obtaining speakers for their conventions and other functions. And, of course, you should be ready to

respond when the international president, International Board of Directors or the international headquarters staff asks you to represent the association on a matter of importance in your area. Constitutional area II is a huge responsibility.



So why me?

Although I am relatively new to Lions, joining in 2010, I believe that I have accumulated experience far beyond those chronological years.

I am PASSIONATE about Lions and the mission of service that this organization exudes. Enthusiasm, empowerment and commitment to District and Multiple District excellence is exemplified clearly in the team I was able to evolve in my District Governor year as well as my continued contributions at my Club, District and Multiple District levels.

I have lived service however long before Lions be it through my nursing career, my volunteer work in both Haiti and Guatemala, time spent educating nursing students as well as time spent on many District boards as a Director and as a chair.

I believe fully in our Lions motto and the code of ethics...Lions is service, service for all and by all. That service is a gift to those that it is assisting, but more so it is a gift for the person providing that service. It is a gift we need to share to as many we can. I also believe that this service should bring fun and enthusiasm to all those it touches.



I continue to be active in my Club as I mentor new Lions in roles of leadership, in my District as Global Membership chair, Constitution and Bylaws and support to our current and incoming DGs, in my Multiple as MD Global Membership Chair and past Constitutional and Bylaws chair and at an International level presenting at USA Canada Forum and the International Convention in Milan.

Continued education in the organization we belong to makes our organization stronger and makes us all better members. I have embraced this education as I received my bachelor's and master's degree from Lions University last year at the USA Canada forum in Spokane, as I complete my Doctorate from Lions University and as I completed my Faculty Development Institute training in Houston, TX in January of this past year.

The future for our organization has for certain seen one thing in this year of COVID....respect for tradition but a change in perspective...change in the way we need to do things....Diversity....Ladies in Lionism and leadership....all things we need to embrace to carry on the motto of Service.

So yes, the rest is up to you! I am not the only candidate...5M11 as well has a very qualified candidate who I am sure you will hear from if you have not already! Please ask us both any questions that you might have before the Canadian voting members vote at our District conventions. Please use all your club votes...lets show up Canadian proud to support a Canadian International Director! The Future of Lions in Canada is your hands...

"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them." Denis Waitley

Thank you for your support
Lion Joanne Ogden



Ogden for ID in 2023

Global Service Team News

MyLion Service Reporting

Are there Lions in your club who need help with service reporting on the MyLion website?

Be on the lookout for an email inviting your Lions to attend a MyLion webinar on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 presented by our District 5M10 District Administrator 2VDG Jodi Caul. 2VDG Jodi will show you the process of reporting your service projects on MyLion. This tool has been made much simpler to use. Check out the MyLion Facebook page for new enhancement release notes that were just issued on August 7, 2020 that include an automated tour available to users upon first entry into the new Member Portal or upon re-entry among others.

District 5M10 Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge

Check out the article in this newsletter by District 5M10 Environmental US Chair Eric Schlacks and District 5M10 Environmental CA Chair Andrea Hatton and find out how your club can participate in the District 5M10 Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge. See how your club can compete for district awards and possibly a plastic bench for your community from Trex.

District 5M10 Lions Week of Service

The district is planning a District 5M10 Lions Week of Service between October 23rd and November 1st, 2020. We would like to see all clubs in our district conduct some type of service project in their community during that time frame. The service project can be anything, large or small, one of Lions 5 pillars of service or any other type of community service. After you have conducted your service project, please share photos and stories of your service with District 5M10 Public Relations Chair Tammy Wheatley (tammylwheatley@shaw.ca) and on your social media by November 30th, 2020. Please also report your service project on MyLion by November 30th, 2020. In this newsletter you will find a list of many ways you can serve your community safely during the Coronavirus Pandemic in the Lions 5 pillars of service.

PDG Larry Winner
District 5M10 GST Coordinator

Lions Service Ideas

***Is your club looking for ways to safely serve your community during the Coronavirus Pandemic?
Here are service ideas in the Lions 5 pillars of service.***

Vision

- Collect eyeglasses.
- Do an event that focuses on blindness and how a white cane supports independence.
<https://www.nfb.org/programs-services/meet-blind-month/white-cane-awareness-day>.
- Host a “Dine in the Dark” meal in which people are blindfolded and eat a multi-course, elegant meal. The money raised will support Canada Dog Guides, Can Do Canines and the Leader Dog program.
- Create a sensory garden with plants, water features, and sculptures that engage the senses of touch, smell, and hearing. Provide Braille and/or audio recordings of signage.
- Donate large print books to your local library. Put donation labels (Donated by the Lions Club with the month and year) in large-print books that are donated to local libraries. (Check with libraries first to see what books they want to acquire.)
- Help make tactile baby blankets for babies who are blind or visually impaired, including those with multiple disabilities or deafblindness.
<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/tactile-baby-blankets>. Donate locally, if needed, or to Perkins International. <https://www.perkins.org/>
- Construct a Sorry game for visually-impaired seniors at a nursing home.
<https://www.perkinselearning.org/activity/adapted-sorry-board-game>
- Adapt Connect Four to be played by those who are visually-impaired at a nursing home:
<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/strategies/adapting-connect-four-players-visual-impairments>
- Make a Christmas tactile book for a nursing home:
<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/strategies/christmas-tactile-experience-book>
- Create kits for people who have been recently diagnosed as low vision or who are blind:
<https://carroll.org/product/mixed-bump-dots/>
<https://carroll.org/product/marinoff-low-vision-playing-cards/>
<https://carroll.org/product/bold-writer-low-vision-pens/>
<https://carroll.org/product/plastic-check-writing-guide/>
<https://carroll.org/product/2x-around-the-neck-magnifier-rectangular-5-5-x-4/>

These kits can be given to Lions members to begin with and then to people who are identified in the community.

- Help with KidSight program.

Environment

- Clean up side of road and sidewalk during your daily walks. Enjoy a diabetic-friendly lunch together after working. (Also addresses the Diabetic global cause.)
- Adopt A Drain - Clean leaves and other debris away from around and top of road drains to avoid water backup during heavy rain storms.
- Plant small flower garden in area in your community that needs enhancement. Planting gardens or putting flower pots around town.
- Donate your newspaper and magazine to others instead of throwing in the garbage.
- Co-sponsor a recycling event with a local city or town and a recycling facility to collect hazardous items that shouldn't go in the trash, paint, etc. Offer free paper shredding as well.
- Make a decorative winter container garden or a container garden that feeds the birds. A Lions Club will partner with a local nursery, and funds raised will be used to support the Lions' environmental projects.
- Make a variety of treats that will feed and sustain birds and wildlife throughout the winter including bird feeders using cookie cutters; suet-filled orange halves; popcorn and cranberry garlands, and more. These could be made at a Lions meeting just for the Lions or do a community event so more birds are fed in the community.
- Collect used blue jeans, wash them, and then cut out pieces using patterns supplied by Sole Hope. The pieces are assembled into "shoe kits" and then shipped to Sole Hope who then sends them in Uganda. In Uganda, seamstresses and cobblers create shoes that are given to children who suffered from jiggers and were treated for them. Jiggers are tiny parasitic insects that burrow into the feet, lay eggs that multiple greatly in size. They can cause pain, itchiness, swelling, infection, and even death. A pair of jeans - destined for the trash - literally can save a child's life! The Scandia-Marine Lions Club has done this project twice and each time it was very well received. <https://solehope.org/>
- Collect t-shirts that people no longer want to wear. Wash them and make them into diapers for newborns. The diapers are used as incentives in third-world countries so mothers get prenatal care and deliver their babies in hospitals or centers offering medical care. This is the link to the pattern: <https://74dc11f7-55e8-4d45-9c71->

- Sponsor the design and painting of a mural in your local town or city that focuses on nature and wildlife of the area, and that beautifies the community. Work with an artist who will create the design and create a “paint by number” mural that people from the community can help paint under the guidance of the artist.
- Work with local youth (elementary school and teens) to create a tree trail highlighting the diversity of trees that are growing in your community plus ones that will survive into the future with climate change.
- Collect cans. Turn these in afterward and use the proceeds to support an environmental project.
- Recycle sneakers so they can be transformed into Nike Grind material which is used in performance products and sport surfaces. The Reuse-A-Shoe program recycles athletic shoes at the end of their life, giving them a new life through Nike Grind. Bring shoes to the Lions event and they will be brought to the Nike store. **Any brand** of athletic sneakers is accepted. However, Nike is unable to recycle sandals, dress shoes, boots, or shoes with metal (like cleats or spikes).
- Recycle medical equipment (e.g., crutches, wheelchairs, scooters) to create a “library” of items that can be checked out at no cost and used until no longer needed. When done with the item, it should be returned to the Medical Equipment Library (MEL). Each club or zone could establish a MEL.
- Have a plant swap. People bring in their plants that they are dividing and/or no longer want. Each needs to be in its own container. They can also take a plant from the ones that are at the swap. If there are leftover plants, Lions and other volunteers can take them and plant them in their gardens.
- Plant milkweed and other native wildflowers that help butterflies, birds, and pollinators. Each participant goes home with a container to grow at home.
- Sand and varnish “tree cookies” for use in classrooms throughout Minnesota. Help classroom teachers across Minnesota teach children how trees and other woody plants grow, factors that affect tree growth, and tree identification. Teachers love having sets of cookies like these in their classrooms but don’t have time or tools to make them. The DNR needs volunteers to create “tree cookies” -- slices of branches or trunks that show the rings of a tree. 100 cookies supplies three classes of students, so the more that can be made, the better:
http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/education_safety/education/plt/activity_sheets/treeCookie.pdf
- Build bluebird houses or other types of birdhouses. Install these at a later date at a state park (with permission) or in a city park (again, with permission). The Lions would need to check on these feeders and clean them out unless someone from the state or city would do that.

- District 5M10 Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge – Trex recycles plastic bags and plastic packaging and gives back with a bench for communities. <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/>
- Outdoor activities (helping winterize gardens, plant something in a local park or clean up some trash in the parks)

Hunger

- Shop and deliver food for at-risk seniors.
- Plant garden and deliver food to food shelf.
- Prepare and/or serve food at Loaves and Fishes - <https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/>
- Launch a food pantry on a college campus during National Hunger Awareness Month.
- Pack food (purchase it as well) to create “Backpack Foodpacks” for youth in your community in need. Reach out to public, charter, and homeschool co-ops. Provide nutritious food (not typical food shelf macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, etc. that promote diabetes).
- Make “Blessing Boxes” for Thanksgiving – include turkey, canned goods, produce, pie, etc. as well as Thanksgiving napkins, plates, and a centerpiece. Could also include a gift card to a local store to get any other ingredients needed to make a recipe that is special to them.
- Make “Blessing Boxes” for Christmas – include ham, canned goods, produce, pie, etc. as well as Christmas napkins, plates, and a centerpiece. Also give a gift card to a local store to purchase gifts for the family.
- Make placemats for Meals on Wheels – sewn or colored. The colored placemats will be laminated so they can be reused. <https://meals-on-wheels.com/volunteer/families/other-family-volunteer-opportunities/>
- Collect food for a local food shelf. Emphasize that people donate:
 - Whole grain products (with at least 16 grams or more of whole grains per serving)
 - Food low in saturated and trans fats
 - Food low in sodium
 - Lean sources of protein (plant and animal sources; canned or dried)
 - Fruits that are minimally processed (canned or dried; whole, cut-up, or pureed)
 - Vegetables that are minimally processed (canned or dried; whole, cut-up, or mashed)
 - Dairy products or milk substitutes that are high in calcium
 - Beverages including 100% fruit or vegetable juice
 - Basic staple foods
 - Staple foods that encourage cooking and baking at home (e.g., broth, flour)
- Create Blessing Bags. These bags have a variety of non-perishable food, silverware, disposable plates, and napkins to give to people asking for money at stoplights. They also

can be distributed to people who are near homeless shelters.

<https://www.thriftynorthwestmom.com/blessing-bag-meals/>

- Decorate lunch bags for Meals on Wheel recipients. In addition to receiving the hot portion of the meal in a tray, Meals on Wheels recipients get the cold portion in a lunch bag. Add life to their meals by decorating lunch bags! Simply buy paper lunch bags and use your creativity, crayons, markers, stickers, or any art materials you have on hand.
- Assemble kits with 14-days' worth of food for people who are at high-risk and can't go to grocery stores because of COVID-19. People are identified as recipients by self-identification or through local non-profits (e.g., churches, senior centers). More information is here: <https://extension.umn.edu/news/rural-grocer-networks-feed-those-isolation>. This is the list of suggested items for the kit and a note that explains the contents to the recipient:
<https://conservancy.umn.edu/bitstream/handle/11299/212116/14%20Day%20Meal%20Kit%20Guide.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>
- Assemble "Dinner's On Us" kits. <https://b-inspiredmama.com/dinner-random-act-of-kindness/> to be distributed as determined by each Lions Club.
- Assist any local free meal program with shut in deliveries.
- Help with Meals on Wheels and deliver meals.
- Volunteer at a food shelf or pantry.

Diabetes

- Have group take Diabetes at Risk Test
- Start a walking group.
- Canoe or kayak down a local river. Get a great workout paddling down the river (exercise to help prevent diabetes and/or keep it in check). Have a diabetes-friendly lunch and pick up any litter along the way. (Also counts as an Environment project.)
- Do a diabetes health fair with free testing for Type 2 diabetes, free services and screenings, activities, and giveaways during November (Diabetes Awareness Month). Fruit and vegetable baskets for adults – giveaway or prizes during Diabetes Awareness Month's health fair.
- Serve diabetic-friendly meals at Lions meetings and/or events during November and have a speaker talk about preventing and/or managing diabetes.

- Do a STRIDES Walk for diabetes awareness. Prior to the STRIDES Walk (and working with the local city/town), place more permanent benches on walking trails and along the sidewalks to encourage walking and more active lifestyles.
- Raise money by doing a fun event at golf-driving field. Kids, adults, and families get a specific number of golf balls, healthy lunch, and can participate in other fun activities (bouncy houses). This crosses over into diabetes-prevention by having people of all ages being outside and active.
- Collect non-perishable food that is healthy for low-income people with diabetes (this also crosses over to be a hunger project): canned spinach, brown rice, whole-grain pasta, quinoa, millet, canned salmon, sardines, albacore (white) tuna in water, herring, no-salt kidney beans, no-salt pinto beans, no-salt black beans, walnuts, pecans, macadamia nuts, almonds, mandarin oranges in water, canned sweet potatoes, extra-virgin olive oil, and chia seeds.
- Do testing for diabetic retinopathy (which causes blindness) and test blood glucose or A1C levels. If people test positive for these problems, they will receive a referral to their doctor. The Lions also will mail them a link to get a free kit if they have Type 1 Diabetes: <https://www.jdrf.org/t1d-resources/newly-diagnosed/>. For those with Type 2 Diabetes, the Lions would create their own kit that they can mail based on what's in the JDRF kits.
- Offer foot exams to test for diabetes. Diabetes can slow circulation in the feet and legs and cause people to lose feeling there. The American Diabetes Association says everyone should get an annual foot exam.
- Put donation labels (Donated by the _____ Lions Club with the month and year) in books about diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2), healthy eating, and exercise/fitness that are donated to a local school and/or public libraries. (Check with libraries first to see what books they want to acquire.)
- Place diabetes kits in every classroom and bus in your schools. Kit details are available from your District GST Coordinator.

Childhood Cancer

- Drive patient along with family members to doctor visits.
- Deliver meal to family that has a child suffering from cancer.
- Collect money at an event (does not have to be related to pediatric cancer) saying that it will support Gilda's Club Twin Cities and the teen program there or a program in your area.. Money raised will purchase an item (or more) off of their Amazon.com list: <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1KUNIRCJD8IJB>. The mission of Gilda's Club Twin Cities (GCTC) is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. They aim to serve everyone impacted by cancer in the Twin Cities metro area and beyond – those with a

cancer diagnosis as well as their friends and family and those living with loss.

- Set up a pediatric cancer fund to which families with a child who has cancer can apply to help defray medical costs. Promote it on the Club's Facebook page and website as well as through local media.
- Sponsor C.C. Bears through Children's Cancer Research Fund in Minneapolis. <https://childrenscancer.org/resources-for-families/c-c-bear/>. Purchase 20 bears at \$25 each so 50 children with pediatric cancer can receive a bear.
- Create chemo care kits for children. (Make sure to find a hospital or organization before making the kits to ask if there are special requirements and/or items that are especially needed.) Here's a link for some ideas: <https://penniesoftime.com/service-project-for-kids-chemo-care-kit-for-kids/>
- Help serve meals to patients and families at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital.
- Make fleece tied blankets for children who have cancer and donate the quilts to Project Linus. (<https://www.projectlinus.org/patterns/>)
- Make masks for children with cancer at St. Jude Hospital.
- For those with 8"+ of hair, they can get their hair cut by stylists who are donating their time. Donate the ponytails to Children with Hair Loss that makes wigs for children who have cancer and/or alopecia. <https://childrenwithhairloss.us/>
- Make pillowcases for A Case for Smiles. Finished pillowcases are distributed to 12 children's hospitals throughout the Twin Cities and Duluth <https://caseforsmiles.org/minneapolis/>
- Knit caps for children who have cancer. These can be done with knitting needles or round looms. People also can bring knitted caps they made at home to the event.
- Tie blankets for children in hospitals with cancer.
- Donate care bags/backpacks to those in the hospital.
- Donate cleaning supplies and make masks for at risk community members and hospitals during the pandemic.

Other Service Ideas

- Pen Pals for Seniors - especially those in senior center. They feel very isolated and many are lonely during this coronavirus pandemic.
- Donate school bags with supplies for schools and/or distance learning.
- Donate cleaning supplies for schools.

- Do Liberty Day project.
- Find out what service is needed in your community and then do that project!!!!!! Ask your mayor, council members, fire chief, police chief, librarian, food shelf manager, or school teachers.

Hello Lions;

It is exciting for Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario to announce that we have a candidate whose name has been accepted to let her name stand for International Director for Constitution Area II CANADA in the years 2023-2025. Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario only get to have a candidate for International Director very 14 years as there is a protocol for Canadian directors that must be followed for Canada. Our years to run a candidate are the odd years, thus 2023-2025 is our year to seek a candidate.

Our candidate has worked hard and faithfully over the last 10 years since becoming a Lion to achieve this position. This person will be entrusted with the responsibility of giving leadership and direction to the largest and most successful service club organization in the world, if elected.

To be a candidate for International Director, a Lion must be endorsed by their fellow Lions at the district and multiple district levels. Once certification is completed, the candidate is elected at the international convention by delegates throughout the world.

Two Responsibilities of an International Director;

1. To adequately represent the interests of a specific area, and
2. To do what is best for the organization as a whole.

What Must the Director Know?

1. International Constitution and By-Laws
2. Board Policy Manual
3. Legal Responsibilities of Members of the International Board of Directors and Executive Officers
4. International Program

Director Visits;

- Invited to speak at association functions of all levels, such as district and multidistrict conventions, charter nights, conferences
- Major Address,
- International Information Report to members
- Meeting with Local Leaders
- Provide information and assistance to our Lions

Principles of Leadership;

- A Leader is Prepared
- A Leader Participates

- A Leader Decides
- A Leader Leads

As you can see from the above notes, it is very important for the CANADA to have an international Director, and very important for our multiple to have an International Director from CANADA. We have the Candidate for International Director; **Lion Joanne Ogden**, from the EMO & District Lions Club in EMO Ontario.

- Lion Joanne has an enthusiastic interest in serving MD5M and Canada as a candidate for the LCI Western Canada International Director position in 2023-2025. Lion Joanne is a committed, dedicated, and PASSIONATE Lion.
- She is PASSIONATE about Lions and the mission to service.
- Lion Joanne has approval from her Lions Club to submit her intent for this position.

You will be receiving emails with further information about our candidate over the next number of months, please watch your emails and present the information to your clubs.

The final vote will be at the 5M10, 5M11 and 5M13 District Conventions.....Only Canadian Lions from the three mentioned district vote.

Lion Cheryl McKittrick
 Lion Joanne Ogden's Campaign Team Chair
 204-873-2091
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Can Do Canines

Can Do Canines recently sent two mailings to the Minnesota Lions Clubs in Multiple District 5M. The first mailing went to those clubs that made a donation to help sponsor the *2019 Can Do Woofaroo*. This letter thanked them, once again, for their donation in support of last year's event and encouraged them to participate again this year as the Lions Clubs of Minnesota sponsor the 2020 Can Do Woofaroo. The Council of Governors voted to make this a Multiple Wide Lions Project so your participation is most important!

The second letter went to the remaining Minnesota Lions Clubs asking them to consider making a contribution toward the Lions Clubs sponsorship of the *2020 Can Do Woofaroo*. I am asking all of those clubs to join us in support of this worthy organization.

While I realize that this is a challenging year for our Lions Clubs and our members, the support is needed now more than ever if Can Do Canines is to continue to provide specially trained assistance dogs to the many individuals and families on the waiting list. Can Do Canines had to cancel its annual *Tails of Independence* event due to COVID-19. That leaves a large hole in the budget as it is always one of the largest fundraising events of the year.

In order to reach our goal of \$30,000 for the sponsorship of the *2020 Can Do Woofaroo* we are going to need the help of more Lions Clubs. I encourage the Lions Clubs in our District that contributed last year and ask you for your support again this year. I ask you to make a donation of any amount and continue to be one of our sponsoring clubs.

I am also asking the remaining Lions Clubs in our District to encourage your support by asking for a donation. Every club that contributes will be listed as one of the sponsoring clubs regardless of the size of their donation.

With your help, I believe we can reach our goal again this year. Our sponsorship of this event means that every dollar collected from the virtual walkers will go directly to providing one of our specially trained assistance dogs to a client at no charge.

Respectfully,

Lion Bob Woodke

5 M 10 Can Do Canines Chair

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From Lion Jodi Caul

We have a new succession survey going out as of August 15th.

I just want the members to know they can go to the 5M10lions.org website to find the link to the survey.

If the presidents and Secretaries do their job, every member should have a copy to the link in their email as well.

Members are encouraged to participate in the survey to give the District an accurate account of the interest in positions of office in the future, both near and far.

The survey is only 17 questions long, and only takes minutes to reply too.

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In the form of a "VIRTUAL GOLF»**

Yes! I want to contribute:

Name :

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CONTRIBUTION: Your contribution to Dr. Patti Hill's campaign will allow her to continue to represent us globally. Expenses for the next few years continue for our 3rd VP. Dr. Patti Hill, such as gifts she must give on her travels, promotional items, etc., are not all covered by the Lions Clubs International. This is why we ask you to please consider continuing to support our 3rd VP Dr. Patti Hill as she progresses in our association. You will notice that the first pin in the series of 5 is available at a cost of \$ 5.00. Thank you for your unconditional support to Dr. Patti Hill

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Ontario Supporting Non-Profits as Province Recovers from COVID-19 *Grant Program Will Ensure Royal Canadian Legions and Other Non-Profits Can Continue to Deliver Vital Services*

August 5, 2020 1:00 P.M.

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$83 million through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to provide grants to help eligible non-profit organizations, including food banks, child and youth programs and Royal Canadian Legion branches, recover from COVID-19 and continue the delivery of vital programming in their communities.

The announcement was made today by Premier Doug Ford and Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

"I am proud of the hundreds of volunteer organizations and thousands of volunteers who have stepped up over the last few months and shown the Ontario spirit in caring for others through these difficult times," said Premier Ford. "Our local non-profits, including our local Legion branches and food banks, are the bedrock of our communities and their work will be absolutely critical in helping people to rebuild their lives as we restart our economy and reopen the province."

The OTF's Resilient Communities Fund will provide grants of up to \$150,000 to help eligible non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 with support for:

- Equipping board members and employees with supports to implement new approaches, prepare for change and build resiliency (e.g. organizational training and coaching, strategic planning and implementation, research & development, mental and physical health and wellbeing supports);
- Improving and increasing ability to access financial resources and develop new and/or alternative sources of revenues (e.g. develop fundraising plans, identify fundraising and financial technology resources, seek opportunities for public-private partnerships and social finance);
- Adapting or re-imagining the delivery of programs and services to meet the needs of the community, employees and volunteers (e.g. identify new health and safety processes and required personal protective equipment, technology supports, staffing and volunteer recruitment and training);
- Procuring equipment or renovating spaces to meet the changing needs of the organization, its programs and services, and adapt to new ways of working (e.g. equipment and/or renovations to meet changing technology health and safety, and service delivery requirements); and
- Creating and/or adopting new approaches for organizations to work together to meet the needs of communities (e.g. peer learning, professional development, networking, resource, knowledge and data sharing).

"The Resilient Communities Fund is a tremendous example of the innovation and flexibility of Ontario agencies," said Minister MacLeod. "While we work towards the province's economic and social recovery, we're proud to support programs like the OTF Resilient Communities Fund that are making a positive contribution in communities across Ontario."

"Due to the significant impacts of COVID-19 on the non-profit sector, the Ontario Trillium Foundation saw an opportunity to respond to the needs of non-profit organizations that have been struggling to deliver their programs and services," said Katharine Bambrick, CEO of the Ontario Trillium Foundation. "The Resilient Communities Fund will support the recovery and rebuilding of non-profits and help them as they return to building healthy and vibrant communities."

For more information, visit the [Ontario Trillium Foundation website](#) on eligibility requirements and application deadlines.

QUICK FACTS

- The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations.
- OTF awarded \$115 million to 645 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.
- OTF has redirected provincial funding previously allocated for the 2020 Growand Capital grant streams into the one-time, \$83 million Resilient CommunitiesFund.
- Provincial funding delivered through the OTF supports the arts, culture, heritage, sports and recreation, human and social services, and environment sectors.

LEARN MORE

- Learn more about [Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19](#).
- Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

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Lions Coloring Outside the Lines - COVID Will Not Box Us In!!

This article was shared by PID Jerome Thompson

Thinking Out of the Box

In a small Italian town, hundreds of years ago, a small business owner owed a large sum of money to a loan-shark. The loan-shark was a very old, unattractive looking guy that just so happened to fancy the business owner's daughter.

He decided to offer the businessman a deal that would completely wipe out the debt he owed him. However, the catch was that we would only wipe out the debt if he could marry the businessman's daughter.

Needless to say, this proposal was met with a look of disgust.

The loan-shark said that he would place two pebbles into a bag, one white and one black.

The daughter would then have to reach into the bag and pick out a pebble. If it was black, the debt would be wiped, but the loan-shark would then marry her. If it was white, the debt would also be wiped, but the daughter wouldn't have to marry the loan-shark.

Standing on a pebble-strewn path in the businessman's garden, the loan-shark bent over and picked up two pebbles.

Whilst he was picking them up, the daughter noticed that he'd **picked up two black pebbles** and placed them both into the bag.

He then asked the daughter to reach into the bag and pick one.

The daughter naturally had three choices as to what she could have done:

1. Refuse to pick a pebble from the bag.
2. Take both pebbles out of the bag and expose the loan-shark for cheating.
3. Pick a pebble from the bag fully well knowing it was black and sacrifice herself for her father's freedom.

She drew out a pebble from the bag, and before looking at it 'accidentally' dropped it into the midst of the other pebbles. She said to the loan-shark;

"Oh, how clumsy of me. Never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked."

The pebble left in the bag is obviously black, and seeing as the loan-shark didn't want to be exposed, he had to play along as if the pebble the daughter dropped was white, and clear her father's debt.

Moral of the story:

It's always possible to **overcome a tough situation** through out of the box thinking, and not give in to the only options you think you have to pick from.

**** An author was not identified in the article that I read ****

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Babbitt Lions Summer Activities

Despite the pandemic, Babbitt Lions have been active. In May, the Lions did roadside pick-up. Fifteen bags of trash were picked up along the road from the north end of town to our beach road.

In June, our officers were installed at a meeting where social distancing was observed.

Our club helped to obtain funds for a new sign leading into town. A Lions logo was ordered to place on this sign to let people entering town know we have a Lions Club.

Our club lent its tent to the local library for an outdoor reading program. Five Lions spent 1 hour setting up the tent and 1 hour taking it down.

On August 1, we held our annual picnic. Many non-Lions attend this event which is a good way to let people know what we do.

Our medical equipment loan program is used on a regular basis. We have everything from walkers to hospital beds which are delivered wherever needed.

Stay safe, everybody!

Bemidji Lions

Chart a Course for 2020-2020



Bemidji Lions have continued to serve in new ways this Spring and Summer. Board meetings continued virtually, and member meetings resumed virtually in May. Though the way we met and conducted business was new, members made adjustments. Though two major fundraisers had to be canceled, the club has designed three projects that will be launched by September to provide club activity .

Each of the three projects described are designed to have Lions members volunteer in a safe way following COVID 19 guidelines. Members will be able to conduct the fundraising and service projects in a way that also supports the important social connections of being a Lion member

A major fundraiser will be a drawing for a Polaris 450 ATV. Lions will park the ATV throughout the Fall in prominent locations throughout Bemidji where the public will be able to buy tickets directly. Tickets will also be sold at supporting businesses. Lions will pull the ATV in the annual Christmas parade “Night We Light Festival “. Lions will sell tickets along the parade route. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the “Night We Light Festival” parade. Information about Lions and membership will be a part of each event.



A plan to address membership and community awareness and service was created by the Membership committee. Members will man a drive through “Mask” distribution site. Lions will sell masks at cost recovery. Mask design will reflect the Lion mission and a stylized Lion. Each mask will be tagged with information about Lions and how to become a member. This new project will give our members a way to work on membership, support a community need while being able to socialize with each other in a safe way.

A restoration of an historic Indian Trail along Lake Bemidji will be an Environmental service project for the Bemidji Club. Bemidji is the only city in Minnesota with over one mile of Indian Trail within its city limits. The trail originally linked Leach Lake to Red Lake Native American communities. Neglect over the years has resulted in shoreline erosion, overgrowth, and debris buildup. With an over eighty-year history, the Bemidji Lions was a part of the original restoration work for the trail. This service project will reach out to both the Bemidji and Native American populations. The Historical Society, Parks and Recreation Department and youth organizations are examples of some of the community groups that will be a part of the project.

CAP BAKER LIONS CLUB - GRAND RAPIDS

Cap Baker Lions Club has continued to conduct virtual meetings via the GoTo Meeting and Zoom meeting platforms established by Lions District 5M10. We all look forward to future in-person meetings.

On June 21, 2020, our club lost a legend in Lion Neal Lano. Lion Neal would have been a Lions member for 65 years on July 1st. With the news of Lion Neal's failing health, an impromptu vehicle parade was organized in Neal's honor.



Two bicycles were donated to a local group home for two of their residents through our Pedals Repurposed program.



The fundraising committee has been busy planning a raffle with a drawing to be held on September 25th.

New officers were elected and installed on June 16th by then BG Wayne Tienkan.

As our "new normal" continues, Cap Baker Lions Club remains focused on serving our community.

Duluth Lions Club Duluth Lions Install Officers



Our Club's Installation of Officers and introduction of new members began with a *"Zoom Social Time"* where we were able to chat and catch up with each other since the COVID restrictions began.

President Eric welcomed our honored guest, District Governor Wayne Tieman. Lion Eric was honored to pass the presidency along to Lion Tom O'Brien and stated, "Our club has had a positive impact in our community over the last 74 years and will continue. We are the leaders in service."

DG Wayne installed our 2020/2021 Duluth Lions Club Officers:

President	Tom O'Brien
1 st Vice President	Chris Correia
Secretary	Sue Winner
Treasurer	Jim Denney
Directors	Marie Pank Nancy Stanius Patty Shogren
Immediate Past President	Eric Schlacks Pancake Day Chair
	Larry Winner Membership Co-Chairs
Daryl Harper	
	Sue Winner
Tail Twisters	Jimmy Denney Jim Pratt
Lion Tamers	Team Duluth

DG Wayne congratulated our club on the work accomplished, people served and dollars raised this year. He was assured we would continue serving with an *"Attitude of Gratitude"*.

Duluth Lions Volunteer for Ecolibrium3

Ecolibrium3's mission is to lead and inspire change in our community toward an equitable and sustainable future. To that end they bring together energy, equity and eco-vitality to our community. In the midst of this pandemic they moved to *Pay It Forward* by bringing volunteers from the community together and provided equipment needed to keep our frontline workers safe, while using proceeds to provide masks to vulnerable populations and support community nonprofits in northern Minnesota.



Lions became a part of that goal on Wednesday, June 24. Gail Tate, Bob Howe, Larry Winner, Patty Shogren, Eric Schlacks, and Daryl & Linda Harper worked the 8 to noon shift and made approximately 2,000 face shields. Each volunteer was required to wear a mask and stations were at least 10 feet apart. Twice they staged a timed event. Linda Harper was by far our best shield maker at 25 in fifteen minutes!

Our Lions Club made 124 in fifteen minutes or 496 in an hour or 1,984 in the morning. Eco3 has three groups a day gather to make shields with the hope of completing 360,000.

Sue Winner and new member Peggy Gall were not able to be there on Wednesday but volunteered on another day. Another example of how our Lions Club serves the community!!

Lions Gail Tate and
Susan Jordahl-Bubacz



Above Left: Face Shield, Above Right: Lion Bob Howe
Left: Lion Patty Shogren

Lions Help Union Gospel Mission

Two years ago, Lion Susan Jordahl-Bubacz, Executive Director of the Union Gospel Mission, asked the club to donate coffee mugs for patrons of the Mission. The Duluth Lions responded with the donation of over 300 mugs. We are still collecting them.

During the pandemic Lion Susan has reached out to us with another need—To Go containers. They have to serve all meals in to-go containers until they can open their doors again and that item was not budgeted.

In our club's storage area, we have leftover Pancake Day supplies. With the blessing of Pancake Chair Larry Winner and Lion Bob Howe, to-go containers as well as other to-go supplies have been donated to the Mission! Thank you, Duluth Lions, for finding a way to serve during the pandemic!!

Duluth Centennial Leos Serve – A Year in Review



Served as Air Show Volunteers
 ·Volunteered at the Bubble Festival
 ·Organized Hunter Hut Hygiene Drive
 ·Vision Screening at Boo at the Zoo
 ·Raised money for Salvation Army
 ·Bought Christmas gifts for a local family
 ·Volunteered at Ruby's Pantry
 ·Held a Tote Bag Drive for food pantry
 ·Donated supplies for a day care
 ·Created birthday cards for local church members
 ·Cash donation to CHUM
 In addition, the Leos are collecting art, craft and game supplies for the Boys and Girls Club.

2019/2020 Service Projects of the Duluth Leo Club:

Served as Air Show Volunteers

Duluth Lions Club Scholarship Winner Announced



June 10, 2020

Susan Bachinski Winner
Duluth Lions Club
4505 W Superior St
Duluth, MN 55807

Dear Ms. Winner:

I am happy and excited to inform you that the 2020 recipient of the Duluth Lions Club Scholarship is Ms. Ariana Ferguson.

Ariana has graduated from Denfeld High School and it's very clear that she's made the most of her time there. Ariana has been active in numerous school activities, including Link Crew, Scott Anderson Leadership, National Honor Society, Choir and Dance Team. In addition, she's spent three summers volunteering with the Hillside Youth Theater Camp, supporting the artistic growth of children.



I think the selection committee was particularly moved by the powerful words in Ariana's letters of recommendation. Here is one example: *"Ariana is a valuable team member...She speaks when necessary, shares her expertise, and is generous with her classmates. It is clear to me that Ariana's multiple gifts set her apart academically from her classmates, but if Ariana knows this, and I am not sure that she does, she acts in ways that show deference and respect to others."*

I'm sure you'll agree that Ariana is a worthy recipient of the Duluth Lions Club Scholarship. The committee felt strongly that she excellently represents your organization and motto of 'we serve'. Ariana will attend Northwestern University in the fall with plans to major in biology.

Finally, please know that everyone here at the Community Foundation greatly appreciates the generosity that created and supports this award. With 109 applicants and one winner, the Duluth Lions Club Scholarship continues to be the Community Foundation's most competitive award. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

With great thanks and sincerity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hammer".

David Hammer
Scholarship Officer

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SIOUX LOOKOUT LIONS

The Sioux Lookout Lions Club had been holding GoToMeetings over the past winter, but switched to Zoom meetings in the spring. Members are liking that format better. We have now had a couple of face to face meetings, outside as weather permits. One pot luck and one hosted by our President (he did all the cooking!) where the members each pay \$12 for their meal and any difference in cost goes to the Tail Twister. We had a door prize as well. It's been great to get to see each other again and interact, even in a socially distanced format. The most exciting part though is we welcomed 3 new members that night!

As with every other club, we have had to be creative with fundraising efforts. Canada Day activities and the Blueberry Festival were two of our biggest fundraisers. Canada Day was canceled early. Due to the small size of our club and with some members being high risk due to medical reasons or members that work in high risk environments, we decided to not be a part of Sioux Lookout's annual Blueberry Festival. So, thinking outside the box, we started selling items on our local Storage Wars site. Some items were generously donated by local community members. One of our Lions who paints Mandala on rocks donated many of her rocks to be auctioned. In a one-month period we raised almost \$1100, and have since raised an additional \$420.

We have been working on plans for our Centennial project, although progress has been slow due to COVID. We hope to have 2 projects completed by June 30th so stay tuned!

We had a local family lose their home to a propane explosion and donated \$1000 to help them as they try to recover and rebuild their lives.

We are in process of putting together a year long sustainable fundraiser. It is in the planning stages at this time so more details will come with the next newsletter.

We continue to collect glasses in the community, however, pick up has not been able to occur and we have many glasses to sort and package up once we can safely do this.

We are looking forward to our DG's visit in August, where DG Lion Shirley will be inducting 4 new members, as well as presenting our first Melvin Jones Fellowship in many, many years, as well as some other awards. Big shout out to Lions Gary, Susan and Forest of the Vermilion Bay Lions Club for acting as the awards committee for our club so it will be a surprise for all!



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