

# October . 2020.

## DG Shirley Koroniak



## LIONS DISTRICT 5M10 GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

**United in Diversity and Kindness**



It is so amazing how quickly time flies. We already have the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of our Lions year behind us.



I had the privilege of having 2 club visits since my last article, one virtual with Atikokan Lions and one in person with Dryden Trillium Lions. It's always a pleasure to be with club



members, no matter what form it takes. Of course, you cannot beat an in-person visit but everyone's safety is paramount.

If you haven't scheduled your club visit, please consider doing so. If we follow proper protocols, I can still meet with Canadian clubs in person, however, I apologize to my friends in Minnesota, the border remains closed, but we can still meet virtually. Of course, I can also meet virtually with any Canadian Club that feels more comfortable doing it that way as well.

I recently received a message from PID Jerome Thompson, CA1 Area GAT Leader. Many points in his message really hit home with me.

He starts off by thanking us for serving our great association during some troubling times. Since July, our local, state and provincial government leaders have been working hard to protect the public from the pandemic. Whether we agree or disagree with the rules that have been put into place, Lions have set the example by finding creative ways to comply while meeting and serving. Our service impact has not been disrupted by disease, war, or natural disaster for more than 103 years. Therefore, I am confident that COVID-19 will not cause us to lose focus of our mission – WE SERVE.

Is your club meeting? Are they serving?

The Global Action Team is reaching out to support our district and clubs. However, we do not know if everyone is sound asleep, out on a service project, or have just thrown up your hands in frustration. Therefore, they are asking for a little help.

Clubs are encouraged to complete the survey they have received or will receive shortly by email? They need to determine the % of clubs that are not meeting or serving. This will help them to develop a plan of action to gently wake the sleeping Lions.



**First Quarter Results** - Thank you for your leadership as we begin to move

forward. Because of you, your NAMI Champion, and a host of Lions, we can boast of some positive results.

Lessons Learned –

1. Clubs which are not meeting are not bringing in members.
2. If we are to turn the membership around, we must focus upon Club Health, Membership Growth Events, and creative ways to just ask.

**Retention** – We have often discussed closing the backdoor. However, the North American Membership Initiative has found one possible solution – ***Re-motivate members with new and exciting service opportunities and fellowships.***

Lessons Learned:

1. Dropped members improved by 2% during the first quarter of 2020-21.
2. We do not have an accurate picture of service activities. Only 26% of the clubs have reported at least one activity.

Remember, if you do not tell anyone about the exciting service projects you are doing, its like it never happened. **"If a tree falls in a forest** and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?" We need to shout out our service successes so that everyone hears it. They say we are our own best kept secret, but we can change that.



Lastly, don't forget about the Lions Week of Service taking place later this month. I am encouraging all clubs to participate. Please see the poster later in this newsletter.

Stay safe and healthy everyone. DG

Shirley

**From 1Vice District Governor Sue Winner:** We all know that our goal is to serve and serving is what our members want to do. I know that I am always looking for a way to serve. You may think that we are now handicapped because of Covid19. That is not what I believe. I believe we just need to look at service differently. How can we serve safely? My husband and I decided to challenge ourselves for our week of service. I thought of all the ways that we knew we could serve, in the name of Lions and safely. This is my check list and my goal to complete during our week of service. I challenge all Lions to complete their own check list. Do not forget to let your secretary know so she can report the service. Post your service on your Facebook page or send me a picture and I will post it on 5M10.

Wouldn't it be fun to see our service numbers rise during this week? I need a challenge and so does our Membership. I pray we beat Covid19 soon and return to more normal service. Good Luck. Lion Sue

## My Service Checklist for District 5M10 Week of Service

*Do not let the pandemic stop you from doing the service you love. This is my list of service ideas that can be done while social distancing. I challenge you to complete as many as possible or add your own.*

### Diabetes:

Hours Served ---- # People Served

- YMCA Challenge. Join the Strong Challenge. Being active helps prevent Type 2 Diabetes. Text Strong to 888 620 2018.
- Walk a mile-bring a friend.

### Environment:

- Take a mile walk and pick up trash along the road.
- Drop off plastic for the Trex recycling project.

### Hunger:

- Donate to a food shelf
- Donate coffee mugs.

### Vision

- Recycle your glasses.
- Certify as a Kid Sight screener.

### Childhood Cancer

- Donate a pint of blood.
- Crochet a child's princess wig.

### Youth and Community

- Recycle any controlled substances. Keep It out of reach of children and out of our Environment.  
<https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/unwanted-medicine-drop-offs-now-permanent-duluth-area>
- Bring a winter coat to a homeless shelter.



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## Global Membership Team

### 5M10

It's October and the month where our Canadian Lions members celebrate Thanksgiving. Next month our American members will do the same thing. I was overwhelmed this Thanksgiving by a Facebook post of one of our Lions members.

The post was not about what she was THANKFUL for but indeed what she was GRATEFUL for. This Lions member has had one heck of a year or two and I am sure we all know someone just like this member.

This member lost about everything that I know I some days take for granted...I think all of us do from time to time. A home, a family, finances, a job... you get the picture. Instead of focusing on loses this past year, this member posted about all they are grateful for...and you know what...that list was pretty amazing...

Makes me think and I hope it does the rest of you as well...



I sat here today reviewing numbers in our District...focusing you guessed it... on the numbers we don't have instead of being grateful for the ones that we do.

Being grateful as well for those Lions members that pick me up when I can't seem to see past the speedbumps, the walls and the potholes of what COVID has given our District, our members and our clubs or those obstacles that get thrown our way when we least expect it.

So today, on this day of Thanksgiving let me say that I am for all of you. All of you who go out of their way to add members to your club. All of you who are tired of not in public, getting hugs and doing face to face service projects. All of you who are thinking outside the box and members to your club and coming up with new ways to fundraise and serve. All of you who go out of your way you least feel like being a Lion and you put on a smile, your vest and find your ROAR!

I am Grateful....what are you Grateful for in your Lions world

So yes I will repeat the line from my last newsletter... bad things happen but we have the ability to choose our response.

So let's make our response as amazing as this organization we belong to, as great as the clubs who have found a new and different way to get things done and as awesome as the people in our Lions District.

We need members...we do indeed...I need your help big time over the next 2.5 months to make a goal a reality. But yes....if that goal is not made...

I will still be Grateful to be a Lion of 5M10.

In Service  
Lion Joanne



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## **MD5M Lions KidSight Vision Screening Program**

### **COVID-19 Liability Waiver**

I, the undersigned individual, affirm that my school or business is voluntarily participating in the MD5M Lions KidSight Vision Screening Program.

I agree to hold harmless MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc, and the members of the Lions' Vision screening team in the eventuality that there is exposure to COVID-19 because of our participation in this screening activity.

Name:

Title/Position

School/Business Name:

Date:

Signature:

Phone #

Email:

## Greetings fellow Lions!

The WOOFAROO was a great success with about \$91,670 raised to date and still donations trickling in. Great job!

I do not have numbers yet for the Tails of Independence luncheon which was held recently but will share that with you as soon as we have that The goal was for raising \$125,000..

The next big event is **Graduation** which will be held Saturday, October 24th at 1 P.M. which you can watch right from home by going to the website.

Training of the dogs continues and the need is still great so please keep Can Do Canines in mind when you are making decisions about donations.

Lion Bob Woodke -- 5M 10 Can Do Canines Chair



## MD5M Lions KidSight Vision Screening Program COVID-19 Screening Protocol

The purpose of this document is to provide policies and procedures that will help to create a safe environment for the purpose of conducting vision screening through the KidSight program.

1. Current policy and regulations from the CDC must be followed. View at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>
2. Policies and procedures established by the school or pre-school or other screening location relating to COVID-19 must be followed.
3. Minimizing risk and exposure to Lions, screening participants, and staff is paramount.
4. Follow the MD5M Lions KidSight vision screening protocols with the following exceptions:
  - a. Children must be between the ages of 2 and 7 years of age to be screened.
  - b. All children must wear a mask in the screening area.

### Pre-Screening preparation:

- Once you have established a screening date do a pre-screening site visit.
  - Confirm that the location of the screening will allow adequate space for social distancing. A large room with adequate ventilation is necessary.

- If possible, obtain a roster of children to be screened so that the information can be loaded into the screening device.
- If permission slips are required submit the form to the screening location personnel electronically and have them distribute to the parents.
- Provide the screening location with electronic copies of the following documents:
  - Parent Informational Letter
  - Parent Consent Form
  - Results of screening - Not referred
  - Results of screening – Referred
  - Screening Follow Up Report
- Limit the Lions screening teams to 3 members per team.

#### Day of the Screening:

- No Lion should be a part of a screening team if they are not feeling well.
- All Lion team members will have their temperature checked, answer the COVID-19 screening questions, and sign the COVID-19 liability waiver form.
- All team members will enter and leave the facility as a group.
- All screening equipment must be sanitized before and after use.
- All Lions must wear masks.
- Lions handling paperwork will wear gloves.
- Gloves will be disposed of after the screening event or whenever a Lion needs to leave the screening area.
- Lions using the screening systems must wear a face shield as well as a mask.
- Sanitize all chairs and tables.
- Only the child being screened, and the accompanying staff member should be in the screening area.
- Do not give out any stickers or use any stuffed animals as visual aids.
- Sanitize all equipment between users.

#### After the screening:

- Prepare referred letters including the printout of the screening results from the system off site.
- Scan both forms and email to the facility. If scanning is not possible make copies and mail or drop off.
- Have the facility staff provide to the parents.
- Complete necessary screening reports.
- Sanitize all equipment, vision screening systems, printers, pens, pencils, anything that will be used in another screening event.

## Important Announcement

### **NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2021-2022**

The **2021 District 5M10 Convention** will be held virtually on **January 23, 2021**. More details to follow.

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## District 5M10 Constitution and Bylaws – Article 1 – ARTICLE II District Nominations, Elections and Appointments

A Nominations Committee has been appointed to manage the nomination process in the District according to District 5M10 Constitution and Bylaws. Deadline to file nominations is December 25, 2020 to Nominations Committee Chair Lion Steve Kajala at [stevekajala@hotmail.com](mailto:stevekajala@hotmail.com) with a copy to DG Shirley Koroniak at [lionshirleyk@gmail.com](mailto:lionshirleyk@gmail.com).

All details describing the nomination process for the offices of Governor, First Vice District Governor, or Second Vice District Governor, along with candidacy requirements can be found in the District 5M10 Constitution and By-Laws **ARTICLE II District Nominations, Elections and Appointments and EXHIBIT D, EXHIBIT E AND EXHIBIT F**. District 5M10 Constitution and By-Laws can be viewed on <https://5m10lions.org/> under Resources or by using this direct link <https://5m10lions.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-Constitution-and-ByLaws-R4.23.19.pdf>.

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**Voting** for the 2021 5M10 Convention will take place by electronic ballot. Watch for details on how your club can register its voting delegates. This information will be sent to all clubs.

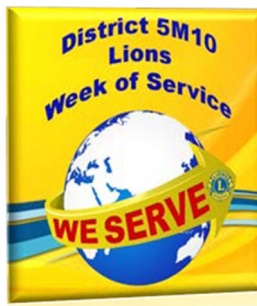
**Article VII Section 2** provides details as to who can vote on any question on the ballot at the District Convention.

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. Each past district governor who is a member in good standing of a 5M-10 Lions Club in good standing is granted full delegate status independent of the club delegate quota established above.

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Respectfully, District Governor Shirley Koroniak





Is your club ready?

## What is Lions Week of Service?

- Every club in District 5M10 should do some type of service between October 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>

What else do I need to know?

- We need your pictures and stories

Is there anything else?

- Post your pictures and stories on Facebook and share the with  
<https://www.facebook.com/5m10lions>
- Post your stories and photos on MyLion
- Share with our PR Chair, Lion Tammy Wheatley  
[tammylwheatley@shaw.ca](mailto:tammylwheatley@shaw.ca)

LET'S SHOW THE WORLD WHAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF IN DISTRICT  
5M10!

## District 5M10 Plastic Recycling Challenge

Many 5M10 Lions have started collecting plastic to recycle in the Lions District 5M10 recycling challenge. Four clubs are participating so far: Bemidji First City Lions Club, Carlton Area Lions Club, Duluth Lions Club and Vermillion Bay Lions Club. They have collected, weighed, and recycled a total of 46 pounds of plastic as of October 6, 2020.

So come on and select a Recycle Coordinator and have them contact Eric Schlacks, 5M10 Environmental Chair, to get into the competition! The Recycle Coordinator collects the plastic from club members, weighs it, and takes it to a retail partner for recycling. The Carlton Area Lions and Duluth Lions Clubs take their plastic to Cub Foods as a recycling partner. Cub Foods welcomes the plastic we recycle and can easily handle the volume. That is most likely true of grocers and other retail partner in your area as well.

The recycled plastic going to Cub Foods will be used in composite decking and outdoor furniture products so it doesn't go into landfills.

What plastic can be recycled, you ask? You can recycle grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap & stretch film, wood pellet bags, and produce bags.

If your club recycles the most plastic per member by the Mid-Winter Convention, it will receive special recognition and an award from Lions District 5M10.

If you have any questions or want help getting started, contact Eric Schlacks, Lions District 5M10 Environmental Chair, via email at [desertswan1@gmail.com](mailto:desertswan1@gmail.com), or by phone at 218 269-6678 in Minnesota.



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## HALL OF FAME AWARD NOMINATIONS

Its time, once again, to begin looking at your membership for those deserving members eligible for recognition for the Hall of Fame Award.

### What is the Hall of Fame Award?

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

### What are the Criteria?

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club at the time of their death.

### How do I nominate a member?

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District. There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

The nomination fee must be accompanied by the prescribed form and received by the District Governor no less than 30 days prior to the Mid-Winter Convention.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the full rules and application form, please contact District Governor Shirley at [lionshirleyk@gmail.com](mailto:lionshirleyk@gmail.com) or 807-220-1818.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing those nominations. DG Shirley

## OGDEN FOR ID - 2023

As you all know I have put forward my application for Canadian International Director 2023-25. I meet all the criteria of the position with the exception of 1 and I am asking for all of your help today in making sure that last criteria is met.

### That Criteria is MEMBERSHIP!

Currently our membership sits at 1219 members. That is 31 members below the required number of 1250. If we don't get our District to 1250 members by December 31, 2020 I cannot have my name on the ballot for ID and you will not have a chance to vote for a 5M10 ID candidate. The last time we had an opportunity for a 5M10 ID was 1978 when that honor was held by Lion Bud Danylchuk.

So I am asking all 46 of our clubs to rise to the occasion like I know 5M10 is capable of.

Please keep ALL your members and please DO NOT drop any from your roster from now until after our convention date in January.

Please add at least ONE new member before the end of December 2020...Remember there are NO FEES for new members until the end of January as well. ONE member in each club gets us easily to the magic 1250 goal.



All of you will make a difference this year in the vote as COVID will make it an online process...ALL of you will make a difference in having a choice at who is most qualified to represent Canada and MD5M at an International level. ALL of YOU can make this a reality by helping me help the District over that 1250 mark!

So again thanks for all you do...and thank you for what you are about to help us to in membership...

**What you Can, When you Can and for whoever you CAN...the whoever this day is PDG Joanne**

In Service  
Lion Joanne





It's going to be an exciting year for the Lions Foundation this year and we look forward to sharing all the news and updates with you on a regular basis.

The amalgamation of the 2 Foundations and the Hearing committee is going well and is just waiting approval from Canada Charities. This amalgamation will reduce costs for the Foundation, but in no way will affect the services that were provided.

Our Eye Bank commitments will continue as before under the Foundation's Pillar of Sight as will our KidSight program. Our Hearing commitments and vision of the Hearing Committee will continue on through the pillar of Hearing. Medical Assistance Program and Rural Housing programs will continue as they did under the auspices of the Foundation with some new branding and advertising.

Our Rural Housing program will be known as Serenity Suites as all 3 suites available are undergoing a total and complete makeover thanks to the auspices of the Canadian Legacy challenge and all 3 districts contributing \$6500 each and LCIF (Canada) matching those funds dollar for dollar. The first Suite has now been repainted, with new fixtures, cupboards and flooring thanks to 4 members from Emo and District Lions in completing a long weekend of labour to get this done. The suite will have new furniture, bedding, and accessories bringing it into a much more welcoming and homelike atmosphere. We do need your help to complete the work of the first suite as well as move forward on the remaining suites as our bookings will allow. Please contact Tammy if you have the time and the skill to help out.

We have redeveloped our awards program for the Foundation. Please note that all donations should be made to the Lions Foundation but please identify to which program you want the donation to credit. One bank account but your donations will still benefit the program that you wish it to assist. (Sight, Hearing, Medical assistance and Rural Housing). That has not changed.

What has changed is that now your personal or club donations will be recorded in an awards bank and that you will be able to pick and choose the award that your club wishes to present instead of the Foundation automatically sending out an award. We believe that this will be far more meaningful to both the clubs, the donator and the recipient.

We have added the KidSight award to list of honors (\$1000 cumulative donation to the program) as well as the Ben Ward Fellowship. The Ben Ward Fellowship is very similar in nature to the Melvin Jones structure and will also have a progressive acknowledgement as well. (\$1000, \$5000, \$10,000 cumulative dollars) We were honored to have PID Ben award the inaugural 5 recipients of this award at our Strategic planning day prior to our board meeting in September.

Please ask your board Director or Tammy for the pamphlet explaining the awards process.

We have updated our Strategic plan as well as completed work plans for our Directors to complete over the course of the upcoming year. We have completed many policies and job descriptions that we did not have as well as documented office policy and procedure.





We realize in the time of COVID that we need to be more inventive of our fundraising and have a couple of great ideas in the making to address the overwhelming needs of Lions and community members in our Districts. One such fundraiser has now been put into effect.

TEXT to DONATE is an easy way (without using your credit card) to have friends and family and yourselves to donate to the foundation. All you have to do is TEXT!!

Just text "weserve" to the number 20222 and follow the instructions. The donation is 10\$ and it will be added to your phone bill! EASY PEASY!! You can also choose to have the text reoccur monthly!

We are looking for a new Foundation Director for a 3 year term beginning July 2021. To be considered you must submit your name an application to your Director and your DG to be voted on at the midwinter convention. Please email myself or Tammy for an application and the job description.

Watch for more coming from the Foundation in the months ahead. Thanks so much for all you do and all you will do in the future. This Foundation belongs to the Lions of 5M10, 5M11, and 5M13 and we could not do what we do without you!

In Service,

Lion Joanne 5M10  
Chair  
Lions Foundation of Manitoba  
And Northwestern Ontario



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## 2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

March 18 - 21, 2021

Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN

***We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the  
2021 MDSM Regional Lions Leadership Institute!***

Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.

The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included.

However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.

Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions.

The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MDSM Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2020.

Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

Institute graduates will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

*If you have questions concerning the Institute, please  
contact: Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - dkellylion@gmail*

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**MD5M REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

# PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

**MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than DECEMBER 1, 2020**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE JOINED LIONS:

ADDRESS:

E-Mail ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE HELD:

OTHER OFFICES HELD:

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute, your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration to MD5M Executive Secretary Robert Harms by January 15, 2021.



# CLUB NEWS

## BEMIDJI LIONS

### Bemidji Lions Still Meet, Raise Funds and Serve.....

#### **Just not Like we Used To!**

Faced with the inability to do fundraisers or hold meetings the way they used to, Bemidji Lions have worked together to create new ways to serve the membership and the community.

Here are some of the questions we have faced and ways that we have tried to create other ways of being Lions to continue to serve.

How can we conduct meetings if we “can’t meet”? How can we socialize if we can’t have lunch together?

How can we raise funds for community donations and activities?

The answers we are working on began with looking at what is it about Lions that we can still do but in a different way. The following are some examples of how Bemidji Lions have made adjustments to meet, conduct club business, fundraise and do service.

### How do we meet and conduct Lions programs and activities?

The initial solution like many groups was to begin Zoom meetings. By starting our Zoom meetings 15 minutes ahead of the actual start time, members can sign on or call for help before the meeting. But most of all, the fifteen minutes before start time has been used as a greeting time, chit chat and how are yous. Great to keep our personal connections going.

Our opening still keeps all the elements of our traditional meetings with a few twists. After several tries at singing My Country Tis of Thee for example as a “virtual choir” we now enjoy a short musical rendition played with YouTube. Tail twisting fun has continued with a few added rules of muting, raising hands and supportive help to remind each other that we need to “unmute”.

Is this the way we used to meet? No, but as a result of virtual connections one of our members who now lives in Milwaukee can now attend meetings, some of our less mobile members can join in, notwithstanding northern winters can inhibit attendance, Zoom can serve as an alternative.

Virtual meetings are just one solution. Our goal is to reach all our members in a meeting format that meets most needs. Early on, the Bemidji Club discussed acceptable ways that all members could meet. At the end of September, the Bemidji Lions held their first “hybrid” meeting. Members could choose to meet following covid guidelines developed by club members based on state guidelines or join via Zoom.

See below the lunch registration table which included signing a covid wellness questionnaire, paying for lunch with social distancing and receiving a lunch entree card



before entering the meeting room with a mask. We learned a lot from the first hybrid meeting and look forward to holding future events as long as possible.



## How can we do our Fundraisers? How can we sell tickets?

After much discussion and the realization that the three fundraisers that we “had been doing”, one of which for over 60 years, was not going to work now, Bemidji Lions decided on one major project that met the fund goals. Not only would this project allow us to generate activities funds, but the project also supported other important needs for our members. By participating in the raffle sales, members can socialize in a safe way. Having a 4 wheeler on a bright yellow trailer creates visibility for Lions. People are interested in the raffle but also in “what are Lions”. Different than our traditional fundraisers which where one time events, our ATV raffle project places Lions in different venues in the community throughout the Fall.

Lions can engage with the community in learning about Lions and promote membership,

The project is ongoing, we have been selling tickets in the community through set ups each weekend at local businesses. As you can see in the photos below, members created a “covid 19” sales protocol to promote the raffle and model safe practice.

Members volunteer to sell tickets while enjoying one another in the process. Bemidji Lions have asked First City Lions and the Bemidji Campus club to join in the raffle

project. The collaboration has resulted in fundraising benefits for all three clubs.



Do we have more questions and goals to achieve? The answer of course is yes. However, the ability to maintain Lions comradery, elements of traditional meetings and create and initiate one of the largest fundraisers ever attempted by Bemidji Lions gives us hope that we can serve our community and our members.

As we move through this Lion year, we will continue to strive to listen to our members and our community to find solutions to expand our service.

Two months ago we were faced with "a start over" as the "what we had always done" was not an option. We are excited and committed to see what Bemidji Lions can achieve in the months to come!

## Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation/Lions Gift of Sight

Hello Minnesota Lions in 5M-10,

I would like the opportunity to present to your Club on the MLVF/Lions Gift of Sight. If your Club is meeting either virtually or in person, arrangements can be made to provide a presentation regarding this important organization. You can contact either Lion Jim Molde or Mark Osthus.

Look forward to seeing you!

Jim Molde  
MLVF/Lions Gift of Sight Director 5M-10

## CARLTON AREA LIONS



CARLTON AREA LIONS CLUB

BURGER NIGHT VFW 9/25/2020 5PM -8PM

WORKERS: LIONS: BETSY, SUE, LILLIAN, PATTY, MIKE, TIM, RITA, DAVE, JANELLE, CHUCK, JIM V VOLUNTEER STEVE

LILLIAN SOLD TWO 50/50 RAFFLES NET OF \$175.00 AFTER PAY OUTS

MIKE & TIM COOKED BURGERS, JANELLE CASHIER, PATTY, CHUCK, SUE, DAVE, BETSY, STEVE, SERVED BURGERS. RITA SETUP

BURGER SALES GROSS SALES \$352.00 USED 69

COST OF SALES	TAKE OUT BOXES	\$24.42 LEFT OVER
	CHIPS	\$22.73
	PICKLES, CONDIMENTS	\$12.00
	HAMBURGERS	\$78.56
	BUNS	\$21.52
	CHEESE	\$9.73
TOTAL COST OF SALES		\$169.00 \$2.45 EACH AVG
NET PROFIT		\$183.00
TIPS		\$42.00
50/50 NET		\$175.00
EVENINGS PROFIT		\$400.00

THANK YOU  
LION SECRETARY JIM V





**Carlton Lions Hold VFW Burger Night 9/25/2020**

## Duluth Lions Club

### Duluth Lions Virtual Pancake Day Telethon Fundraiser

The Duluth Lions Club had a very successful Virtual Pancake Day Telethon Fundraiser on September 10, 2020! Our host, WDIO, did a great job of promoting our Duluth Lions Pancake Day in advance of the telethon as well as during all 6 newscasts on that day.



ROARY (Lion Sue Winner), Lions Tom O'Brien, Gail Tate, Larry Winner and Gerry Sjerven.



Lions Tom O'Brien, Brian Thompson, Gerry Sjerven and Daryl Harper;

WDIO asked people to submit their favorite photo making pancakes at home. Harbor Pointe Credit Union sponsored a \$100 gift card that was given to the winner of a random drawing.



We are gratefully indebted to our 10 Pancake Day sponsors who allowed us to keep \$8,700 in sponsorship funds for this year. Their logos were shown on the WDIO video wall twice during each newscast as well as being shown on the WDIO.com website.



We thank our **Platinum Sponsors (\$2,500)** - Waddell & Reed and Harbor Pointe Credit Union, our **Silver Sponsor (\$1,000)** - Superior Choice Credit Union and our **Bronze Sponsors (\$500)** - Clarity Hearing Center, Contract Tile and Carpet, Edgewood Vista, Northern Trends, Homstad Wealth Management of Raymond James, TKDA Architects, and Weis Eye Center. We also had an awesome response from people throughout the Northland who called in with donations of \$5,240 which resulted in a total of \$13,940 for this fundraiser.

A big **LIONS ROAR** for the Pancake Day Committee members who wore a Lions costume or answered the phones at WDIO and took donations from the community. They were Bob Howe, Sue Winner, Jim Denney, Barb Tanski, Nancy Stanius, Tom O'Brien, Eric Schlacks, Gerry Sjerven, Gail Tate, Daryl Harper, Brian Thompson and Chair Larry Winner!



Pancake Day Committee Chair, Lion Larry Winner





WDIO Newscaster Darren Danielson  
with Lion President Tom O'Brien



Lion Jim Denney speaks with WDIO  
Newscaster Baihly Warfield

Duluth Lions are encouraged to come on down to the Lighthouse Center and put their plastic for the challenge in the bin.

Cub Foods is a TREX plastic recycling partner and the plastic will go to TREX to be used in composite decking and outdoor furniture products.

Eric will report how much plastic our club has recycled once a month. We hope to recycle 500 lbs. or more in six months!



Lions Gail Tate and Jamie Rabold

## Duluth Lions Plastic Recycling Challenge

Many Duluth Lions have been collecting plastic to recycle it in the Lions District 5M10 recycling challenge. The recycling bin for you to put your plastic in is now in place at the Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss. Recycle Coordinators Gail Tate and Eric Schlacks, Bulletin Editor Barb Oswell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jamie Rabold got the bin, placed it, printed signs, and then posted them on it. The bin was ready for use as of Monday, September 28, 2020.



Lion Eric Schlacks

## Emo and District Lions



association. (More on that later)

It was an uneventful summer as the club adjusted to our new reality in a Covid-19 world. While we were able to meet virtually it was a joyous occasion when we were finally able to meet in person (outdoors and socially distanced) in September.

While we missed doing our regular summer activities such as the Dog Guides of Canada Walk, and our highway clean up we were able to make progress on our playground project and start a new exciting partnership with another local

The entire club is extremely excited about our Devlin playground project and are hopeful to do a Grand Opening next spring. Our plan while the weather remains bearable is to finish installing the remaining pieces of equipment and filling the play areas with Fibar. This ensures that the playground will be handicap accessible. It's been a lot of work but it will all be worthwhile when we can open it up as it will not just benefit the Devlin Community but also the nearby communities and First Nations in the area.

We are hopeful that Covid-19 will allow us to start up the KidSight program again this year...it's proven to be one of the most engaging Lions projects we do! We have several Lions looking to assist and can't wait to show them what a difference KidSight makes in our District children provided we can do it safely.

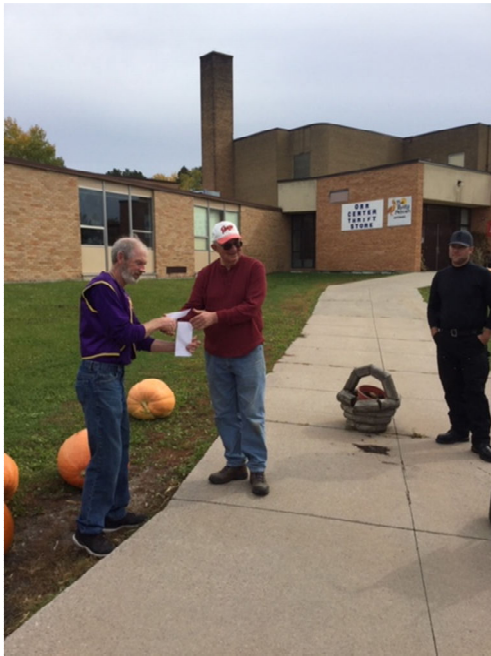


As teased earlier we have begun partnering with the Dance Community Association to restore the Dance Community Hall. This is a project that will provide immense value to the community as the building is over 80 years old and has hosted countless events. The side benefit is that this will also give us a permanent home/meeting place which is a long time coming. It will be another big project but our club is not afraid of hard work.

As a shorter term goal we have to decide what we are going to do about our annual Hunter's Night Dinner. As it is highly unlikely we will be able to host over 100 people in one room we have to decide how to make a drive-thru/virtual event happen. It's just another challenge that Covid has thrown our way but we will persevere.

We also have a new president in Erin Lovelace who is looking forward to pursuing new and exciting service projects for the club. We have a lot to look forward too as a club and we are looking forward to sharing more in future newsletters.

## ORR LIONS



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**At the Orr Lions Club pumpkin contest there was a close race for the largest pumpkin with only 4 pound separating the top 3 winners top weight was 69 pounds.**

**3rd place winner receiving his prize is Lincoln Antikainen from Orr Lions President Scott.**

**Orr Lions clubs 10th annual pumpkin contest**

**Lion President Scott Woodworth presenting 1st place prize to Bill Purdy**