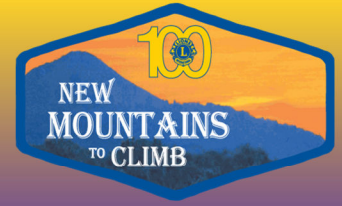




# L10News

December 2016



Phyllis and I want to wish all of you hard working Lions a Merry Christmas. Both of us are lucky in that we have our health and family that is close and can get together for the holidays. For us it is a great time of year--except for blowing snow. Except for that minor activity we are much luckier than many who are going through severe loss at this time. I know that in those areas Lions with the help of LCIF are on the ground doing what is needed as Lions were in Thunder Bay and Duluth. I hear stories from every club that I am in contact with on how in time of need in their communities that Lions come together to help. From Bemidji, Grand Rapids, Duluth, Emo, Kenora, Thunder Bay etc.. Lions get out and lend a hand when it is needed. There are many individuals in our communities this time of year who are alone and in need of a kind word or a Merry Christmas. If every Lion would reach out to some of these individuals with a kind word, a plate of cookies, some fruit or just let them know that they are being thought of, it would make a difference to them. In our Centennial Year, 2017, our 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries were challenged to serve 100 million people by July 1017. We met that goal this early this year and are now challenged to double that. We did this one Lion at a time serving and helping one person. I challenge each of you to reach out and make this time of year better for one or two people in your area. Again, we wish you a Merry Christmas. Stay safe. We hope to see many of you at the Midwinter Convention and then the Multiple Convention in Bemidji.



## From the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

Some days are frustrating...no one shows up for a meeting...a project doesn't go as planned or maybe they forgot to come to the project in the first place. I know it's really easy to get angry...to point fingers and to perhaps even just quit.

But...we are not responsible for what anyone else does. We are responsible for what we do. If everyone put this quote on their fridge, on their computer and on the steering wheel of their car we would save ourselves a lot of grief.

Lions is about "we serve" not they serve or you serve. Its about "where there's a need there's a Lion" ...a Lion...you! You make the choice every day...if you do your best every day the rest takes care of its self. So do what you can do...do it the best you can do today and thank you for what you have done as a person and as a Lion.

This holiday season isn't wonderful for all...may we all keep our eyes open for those who are having a tough time of things and maybe striking out at everyone because they just can't do their best today. Give them a hug or maybe just a smile and let them know someone cares...

Merry Christmas to you and yours' and may the New Year bring you an awesome perspective.

Lion Joanne

### NORTHERN LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM





## PR Power!

### **Two Weeks Left to Enter the First 5M PR Centennial Challenge... Your Club Projects Could Bring You \$500!!!**

Our Multiple 5M public relations chair has established a Centennial contest in which every club can participate. The purpose is to promote Lions and the Lions Clubs Anniversary. Clubs in the Multiple are asked to submit their completed Centennial Projects (Youth, Vision, Environment, Hunger) along with photos to their District PR Chair (that's me!) before January 1, 2017.

Judges will choose the winner in each District with one grand prize winner taking home \$500. ***You will find the contest application form, due dates and descriptions in this newsletter.*** Please feel free to contact me with questions you may have.



### **REMINDER: Share Your Club News at the Midwinter Convention, January 20-22, 2017 Grand Rapids, MN**

Plan to attend the Midwinter Convention in Grand Rapids! It will be a fabulous weekend of Lions fun, great seminars, motivating speakers, and exceptional hospitality.

Our **Club Communications Corner** table will once again be available for you to display your club activities, share your promotional success stories and read about new and successful ways for you to more easily communicate with your community, district, as well as the global Lions network.

Bring along samples of your brochures, business cards, event/project calendars, published articles, event flyers and club newsletters. Whatever you would like to display and share.

Our 5M-10 three-ring binders will be ready for you to add your materials. There is a special section for each club within our district. In addition, I will have copies of LCI informational booklets with new ideas for you to gain connectivity within your area and boost your communication efforts!

This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to see firsthand what other clubs are doing to gain awareness, increase exposure, and expand membership.

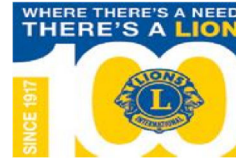
Thanks. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lion Barb Oswell  
PR Chair MD5M-10  
[oswbarb@gmail.com](mailto:oswbarb@gmail.com)  
218-343-9006



Centennial Public Relations Contest

Lions Clubs of MD5M July,



2016-

January 1, 2017

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



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

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Club Members \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members who participated \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Explanation of Event:

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What benefit did this project have to your community?

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

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\*\* Attach only 1 picture page

Contact person for this event: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100<sup>th</sup>? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No **Please submit to your District PR Chair, Lion Barb Oswell before January 1, 2017.**

**Clubs may enter more than once.**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Contest will be run January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017)**

### **Contest Guidelines:**

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

If there are not enough lines on the application in any area, feel free to attach another page.

Each District will award 1 winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2017 & 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2017 & 2018 Multiple Convention. Top winning Club will receive \$500.00.

Contest will run from July 2016- December 31, 2016 and January 2017 –December 31, 2017.

Please submit your application to your District Public Relations Chair, Lion Barb Oswell

Email or Mail to:

Lion Barb Oswell  
PR Chair 5M-10  
5260 Samuelson Road Duluth, MN  
55811 oswbarb@gmail.com  
(218) 3439006

### **Duluth Vision Screener Makes the News!**

Fox21 TV in Duluth recently broadcast a story of how our Duluth vision screener benefits the community and surrounding area. PR Tip: *Volunteer to serve at your community's public events.* It's one way to gain awareness about Lions and your Club! Take a look....

<http://www.fox21online.com/news/local-news/new-tool-helps-lions-club-screen-for-vision-problems/42475496>

## 2017 MD5M Convention Report

December 1, 2016

### Lions of the North

**Christmas Greetings to Lions in 5M10. We look forward to being hosts for the MD5M convention. We are honored to host this convention in our 100<sup>th</sup> year. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer and attend this great event.**

**The 2017 MD5M Lions Convention will be held at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, MN, on April 21-22-23, 2017. Lions from the Bemidji Lions Club, the First City Lions Club of Bemidji, and Lions Clubs in 5M10 are the hosts for this great event.**

Our planning and promotion are having good results:

1. Thanks to our promotion efforts, **202** have preregistered. The registration cost is now \$110 until March 1, 2017. **The registration costs for the host clubs will be \$100 for the full hospitality book.** Registrations from 5M10 are 19; 5 Bemidji Lions have preregistered. We can now do registrations by credit card.
2. The convention fund now stands at \$23,881.77, with all bills paid.
3. Plans are being made to promote the MD5M Lions Convention at scheduled midwinter conventions in January and February, 2017. Here is the full schedule with the willing Lions speaker volunteers:
 

a.	5M 1	1/20-23/2017	Rochester	open
b.	5M2	2/10-12/2017	Mankato	Kari Klisch
c.	5M3	2/17-19/2017	Fairmont	Leon Nelson
d.	5M4	1/27-29/2017	Willmar	DG Mel Milender
e.	5M5	1/06-08/2017	Bloomington	Wayne Tieman
f.	5M6	1/06-08/2017	Bloomington	DG Mel Milender
g.	5M7	1/13-15/2017	Bloomington	Wayne Tieman
h.	5M8	2/02-05/2017	Hinckley	DG Mel Milender
i.	5M9	1/06-08/2017	Brainerd Cragun's	Steve Caron
j.	5M10	1/20-23/2017	Grand Rapids	Steve Caron
k.	5M11	2/17-19/2017	Mahnomen	DG Mel Milender
l.	5M13	11/03-05/2016	Brandon, MB	Wayne Tieman
4. Every effort has to be made to promote our convention at the district and local level. A power point presentation is being made to show at each midwinter business meeting. Lion promoters will be reimbursed per Lions Rules of Audit.
5. The last MD5M convention held in Bemidji was in 1941. Thunder Bay held the last MD5M in 2002; Duluth hosted the convention in 2001.

**WE SERVE.**



IMAGINE: A double lung transplant — a serious, intrusive, and scary operation.

IMAGINE: How hard it would be on a 10-month-old who was born underdeveloped at 23 weeks. This is what Kali McKellips lived through.

Today, Kali is 10 years old and stands at just under 4 feet tall, which is about the size of a 5-year-old. Her double lung transplant slowed her already delayed development as a result of being born prematurely.

Kali must be fed through a feeding tube. She is not able to move around without holding onto someone at all times because it is so tiring for her. In public she often needs to use her stroller or a cart. Kali also experiences severe anxiety when visiting the doctor or hospital for medical procedures.

Then Buddy, a standard poodle, entered Kali's life. Can Do Canines training staff matched Buddy with Kali to help her with forward locomotion, balance, and retrieving objects for her. While he helps her in all those ways, other things began to change, too.



Buddy dramatically increased her confidence and ability to get around on her own. He also helps Kali through her medical and dental procedures with fewer tears by staying in close contact with her and being a steady friend.

However, we have 162 people on our waiting list-162 people who need your help.

We need your support to continue our work and to shorten that waiting list.

Won't you consider a gift today so we can continue to change the lives of people like Kali?

We simply cannot do more without your help.

Your generosity allows Can Do Canines to provide assistance dogs, free of charge, to people who live with five different disability-related needs:

hearing loss  
 mobility challenges  
 seizure disorders  
 type 1 diabetes  
 childhood autism

The need is great and the time to act is now because any gift you make between now and December 31, 2016 will be matched, dollar for dollar by anonymous donors up to a total of \$20,000. So \$25 becomes \$50, \$100 becomes \$200, and \$500 becomes \$1,000.



Your tax-deductible gift provides the needed energy that, when combined with the effort of so many dedicated people-and some very special dogs-makes the wheels of our special machine turn, producing more well-trained dogs for the people who so desperately need them.

That's why I'm turning to you to ask you to consider a year-end gift to help address this need so we can provide a trained helper-and a best friend-to everyone who needs one.

Please read the enclosed letter from Kali's Mom, Janice. She shares more details about the amazing difference Buddy has made in Kali's life-in fact, in both of their lives.

Janice's letter makes us proud of the work we do and makes us want to do even more.

You should feel proud, too, because your gift provides these special helpers at no charge. Your gift will change a life for the better.

Please say "Yes!" today by sending your check in the enclosed envelope or by contributing online at [give2016.can-do-canines.org](http://give2016.can-do-canines.org).

Sincerely,



Alan M. Peters  
 Executive Director





## CENTENNIAL REPORT

Hi to all! I hope that you are all enjoying this festive time of year. I want to bring you up to date on the efforts to have a great Centennial Celebration this Lion's year.

You should note two things in particular: (1) a new item regarding having all clubs in MD5M come to the Mall of America next June 3rd with a little red wagon all decorated with your club's name and your city's name, to enter into what we hope will be the world's longest "inside" parade. We hope to set a new world's record in that regard and get into the Guinness Book of World Records; and (2) that we are indeed in active pursuit of someone with Ad Agency experience to help us enhance our entire presence in the Mall next June.

As part of our Mall of America event, we will focus on the 4 areas of hunger, environment, youth and vision. Accompanying this you will see the appeal from 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Shelf who we are partnering with for this event. I hope all clubs will consider participating in this effort.

Lion Dave Moen will have the MD5M Eyeglass Recycling Center trailer on site at the Mall into which we can place donations of eyeglasses. Dennis Kelly has confirmed that the \$100,000 grant from the MN Vision Foundation has already been confirmed and received for the Kids Sight activity. Now, all we need is the matching grant from LCI.

The plan for having Lions present at the Mall to assemble Summer Kids Paks is being addressed, according to Chair Cheryl Thompson. She said we'll need stickers printed to put on the paks.

We have plans for demonstrating the Leos Projects. Information is needed so that we can tell the staff at the MOA exactly what we plan on having going on at the Mall and what tables and chairs will be needed, including any electricity.

I will plan to have a table at the midwinter with Centennial Celebration material on display.

Yours in Service,

Lion Bob Woodke

## LCIF –CA

This is the Season of Giving, this is something that the LIONS do year round. Please when deciding which Foundation you are rewarding with your funds at Parade of Green, that you consider THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

LCIF has assisted with the Kenora Hospital Ophthalmology Dept., Dryden Regional Health Centre, Ultra Sound Machine, Thunder Bay Regional Lions Vision Care Foundation, and Thunder Bay Habitat for Humanity over the years. LCIF has assisted with Equipment at the Hospital in Cook MN. All monies donated are eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Canadian Lions Members wishing to donate can receive a Charitable Tax Receipt if they send their donations to:

**LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF**  
**C/O STAN DURWARD**  
**BOX 38**  
**SUNDERLAND, ON CA L0C 1H0**  
**E-MAIL [s.durward@sympatico.ca](mailto:s.durward@sympatico.ca)**

Wishing All Lions and Their Families, All the Best This Holiday Season,

Lion Susan Pollock  
CA-LCIF Chair



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

I am happy to say that this past June, one of the 2 Youth Scholarship winners was from Minnesota!! She received a \$2,500 scholarship!! This was the 5<sup>th</sup> year that scholarships were given from the LITPC.

The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams!!

The LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the Pin Traders contributed US \$144,000 to LCIF.

The Youth Scholarship Program is another example of the Pin Trader's slogan, "Lions First". The 5M Pin Traders Club along with 13 other Pin Trader Clubs from across the USA support the LITPC Scholarship Program.

Selection of a scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by March 1, 2017.

ALL graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions, Lioness, or members of Leos Clubs are encouraged to participate in the Scholarship program. This does include students from Canada.

To apply for a LITPC Youth Scholarship:

1. Go to the LITPC Website address - [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org)
2. Click on right column LITPC Scholarship information
3. Click on Scholarship Application Form
4. Complete Application Form
5. Submit completed Application Form along with all required information to the person listed below.

Lion Bill Guthrie

5M Pin Traders Scholarship Chairman

9-101<sup>st</sup> Lane NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55448

[763-786-8072](tel:763-786-8072)

[bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)

## CLUB NEWS

### Atikokan Lions



### Christmas Parade

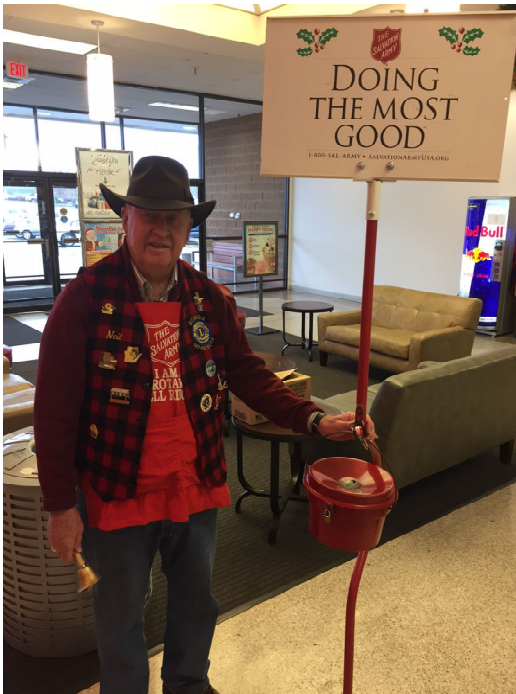
Pictured above is the Atikokan Lions Club float, in the Atikokan Christmas Parade. The float theme is Candy land -Visions of Sugar Plums Dancing in their Heads. It won "Best of Parade". Well done to the creator Lion Liz MacKay and all her little elves - Jason Sharbot, Perry Sharbot, Isis Sharbot, Kale Sharbot, Teilor Chumway-Keller, Heather McLeod, Don MacKay, Susan Girard, Garry Girard, Faye McAllister, Randy Cameron, Nancy Kozlovic, Crystal Lafond.

### Bemidji Lions

With Christmas just a few days away, the Bemidji Lion's Club remains active. Recently several Lions, along with personnel from numerous other agencies, were vital in making the "Heroes and Helpers" program a huge success. This was an event in which children from low income families were given \$100 to shop for members of their families at the local Target store. They were accompanied by an individual or hero from law enforcement, fire department, EMS workers, or the State Patrol. Also this month, the club had the opportunity to hear from two HOBY recipients at the general meeting. Each talked briefly about the Leadership Conference they attended this past summer. The club will sponsor two more delegates to the conference next summer and their names were revealed at the meeting. Other activities during the past month included members providing assistance at the new dorm which is about completed at Oak Hills Bible College. Several Lions helped sweep, organize, remove painting tape, and vacuum. Bell ringing for the Salvation Army involved many club members (18) during the latter part of November. They were fortunate to have a warm and cozy spot inside the Mall for their two hour commitment. Another service to the community was answering phones for Lakeland Pubic TV. Club members

took pledges and answered questions during their fund drive. This Wednesday at our weekly meeting the membership will be treated to a presentation by the Bemidji High School Choir. Usually this event packs the Eagles Club as members bring their spouses to enjoy a meal and Christmas music. The club is in the final stages of organizing a "Charter Lions Club" at Bemidji State University. Over a dozen students have expressed interest in starting and maintaining the club. Plans are being developed for a "Charter Evening" which will bring together both clubs for recognition and celebration. Slowly, forward progress is being made at the High School where a Leo Club is being developed. Several students have indicated an interest in beginning a club at the school.

Leadership positions are being filled and hopefully it will be a reality by next fall. Our club has fulfilled all four areas under Centennial Service Challenges for this year and is finalizing plans for their "Legacy Project". From the Bemidji Lions Club have a joyous and safe holiday season. – Leon Nelson/ Club Secretary



### **Dryden Lions** - M&A Report Dryden Lions November 2016 Club Number 3125

1. Dryden Lions held two 200 club draws
2. November 10, Dryden Lions donated \$100 to LCIF in honour of Gov. Mel Milenders visit.
3. November 16, 7 Lions worked 22 Lion hrs removing a wheel chair ramp previously installed one month to the day. Recipient passed away suddenly.
4. November 17, 300 pairs of eye glasses were delivered to the Man. N/W Ont. Eye Bank.
5. November 26, Secretary Dave attended the Zone Meeting in Vermilion Bay.
6. November 28, as a result of the presentation at the Zone Meeting, Dryden Lions Donated \$300 to the Kenora /Rainy River Alzheimer Society .
7. November 28, 7 Lions began the installation process of installing a wheel chair ramp in the rain. The ramp had to be removed from soggy ground and loaded onto a trailer. A total of 7 Lion hours to date.
8. November 29, the continuing saga. 6 Lions spent 3.5 Lion hrs. Ramp to be completed Saturday, Dec.3

### Dryden Trillium Lions - Dryden Trillium Lions Club – #53070 - Activity Report for November, 2016

- We had the pleasure of organizing and hosting the visit of District Governor Mel Milender and Lion Marylou on November 10<sup>th</sup> on behalf of our three area clubs, Dryden Lions Club, Vermilion Bay Lions Club and our own Dryden Trillium Lions Club. The evening was a success with 46 Lions attending and a great evening of recognition and lots of fun!
- One new member was installed by District Governor Mel during his visit bringing our membership to 34.
- November 19 & 20 - Meals on Wheels were delivered to 15 clients by 2 Lions totalling 4.5 Lion hours.
- Hearing Aids were donated to an individual at a cost of \$4,190.00 shared among Trillium Lions, Dryden Lions and the Lions Hearing Foundation of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario.
- The 2016 lottery raffle was completed raising a total of \$28,00. Trillium Lions and Dryden Lions presentation of donation cheques took place on November 18 to various organizations. See attached list for Trillium Lions recipients. Although tickets did not sell out this year, the raffle was considered a success and all recipients were extremely appreciative of the assistance given.
- Trillium Lions provided 18 hours of service to several events at the annual Festival of Trees, November 19-27, a beautiful community event that raises funds to support seniors. Volunteers helped with wrapping baskets for the silent auction, assisting at 2 movie showings (one for adults and one for children), donating and handing out treat bags at the kids' movie matinee and donating a prize valued at \$50 for the silent auction. Two members attended the Zone Meeting on November 26, 2016.

#### a) Total Donations:\$28,000 Dryden Trillium Lions Donations - \$14,000

Name of Payee	Address of Payee	Amount Donated
Mayor's Committee for Children & Youth	Dryden Police Services 64 King Street Dryden, Ontario P8N 1B7	\$2000
Camp Quality	704 McKenzie Street Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 3L4	\$500
Dryden Diabetes Education Centre	c/o Dryden Regional health Services Foundation, 40 Goodall Street Dryden, Ontario P8N 1V8	\$500
Lions Lake Joseph Transportation Project	c/o Wendy Wiedenhoef Box 16, Site 102, RR4, Dryden, Ontario P8N 0A2	\$1250
Dryden Trillium Lions Medical Assistance Fund	Box 612 Dryden, Ontario P8N 2Z3	\$4000
Dryden Trillium Lions Pennies From Heaven Fund	Box 612 Dryden, Ontario P8N 2Z3	\$1000
Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (for programs in Ontario)	152 Wilson St. Oakville, Ontario L6K 0G6	\$2000
Community Living Dryden-Sioux Lookout	280 Arthur Street Dryden, Ontario P8N 1K8	\$250
Dryden Youth Soccer	Box 381 Dryden, Ontario P8N 2Z1	\$2000
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences - Lions Vision Care Centre	TBRHS 980 Oliver Road Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6V4	\$500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14,000</b>

## Happy Holidays from the DULUTH LIONS CLUB!

### DG MEL VISITS DULUTH

On November 1<sup>st</sup> DG Mel visited the Duluth Club for an evening of Lions festivities.

Milestone membership chevrons for years of service were awarded to Lions Ron Stanius (35 years) and PDG Larry Winner (30 years).



In addition, several of our Lions were recognized for their many years of volunteer service and many club members received perfect attendance pins.



During his remarks, DG Mel asked if we are having fun yet! He reminded us that Int'l President Bob Corlew is committed to serving around the world and obtaining an increase in club members and clubs in North America.

DG Mel inducted two new members into the Duluth Club and outlined eight goals in the current year. (1) Continue to grow; (2) Connect with our community; (3) Communicate better through websites, social media, zone chair leadership; (4) Make sure clubs get credit by keeping "My LCI" up to date; (5) Build enthusiasm; (6) Encourage and offer training; (7) Share and use ideas for activities and projects with other clubs; (8) Recruit and Retain members.



DG Mel stressed the importance of taking a leadership role in Lions. As we move through Lionism, he asked us to be pro-active. If we don't go after what we want, we won't get it. And as always....Have Fun!



### DULUTH LIONS PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS CITY OF THE NORTH PARADE

On November 18th, several courageous Duluth Lions marched in a cold and snowy Christmas City of the North Parade. Unfortunately the first snowstorm of the year hit that same day and prevented our club from pulling its float in the parade.



Those Lions who did march, proudly displayed our Lions Club banner and Pancake Day posters helping keep our club name in the eye of our community. Thanks to those that braved the storm!

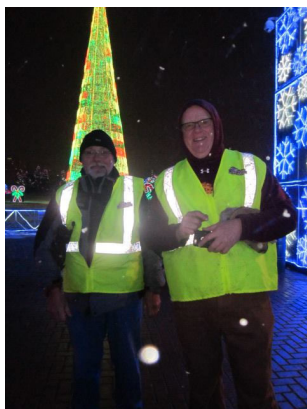


The light display this year is outstanding!! Bentleyville is another event where Lions serve our community!

### BENTLEYVILLE – TOUR OF LIGHTS



Bentleyville "Tour of Lights" is America's largest free walk-through lighting display and runs from November 19 to December 26 in Duluth.



### DULUTH LIONS SERVE YOUTH AT CHRISTMAS!

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, eighteen Duluth Lions volunteered to pop popcorn, serve cookies and hot chocolate, tend the fire pits, spear marshmallows, greet visitors and collect toys and food for the Salvation Army. Thank you to Lion Barb Hanson for coordinating the volunteers for this event.



Lion Gail Tate and Jenny from Lutheran Social Services Crisis Nursery pose with the \$700 worth of clothes purchased at Younkers during their Days of Caring in November.

Lions donation of \$150 to the Nursery converts to \$300 worth of coupons in this program. For \$28, plus the coupons, they purchased 34 new shirts, pants and pajamas! Seventeen items were free! Lions, we serve!





## Emo and District Lions

Well it's cold out here in Emo but Emo and District Lions are just heating up!! Several club members braved the cool temps to help out our local food bank at the annual "Stuff a Cruiser" drive. The Food bank has been reloaded with both food and money!! Great job to all that assisted in this endeavor!

We are very excited to have been able to help a young local boy with the acquisition of new "special" hearing aids along with the auspices of Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario medical equipment program. It's a great feeling to make a difference throughout the year, but its especially wonderful to be able to make this happen for a family at Christmas.

We are so proud of our inaugural screening of Lions Foundation Kid Sight Screening program. Our Spot Screener, thanks again to Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NOW pilot program, was put to good use at Sturgeon Creek School this past week. Our Lions screened 30 people, 24 children, and had 3 children screen as a referral to optometrist required. We have a goal of completing all schools before the end of May and then will continue this program in September. We are screening JK, K and Gr. 1 at this time and once we get our feet under us we will also include Fort Frances Clubs and Atikokan Club in the education and screening process. We have also liaised with a local optometrist which is registered with the Ontario Government to provide free glasses to those that are in JK...a win-win situation for all of us!

We have a new project starting next week with the Maiden run of the Kellar/Emo and District Lions Sleigh rides starting this Sunday. Watch for pictures next newsletter! We can't wait for this to start as it is an activity that our district has really missed and we are excited that being a Lion has allowed this to happen again!

Watch for the crazy Lions from our club as we have several "jumpers" again this year going to brave the frozen waters of Rainy Lake with Fort Frances Voyageur Lions on January 1. Pledge one of Lions to do the annual Polar Plunge....no sissy temperatures this year...its -38 today with the windchill!

Our next big event is Rabbie Burns night, a great night of fun, good company and awesome food (and scotch!)

Tickets are available from any of our Lions members but seating is limited so don't wait. Mark January 28 on your calendar. (we will have tickets at Mid-Winter the week before!)

Merry Christmas and a Most Awesome Lions New Year to you all from Emo and District Lions.

Where there is a need ...there is a Lion.

## VISION SCREENING PROGRAM



## International Falls Lions

Annual Christmas party with members of nearby clubs in attendance.  
Good time had by all.



## Babbitt Lions

On November 15, seven Babbitt Lions aided with vision screening at Northeast Range School. Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 were tested. A total of 107 students were screened. Two hours were spent in the morning and another half hour in the afternoon. The school nurse was very appreciative of our help and said she could not do the screening without our assistance.

## Ely Lions Club



AWARDED - Len Katauskas, District Governor Mel Milender, Fred Thunhorst and Zone Chair Dick Klinzing with Fred's 40 years of Lions Service Award at the recent meeting in Ely.

## Ely Lions Club to begin re-building

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, District Governor Mel Milender visited the Ely Lions Club at Grand Ely Lodge. The club was presented the Membership Award and Lion Fred Thunhorst was presented an award for 40 years of Lions Service.

The Ely Lions have faithfully served Ely since 1960. They are a true measure of the fabric of this community. According to Lion Fred they helped establish the original ballfields and placed the first benches in the park with the help of the industrial arts classes at the High School.

For many years they were a vital part of the Blueberry Festival and the Harvest Moon Festival, serving many meals each year. Serving meals ended four years ago due to lack of help.

During the past 10 years they supported more than 50 different pro-

grams and projects for youth of the city including baseball, hoops, scouts, skiing, hockey, track, arts, high school scholarships, high school grad parties, fire safety, Head Start, and other youth activities. They also supported the library, the Food Shelf, pre-school, hospital respite, cemetery beautification, autism initiatives, diabetes and M.S. support.

As time passes, so do the members of the Lions Club. Ely Lions are alarmingly short on members who can do the necessary work to sustain the club. There are only four members in the club today and only two of them were able to make it to the luncheon.

Milender said it is time to revive and renew the Ely Lions Club with new members and possibly new projects. As District Governor, he is committed to help the club obtain at least 10 new

members before April 1, 2017.

Lions clubs are a force in any community and they will be again in Ely. Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world with more than 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in 210 countries that are committed to service to their communities in all areas of need, including; vision, hearing, environment, youth outreach and any other need that is not being met.

Ely Lions are appealing to all members of the community, men, women and families to join Lions and help build the club back to its proud heritage of serving the community of Ely. Interested persons are asked to contact Len Katauskas at 906 E White Street or phone (218)365-6000. Inquiries may also be sent directly to DG Milender via email at melmile@msn.com.

## HIBBING LIONS CLUB

Recently the Hibbing Lions Club presented a check to the Project Free Care Clinic which will be used to purchase diabetes strips.

*November 9, 2016*

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY



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**Mark Macor, Hibbing Lions Club president, presents a check for \$1,000 to Carrie Estey-Dix, executive director of the Project Care Free Clinic in Hibbing. The donation, made last week, will be used to purchase diabetic test strips for patients of the Free Clinic. The purchase of diabetic test strips goes in line with the focus of Lions Club International, which is to help people with vision and hearing disabilities and those who are diabetic.**

## Ignace Lions

Ignace Lions Club induct 2 new members at their District Governor's Supper on Monday November 28th  
Pictured in photo is Dawn St. Amand, Sponsor Lion Dot Cooney, Lorne St. Amand and DG Melvin Milender.  
The club enjoyed a turkey supper and message from the DG Lion Mel.

We wish all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season



## **DRYDEN LIONS CLUB MELVIN JONES RECIPIENTS**



**Congratulations to Lion Don Felske (left) and Lion Ken Saville on receiving the Melvin Jones award at our District Governor's visit on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Our third recipient, Lion Tom Button, was unable to attend due to illness.**



**Another ramp building adventure for the Dryden Lions....in the snow too!!!**

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### Lions Eye Bank

We have been able to provide eye exams and eyewear for 5 individuals.  
We were pleased to provide \$15,000 for equipment for Thunder Bay Vision Centre.  
We have shipped 21,430 glasses to CLERC for recycle.

### Lions Foundation MAP

We have assisted 6 individuals with funding assistance covering various medical treatments including, transplant patients, diabetes and mobility equipment.

### Lions Hearing Foundation

We have assisted 8 individuals to obtain hearing aids and continue to recycle hearing aids.

### Lions Rural Housing

We have accommodated 21 people for 115 nights in our Housing program. We appreciated the support from medical facilities, clubs and word of mouth recommendations.

### Fundraising Events

The 100 Hole Golf Tournament hosted by the Lions Club of Winnipeg was a success with golfers wanting to support our Lions Hearing Foundation. The event raised over \$2000.00.  
The Architect for the Day event was also successful whereby 25 Grade 6 and 7 students spent the day learning how to be an architect. This event is support of our Lions Hearing Foundation raised over \$700.00.

### Journey For Sight

The Lions Eye Bank is grateful for the dedication and support of the Journey for Sight committee and support their efforts gladly. Please remember to buy raffle tickets.

We thank 5M13 for their contributions through the Parade of Green.

In closing, we extend our warmest wishes for bountiful good health and happiness for the New Year and a very Merry Christmas.

**NOTE: Couldn't figure out which club sent this report, but here it is.**