

L10News

February 2017





Wow! A lot has happened in 2016 and more is yet to happen in 2017. Thank you every club that I have visited so far. I am learning rapidly. I met many people throughout my travels and will probably forget some names but will never forget the generous hospitality shown my wife and myself. I am amazed to learn all that I did not know and all that I still do not know about the clubs in the district. It has been a marvelous adventure to learn about all the clubs that I have visited to date. The People, the projects, the communities are all interesting, enjoyable and different. All have several things in common; 1) All enjoy people, 2) all are proud of and support their communities, 4) everyone wants to learn about Lions organization, 4) everyone likes to have fun and eat together. Each club has its own way of doing things and that is as it should be. Some clubs are more traditional than others, while others are more connected to community needs, while still others are about having fun together but all are about service. In all of the endeavors above, I have relied on zone chairs and region chairs to help me coordinate and understand each of the clubs. They have done an outstanding job.

As I look to 2017 and the other half of my year with all of you, I wish to remind each of you that Lions is all about you and your community first, foremost and always. Find your way to serve your community first. In order to do that we all need to replace those members who leave us for various reasons. My challenge to each club is to increase your membership by at least one member more than you started with on July 1st, 2016. That simple formula applied each year will ensure that your club will continue to serve your respective communities as they have come to expect. To help you, we have a midwinter convention coming up 20-22 January 2017 in Grand Rapids, MN. This is the convention that is devoted to newer members and new information. All Lions who joined a club in the District since Jan 18, 2016 are eligible for free registration. A seminar on Saturday will be devoted to new Lions. It will be chaired by the International Director. A special recognition will be accorded every new Lion. Then in April 2017, District 5M10 is hosting the annual Multiple Convention in Bemidji, Mn. Be there! We need your help!

Remember – Keep Trying, Don't Give up! Your community needs you!

Happy new year, DG Mel





Phyllis and I just got back from the 5M8 Midwinter Convention. We had a good time. DG Mel and Lion Mary Lou were there also. By the way, DG Mel looks great in his white jacket. The more conventions I go to that are not ours the more I appreciate what a fantastic job we do. Coming up soon on February 16th is the Charter Night or the Bemidji State University Campus Club. It is great to see 2 Campus Clubs in the last two years. I hope to see many of you there. Shortly after that will be the Multiple Convention in Bemidji. This is the time to show the rest what our District can do. Time is coming on fast for the International Convention in Chicago when I again change the initials in front of my name. I am looking forward to having your help in leading this District in the direction that we have been going over the last several years. I challenge each club to add 1 member to their roster by the end of June. We CAN be at 1300 by July 1st. Remember to report your service projects. That is the only way we all know what a wonderful job your club does in serving your community. We want to see what you do and in return get new ideas for our own clubs. Thank you for the vote of confidence at our Midwinter. (You really did not have another choice). Hope to see many of you soon. **DGE Mark**



Past International Director Brian Sheehan has announced his intention to run for the office of 3^{rd} Vice President of Lions Clubs International. He will be seeking this office at the International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018.

PID Sheehan has the endorsement from his club, the Bird Island Lions, and would like to ask for the support of MD5M Lions, Lionesses, and Leos at the MD5M convention in April 2017. Our multiple district is one of the largest in the world and it is time that we give Lions Clubs International one of our own to lead this organization. It will take a lot of support, and we can help PID Sheehan, who has the heart and mind, to do a worthy job as our International President.

Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, served as a director of Lions Clubs International in 2011-13 and appointed as a Board Appointee in 2014-2015.Past Director Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer

Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, Webmaster tech advisor, leadership chair, membership chair, retention chair, district convention chair, vice district governor, district governor, council chair, long range planning chair, membership chair, retention chair, women's initiative chair and multiple district convention chair. He also, served as GMT liaison and as a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum. On the International level he has served as Board Appointee to the USA/Canada Lions

Leadership forum, Board Appointee to the Executive Committee and contributed to the Long Range Planning Committee of Lions Clubs International. He was Chairperson of the Finances and Headquarter Operations Committee and has served

on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Brian was a trustee on LCIF while he was an appointee. Lion Brian has been a Group Leader at DGE training in Toronto, Fukuoka and the upcoming DGE School in Chicago. He has been a facilitator of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and Regional Lions Leadership Institute. Currently he serves as GLT Area "D" Coordinator as well as the Sponsorship Chairperson for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, Cap Baker Award, numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and five International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Second Century Ambassador, Melvin Jones Vangaurd and has received the Ambassador of Good Will award which is the highest award given out by Lions Clubs International.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

PID BRIAN SHEEHAN FOR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF LCI

Many of you have probably heard through social media that PID Brian Sheehan of our Multiple District 5M has declared his intention to run for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018. Lion Sue and I are excited and honored to have been asked by PID Brian to be Team Captains on his Campaign Team for District 5M-10.

We would like to invite all Lions in District 5M-10 to be members of our team in supporting PID Brian in his campaign for 3rd Vice President. We will be asking some of our Lions to join our team but if you are interested in being on the team please let us know.

We need team members to help promote PID Brian for 3rd Vice President in your clubs, our district, our multiple district and in our international organization. We also need as many Lions as possible to attend the Las Vegas Lions Clubs International Convention in 2018 to vote for PID Brian as well as helping to distribute materials at the International Convention. PID Brian's Campaign Team has a goal of raising \$100,000 for campaign expenses so our district goal is to raise \$8,500. We will need our Team Members to help with fund raising efforts.

We will have a table at our upcoming Mid-Winter Convention in Grand Rapids and can use your help in staffing this table. We expect to have some posters and commemorative hockey pucks with PID Brian's campaign logo that we will be selling for \$10. We will also have order forms for a hockey jersey with either "Team Sheehan" or "Team Sheehan Eh!" (Canadian Version) and 5M on the back and the campaign logo on the front. We will be selling these jerseys for \$65 and they will be delivered to the multiple convention.

Thank you for your support!

February, 2017

Seeking the Endorsement for **3rd VICE PRESIDENT**



Brian





LIONS CLUBS NTERNATIONAL Please help support PID Lion Brian Sheehan for Lions Clubs International 3rd Vice President by participating in his Hockey Jersey (Sweater) Campaign Fundraiser. Attached is the order form for the hockey jerseys (sweaters). They come in the following sizes and cost \$65 each:

Youth S M L XL 2XL

They will be delivered to the Multiple District 5M Convention in April. It will be great to wear them there, at other Lions events and conventions and at the Las Vegas Lions Clubs International Convention in 2018!

Please mail your order form and check to:

PID Lion Brian Sheehan Box 177 Bird Island, MN 55310

PDG Larry Winner and Lion Sue Winner, Team Captains District 5M10 See the order form on the next page. Thanks for your support!

June 29 – July 3, 2018: MGM Grand Resort, <u>Las Vegas, Nevada</u>. The MGM Grand Resort will host the Lions Clubs International Convention, Board of Directors Meeting, and the District Governors-elect Seminar all under one roof! All hotel rooms will be just steps away from the site of the official events. Participate in convention events, enjoy world-class dining and delight in star-studded entertainment all while in the company of your fellow Lions from around the world.



Make sure you wear your jersey, eh?



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CALLING ALL MD5M-10 CLUBS

Enter the 2017 MD5M Public Relations Centennial Challenge... A Second Opportunity to Promote Your Club's Service Projects in the Contest! January 1 – December 31, 2017

Our MD5M public relations chair has established a *second* Centennial Challenge and <u>every club is encouraged</u> <u>to participate</u>. The purpose is to promote Lions and the Lions Clubs Anniversary. All clubs in the Multiple are asked to submit their completed

Centennial Projects (Youth, Vision, Environment, Hunger) along with photos to their

District PR Chair. Each District will select a winner that will go on to compete in the Grand Prize 5M Challenge. Contest dates are January 1 – December 31, 2017. All entries must be submitted by 12/31/17.

The Duluth Lions Club was the winner of the 2016 Challenge which closed December 31, 2016. The 2016 overall winner will be announced at the Multiple Convention in Bemidji, April 21-23, 2017. I encourage all MD5M-10 Clubs to enter this year's contest. Enter as often as you like!

Again for 2017, judges will choose the winner in each District, with one grand prize winner taking home \$500. **You will find the challenge application form, due dates and descriptions in this newsletter**.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or for assistance.





Good Public Relations →→→ Community Support and Increased Membership

Good public relations – informing the community that your club built the park, conducted the vision screening or collected the eyeglasses – will help foster community support. Public relations can even support your club's membership efforts.

People want to belong to a successful and reliable organization. By actively promoting your club and its worthwhile activities, you'll be projecting a positive image in the community – and showing that your club is worth joining.

How do I share Lions messages with the public?

Use a combination of the following PR tools and resources to share your message with the media and community members.

Club Fact Sheet Be A Lion Club Brochure News Release Interviews and Public Speaking Post-Event Publicity Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

Public Access Television Video Programs Websites and Social Networks Printed Promotional Materials Photographs LION Magazine

Please don't hesitate to contact me for assistance.

Thanks.

Lion Barb Oswell PR Chair MD5M-10 oswbarb@gmail.com

218-343-9006



** Attach only 1 picture page

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Contact person for this event:		WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION
Phone Number:	Email:	
Does your club have a Lions sign in your town?	YesNo	

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th?____Yes____No

Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2018. Clubs may enter more than once.

Contest Guidelines:

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

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 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2018 Multiple Convention. \$500.00 will be awarded to the top winner overall.

Contest will run from January 2017 - December 2017.

Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Canadian Division - Hearing Committee

DECIBEL AWARD

The Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Canadian Division - Hearing Committee is very appreciative of the ongoing support received from clubs in 5M10 that enable us to complete our work in supporting the Deaf, deaf and hard of hearing. Clubs have recently been notified regarding the creation of the Decibel Award. The Decibel Award will be sent to clubs who have donated a cumulative total of \$500 to the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Canadian Division - Hearing Committee. Clubs may then honour those Lions or community members who have demonstrated significant support for people with hearing concerns.

The Decibel Award is in place of the "B. J. Ben Ward Fellowship" award that has been retired at the request of PID Ben Ward. We thank Past International Director Ben Ward for his past and continuing dedication to helping those who are living with hearing defects or problems.

The award will be automatically sent to clubs once the \$500 amount has been reached. For those Lions Clubs who have already donated funds and qualified for a Ben Ward Fellowship, and not been given recognition, your club's donation will be grandfathered under the previous criteria and your club will receive a Decibel Award.

If you have questions or would like to receive further information regarding the work of the **Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Canadian Division - Hearing Committee** please contact one of your Directors from 5M10-- Lion Wendy Wiedenhoeft (<u>wendyparkin@shaw.ca</u>) or PDG Bill Michl (<u>bmichl226@gmail.com</u>).

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Many other attractions: wave visithernid), com

Accommodations Hotel

Country Inn and Suiles (Convention Headquarters) 218-441-4800 110 rooms on hold

Attached to Sanford Center

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Best Western 218-751-0390

Double Tree by Hilton

218-751-3600 218-751-2487 Shulls to Souford Center 218-444-7700 218-441-4400 Shuttle to Sanford Center 218-751-8481 Hampton Inn & Suites Holiday Inn Express by Hilton Quality Inn Super 8



2017 MD5M Convention Report

February 1, 2017

Lions of the North

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 the Lions Clubs of 5M10 are the hosts for this great event.

We look forward to be hosts for the MD5M convention. We are honored to host this celebration in our 100th years. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer and to attend this great event.

Our planning and promotion are having good results:

- Thanks to our promotion efforts, 270 have preregistered. The registration cost is now \$110 until March
 1, 2017. The registration costs for host clubs will be \$100 for the full hospitality book.
- 2) You can now use your credit card to register for this great convention. Go to <u>www.eventbrite.com</u> Then search for events in Bemidji, MN. You will then be taken to the on-line registration form.
- 3) Here is the convention program:

	Friday, April 21	Celebration		
7:30 am	Council of Governors Meeting			
10:00 am	Registration and Credentials desks open.			
12:00 Noon 1 st Vice District Governor Elect meeting and training				
12:30 pm 2 nd Vice District Governor Elect meet and greet				
1:00 pm	Kidsight project, business meetings, and tours start.			
5:00 pm	PDG Dinner at the Sanford Center			
7:30 pm	Celebration 100 years	Social and Entertainment	"Hard Day's Night"	
Saturday, April 22 Service				
7:00 – 2:00 pm	Registration an	d Credentials desks open		
7:30 – 7:00 pm	Raffle Items on	display		
7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast			
8:30 - 9:15	Memorial Service			
9:30 - 9:45	Opening Ceremonies			

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9:45 – 10:45	US-Canada Foundation Meetings		
10:45 - 11:45	Business Meeting		
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch and Speaker and Awards	Peace Poster, Photo Contest, Essay Co	ntest
1:30	Zero K Walk/Run		
2:00—3:00	Seminars		
3:15—4:15	Seminars		
4:15—6:45	Break		
5:00—6:00	DGE Reception		
5:45—6:45	Cash Bar		
6:45	Banquet Speaker PIP Wayne Ma	dden	
	Entertainment BSU Jazz Band		
	Sunday, April 23 Gene	rosity	
7:00—7:30	PDG Meeting		
7:30—8:15	Ecumenical Church Service		
8:30—9:30	Sunday Brunch and Speaker		
	Tail Twisting		
11:00	Adjourn the Convention.		

It's great to be a Lion. We change lives through service.

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HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: \$100	USD: \$110	USD: \$125				
FRIDAY NIGHT	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$20				
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$25				
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30				
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ul payment & registrations to:

Convention Information Email:
 BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB
 Lion Wayne Tieman: tieman13@yahoo.com

 P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619
 Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com

SUBMITTED:



Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2017. \$20.00 fee for cancellations. <u>SEE SEPARATE FORM FOR AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND RATES</u>



VERMILION BAY LIONS CLUB/We Serve Family Snowmobile Derby February 25, 2017

Lions Hall Registration 9-1:00 No Trail Permit Required

\$5.00 per hand Proceeds to Various Lions Charities





Across the country, the Canadian Diabetes Association's regional office staff and volunteers conduct programs and provide support to help people living with or affected by diabetes navigate their care and self-management.

Their programs and services encourage Canadians to live healthier lives by providing practical and accessible information that is helpful and meaningful to them.

In Northwestern Ontario, this education is handled by clinics, hospital units and nursing staff. They are funded through the Ministry of Health.

A complete list (three pages) of all clinics, etc. can be found at the following website.

http://www.northwesthealthline.ca/listServices.aspx?id=10891

If you know of anyone who is in need of help or may have a problem with diabetes please direct them to the nearest clinic or nursing station.





Lions District 5M-10 2018 Midwinter Convention



Come Together Under the Northern Lights

January 19-20-21, 2018

Best Western Plus Hotel and Conference Centre 349 Government St., Dryden, ON P8N 3L3 <u>Registration Form</u>

Name (including title if applicable):						
	(Please circle all that apply)	Lion	Lioness	Leo	Spouse	First Timer
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Hospitality Book (Includes all cor	vention meals): Please In	dicate th	ie Number o	f Hosp	itality Boo	ks Required.
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OR Please Indicate Your Individua	al Meal Preferences (In CA	AD Funds	Only):			
Friday Night Mixer	@ \$2	5 CAD	\$	S	pecial Diet	ary Requests
Saturday Breakfast	@ \$2	5 CAD	\$			
Saturday Lunch	@ \$2	5 CAD	\$			
Governor's Banquet	@ \$4	8 CAD	\$			
Sunday Brunch	@ \$3	0 CAD	\$			
Total For Meals Only		CAD	\$			
Friday a.m. dog sled ride	\$25 CAD or \$2	0 USD _	\$			r early for this ace is limited
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 Make cheques payable to Vermilion Bay Lions Club. Mail completed registration form along with payment

 to:
 Vermilion Bay Lions Club
 P.O. Box 314
 Vermilion Bay, ON POV 2V0

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Hotel Options (CAD Funds) – taxes extra: - *Ensure that you request the convention rate* Best Western Hotel – (807)223-3201 – Convention Rate – \$124.95 S or \$129.95 D Holiday Inn Express – (807)223-3000 – Convention Rate - \$115.00

Comfort Inn – (807)223-3840 – Convention Rate - \$115.00 – 1 to 4 person occupancy – 1 Queen or 2 Double Beds Timberland Motel (immediately across from Best Western) – (800)465-7232 – Convention Rate \$74 S or \$84 D

There are several other small motels available. Please contact Lion Wendy Wiedenhoeft at <u>wendyparkin@shaw.ca</u> or (807)937-6574 or Lion Shirley Koroniak at <u>koroniak@gmail.com</u> or (807)220-1818 for more information regarding hotels. All other inquiries, please see below.

Questions or comments? Contact PDG Ivan Pollock

ivanepollock@gmail.com

(807)223-2294

*Please provide your email address if available. This information will allow for efficient and timely communication regarding the 2018 Midwinter Convention and will be used solely for that purpose.



COME TOGETHER UNDER THE N NORTHERN LIGHTS

MIDWINTER CONVENTION 2018 DRYDEN, ONTARIO JANUARY 19th to 21ST, 2018

"UP NORTH is the place to watch the moon rise ... see shooting stars in the milky way and observe the AURORA BOREALIS dance."

The 2018 Midwinter Convention will feature an optional Friday morning dogsled ride with Burton Penner from Borealis Sled Dog Adventures. Please check out his website https://canada-dogsled.com/. We hope to

see you there.

The registration form is available on the following page or from our website at <u>5m10lions.org</u>.

NOTE: If you would prefer to pay by e-transfer, please contact Lion Shirley at <u>koroniak@gmail.com</u> to make arrangements.

A partnership between Dryden, Dryden Trillium and Vermilion Bay Lions Clubs

Greetings to all Lions!

Can Do Canines provided the luncheon speaker for our noon luncheon at the midwinter. Hearing the stories of clients is what motivates me to serve as the 5M-10 chair for Can Do Canines. I hope you had a chance to hear Mary's story and can better understand the important work that is done by Can Do Canines. They were also part of a panel on the service dogs of Canada and the U.S. which was one of the morning training sessions at the midwinter.

The Parade of Green resulted in a \$4000 gift to Can Do Canines! This will help them in the important work of providing live saving and life-changing assistance dogs to those in need of them. Thanks to all the clubs that gave in the parade of green!

We still have the challenge out to our Minnesota clubs to give an extra \$100 for 100 years of Lionism. Donations can be sent to me addressed to "Can Do Canines" c/o Robert Woodke at P.O. Box 1273, Bemidji, MN 56619. Together we can reduce the waiting list and help this wonderful organization.

If you are in New Hope, MN. stop by and see the facility. Especially look at the wall of fame where all the pictures of all the recipients of assistance dogs are posted. A tour of the training facility is very interesting. It is just amazing what these dogs can do.

If your club is interested in having a Can Do Canines presentation just let me know and I will do my best to facilitate it. You can contact me at bwmlaw@paulbunyan.net

Robert Woodke 5M-10 Can Do Canines Chair

Brouse, Woodke & Hildebrandt, PLLP 312 America Ave. NW P.O. Box 1273 Bemidji, MN 56619-1273 Phone: <u>218-759-1673</u> Fax: <u>218-444-4014</u> www.bwhlawpllp.com

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We need your help to make these happen! Let us know which of these 4 Core-Values you can participate in through your Centennial District Coordinator or the Steering Committee.











NEXT STOP.....CHICAGO!!

LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND 100THANNIVERSARY JUNE 30TH TO JULY 4TH

CHICAGO STYLE HOTDOGS, CHICAGO DEEP DISH PIZZA, INTERESTING SEMINARS,

PARTICIPATE IN A PARADE WITH 30,000 OTHER LIONS, ENJOY AN ASSORTMENT OF

TOURS, SHOPPING, FIREWORKS OVER LAKE MICHIGAN, AND A CONCERT FEATURING:

THE BEACH BOYS AND CHICAGO'S OWN " CHICAGO"

STRESS OF DRIVING AVOID THE

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

PAYING PARKING FEES IN CHICAGO AS HIGH AS \$68 PER DAY, AND MASSIVE . TAKE THE BUS!! WE ARE LOOKING AT RENTING A COACH BUS OR BUSES AND RIDING IN STYLE TO CHICAGO.

LEAVE MINNESOTA: THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH RETURN TO MINNESOTA: WEDNESDAY,

JULY 5TH

PICKUP POINTS: TO BE DETERMINED ONCE WE SEE WHERE THE RIDERS ARE LOCATED.

COST: \$145 PLUS/MINUS \$10. WILL BE FINALIZED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2017

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Denny Ganz; 218.244.4232,

dsganz@tds.net_or Les Swift; 218.839.2184, Itranch@brainerd.net



Lions Legacy Golf Tournament @ Kitchen Creek Golf Course Starts @ 9:00 a.m. Win a CAR with Hole in One!! Putting contests Driving contest Fun contests Best Ball Rules PRIZES for ALL Cost \$100/ea or \$400/team

DATE: JULY 29

PRESENTED BY:

Fort Frances Lions Club FF VOYAGEURS LIONS CLUB

EMO & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Celebrating 100 Years



Entry includes 18 holes of golf, cart and supper. All proceeds to go to District charities: Kids Sports, Special Olympics, Community Chest, Emo & District Medical Fund.

Limited to first 36 paid team entries.

Call:

David Beach @ 276-0464

davebeach321@gmail.com

Bill Michl 276-1334

bmichl226@gmail.com

Joanne Ogden 271-0941

wwaogden@jam21.net

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BABBITT LIONS

On January 12, seven Lion members bagged school supplies for the local elementary school. These school supplies were purchased in the fall but not delivered until after the New Year at the teacher's request. 130 bags were put together with different items for different grade levels. These bags were delivered on January 26.

Also on January 12, the Babbitt Lions hosted DG Mel Milender and his wife. Mary Lou. 1st Vice District Governor Mark Eyre also attended. Six members of the East Range Lions Club were in attendance also.

Seven members of the Babbitt Lions Club attended the Midwinter Convention in Grand Rapids. This is always informative and enjoyable.

At our meeting on January 26, the top winners of the Peace Poster contest and their families attended. These winners each receive a prize and get to see the Lions in action.

Marilyn Kapsch, secretary

BEMEDJI LIONS



Barb Tansky (Duluth) is shown accepting a donation from the Bemidji Lions Club for the Hearing Foundation. The other picture has members from the BSU Track Team during the Spaghetti fund raiser. Thanks for all you do!!! - Secretary Leon Nelson - Bemidji Lions Club

Although the Mid-Winter Convention is now history, the eleven members of the Bemidji Lions Club who attended the event are still talking about its success. Our club accepted two awards of excellence at the convention and longtime member LeRoy Hill was nominated to the Hall of Fame. Great job Grand Rapids!! Now we need to turn our eyes to the upcoming Multi-District Convention, scheduled for April 21st thru 23rd. Over 250 have pre-registered so far and the various committees are starting to move forward. A lot of work needs to be completed before April so don't hesitate to volunteer your club in preparing for this gathering in Bemidji.

Over the past month the Bemidji Lions Club has been active in a number of various ways. Plans are completed for BSU Charter night and is slated for February 16th, with an evening meal and plenty of great speakers. New Member Orientation Evening is planned for February 23rd with a host of activities planned to make our new members feel welcome. Applications for joining our club are coming in weekly. If all new applicants are approved, the club will be at 98 members. We are on track to reach 100 members by the Mid-Winter Convention. On January 15th a spaghetti feed was held to raise funds for the Bemidji State University Track Team. Fourteen club members participated and they were assisted by many track members to make it a very successful evening. Donations over the past month included support for two Boy Scouts wanting to attend a Boy Scout Jamboree, the Hearing Foundation out of Duluth, an increase in our contribution to Can-Do-Canines, and numerous checks to the charities represented by the "Parade of Green" at the convention. The days ahead should be increasingly exciting as we approach the convention in Bemidji and the weather starts to moderate. Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lions Club Secretary



CARLTON AREA LIONS CLUB EVENTS

OCT 2016

10/12/16 Donated \$250 towards VFW Auxillary Holiday Family Baskets

10/26/16 Had diabetes informational table at Cloquet Community Memorial Hospital Health Fair

\$50 Gift Basket

10/15/16 Hosted with Floodwood Lions DG Mel Milender and his Wife Lion Mary Lou Visit to our Clubs. He conducted Honey Raffle and each club net \$49 and gained insight how bee's and lions have to

work together to be successful. He also provided 45 year chevrons to two of our Charter members Lion Bob Schultz & Lion Dale Pearson. He also focused his talk on Local, District and International Membership. Our club raised \$251 on a silent auction and donated \$100 to LCIF in DG name.

NOV 2016

11/9/16 Lion Tim gave our Club a update on eyeglasses collected and ready for shipping 3070 pairs

11/12/16 Christmas lights and garland were put up in the City of Carlton by 9 Lions, we trim 20 light poles.

11/30/16 7 lions members and 2 spouses attended along with about 100 people from the community a Carlton School System Community gathering for dinner, input and ideas for their Schools. Lions wore vests to represent our commitment to our community.

DEC 2016

12/14/16 Club donated \$200 to Best Christmas Ever organization

- 12/17/16 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Super One in Cloquet From 10am -7pm 6 Lions
- 12/28/16 Donated \$250 to local kids to attend Regional science Fair, Students attend our meeting later

12/28/16 New what do you know contest by Lion Tail Twister Ron makes money and adds fun to meeting

JAN 2017

1/18/17 Donated \$100 to former member George Saarela who is recuperating from accident

1/18/17 Pledged \$3000 in donations to Parade of Green for Jan 20-22 in Grand Rapids

1/20-22/17 Lions Patty and Betsy attended Mid Winter Convention and brought back info regarding convention events to our Club. They also each won a free pass to next convention by gathering signatures from fellow Lions at convention.

1/28/17 Two Lion members to attend Carlton Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

Lion Jim Vnuk

Carlton Area Lions





DRYDEN TRILLIUM

Dryden Trillium Lions (L to R) Margaret Wilton, Wendy Wiedenhoeft, Leslee Lappage and Sharon McGillivray invite all Lions of District 5M10 to look ahead to 2018 and plan to attend the District Convention in Dryden, Ontario! Your hosts: Dryden Trillium, Dryden and Vermilion Bay Lions Clubs.

"Come Together Under the Northern Lights"



Dryden Trillium Lions Club – #53070 - Activity Report for January, 2017

- Seventeen (17) Meals on Wheels were delivered on January 14-15, 2017 by 2 Lions.
- A special Baby Hamper was created and donated to the Dryden Food Bank. It consisted of 900 diapers, 4 containers of formula, 6 boxes of baby cereal plus wipes, lotion and diaper rash cream. This donation will benefit 54 children. Members donated items and cash to produce the hamper valued at \$154.00.
- In partnership with the Dryden Lions Club we contributed \$1,400.00 for the purchase of hearing aids for an individual.
- Provided an travel grant advance for an individual travelling by car to London, Ontario for surgery.
- Four Trillium Lions attended the 5M10 District Convention in Grand Rapids MN on January 20-22, 2016. Our club was presented with the 2015-16 Diamond award banner patch (our second) for completing all 4 categories of the LCI Centennial Challenge. We were also presented with a Club Excellence award banner patch and president's pin for 2015-16.
- Congratulations to our club member Lion Wendy Wiedenhoeft on her newly created position of CNIB Chair on the District 5M20 Cabinet.

Duluth Lions Club

January Projects and Activities!

White Elephant Sale

Our popular Lions White Elephant Sale was held on

January 12th and was a great success. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to help defer costs for those members who wish to attend the Lions District 5M-10 Midwinter and the 5M Multiple Convention.



Convention Committee Lions Sandy Palmer, Ron Roscoe, Cliff Wiklund, Patty Shogren and Barb Oswell and Lioness Mickey Wiklund helped planthe event with the support of many volunteers. This year we included a silent auction, live auction, raffle game and dinner! A total of \$895 was raised.





A Lions' thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent and live auction as well as all the prize donations for the raffle game.

Lion Ron Roscoe made sure any donated silent auction items not purchased at the event went home with a Lions member during the following Tuesday lunch meeting.



Lion Kandice was highest bidder on a framed Lake Superior photo by photographer Lion Jamie Rabold in the live auction!

Thank You Grand Rapids Area Lions!

The Duluth Lions who attended the Midwinter Convention in Grand Rapids were impressed by the warm hospitality, comradery, valuable seminars, and encouraging presentations from International Director Rod Wright, and District Governor Mel.



Lucky Duluth Lion Barb Tanski won the grand prize at the Bingo game and brought home an Ice Fishing Package which included a collapsible ice fishing house, heater, chairs, poles, shovels, tackle and much, much, more!

Grand Rapids Lions, thank you for a fabulous weekend!

Centennial Public Relations Contest Duluth's Vision Service Project Wins an Award! L10 NEWS

The Duluth Lions Club was presented with the 2016 Lions Clubs District 5M-10 Centennial Public Relations Challenge Award. Our Club's *Vision for Youth* project was

Lions Bill and Marie were instrumental in researching a



vision screener for the Duluth Club, presenting the idea and screener to our board of directors and taking the lead in managing the vision screenings for youth throughout our area.



(Lion Bill Pank accepts the PR award presented by Duluth Lions Club President Brian Thompson)

Duluth Lions Sponsor Youth Ski Race

The Duluth Lions Club sponsored the youth ski races at Chester Bowl on Sunday, January 22nd. Several years ago the race was named the Ray Wick Memorial Ski Race after long time Lions member, Ray Wick, who supported the Chester Bowl.

entered into the Multiple District 5M competition. The winning service project was made possible by the foresight and proactive contributions of Lions Bill and Marie Pank.

During the event, Duluth Lions volunteered by serving lots of coffee and hot chocolate to both participants and spectators. Awards were given to the top boys and girls in skiing and snowboarding.

Most importantly, the kids had so much fun and received ribbons for participating. Thank you, Lion Rhonda Rutford, for your ongoing work and commitment on this event.

Lions 60th Pancake Day 2017!

Major Fundraiser for Duluth Lions Club



It's Happening! The Duluth Lions Pancake Day Committee meetings have begun! We have some extra fun lined up this year. <u>Save the Date</u>: Thursday, May 4th at the DECC.



We also have plans in place for a special Pancake Day Sponsor Appreciation event on Tuesday, March 7th at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth. It will be an evening party where we will recognize the tremendous support and commitment of our area sponsors.





The Duluth Centennial Leo Club has been working hard keeping our young people engaged in providing service to our community. They applied for and received a

\$500 grant from an organization dedicated to helping kids make good choices related to their dental health.

The Leo Club used this grant to buy water bottles to hand out to kids in conjunction with a presentation the Leos have been giving at Duluth elementary schools about the amount of sugar in popular drinks. The kids in the Leo Club are learning that they can make a difference in the lives of others and are gaining valuable experience in public speaking, research, and making a presentation with a purpose.

In February we are holding our Smile Drive and will be collecting unopened toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss at six Duluth schools during their homeroom classes. The class at each school that collects the most items will get a doughnut party in early March and will have their photo on an autograph poster displayed at Duluth Lions Pancake Day. The class that collects the most items overall will receive an additional surprise from the Leos.

All Lions are encouraged to bring in their donations in February. Cash donations are great too! All the items will be evenly distributed among the participating schools, for the school social workers to distribute as they see fit.



LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONS



We are deeply saddened by the passing of Lion Allan Bollenbach on January 15, 2017. Lion Al joined the Kenora Lions Club in 1974. Lion Al was a very dedicated member and worked willingly and cheerfully (he always had a smile for everyone) at whatever he was asked to do. He held many executive and committee position throughout his 43 years of perfect attendance, including president for the term 1987-88.

Lion Al was a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Life Member. What a wonderful Lion and friend he was.

Al was the father of two daughters and three grandchildren whom he was very proud of. He enjoyed playing cards with

family, friends and neighbours and spent many happy times fishing on the beautiful Lake of the Woods. Lion Al is now at peace and happily reunited with his wife, the love of his life, Lion Rita who he has missed dearly. We will miss him.

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Grand Rapids will likely not be the same!

These three Lions landed for a great weekend at the convention. Lions Ruth Sandmoen, Joan Brinkhurst and Joyce Van Belleghem enjoyed the fellowship, food, fun and learning sessions and brought home some interesting ideas.

Pinecrest Home for the Aged were wanting some portable electric fireplaces for the three Common Rooms to make for a warm, cheery atmosphere so the residents could watch their programs in comfort. Pictured here is the Administrator Kevin Queen, Lion Gwen Maffey who looks after the clubs projects, Lion Lillian Marchant and Lion Jim Quinn.

You can notice the red coals glowing brightly.

Centennial Project

As part of the 100th Centennial Celebration of Lions Clubs International the committee is working with the city to purchase outdoor fitness equipment to be installed at Garrow Park. The city will provide tendering for the equipment, preparation of the site, and once the installation is complete, will look after maintenance. The club has made the first installment of \$21,000.00 to the city. The club is anticipating completion by the end of 2018.

Donations to the parade of green at the convention in Grand Rapids; Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides \$750.00; LCIF \$1,000.00; Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario \$1,750.00.

Vermilion Bay Lions

Three deserving members of our Club were presented with three important awards from DG Mel Milender at the 2017 mid-winter convention in Grand Rapids, MN.

Lion Al Koroniak was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for his work on upgrading our hall over the past five years. He is also a director of the Manitoba / Northwester Ontario Lions Foundation and the Manitoba Eye Bank.

Lion Forrest Mann was presented with the 2016-2017 Leadership Award for demonstrating his leadership skills through many years of activity in both his club and his community. In Lions he held club leadership positions including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and board member. He completed the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in MD5M and currently serves as the Zone Chair for the largest zone in District 5M10. Lion Forrest also helped to found and maintain the 906 Machin Air Cadet Program for young women and men in his community providing leadership skills training throughout the year.

Lion Shirley Koroniak was presented the 2016-2017 Presidential Award for bringing new skills and ideas to revolutionize an older organization. As the IT Chairperson Lion Shirley challenged, taught, cajole and built IT information for District 5M10. She rebuilt and personally maintains the 5M10 website. She personally taught classes to help cabinet members understand and utilize technology throughout one of the largest geographical Districts in North America saving hours of driving time for all members of the cabinet and district. Lion Shirley joined the Vermilion Bay Lions in 2011 and attended the MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute in 2013. By the end of that year she was teaching Lions throughout the district to embrace and use many aspects of modern technology. Lion Shirley teaches both individuals and classes. She works closely with the District Governor and all Cabinet members, often on very short notice over the telephone. She has inspired many clubs to institute their own websites and Facebook pages. Additionally, Lion Shirley helped her own club design and furnish on the of the most technologically advanced meeting rooms to be found in Lions Clubs. Lion Shirley is helping to facilitate the rebuilding of at least three weak clubs through her scheduling, training and optimization of technology throughout the district. Lion Shirley supports all aspects of her club at all times. She sponsored two new members in2016, helped with her clubs Centennial project, is on several club committees and contributes to LCIF on a regular basis.



The club was also presented with the Club Excellence Award and the Centennial Service Challenge Award for Youth, Hunger and the Environment.

The Vermilion Bay Lions will be hosting a Snow machine Family Fun Poker Derby in conjunction with the Vermilion Bay Kin-Karnival on Saturday February 25th. Registration for the poker derby starts at the Vermilion Bay Lions Hall at 9:00am until 1pm. Lions members have been working on the 70 km trail for the past month and it promises to be a great ride.

VERMILION BAY LIONS CLUB COMMITS \$10,000 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT MACHIN PARK

VERMILION BAY LIONS CLUB SERVING THE COMMUNITY

(Vermilion Bay, ON, February 3, 2017) -- The Vermilion Bay Lions Club in partnership with The Friends of the Post will purchase and install playground equipment at Machin Park in Eagle River.

This legacy project celebrates both Canada's 150th Birthday and the Lions Clubs International 100th Anniversary. The Vermilion Bay Lions Club fully expects to exceed this initial commitment through their fundraising efforts.

To kick off the fundraising campaign, a Family Snow Machine Derby and Winter Raffle will be held on February 25, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The community is invited to come out to Lions Hall and enjoy a fun time.

According to Vermilion Lions Club President Betty Ollerhead, "Money raised will allow Lions to meet this important need in our community. Our Lions motto is "We Serve" and we are committed to making a difference."

Machin Playground will be dedicated at a Grand Opening on July 1, 2017.

Additional fundraising events include a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Vermilion Bay Lions Hall along with a wide variety of "FUN" projects throughout the coming months.

L10 NEWS

The Vermilion Bay Lions Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7 p.m. in the Vermilion Bay Lions Hall. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Vermilion Lions Club, please email vbaylions@gmail.com or contact any Vermilion Bay Lions member. For more information, please visit our website at vermilionbaylions.org or our Facebook page at facebook.com/vbaylions/

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 212 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

Red Lake Lions

Since our last report the Red Lake Lions took part in the Red Lake Santa Claus parade December 2, 2016. We also took part in celebrity bagging at the local IGA supermarket. After the Christmas break we began meeting again January 9. Our Christmas ornament project, major fund raising campaign, wrapped up at the beginning of January with over 800 sold. For the first time we had to order an additional 100 ornaments to supplement the initial order and meet sales demands. The final accounting has not been completed yet but the gross sales figure is in excess of \$12000.00 for a net of about \$7000.00 after expenses. The subject was an artist's rendition of the Madsen Mine head frame. The Madsen Mine is one of the major producers of the Red Lake camp producing over 2.4 million ounces of gold from 1938 to 1976 and again from 1997 to 1999 ranking it the third highest in Red Lake. The mine property is currently being explored for its potential to go back into production and the company bought 18 of our ornaments. The package consists of the ornament cast in lead free pewter accompanied by a descriptive leaflet with a concise history of the mine compiled by a professional geologist (a club member). We have started discussion of potential subjects for the 2017 ornament. At the end of 2016 we gained two new members but had two transfer out to a different Lions Club due to employment changes.

THUNDER BAY LIONS

The Lions Club of Thunder Bay has been busy donating money, we donated \$3000 to Lions Vision Care at our hospital, \$2000 to the Northern Cardiac Fund and \$2000 to the Northern Cancer Fund.

Have enclosed a few pictures as well.

We also held a hockey game between our local EMS and Police Services Board and raised \$2697 which we donated to Canadian Diabetes.

We volunteer once a month at a bing and the club gets a percentage of the monies taken in, and we have one member that is active in doing mint sales – he has displays set up a local businesses and goes around twice a month to collect the money and replenish the mints but unfortunately the supper is going out of business soon so we are figuring out another good fundraiser.

We also have Dining in the Dark fundraiser coming up in which that money would be donated to Vision Care.



EMO AND DISTRICT LIONS

This year's Robbie Burns supper, hosted by the Emo and District Lions, was deemed a success by everyone in attendance. Approximately 80 people enjoyed a fantastic roast beef supper, including the traditional haggis, on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Emo Legion.

The evening kicked off with the traditional piping in of the haggis, by Pipe Bruce Lidkea from the Fort Frances Highlanders. The 'Ode to the Haggis' was recited this year, with much humour, by Carole MacIntosh.

The Immortal Memory, a short history of the Scottish poet, Robbie (Rabbie) Burns was read by Lion Deb Firth. Lion Deb, assisted by Doctor MacIntosh and his wife Carole, read several of Burns' poems. A short history of Burns' life was also shared with those in attendance.

The evening's entertainment also included several traditional Scottish dances performed by the talented members of the Fort Frances Highlanders. Callahan Wiedenhoeft and Piper Lidkea also shared a touching musical version of Burns' "Red, Red Rose". Funds raised from the evening will be used by the Emo and District Lions to fund local projects.









The Emo and District Next Fundraiser



DRYDEN LIONS

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- 1. Dryden Lions had two 200 club draws of \$200 each.
- 2. Dryden Lions donated \$200 to the Eye Bank of Man. /NW Ontario
- 3. 3 Lions attended the Mid Winter and made at least 4 presentations on the 2018 convention in Dryden.
- 4. Final approval given to the Truck/Boat draw committee to go ahead and purchase the package they recommended.
- 5. Lion President Todd with helping Lions is all set to go ahead with the Peace Poster Contest again and will be visiting local schools making presentations.
- 6. Dryden Lions donated \$1500 to a person who is travelling to London Ontario for an operation .
- 7. Mid Winter Parade of Green.. Dryden Lions Donated the following. Lions Medical Assoc. Programme of Manitoba /NW Ont. ..\$1000 Lions Lake Joseph

Transportation Project...\$500

LCIF Canada- For Disaster Relief...\$1000

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation... \$500

5M10's Mid-winter Convention in Grand Rapids MN.

WHAT A FANTASTIC TIME!













First Timers has a great time

and were a wonderful addition to this year's convention.

Mid-winter 2017 was a fantastic party!





L10 NEWS



Fort Frances & Emo/District Lions



DG Mel, Flora Danylchuk & winning

Peace Poster

Grand Rapids Area Singers - wow!



Cutting the cake.









DG Mel and Mary Lou



International Director Rob Wright



"You talk too much!"



Let's go ice fishing! Barb Tanski