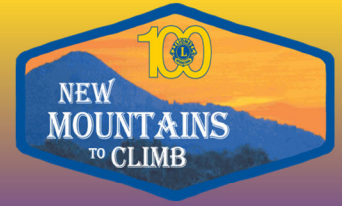




L10News



April 2017



It's Spring! Clubs are thinking about their busy summer schedules and wrapping up the last year's business. Now is the time to be thinking about and electing officers and reporting them to MYLCI, finalizing those club awards, preparing next year's budget, insuring that committees are gearing up for the summer projects and just shaking off the cobwebs as many of the snowbirds return. Last year thirteen clubs qualified for club excellence awards and 23 clubs met all or part of the centennial challenge. Each club that qualified received a banner patch. I challenge all of the clubs to look hard at all that you have done this year, report it on MYLCI and apply for as many awards that you meet qualifications. There is still time to finish the projects, do new projects or simply review old projects and get them into the data base.

The District is in better health than we have been for several years. Membership is up, volunteer hours are way up as reported on MYLCI and clubs are connecting with their communities. We have one more cabinet meeting; 5 May, 10 AM, in International Falls, MN. If you are interested please come and share with us your thoughts and ideas. We will also have Kidsight Training at 9AM. Thanks to your generous help last fall, District 5M10 now has two "SPOT" screeners that clubs or Lions will be able to sign out and conduct their own local vision screenings. Our district Kidsight Coordinator, Dr Jim Molde, will be providing training and orientation for

the program and for the equipment. The only requirement is that you or your club let us know how many people will be attending in order that we have time to print sufficient amounts of training materials for you to take your own back to your club. There is no cost for the training. This program will bring Lions to the forefront in their respective communities. We can't do all of this without your participation.

I want to also report that we formed another new club in the district! The Chisholm Lions have applied for a new charter!!!! They have 24 new members and are recruiting additional members. The club is enthusiastic, energetic, fun and ready to get to work in their community. The new members include several who have been Lions in the past but did not join a Lions Club because there was none. A new charter celebration will be held Thursday, 01 June in Chisholm. More details to follow. I encourage anyone who can to attend the charter celebration and welcome the new members into District 5M10.

Additionally, if you are available 18 May and can spend some time in Ely that day, District 5M10 is going to have a recruitment day. The club is down to 3 Lions and has been struggling for several years. We will be bringing a club coordinator from Multiple District 5M to help us. Watch for further details. If you can help, please call Lion Richard Klinzig (zone chair) or DGE Mark Eyre and volunteer some time.

Finally, remember that District 5M10 is hosting the multiple Convention in Bemidji on 21, 22, 23 April. Almost 500 Lions have registered already. Lion Wayne Tieman, your 2VDG elect has been working hard on your behalf to make it memorable. Please give him a call at (218)760-1099 if you can help or want to register. We don't have an overwhelming response from District 5M10 but I am sure we will!

Welcome spring!



It seems like only yesterday that I was elected 2nd VDG and in three months I will be your District Governor. I am looking forward to working with all of you in continuing to make our District stronger. I am hopeful that we will be at 1300 members by July 1. In the last year we will have started 2 new clubs, great news. We recently went up to Ely and did some vision screening. It was well received by the parents that were present. Vision screening seems to be a great way to get exposure to a group of young people that we have a difficult time recruiting as members. There will be training on the vision screener at the Multiple Convention that is coming up. Hope that many of you will take advantage of this. Hope to see many of you there. Let's show the rest of the multiple how 5M10 can put on a great convention.

Yours in Lionism and service, DGE Mark Eyre



From the 2nd VDG

Been a little quiet for me I know...but with all that's has gone on the last 3 months it's taken a bit to reflect, absorb and most importantly to realize what Lions is really about.

I hear a lot about what Lions does on an international level, what our clubs are doing and what we are doing personally in our journey as a Lion. About 2 years ago I sat through one of the most inspirational weekends that I thought I would ever do...Regional Lions Leadership Institute. It's awesome that this reflection of mine coincides with the fact that it again just happened this past month.

At this training not only did I "find my way" as a Lion...I got to be inspired by those Lions who live the role...one in particular had the quote "when I became a Lion" not when a person joins Lions but when a person has their "AHA" moment. I honestly thought that was my moment.

But I was wrong....

Living the life of a Lion is not about putting on the vest and going to a meeting. It's not about what the community sees us do and say, though all of that is very important. Being a Lion is not all about sight and hearing and how many members we have or what project we are doing and how much we raised at that project.

Shocked at these words are you? I hope so...

Just recently I overheard a Lion of hierarchy...one with many medals and badges and I am sure certificates of merit up the yingyang making a comment to a fairly new Lion. The comment was not one of congrats on doing so well on your fundraiser...it was a sarcastic comment about how the club had copied their idea. I also heard how "I deserve the award more than they do"...is this what we expect from Lions?

Lionism you say....

Well I say Lionism is what I have experienced these last few months from those who really walk the walk and nothing says it more than those who took the time to send a card, drop a phone call and give a hug over the loss of a truly great Lion...my Mom.

The one that touched my soul was from a club I have visited many times...One I have personally thrown down the gauntlet to in membership and one that picked up that gauntlet with a grin and met the challenge with the comradery that it was offered. I opened a card to find that members of that club had individually signed and offered condolences... not just a few people but a huge number of their very large club. To all those that took the time and showed me that Lionism isn't just a word...thankyou.

The quote that comes to mind is "The most persistent and urgent question for all Lions is...What have we done for others today" Lions is NOT about me or I...not about us or them...we all belong to the same Pride...let's make that our Priority...

"AHA"

Lion Joanne



PR Power!



Letters to the Editor

A letter to the editor is a letter sent to a publication (e.g. newspaper) about an issue of concern/need or to add an important perspective on a particular subject. Usually, letters are intended for publication and may be sent either through conventional mail or electronic mail.

Letters to the editor enable your club to state an opinion, offer another viewpoint, gather praise, or move someone to action, in your own words.

Benefits for your club can include:

- Keeping your Lions club in front of the public.
- Raising awareness of your club's service and impact on the community.
- Getting your share of news ink.

Here are some useful tips for writing letters to the editor:

- Keep letters short and to the point (150-250 words)
- Adopt a straightforward writing style; avoid flowery language. Keep writing clear and simple. Limit paragraphs to two or three sentences.
- Your letter should be typed, double-spaced, and no more than one page.
- Limit the number of points you make; stay on one subject.
- Be as factual as possible without being dull. Share the Lions Clubs International membership and service facts as well as the impact on the community your club serves.
- Personalize your letter; explain how the issue/topic will affect your community.

- Emphasize the positive.
- Include your full name, club affiliation, address, and telephone number in your letter. The newspaper may try to reach you to verify that you are the actual writer. Most newspapers will not accept letters on behalf of a group; an individual has to sign it.
- Your letter stands a better chance of being printed if it responds to something recently printed in that newspaper, such as a news story or an editorial. Use a reference to that item when making your point.
- Your letter can support and expand on something already in the news, make a point that was omitted, or disagree with and correct misinformation.
- Include a *call to action*; tell readers what you want them to do.
- Proofread your letter for errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Request support and input from your club board of directors. Newspapers will usually edit your letter, but your letter is more likely to be published if it has no errors.
- Find a well-known person(s) to sign the byline. Identify the author's expertise and/or affiliation.



~Referenced: Consortium Media Center and Association of Nonprofits~

If you would like assistance in writing a letter to the editor or would like a sample letter, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

In Lionism,

Lion Barb Oswell
MD5M-10 PR Chair
Duluth Lions Club (218) 343-9006

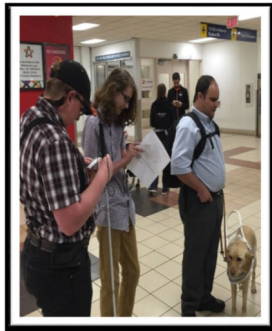


There is a great need to promote understanding of the programs and technology for vision loss. Three main reasons support this: (1) Seniors with vision loss face greatly increased health risks; (2) Only 1 in 3 working age adults with vision loss are working; and (3) Low utilization and understanding of services like theirs – a national problem.

The mission of the Light House Center for Vision Loss is to foster independent and vibrant lives for individuals with vision loss.

The facility offers five programs reaching 1,700+ people per year. The programs include: Transition Program for Teens, Adjustment to Vision Loss Training, Radio Service, Vision Store, and Safe at Home with Vision Loss (for seniors).

1. **The Transition Program for Teens** serves 20+ teens from across Minnesota per year via summer camps and school year programs. Here are a few pictures from past events.



- 2. **The Adjustment to Vision Loss Program** is for working-age adults. Ten plus adults are served per year. This program includes intensive services, often held at the Lighthouse Center.



- 3. **Radio Service (Twin Ports News on the Air)** is available in conjunction with Minnesota's talking book radio. There are approximately 300 listeners per year.



- 4. **The Lighthouse Low Vision Store** offers adaptive devices for everyday living. Six Hundred customers are served per year.



- 5. **Safe at Home with Vision Loss Program** serves over 850 seniors and professionals per year via Occupational Therapy, Vision Rehab Therapy, Low Vision Optometry, Public Education and Support groups.





To learn more, contact the Lighthouse at 218-624-4828 or visit lcfvl.org.

A local, independent 501c3 nonprofit, the Lighthouse has been serving the Northland for nearly 100 years. Today we provide training and other services to 1,500 individuals with vision loss each year. We serve youth, working-age adults, and seniors through services provided at the vision rehabilitation center, at home, or in the workplace. Training is available in daily living skills, orientation and mobility, technology, braille, and adaptive leisure. Other services include Low Vision Support Groups, a Low Vision Store and the Twin Ports News of the Air radio station

Hi to all you Lions!

Gather in Bemidji to help our district host the MD5 M Convention and to celebrate the Lions Centennial! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention. It will be a good place to get information about the upcoming Centennial events.

Lions around the world have been changing lives for 100 years through humanitarian service. Our Centennial Celebration is a time to mark this milestone, celebrate our legacy and look forward to the next century of service. The Centennial Celebration runs through June 2018 and offers all Lions opportunities to celebrate and serve.

Join the Centennial Celebration As part of the Centennial Celebration, Lions are working together to strengthen their clubs and communities through service.

- Our [Centennial Service Challenge](#) encourages Lions to serve 100+ million people over the course of the Centennial Celebration through projects focusing on youth, hunger, vision and environment. Set a goal of hosting at least 1 service project for each.
- [Centennial Membership Awards](#) honor Lions for growing membership and increasing our service impact—each Lion serves 50 people each year. Set a personal goal of adding 3 new members to your club.
- [Centennial Community Legacy Projects](#) give clubs an opportunity to connect with their communities and increase their visibility by giving a lasting gift to the community. Set a goal of completing at least 1 Legacy Project.

Lion Bob Woodke

Centennial Celebration Coordinator

Can Do Canines' Lions Newsletter Submission –

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

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is Remington "Remy" Christoph. Remy now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind since thanks to Autism Assist Dog Candy. Read their story below.

REMINGTON CHRISTOPH & AUTISM ASSIST DOG CANDY

Chocolate is often associated with candy, right? Well in this case, Candy is a type of chocolate that isn't edible. Candy is a lovable, outgoing, energetic two-year-old chocolate Labrador Retriever that has been paired with Remington (Remy) Christoph and his family from Victoria, Minn. Remy is a loveable, energetic seven-year-old who has autism. At an early age mom, dad and other family members noticed Remy's language skills were not developing as well as they should have and his lack of eye contact was concerning. His diagnosis sent his mom searching for a way to not only help Remy but their family as well!

An acquaintance of the Christoph's recommended Can Do Canines and suggested that they do some research to find out if a service dog would be helpful. After a three-year wait, almost to the day, the Christoph's met Candy!

As luck would have it, Candy is a perfect match for Remy! Both are high energy, love to be outside and chase after balls. Candy does not currently attend school with Remy but she does wait for him when he comes home. "Remy looks forward to coming home after school to see and take care of Candy," said his mom Nicole. "It's important for Remy to have household responsibilities just like his sister," she said. Remy is able to give Candy commands such as sit, wait, and go, so that she may eat. This simple activity enables Remy to use and develop his fine motor skills, improves his vocabulary and contributes to his sense of accomplishment.

Candy provides much more for the Christoph family than meets the eye. Candy has given them back their freedom. A trip to get milk at the store may seem like a simple task but a child with autism can become overwhelmed by stimulations and often times a meltdown results. With Candy tethered to Remy, she is able to keep him close to mom and dad and also provide a way to comfort him if he comes agitated when errands take just a little too long. They continue to find ways to be more active and look for activities they can do as a family with Candy.

Not only does Candy provide safety for Remy but she also helps refocus his energy. Twice a day, or more often if possible, Candy and Remy spend time throwing and chasing a ball. A little boy, a ball and a dog – a classic image of Americana! The experience Nicole says, "Has been amazing!" She has nothing but praise for the Puppy Raisers and those that cared for and trained Candy in the Prison Program. Waiting for three years to receive Candy was often challenging but the rewards are paying off daily now.

As Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons hit song, "Candy Girl" goes, "...been a-searching all this big wide world; Now I've finally found my candy girl...with huggin' and kissin' and lovin', she's mine, mine, mine!" The Christoph family and Remy have their very own Candy girl to hug, kiss and love for a very long time!



Can Do Canines will be participating at the MD 5 M Convention in April in Bemidji. Please plan to attend! The organization's director, Al Peters will be appearing and providing a presentation.

On April 20 the next Tales to Tell Tour will be held at Can Do Canines facility in New Hope, Minnesota. This is a fascinating place to visit and the tour will be entertaining and enjoyable in addition to being informative.

Tails to Tell Tours are a friendly, informal way to see what Can Do Canines is all about. You'll have a chance to see the training facility and meet a graduate, their assistance dog, as well as a puppy raiser and our staff.

Tails to Tell sessions last exactly one hour. Do you know someone who would be interested in learning more about Can Do Canines? Your family and friends are welcome, too!

To RSVP, call [763-331-3000 ext.152](tel:763-331-3000) or e-mail tour@can-do-canines.org. Space may be limited on some dates.

Can Do Canines is happy to provide ASL interpreting services at our tours with at least 72 hours of advanced notice.

If you are in the metro area on April 20 plan to take the event in.

On May 2 the Tales of Independence Luncheon will be held. Please join us for a complimentary luncheon and the chance to make a difference.

We trace the story of a sweet yellow lab named Morrie, and how his CONNECTIONS with two separate families have changed them forever. We hear from the people who raised him—and his forever partner, Lisa, who counts on him to keep her safe during her seizures.

If you are \ interested in learning more, please contact Janet Cobus, Director of Development at [jacobus@can-do-canines.org](mailto:jcobus@can-do-canines.org) or call [763-331-3000, ext. 153](tel:763-331-3000)

Golden Valley Golf & Country Club
7001 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55427
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Personal donations to Can Do Canines are always welcome. There is a long waiting list of people waiting for an assistance dog and your donation can help reduce the waiting time for these people in need. Remember: Where there is a need there is a Lion!

Bob Woodke - Can Do Canine Chair

2017 MD5M Convention Report

March 29, 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 are happy to be hosts for the MD5M convention. We are honored to host this celebration in our 100th year. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer and attend this great event.

Our planning and promotion are having good results:

- 1) Thanks to our promotion efforts, **464** have registered. There are **210** signed up for the Zero K walk/run for diabetes. The registration costs are now \$125.00 for the full hospitality book. The cost for the Zero K walk/run for diabetes remains at \$20.00, with most of the money going for the diabetes foundations in either the US or Canada.
- 2) You can still use your credit card to register by going to www.eventbrite.com . Search for events in Bemidji and you will be taken to the on-line registration form.
- 3) Here are the current registration numbers by district: 5M1—36; 5M2—57; 5M3—25; 5M4—36; 5M5—31; 5M6—31; 5M7—45; 5M8—41; 5M9—32; 5M10—77; 5M11—35; 5M12—2; 5M13—10.
- 4) Here is the final convention program, approved by the MD5M Council of Governors on March 11th.

Friday, April 21, 2017

Celebration

7:30 am	Council of Governors Meeting
10:00 am	Registration and Credentials desks open.
10:00	Raffle Room open
1:00 pm	Kid sight project, committee meetings, and tours
12:30 – 2:00 pm	1 st Vice District Governor Elect meeting and training
2:30 – 3:30 pm	2 nd Vice District Governor Elect meet and greet
3:30 pm	Service of Remembrance rehearsal
4:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies BHS ROTC Color Guard
4:30 pm	Service of Remembrance
6:00 pm	PDG Dinner and Social
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Pin Trading
6:30 – 7:00 pm	First Timers Meeting
7:30 pm	Celebration 100 years Social and Entertainment “Hard Days Night”

Saturday, April 22 Service

7:00 am	Registration and Credentials desks open
7:30 – 7:00 pm	Raffle Items on display
7:30 – 11:30 am	Pin Trading
6:30- 8:30 am	Breakfast available

7:30 – 8:30 am	Foundation meetings
8:30 – 11:00 am	General Business Meeting
9:30 – 10:30 am	Leo Meeting
11:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch, Awards, and Speaker: Speaker David A Pearce, PhD
1:30 pm	Zero K Walk/Run for Diabetes
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Pin Traders Meeting
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Public Relations/Newsletter Chairs Meeting
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Centennial Committee Meeting
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Seminar I--LCIF PIP Wayne Madden
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Campus Lions Clubs
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Seminar II-- Leader Dog, Can Do Canines, Guide Dogs
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Seminar III-Lions Eye Institute Dr. Erik Van Kuijk
5:00 – 6:00 pm	DGE Reception with PIP Wayne Madden
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Governor's Banquet Speaker PIP Wayne Madden
9:00 pm	Entertainment BSU Jazz Band

Sunday, April 23 Generosity

7:00 – 7:30 am	PDG Meeting
7:30 – 8:00 am	International Convention Meeting
7:30 – 8:15 am	Ecumenical Church Service
8:30 – 11:00 am	Sunday Brunch and Speaker: Dr. Erik Van Kuijk
	Tail Twisting
	Closing Ceremonies
11:00	CCE and PCC Meeting





COME TOGETHER UNDER THE 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 5m10lions.org.

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

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





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 Registration Form**

Name (including title if applicable): _____
(Please circle all that apply) Lion Lioness Leo Spouse First Timer

Name (including title if applicable): _____
(Please circle all that apply) Lion Lioness Leo Spouse First Timer

Address: _____

Phone: _____ *Email: _____

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Hospitality Book (Includes all convention meals): Please Indicate the Number of Hospitality Books Required.

Early Bird (Prior to December 15, 2017) _____ @ \$139 CAD or \$109 USD = \$ _____ After December 15, 2017
_____ @ \$165 CAD or \$135 USD = \$ _____

OR Please Indicate Your Individual Meal Preferences (*In CAD Funds Only*):

Friday Night Mixer	@ \$25 CAD	\$	Special Dietary Requests
Saturday Breakfast	@ \$25 CAD	\$	
Saturday Lunch	@ \$25 CAD	\$	
Governor's Banquet	@ \$48 CAD	\$	
Sunday Brunch	@ \$30 CAD	\$	
Total For Meals Only	CAD	\$	

Friday a.m. dog sled ride _____ \$25 CAD or \$20 USD \$ _____

Please register early for this excursion - space is limited

Total Enclosed (non-refundable) CAD or USD \$ _____

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 P0V 2V0

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 Wiedenhoef at wendyparkin@shaw.ca or (807)937-6574 or Lion Shirley Koroniak at koroniak@gmail.com 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.*

CANADA DOG GUIDES

TWO MONTHS TO GO!

The Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides is fast-approaching! Each year, the Walk raises funds to help train Dog Guides for Canadians with a medical or physical disability. With the national Walk date now less than two months away, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is reaching out to ask for your support. Please help us to give Canadians a new *leash* on life.

- The Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides will take place in over 240 communities across Canada.
- Find a Walk near you and register at www.walkfordogguides.com
- 100% of the proceeds raised will support the six Dog Guide programs: [Canine Vision](#), [Hearing Ear](#), [Service](#), [Seizure Response](#), [Autism Assistance](#), and [Diabetic Alert](#).
- Each Dog Guide costs approximately \$25,000 to raise, train, and place with its handler.

The national date for this year's Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides is **Sunday, May 28th**

Spread the word to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors about the Walk. Be sure to let everyone know how they can assist your Walk efforts by supporting a local Walk or by making a general donation.

Download the [Walk Pledge Form](#) to begin fundraising right away. If you are unable to walk with us this year, you can still support a walker or your local community by [making a donation](#).

We look forward to having you join us at this year's Walk!

CLUBS

Babbitt Lions

We are very sad to report that a good friend and long-time Lion has passed away. Our club treasurer, Donna Muellerleile, died on March 9, 2017. She joined the Lions in 1998 and was elected treasurer in 2005. She had received Lion of the Year, the Helen Keller and Melvin Jones awards. Not only did she carry out the treasurer's duties, but she volunteered in many of our projects. She will be greatly missed.

In other news: Our club donated \$50 for a raffle prize to benefit Camp Confidence. We also donated \$300 to the Youth Trap Shooting Club. This money will be used for item that they need.

Bemidji Lions

The Bemidji Lions Club is actively preparing for the upcoming Multi-District Convention, scheduled for April 21st -23rd. Registration has now exceeded 480 participants and to accommodate this many Lions it was decided to hold the major meetings in the hockey arena, instead of the ballroom. It will be exciting to have this many Lions together and it should be a great convention.

The club now has 101 members, making it the largest club in the district. We honored our 100th member, with Joan Berntson from Oak Hills Bible College taking the oath to become a Lion. Another milestone was reached when long-time Lion Jack Naastad recruited his 50th member. This has to be some sort of record for Lions Clubs in this area. Congratulations Jack!!

Recent activities of the Bemidji Lions Club include participating in a recent fund raiser for Lakeland T.V. and a donation to the local Boy Scouts with a \$750 dollar check given to their scout master. Presentations to our club over the past month include Ben Mulke from the Boy Scouts, Jessica Bjerke and Susan Gouge from "Visit Bemidji", and a pharmacist from Sanford discussing Medical Infusion procedures.

On May 2nd, the club will hold their annual "FlapJack" day. This event will be held at First Lutheran Church and for \$5 dollars, those that purchase a ticket can eat all the flapjacks and sausages they can handle during a 12 hour period (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) Presently the grills are on loan to a local Boy Scout Troop so they can raise money for their group. This is one of many ways the Bemidji Lions Club assists in serving the community

Ben Mahlke, representing the Boy Scouts, accepting a \$750 dollar donation from the Bemidji Lions Club

And to the right = Lion Jack Naastad, pinning Jamie Zyllo, who is the 50th member he has recruited.



Cook Lions

Cook Lions cooked at the Cook Nursing Home and were busy getting ready for their upcoming children's Easter Party where we give away 8 bikes, 175 Easter baskets, serve food and play games. We also held our annual pancake breakfast where we donated the \$1,000 to the Cook Area Food Shelf. Lion Ron Maki is shown flipping pancakes. We also started vision screening. We went to Ely MN and screened 26 children.



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

- A donation of \$56 worth of ground beef was donated to the Dryden Food Bank. This donation of 29 ½ lbs of meat will feed 116 people.
- Meals on Wheels were delivered on March 11 & 12, 2017 by 2 Lions to 13 clients.
- Held our nomination meeting.
- Planning for our annual fundraiser in partnership with the Dryden Lions Club is underway with ticket selling to begin in early April. Prize package is a truck, boat and trailer valued at \$47,701.82.
- Our club, along with Dryden Lions and Vermilion Bay Lions clubs, made a joint presentation at the Dryden & District Chamber of Commerce Community Information Session on March 27. The new LCI centennial video was shown and each club president spoke about their club within the brief time allotted. We were one of approximately 40 local organizations represented at the event that was designed to inform each other and the public as to what their organization is about and how we can help each other. We had print information available for networking before and after the presentations.

Dryden Lions

March 2017 M&A Dryden Lions Club Club No.3125

- 1. Dryden Lions donated \$50 to Camp Quality for the Multiple Convention in Bemidji**
- 2. Two 200 club draws were made**
- 3. Awards were handed out on March 27**
 - A .Hope awards.**
Lion Arnold Odell and Lion Bea Church for their years of dedication in the care and operation of the CNIB Eye Van.
Lion Ivan Pollock for 6 years of service on the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba, NW Ont. Hearing Foundation.
 - B. Decibel Award.. Presented to Christine Kirkpatrick for her work in Sign Language.**
 - C. Melvin Jones Fellow.. Presented to Lion Tom Button.**
- 4. On March 22nd, Lion Tom Riley delivered 162 prs. of eye glasses and 43 sets of Lenses to the Eye Bank.**

Duluth Leos

The month of March the Duluth Centennial Leo club was very busy! The finished up their Smile Drive collection of dental care products. The winning homeroom at each participating school was given a doughnut party. The homeroom that collected the most products overall is Ms. Grewe's fifth grade class at Piedmont Elementary, they collected over 1,500 products with only 27 students! All collected items stayed with the school that collected them, but Piedmont and Stowe shared over 250 items with another local school that was unable to do their own Smile Drive.

As our grand prize winners, each student in this class won a free ticket to Pancake Day from the Duluth Lions Club and a water bottle from the Leo club.

You can check out the photos and autograph boards of each of the winning classes at this year's 60th annual Pancake Day on May 4th.

The Leos also made 25 Easter baskets for the women and children who are clients of Safe Haven shelter in Duluth. The baskets included stuffed animals, candy, coloring books, crayons, and small toys. The club also donated 25 water bottles. The staff, pictured here, were very grateful for the donation.

Bill Pank was also able to provide a vision screening training for students from UMD's optometry club during the Leo meeting.

Marie Pank

See Leos' pictures below!



Duluth Lions Club March Activities!

Pancake Day Sponsor Appreciation Event

Our 1st Annual Pancake Day Sponsor Appreciation Event was held Tuesday evening, March 7th, at the Radisson Hotel Duluth, Great Hall.

The purpose of the event was two-fold: One, to show our appreciation to the many area sponsors for their ongoing support of our largest fundraising event; Two, to communicate to sponsors, potential members and other guests, the Lions' mission and the organization's many contributions to the community. During the evening, the Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss, which is supported in part with funds from Pancake Day, gave a presentation.

The special event began with a social, where Lions, guests, Pancake Day sponsors, and potential members enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, conversation and delicious 100th Lions Anniversary cupcakes. Information about the Duluth Lions Club's many projects, activities and celebrations were also on display.



Master of Ceremonies, Duluth Lions Club President Brian Thompson, reminded the attendees that the motto for Lions is "We Serve" and introduced representatives from our club's major areas of service. Each spoke about their particular program's purpose, goals, as well as past and current projects.

Lion Sue Winner spoke about the 100th Centennial Celebration projects; the Lions' work in the area of Diabetes was described by Lion Larry Winner; Lion Barb Tanski explained the projects and needs in the

area of Hearing, and Lion Marie Pank relayed the activities of our Sight and Youth services and detailed the activities of our new Duluth Centennial Leo Club.

Our 2017 Pancake Day Chair, Lion Daryl Harper, talked about the many facets of Pancake Day and all that is needed to implement a successful fundraising event. He acknowledged how grateful the Lions are for all of the community support we receive. Throughout the evening, attendees learned more about the purpose and outreach of Lions Clubs International.

Our keynote speakers represented the Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss. They included: Mary Junnila, Executive Director; Sam Singer, Director of Advancement; and Rochelle Rubin, client of the center. Together they talked about their many programs and shared heartfelt testimonials from a community resident in need, who was helped by their services. The center is able to provide the programs through support of organizations such as Lions.

Executive Director, Mary Junnila, thanked the Duluth Lions Club for their support. The Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss is grateful to have received \$50,000 from our club since 1998 with current annual contributions of approximately \$12,000 per year.

Lion Daryl Harper led the Appreciation Award presentations. He thanked everyone involved in making Pancake Day such a successful event, enabling the Duluth Lions Club to serve our community. This year, the following businesses were honored and presented the Duluth Lions Appreciation Plaque:



Waddell & Reed



Como Oil and Propane,



City of Duluth Public Works & Utilities/
Comfort Systems



Emo and District Lions

Emo and District Lions has been busy selling grocery Raffle Tickets for our Spring Fever Day Raffle. We have had awesome local support as this year we added a beef draw to our usual \$5200 in Grocery vouchers thanks to the auspices of local farmers and Lions Russell and Tony Richards. Our Early Bird Draw was done and the winner of the first side of beef (cut and wrapped to her specs) is Melanie Miller of Fort Frances. The next draws will occur at Spring fever days on April 22!

We have been working hard in our Lions Foundation KidSight program and do date have trained Rainy River Branch Club, Fort Frances Lions, Fort Frances Voyageur Lions, Thunder Bay Metro Lions and soon will train Atikokan Lions to do the scans for their communities with our club assistance. We can't wait to share this scanner and training with our northern Lion Partners and will do so at the Zone meeting in Vermillion Bay on April 8.

We have so far scanned over 200 kids (including a day care in Thunder Bay with Thunder Bay Metro Lions) and to this date 30 have needed referral and 22 so far have been followed up by our club to learn that they have received eye glasses! We are looking forward to our biggest scan yet with the Fort Frances Clubs on April 26 when we will do 2 schools and over 175 kids in one day!

We have our Farmers Fling Plans in the works for May 13...old fashioned pig roast dinner (a local farmer, Robert Anderson, is donating the pig) and entertainment again includes our Pie Roulette and awesome penny table...tickets on sale if you want to come and join us!

May 31st is going to be our Legacy Project dedication at the Golden Age Manor in Emo...a BarBQ with the residents and whomever wants to come and assist us and DG Mel to do the honors. We have many awards that will be given out that evening including a Melvin Jones award. We will have the Mayor and town council in attendance as well as our club and community members...we would love to see our Lions Friends there though help us dedicate this awesome project.

June will find us having a Father's Day Fish Fry...watch for more details!

July is going to be exciting for us all....we have been planning a Legacy Golf Tournament with Fort Frances Lions and Fort Frances Voyageur Lions...

This great and very fun event will be held on July 29th at the Kitchen Creek Golf Course...it is open to the first 36 paid teams and registration forms can be forwarded to all who are interested. This is a best ball fun tournament

and our local Ford Deal has got a car for the person who can drop the first hole in one!! Tons of Prizes...and what better way to celebrate 100 years of Lions than with our Lions friends.

We have some awesome news to share as well...we found out yesterday that one of the community members that we and FF Voyageur Lions assisted (tumor around optic nerve) has returned home from her 6 week check up with a clean bill of health! She wants to express her thanks to ALL Lions for what they do and is grateful that our clubs worked diligently to assist her when it was so needed.

We Serve...and we are very grateful that we can serve with our sister clubs in the district.



Lions Clubs International Contest Rules

Division at International Headquarters will be considered by

1. All contests are judged by members of the Public Relations Committee of the International Board of Directors at the Lions International Convention.
2. All contest winners are announced at the Lions International Convention and published in LION Magazine and on the LCI Web Site.
3. Entries become property of Lions Clubs International Headquarters and cannot be returned. Lions Clubs International may use entries in any way deemed suitable.
4. The Public Relations and Communications Division at International Headquarters mails awards to all winners by September 1 following the Lions International Convention.
5. The decisions of the judges are final.

I. International Newsletter (Bulletin) Contest Awards: First place certificate Four honorable mention certificates

1. The contest is open to all **Lions clubs and districts**. (Not multiple districts.) The above listed awards will be presented in each category.
2. Lions clubs must submit **two copies of the same issue** of its best club bulletin.
3. Districts must submit **two copies of the same issue** of its single best bulletin. Districts producing newsletters for more than one purpose or project must select **only one** for submission. (Only the first eligible district bulletin contest entry received by the Public Relations and Communications the judges.)
4. Newsletters must be mailed to the Public Relations and Communications Division at International Headquarters to arrive by **May 1** of the year in which they'll be judged at the Lions International Convention. **Official entry form must accompany entry. For clubs and districts wishing to submit a digital newsletter or bulletin for consideration, submission shall be made via email to PR@lionsclubs.org. All other deadlines and criteria apply.**
5. Newsletters will be judged for the quality of content, page layout, publication design and production.

II. International Web Site Contest Awards: First place certificate Two honorable mention certificates

1. The contest is open to all **Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts**. The above listed awards will be presented in each category.

2. All clubs, districts and multiple districts must include the URL address of their web site on the Official Contest Registration Form.
3. Entries must be submitted via email to PR@lionsclubs.org to the Public Relations and Communications Division at International Headquarters to arrive by **May 1** of the year in which they'll be judged at the Lions International Convention. **Official entry form must accompany entry.**
4. Web Sites will be judged on line for quality of content and Design.

**ENTRIES IN THE NEWSLETTER (BULLETIN) AND WEB
SITE CONTESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE
REGISTRATION FORM BELOW:**

OFFICIAL CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Please Type or Print Clearly.

Entry Level: **Lions club** **District** **Multiple District**
(Circle one)

Club Name (if club entry) _____ District _____

State/Province _____ Country _____ Multiple District _____

URL Address (for Web Site Contest): _____

Entering Contest: **Newsletter (Bulletin)** **Web Site**
(Circle one)

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____