



L10News

December, 2017



Phyllis and I want to wish all of you a very merry Christmas. Both of us are lucky that we have our health and family that is close and we can get together for the Holidays. For us it is a great time of year but for some in our communities this time of year is a lonely time. Please try and reach out to these folks with a “Merry Christmas”, a plate of cookies and maybe some fruit. If every Lion reached out to one person it would make a big difference to them.

At the Club Meetings I have heard how active every Lions Club is in their communities, on how they “Serve” and make their communities a better place. This year LCIF will go over one billion dollars donated around the world. Our District has been a recipient of many grants. We have received more than we gave. Again, we wish all of you a happy Holiday. Hope to see many of you in Dryden for the Midwinter Convention. It sounds like it will be a fun weekend, come and visit with our special guest, International Director Nicolin Carol Moore from Trinidad Tobago.



Come to the Mid-Winter Convention
and enjoy a dog sled ride



Musings of your 1st VDG....

Where does the time go....we are busy getting ready for the holidays already and it only seems like winter started a day or two ago...

I just attended the Midwinter Convention at 5M13 where we were serenaded by Elvis and Johnny Cash. It was an awesome time and I look forward to our Midwinter in Dryden...I hope to see at least 1 or 2 from every club in our District cause I need a sidekick for the DOGSLED ride! It's going to be a great time...with some very awesome Lions!

I know we are all busy with the season but take the time to register ...I know you will be glad that you did.

Christmas is a tough one for me this year...the first one without my Mom...seems like yesterday but a year is almost gone by. It makes me wonder if anyone else is feeling this way as well...and do they have someone to help them through the tough days.

Its days like the one coming up that make me thankful for my Lion friends...friends that have become more like family than friends. It doesn't matter if it's the club, the zone, the district or the multiple district....there are many I have met that just make the day a bit brighter by being in it.

Some days we need a few more of these friends and some days we have to work harder to be one to someone else ...it all boils down to being thankful that we in some small way can make a difference to someone in need...we serve...it's something that we do all year long but it really hits home to me at Christmas...so the challenge to myself...and to you if you so choose...

This Christmas....

Give a Smile to a stranger that seems to be having a Tough day...

Give Patience to someone who's Dancing on your last nerve....

Give Forgiveness to someone who may never have the Courage to ask...

Give Time to someone who asks for Nothing more...

Give Kindness to someone who seems to Deserve it least....

And Remember to share these same gifts with Yourself...



**Merry Christmas to you all...and Best Wishes
for a Wonderful New Year...**

*Yours in Service
Joanne and Kent*

CONVENTION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
LIONS CLUBS 101ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
 Las Vegas, Nevada USA • Friday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 3, 2018



DEADLINES MAY 1, 2018:

• Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. (*Registrations after this date will be processed in Las Vegas*). • Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION: Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name/ Family (Last) Name				Badge/Call Name				
Address								
City	State	Postal Code	Country					
Daytime Phone				E-mail				
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Lioness	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpha Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Omega Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Guest	Club No.	Membership No.	District	Title
COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name					Badge/Call Name			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Lioness	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpha Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Omega Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Guest	Club No.	Membership No.	District	Title
CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name						Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpha Leo	

PACKAGE A:

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

- Before January 12, 2018 Reservation in delegation hotel
 After January 12, 2018 I prefer my delegation hotel Prefer another hotel

Hotel Name

Arrival Day/Date

Departure Day/Date

Number of Guests in Room _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements: Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other

The Hotel deposit is US\$200 per room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B:

- NO ROOM REQUIRED (*Registration only for each person listed above.*)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT: MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
July 2/ 13:30-15:00	US \$75	_____	\$ _____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
July 2/ 20:00-22:00	US \$135	_____	\$ _____

SERVICE PROJECTS IN LAS VEGAS

- I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Las Vegas International Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES:	Adult	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo	Omega Leo	PACKAGE A:	PACKAGE B:
EARLY (Before January 12, 2018)	US\$150	US\$20	US\$100	Registrations: US\$ _____	Registrations: US\$ _____
REGULAR (January 13 through March 31, 2018)	US\$200	US\$20	US\$100	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
LATE (April 1, 2018 – onsite)	US\$225	US\$20	US\$100	Hotel Deposit: US\$ 200.00	
				Total Due: US\$ _____	Total Due: US\$ _____

- Check # _____ Wire transfer (*payment slip must be attached to this form*) Visa MasterCard Discover

Name as it appears on card

Card Number

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Cardholder Signature

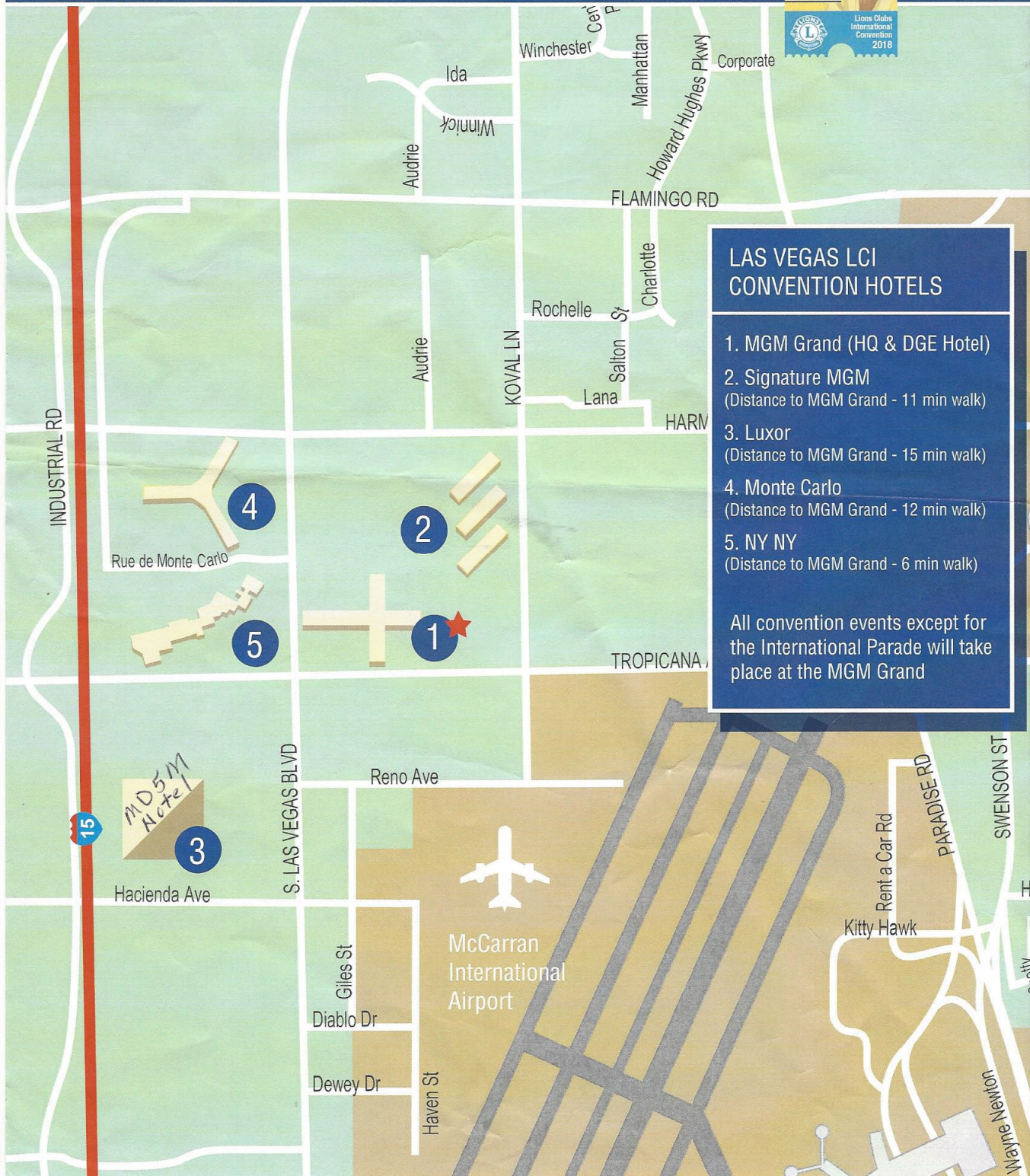
Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Expires Month/Year

Security code (3 digits)

Lions Clubs 2018 International Convention

JUNE 29TH - JULY 3RD, 2018 - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA USA



LAS VEGAS LCI CONVENTION HOTELS

1. MGM Grand (HQ & DGE Hotel)
2. Signature MGM
(Distance to MGM Grand - 11 min walk)
3. Luxor
(Distance to MGM Grand - 15 min walk)
4. Monte Carlo
(Distance to MGM Grand - 12 min walk)
5. NY NY
(Distance to MGM Grand - 6 min walk)

All convention events except for the International Parade will take place at the MGM Grand



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. Question contact PDG Ivan Pollock icanepollock@gmail.com 807 223 2294



Thank you to all the clubs participating in KidSight!

A reminder to please send in your completed screening reports. It is important that we report and track the kids we screen. This information is forwarded to the MD5M KidSight chair Lion Dennis Kelly who reports to LCI and LCIF.

Minnesota Clubs can send their reports to:

Lion Jim Molde
613 Irving Beach Drive SW
Bemidji, Mn. 56601
nortoneye@gmail.com

**Canadian Clubs should send their reports to:
(5M10, 5M11 and 5M13)**

Lion Joanne Ogden
Box 384
Emo, Ontario
P0W 1E0
807-271-0941
wwaogden@jam21.net

A reminder; if your Club wishes to support KidSight financially US Clubs can send donations to the above address.

Canadian Clubs should send donations to Lion Joanne Ogden of the Emo and District Lions or can send cheques directly to:

Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
320 Sherbrook St.
Winnipeg Manitoba
R3B 2W6

with the notation that it is to be used for Lions KidSight MD5M Canada. There is also a donation button on the website <http://www.eyebankmanitoba.com/donations/>

KidSight will be part of the parade of green at the Mid Winter in Dryden as well.

USA clubs should place the notation KidSight 5M10 and Canadian Clubs should make the cheques payable to Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario-KidSight

LIONS EYE BANK OF MANITOBA & NORTHWEST ONTARIO Inc,

Summary of December 2, 2017 meeting

1. The Confidentiality Policy and the Conflict of Interest Policy was reviewed by the Chair.
2. Buhler Eye Centre, Misericordia Health Centre tour for all directors. Thanks to Karen Woloschuk for arranging our meeting that was held at MHC Buhler Eye Bank Centre and the tour.
3. The Board approved the appointment of VDG Wayne Tieman to be the 5M10 DG representative until June 30th, 2018.
4. Financials:
 - Financial Report approved
 - Signing Officers for the Assiniboine Credit Union and TD Wealth Investment were completed for the remainder of the Lions Year.
 - Received a donation from Swan River Lions, Bowsman Lions & Minitonas Lions clubs to purchase another SPOT Screener for the Kids Sight Program for 5M13. The Lions Kids Sight Program has really been active in 5M10. Districts 5M11 and 5M13 are just starting to move forward with this awesome program serving our youth.
5. Office Report:
 - JFS Placemats & receipt books have been distributed
 - Ticket Raffle books have been mailed by Birtle Lions Club.
 - Plan to have more Media Coverage in the northern part of the province.
 - The Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, Inc. has been reinstated under The Corporations Act, effective November 1, 2017.
 - Board passed that the domain site be registered as “LionsFoundation.org” going forward.
 - Looking at our current website upgrades.
 - Stew Peever Award winner for 5M13 was Larry Freund from Morden Community for his many years of raising money for the Journey for Sight since his first involvement 20 years ago.
 - A reminder for 5M10 and 5M11 to submit your applications for a worthy Lion or community person who has given much to the Lions Eye Bank must be submitted to the Lions Eye Bank Office by January 2nd. 2018 lfmnoi@mts.net .
 - A committee has been established to write a updated letter with more explanation so all Lions Clubs understand who Stew Peever was and the criteria for receiving the award application. This letter will accompany the applications for 2018-19 Lions year.
6. Our next meeting is March 3rd, 2018

Submitted by: Lion Cheryl McKitrick, Board Secretary

LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA & NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO, Inc

Summary of December 2, 2017 meeting

1. This was the first meeting to start the process of having separate meetings for the Lions Foundation and the Lions Eye Bank. It was determined that both organizations need to have separate meetings and separate minutes.
 - The Board Chair reviews, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest policies prior to starting our Business.
 - We have a item on our agenda to address Board Governance education which was done this month by Lion Joanne Ogden.
 - Our internet provider has been changed from Bell MTS to Shaw, which is going to be a cost saver for the organization going forward.
 - Insurance information is completed for the Board members coverage and equipment coverage.

2. Financials:

- Financial Report approved
- Signing Officers for the Assiniboine Credit Union and TD Wealth Investment were completed for the remainder of the Lions Year.

3. Office:

- Office Equipment has been upgraded, as the previous computers were older and worked extremely slow.
- As we are a "Governance Board", new committee titles have been established with one Director from each district on each committee. Each Committee will have meetings prior to the Board meetings and report to the Board meetings.

Quality & Community Liaison Committee: Lions Evelyn Myskiw. Al Koroniak, Alex Haluschak.

Finance: Lions Ray Downey, Cheryl McKitrick, Todd Kropelin,

Governance: Lions Joanne Ogden, Myrna Miles, Mike Janssen.

A committee has been established to set up guidelines for matched funding requests going forward. Club funding requests have increased over the years, and we have to remain a financially viable organization.

4. In-Camera Report:

- Employee Handbook: Policies & Procedures and Donation Stewardship Policy were approved
- The following Board Policies were approved:
 - Board Policy on Confidentiality
 - Board of Directors- Position Description
 - Board Chair Role Description
 - Committee Principles, Roles and Regulations
 - Roles and Responsibilities of the Board
 - Tips for Directors
 - Code of Conduct
 - Committee Member Declaration & Consent

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Submitted by:

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Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Canadian Division – Hearing Committee

Update – December 2017

The Hearing Committee held their second meeting on December 1st, 2017. It is our goal to communicate regularly with Lions throughout 5M10, 5M11 and 5M13. The Hearing Committee works within the structure of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. The Hearing Committee's purpose is... **To support, promote, develop and foster programs for the benefit of persons experiencing hearing loss, hearing disability or a hearing impairment.**

Membership on our committee for 2017-2018 is as follows:

- 5M10 – Lions Wendy Wiedenhoeft (Chair), Bill Michl (Vice Chair)
- 5M11 – Lions John Sinclair, Dennis Doerksen
- 5M13 – Lions Lloyd McCabe (Secretary\Treasurer), Shannon Dueck

An overview of our current work is as follows:

- **Infant Hearing Aid Loaner Bank Project:** The Hearing Committee in collaboration with the Manitoba Audiologist Working Group has provided funding to purchase 54 hearing aids that are now available at 11 sites that provide hearing aids to children throughout Manitoba. Sites include Thompson, La Pas, Selkirk, Beausejour, Steinbach, Winkler, Portage, Brandon, Dauphin and two sites in Winnipeg. The committee received and reviewed data regarding loaner hearing aid usage as follows:
 - Hearing aids were loaned to 13 individuals during July to November
 - 4 individuals received one hearing aid and 9 individuals received two hearing aids
 - Ages of recipients were: three under one year; five ages one to six and five over six years
 - Reasons for requiring the loaner hearing aid varied:
 - 4 individuals – loan before first hearing aid
 - 6 individuals – repairs needed on existing hearing aid
 - 3 individuals – cochlear implant candidacy loan
 - Loaner hearing aids have been used at all sites within first months of program and all audiologists are very thankful for the program. To quote one audiologist, **“Having had to utilize the aids from the loaner bank twice since September, I would like to stress how valuable they are. Without them, children would have to go without hearing devices for possibly weeks at a time. Many thanks extended to the Lions for their generous support.”**

Data re loaner hearing aid use will continue to be collected to the end of February.

Meetings took place with audiologists in Thunder Bay and Fort Frances regarding the need for implementation of the project in NW Ontario. Both audiologists concurred that a loaner hearing aid program for children is already in place in the NW Ontario district. It was felt that it will not be necessary to initiate a further program in the 5M10 district.

The project will be reviewed at our March meeting and final recommendations will be made regarding the future of the project.

- **Web Site and Resources:** We are in the process of updating the web site and resources with respect to the Hearing Committee. A handout is available for use at Mid-Winter Conventions.
- **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.
- **Support for Individuals In Need Purchasing Hearing Aids:** Support has been provided to 4 individuals to purchase hearing aids so far this year. The Hearing Committee is proud to work with Lions clubs throughout our districts in assisting in the purchase of hearing aids for those in need.
- **Collection of Used Hearing Aids:** Used hearing aids are collected across the region and are refurbished through the Foundation for ongoing use. Used hearing aids can be collected by Lions Clubs and given to Hearing Committee Directors or delivered to the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario office at 320 Sherbrook St., Winnipeg.
- **Parade of Green 2017-2018:** Please consider supporting the **Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Canadian Division – Hearing Committee** at the Parade of Green in the upcoming year to help us in fulfilling our purpose of assisting those living with hearing loss.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Hearing Committee if you have questions or require additional information. Contact information can be found on the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario web site at: <http://www.eyebankmanitoba.com/hearing-foundation/hearing-committee> or by phoning the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario office at (204) 772-1899 or toll free at 1 (800) 552-6820.



“Selling Your Lions Club!”

Have you prepared your elevator speech? It's that 15 seconds it takes in an elevator to go from one floor to another and someone looks at your Lions shirt and says “What do Lions do besides make great pancakes?” You need your answer **RIGHT NOW! GO!**

“We are the largest service organization in the world with over 1.4 million members. Clubs work with their own communities to make improvements and help others in need. In our District, clubs work with: Can Do Canines (service dogs), Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation (who supply \$10,000 immediately to an area of disaster that needs aid of food & water), Lions Hearing Foundation, Vision Foundation, Diabetes Foundation (who is working on a cure), Special Olympics and Quest in the schools to prevent abuse, bullying and more. Would you like to be a Lion?”

You say “this will never happen to me”. It has happened to me, in an elevator! At the International Lions Convention while waiting for our Lions group to parade through the streets of Chicago it happened to me- twice within an hour! So be prepared and ROAR!

Lion Cheri Appel, 5M3 Public Relations

Thanks Lion Cheri!

Greetings fellow Lions!

Well, the final Centennial year is almost half over, but there is still time to celebrate our Centennial at our midwinter coming up in Dryden, and at the Multiple Celebration this spring! Keep these events on your calendar. I haven't received much detail about the spring event, but keep your eyes on this newsletter as I will share it here and electronically with club leadership as more information becomes available. Zone chairs will also be "in the know" and hopefully will discuss it at zone meetings.

Diabetes is our new global service focus and a key addition to the Centennial Service Challenge. Consider hosting awareness campaigns, screening programs and helping expand treatment to stop this devastating disease. Your club has one more year to serve in honor of the Lions Centennial. Make a difference in your community by planning a diabetes project today, and be sure to report it on MyLCI.

Raise the visibility of your club and honor your legacy of service by planning a Centennial Legacy Project in your community. Legacy Projects commemorate our Centennial by making a lasting gift that will benefit your community for years to come. Start building your Lion legacy today!

The worldwide statistics are pretty awesome! 192,471,145 people served! 36,431 clubs are reporting. We added 556,728 new members worldwide. Unfortunately we have lost a number of members in our district so we need to get with the program and recruit, recruit, recruit! If you are as proud to be a Lion as I am, and as committed to serving others, how can you help but ask others to join us in the work of serving humanity? We have added 4,872 new clubs during our Centennial Celebration. Only 22,891 legacy projects have been performed by 9,142 clubs. We can do better. Each Lions Club in our District should be working to leave a legacy in their community. (Secretaries: remember to report your Club's efforts on LCI).

Our District Statistics are as follows: In 240 reported activities we have donated 6,444 Lion Hours, served 25,164 people and had 808 Lions participating. We collected 2,857 eyeglasses and raised \$94,971 of which we have donated \$83,672. Truly WE SERVE!

Yours in Service,

Lion Bob Woodke

Centennial Coordinator

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LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Graduating Leos or sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) Youth Scholarship. Two (\$2,500) scholarships will be awarded. In 2012, the first recipient was a Leo from Pennsylvania. In 2013, the recipient was from Virginia. In 2014, the recipient was from Iowa. In 2015, the recipient was from Virginia. In 2016, there was 1 recipient from Georgia and 1 recipient from Minnesota. In 2017, there were 2 recipients both from New York. The 2018 recipients will be announced at the Pin Traders Annual Breakfast at the Lions International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in July, 2018.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at www.litpc.org In the right column, **click on LITPC Scholarship Information**. Then **click on Scholarship Application Form**. Please follow the instructions, fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2018** to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman

5M Pin Traders Club and Board Member of LITPC

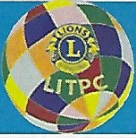
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Coon Rapids, MN 55448

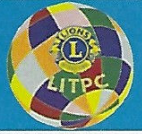
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 763-786-8072 or

bmguthrie9@q.com





2017 LITPC Scholarship Winners



NEW Y

Emma Bennett is from the State of New York. She has been accepted to Cornell University. Emma had been a member of her Leo Club since the 7th grade. She has participated in many athletic events and has held many positions within her school and has volunteered extensively in her school, church and community. Emma has decided to take her commitment to learning and combine it with her passion for helping others and will pursue a career in medicine.



Glynnis Santeramo is from the State of New York. Glynnis attends a special school for the visually impaired. She will be attending Brockport College because the school has a program in adaptive physical education so that she can get a degree to teach. Glynnis wants to open the doorways to athletics for children who are visually impaired.

Other winners

Kaitlyn Rose 2016 Georgia (Leo)

Moyeslla Yang 2016 Minnesota (Leo)

Kelli Tignor 2015 Virginia (Leo)

Dorothy Weaver 2014 Iowa (Leo)

Patricia Mook 2013 Virginia (Leo)

Breanna Lincoski 2012 Pennsylvania (Leo)

Can Do Canines

Jennifer Brisson and Diabetes Assist Dog Apollo

Jennifer Brisson of St. Louis Park, Minnesota is an active mother of two. While she and husband, Samuel, enjoy being outdoors and spending time with the kids, Jennifer has an added challenge in her life. At age 25, she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Although she wears an insulin pump to help regulate her blood sugar levels, she developed hypoglycemia unawareness—which means that she no longer feels symptoms when her blood sugars dropped to dangerously low levels. Worried that she might have an emergency while home alone with two small children, Jennifer knew she needed some other kind of help.

Jennifer was matched with Apollo, a handsome Smooth Coat Collie who was raised at Sandstone prison. One of his inmate-trainers there wrote, "I still can't believe I have a dog in my cell. Every day it just keeps getting cooler and cooler. I will be able to put this experience on my list of accomplishments to help me be successful when I leave. I believe this was brought into my life for a reason."

About three weeks after Apollo arrived, Jennifer says, she realized what having him in her life means. "We were going for a walk with a neighbor. I was ready to go, the kids were set and we were about to head out the door. Apollo stood in front of me and refused to move," she recalls. "I insisted, again he refused. I thought, 'I'd better check my blood sugar.' Sure enough it was low. I hadn't felt the symptoms, but if I had gone out I probably would've gotten into trouble."

Can Do Canines

Gabe O'Donnell and Autism Assist Dog Ramsey

Since Gabe O'Donnell was little, his mother, Rebecca had been scouring the internet looking for different kinds of treatment for kids with autism. She came across videos of children with autism interacting with assistance dogs and saw what a huge difference it made with their behaviors. She said, "We thought it was probably something that could benefit Gabe in a lot of ways and turns out it did!"

Ramsey is a two-and-a-half year old Black Labrador Retriever who was specifically trained at Faribault Prison as an Autism Assist Dog. Ramsey helps Gabe with multiple aspects of his disability. While in public, Gabe wears a specially designed belt that connects to Ramsey's pack, and his parents then handle Ramsey's leash. If Gabe attempts to run (a common behavior for children with autism) or has a meltdown due to sensory overload, Ramsey will be a gentle, steady anchor that keeps Gabe safe until his parents can control the stressful situation. Ramsey also acts as a social buffer because his presence encourages Gabe to interact with other people and practice his verbal skills.

When Gabe starts to become upset, he will initiate a "visit" behavior from Ramsey, which means that Ramsey will come and rest his head on Gabe's lap. This light pressure helps him focus on the dog, preventing or suppressing meltdowns. Ramsey will also lay in bed with Gabe which helps him stay in his bed during the night. Gabe's parents say, "Ramsey has made a difference in our lives. Everything about Gabe has changed. Having a dog that's so driven to him has changed his attitude about a lot of things."

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Can Do Canines

Lisa Peterson and Seizure Assist Dog Morrie

Lisa has struggled with a seizure disorder (PNES) for more than 10 years. The situation became even more concerning two years ago, when Lisa lost the "aura" that had previously helped alert her to an impending episode. That meant that seizures would now come without warning, sometimes in precarious places, like in the shower or on the stairs, and render her confused afterwards.

Lisa's husband, Jim, and their kids were hesitant about welcoming an assistance dog into their home. But when they saw what Morrie could do—how he bonded with Lisa, how he helped Lisa avert emergencies, how he gave them all peace of mind—they fell in love. Now Morrie is a bona fide family member, always ready to work but still ready to play.

Morrie has amazed others as well. At a recent salon appointment, Morrie was resting next to Lisa's chair. Suddenly he jumped up from a deep sleep and began nudging and pawing at Lisa. The stylist quickly helped them to a quiet area, and Morrie lay down next to Lisa where he remained for the duration of the seizure (about three-four minutes). When it was over, Lisa heard cheering and clapping. It was only then that she—and Morrie—realized that they were in view of salon staff and patrons.

Morrie received training at three of our prison programs, including Duluth, Waseca and Sandstone. Now, he pre-alerts Lisa to each of her seizures, and stays with her until he is sure that they are done. He gives her independence, and brings her family peace of mind.

Can Do Canines

Vonna DeLong and Hearing Assist Dog Bonnie

Vonna's history with assistance dogs is impressive. Her need for them arose when she lost her hearing in adulthood following a bout with scarlet fever in her teen years. Her hearing declined steadily until she realized the need for hearing aids and then decided that an assistance dog became a priority.

Vonna received her first Hearing Assist Dog, Cody, from Can Do Canines in 1994. He was a 110-pound German Shepherd that she had for 14 years. Her second Hearing Assist Dog, Lady, was also larger than 50 pounds. So when the idea of a tiny 9-pound Bonnie came around, Vonna was a tad uncertain.

Bonnie is a lovely Pomeranian/Papillion mix Hearing Assist Dog. Her keen alert skills, that she picked up training at Faribault Prison, are giving Vonna and her family great peace of mind, keeping her safe when alone.

Vonna tells us, "I thought I needed a bigger dog but I found out very quickly I didn't. This one's the right size." When asked about Bonnie's performance as a Hearing Assist Dog, Vonna is very complimentary. "I didn't expect a small dog to be this intelligent. She doesn't miss anything and is a great alerter to strange sounds in the house."

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Braxton Wiebusch and Mobility Assist Dog Blue

Braxton Wiebusch from Sartell, Minnesota enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and competing in wheelchair hockey. He's a 20-year-old college student with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a degenerative muscle disease that affects every muscle in his body. Braxton and his family wanted an assistance dog, but they were uncertain about this decision because of the fur allergies they collectively deal with.

Enter the playful and sweet canine, Blue. Blue is a handsome two-and-a-half-year-old Poodle who sports a white and brown coat. Not only was Blue specially trained at the training program in Duluth Prison as a Mobility Assist Dog, but he rarely sheds due to having hair instead of fur. Blue was a perfect fit for Braxton and the Wiebusch family. Blue loves helping Braxton with things like opening and closing doors, picking things up from off the ground like his keys or the remote, and providing comfort to Braxton while staying in his room at night.

Braxton found out about Can Do Canines while he was attending the Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp. Braxton was on the waiting list for two years until Blue was ready to train and begin the bonding process. Braxton noted, "Being on the waitlist for a Poodle was well worth the wait. While they can be a little more challenging to train than a lab, they're very smart animals and are completely worth it!"



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District 5M-10 Parade of Green - January 19, 20, 21, 2018

Club Name District 5M-10	Amount
Lions Lake Joseph Transportation Project	
Canadian Diabetes Association	
Can Do Canines	
Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) North Region	
Lighthouse Center For Vision Loss	
American Diabetes Association	
Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Canadian Division – Hearing Committee	
Leader Dogs for the Blind	
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	
Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario	
Lions Leo Program	
Lions Foundation of Canada (Dog Guides)	
Lions Medical Assistance Program of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario (Lions Foundation)	
Lions Quest Canada	
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.	
Make All checks to " Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation ". See below	
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Multiple District Hearing Foundation	
Spring Point Project	
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation (Lions Vision Care Center)	
Special Olympics- Canada	
Special Olympics – Minnesota	
Lions Foundation of MB and NWO Kidsight	
Kids Sight First - Minnesota	
TOTAL	

Note - Each club should complete this form and return it and cheques to Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Jan Bennett, PDG, before the end of the business meeting. Completing this form will allow for accurate accounting of the cheques received for the Parade of Green.

DIABETES CANADA

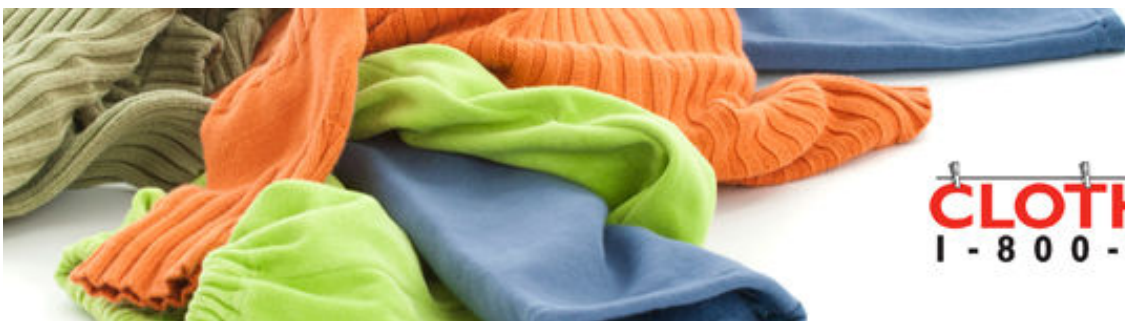
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ATIKOKAN LIONS



In the top photo DG Mark Eyre and club President Jason Sharbot (middle) present Lion Alex Broski with his 60 year Chevron and paddle from the club. The bottom is DG Mark Eyre presenting Lion Garry Girard with his 30 year Chevron. Congratulations to both men for their long and dedicated service.

BABBITT LIONS

On November 10, five Lion members attended the Veteran's Day Program at the local school. The winners of the Peace Poster Contest were announced at this program. The three top winners and their families will be honored at our meeting in January.

BEMIDJI LIONS

As the holiday season approaches, the Bemidji Lions Club remains focused on helping others in the community. Over the past several months, members have been collecting foot wear for the "Soles for Souls" project. During this time period, over 2,100 pairs of shoes have been collected around the Bemidji area. These shoes were then boxed and delivered to a collection point near the Cities. This project exceeded everyone's expectations and will probably be repeated in the future. Another service the Bemidji Lions Club provided was answering phones for the "Pledge Drive" by Lakeland TV. Several Lions donated their time to assist in securing pledges during an evening pledge drive. Lions also responded to a call by the Salvation Army to help ring bells at the local mall. Numerous club members graciously signed up for two hour periods during the last part of November. A presentation by a representative from the Duluth Leo's Club resulted in a donation to their club of \$100. This money will be used to assist in functions relating to beginning of a new club. On December 5th, several organizations in the Bemidji area combined their resources to hold a successful "Heroes and Helpers" program. Twenty-five youth were selected to purchase gifts for their family. Police officers, deputies, fire fighters, and other dignitaries assisted with the shopping as each child spent up to \$100. The Bemidji Lions Club helped wrap presents, serve beverages, greet, and donate part of the money needed for the purchase of gifts. Have a joyous Holiday Season as we look forward to 2018. – Secretary Leon Nelson



Heroes of Bemidji

DRYDEN TRILLIUM LIONS

- Activity Report for November 2017

- Meals on Wheels were delivered November 18 & 19, 2017 by 3 Lions to 15 clients of the program.
- Hamburger purchased at a cost of \$28,000 was delivered to the Dryden Food Bank.
- Three members attended the November 4th Zone Meeting in Vermilion Bay.
- Sixty-six (66) pairs of glasses, 3 sets of lenses and 14 hearing aids were collected.
- Two Advanced Travel Grants were approved for applicants travelling to Thunder Bay and Kenora for medical treatment totalling \$511.60.
- A Remembrance Day wreath was purchased that a Lions member laid at the ceremonies on November 11.
- We have completed our commitment to assist in creating tree ornaments for the annual Festival of Trees fundraiser in support of Grace Haven Life Enrichment Program for Seniors taking place November 25 to December 2. Bi-weekly sessions were held each week from September through November.
- Trillium Lions donated a children's themed gift basket to the Festival of Trees silent auction and also wrapped baskets for auction.
- Trillium Lions assisted at the Festival of Trees Christmas Ladies Luncheon serving coffee and tea to 131 women at 15 beautifully decorated tables.
- We will sponsor cookies and hot chocolate at The Centre following the Christmas Parade on December 1st.
- November was Diabetes Month and Lions assisted the Dryden Diabetes Centre with their screening sessions at local pharmacies by promoting the screening within the stores and handing out literature.
- Trillium Lions have embarked on supporting Open Roads School Salad Bar program. Each Wednesday during November, Lions have prepared ingredients, served salad to the students, packaged up remaining salad bar items and cleaned up dishes. The program is expected to continue weekly for the balance of the school year.
- A happy event took place November 30 when members gathered for a "photo op" with local press to celebrate completion of our Centennial Legacy project of 6 covered player shelters and benches at the soccer fields. This project was a partnership between the Trillium Lions and Dryden Lions clubs. An official opening is planned for the spring to coincide with the start of soccer season.
- Training has been underway in preparation for the Lions Kidsight program which will be launched in Dryden elementary schools in December.
- Excitement is mounting and Lions are working hard to prepare for the 2018 Mid-Winter Convention in Dryden. We look forward to seeing a good many Lions from far and near on January 19, 20 and 21!!

DULUTH LIONS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

District Governor Visits the Duluth Lions Club

On Tuesday, November 7th, special guest District Governor Mark Eyre inducted three new Duluth Lions: Joel Braun/Sponsor Sue Winner; Richard Williams/Sponsor Cliff Wiklund and Chris Dahlberg/Sponsor Barb Oswell.



New Lion Rich Williams
Sponsor Lion Cliff Wiklund



New Lion Joel Braun
Sponsor Lion Sue Winner

After the induction, DG Mark presented several awards: Centennial Membership awards to Lions Jim Denney and Bill Pank; A Silver Legacy Banner Patch to the Club, Chevron awards to Pat Tyler, Kandice Gulbranson Barb Tanski and Brian Thompson for 10 years; Deb Demianiuk, 15 years; Erick Schlacks, Gregg Boomgard, Jim Pratt and

Dan Miller, 20 years; Mark Osthus, Gail Tate and Dave Rutford, 25 years; Warren High and Don Olson, 45 years.

A special recognition was given to Lion Cliff Wiklund for 55 years as a member. Congrats!



Lion Cliff Wiklund and DG Mark

Perfect attendance awards were presented to Lions Ron Roscoe, Tom Sailstad, Larry Winner, Mark Osthus, Cliff Wiklund, Ron Stanius, Patty Shogren, Bill Pank and Marie Pank. In addition, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Duluth Club President Barb Oswell for her PR work in the previous year.



Duluth Lion Barb Oswell and DG Mark

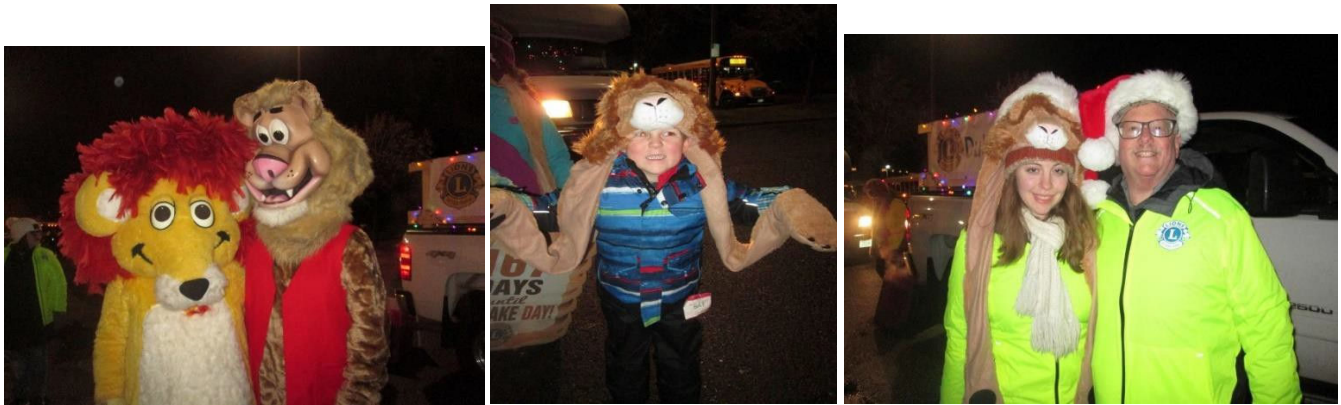
DG Mark congratulated the club on its many projects and community involvement and gave a recap of the history of Lions. He urged members to attend the Midwinter Convention in Dryden, ON where an International Director from Trinidad Tobago will be presenting. Thank you, DG Lion Mark!

Christmas City of the North Parade!

The 57th Annual Christmas City of the North Parade took place on November 17th. It was a beautiful early winter evening as Duluth Lions marched along the parade route, followed by our float driven by Lion Barb Tanski.

Our popular Lions mascots mingled with the crowds, and connected with the children while Lions' participants

promoted our local services. What a perfect way to bring in the spirit of the festive season.



Duluth Centennial Leos Volunteer for The Salvation Army

At Christmas, the Salvation Army fights for good by raising funds through volunteers ringing bells by the red kettle.

This year, Duluth Centennial Leos volunteered to ring bells helping to improve and even save lives. The money dropped in the red kettle goes back into the community and provides basic needs, housing, youth services, rehabilitation and counseling to people in the community.



Duluth Lions Volunteer at Bentleyville USA!

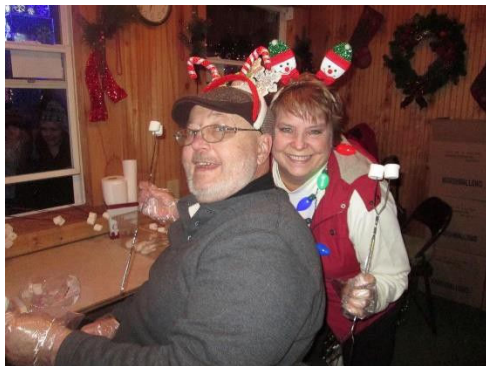


Billed as America's Largest Free Walk-Through Lighting Display, Bentleyville Tour of Lights invites guests to stroll under the glow of over 4 million lights in a 20-acre park located on the shores of Lake Superior, while enjoying complimentary hot cocoa, cookies, popcorn and roasted marshmallows!

Bentleyville brings people together to create delightful memories for generations to come!

On November 21st and 28th, Duluth Lions volunteered to pop popcorn, serve cookies and hot chocolate, tend the fire pits, spear marshmallows, greet visitors. Thank you to Lion Barb Hanson and Lion Bob Howe for coordinating the volunteers for

this event.



Duluth Lions Club Welcomed 2nd VDG Lion Wayne Tieman

On November 28th, 2nd VDG Lion Wayne Tieman from the Bemidji Lions Club and a Board Director for the MN Lions Vision Foundation visited our club to tell us more about the Foundation and give us an update.



Major projects of the Foundation are: MN Lions Eye Bank, Lions Eye Surgery Center, Lions Children's Eye Clinic, Used Eyeglass Program and the Macular Degeneration Center.

Lion Wayne talked about the newest project of building the Lions Eye Institute next to TCF Stadium. It will be the first time all services will be under one roof and therefore provide better service to families

– *Lions Gift of Sight.*

Lion Wayne showed the Helen Keller video where she challenged Lions to be *Knights of the Blind* during their first International Convention – always inspirational!

Thank you, 2nd VDG Lion Wayne, for the wonderful update and taking time to visit our club.

Kenora Lake of the Woods Lions Club

Two Lions attended the Zone Meeting in Vermilion Bay on November 4th. The meeting was very interesting, good information provided, and the lunch was delicious. Lions you should come for the lunch and at the same time learn what is happening in our District.

Invitations to former Lions to attend our general meeting November 14th was not successful with only two former members attending; however, it was an enjoyable evening.

Seven Lions will be attending the Mid Winter Convention in Dryden in January 2018; and looking forward to a wonderful time.



Christmas Draw is well underway and hopefully will be a complete sellout in order to meet commitment on the Outdoor Fitness Equipment. The special grant in the amount of

\$4,600.00 from the Jim and Leney Richardson Community Fund is very much appreciated. Lions Don Brown, president; Joan Brinkhurst, project leader; and Lillian Marchant gratefully accept the cheque. The Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation and its many supporters provide such grants to arts and cultural initiatives; to organizations in social welfare, health and wellness, animal welfare and environmental needs of the community.

We continue to work together with Kinsmen, Legion, and Rotary to plan events for the coming year. The winter carnival is in early March and a great time to bring the whole community together.

Donations made to the Salvation Army Miracle Marathon; the Ne Chee Friendship Centre towards their community Christmas Dinner; a food hamper and gifts for a needy family.

Received approval from the O.P.P. to complete Vulnerable Sector Police Checks for Lions volunteers in order to proceed with the Vision Screening program within the local schools and day care centres.

December 12th general meeting will include sharing some festive cheer to celebrate the Christmas season.

From our club to yours

Best Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas

EMO AND DISTRICT LIONS, FORT FRANCES LIONS, VOYAGEUR LIONS AND INTERNATIONAL FALLS LIONS

Christmas Party



DG Mark couldn't make it, so the DG's visit became our Christmas Party.





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Dear Presidents and all Lions, Lioness and Leo's

WOW what a year this has been for the support shown to Camp Confidence from the Clubs of MD5M.

- Record setting donations to Camp
- Money donated by D5M for the Zip line to be installed in 2018.
- Record number of volunteers.
- Record number of Fund Raisers

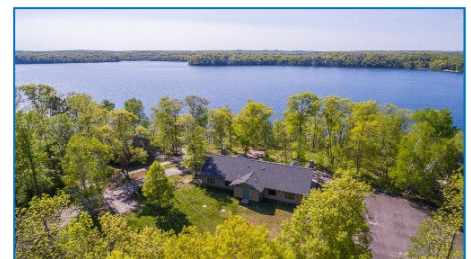
for Camp THANK YOU!

Camp Confidence will be listed on many of your Parade of Green lists. What a great way to start the New Year, with your club making a donation to Camp Confidence. Even if we are not on your Parade of Green List, It would be wonderful to support our campers who come from every County in Minnesota and have the misfortune of having a disability.

Camp Confidence will be attending many of the Midwinter Convention and I am looking forward to meeting all of you again.

Please stop by our display and say hello and sign up for a club visit.

I want to wish every Lion, Lioness and Leo a very Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.



Sincerely:

Camp Confidence Representative Lion

Jerry Wohlers

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Camp fact: *The average age of our Campers each year is 42!*



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Dear Lions, Lioness & Leo's!

We want to introduce you to the Borgerding Family:

Brian & Kathy, along with their 10 children (ranging from ages 9-23), have fast become a part of our Camp Family. A few of their beautiful children have special needs – and more importantly a special place in the hearts of anyone who has the chance to meet them. This is just a small part of their story (in their words) of how Camp has become a much needed respite from every day life.



Seven years ago, we adopted from Haiti our beautiful little girl, Daphnee. She is our delight, yet in saying that we learned a great deal about disabilities. Daphnee is Hearing impaired, Autistic and non-verbal. Two years later we adopted from Florida our AriYanna. She is our Princess. She has Cerebral Palsy, and is very limited with movement. AriYanna is in a wheelchair and also needs 24/7 care. She is very smart and always wants to do activities that her older brothers do. Camp makes that possible for our little girl. Special Needs was new to our family and we no longer traveled or went camping.

One day while attending an appointment at Gillette's Childrens at Brainerd, someone told us about the camp. We decided to swing in and see; We were so Blessed by the greeting of the Camp Leaders. They shared how our daughter could go on a pontoon and glass bottom boat. They had Hospital beds so she could sleep and have handicap showers. WOW. They had an AMAZING STAFF, that looked her in the eye's and shared what it would be like to visit camp.

We have now attend Camp a handful of times and all season. Camp has given our family a BREATH that we so badly need. Our sons that are now 11 and 14



have enjoyed fishing, the Nature Center and so much more. Being able to be together as a family is wonderful. When we get scheduled to stay everyone gets to enjoy their favorite thing. Our Daphnee who always runs away from family during any activity is so in love with the animal sanctuary, she will sit and feed animals and watch them. During some of her time at camp the staff is aware of her needs and help the family keep her safe.



Confidence Learning Center is so much more than its name. To see children and adults from group home settings without family is

heart breaking. Yet to see Confidence Staff love them is truly Amazing.

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We have been Blessed,

Brian and Kathy Borgerding Family

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Disabilities Golden Rule:

Treat others the way you'd like to be treated. If you run into an awkward situation with a person with a disability and don't know what to do – JUST ASK!

For more golden rules – check out our posts on Facebook!

Brian Sheehan asks for your support in Las Vegas!!



PID Brian Sheehan and Lori would like to ask you to join them in Las Vegas at the LCI Convention where Brian will be on the ballot for the office of 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

Brian belongs to a 4 generation Lions family and he truly believes in our organization and the great things we can accomplish together. He is a member of the Bird Island Club in District 5M-4. His technology business that he started from the ground up recently became an international company. Brian's knowledge of technology and his leadership skills will help him lead Lions members into the next 100 years of service. Along with his wife, Lion Lori, they have spoken at conventions and forums and have gathered support from Lions around the world.

Remember that the registration fee for the convention in Las Vegas is \$150.00 till January 12, 2018 at which time it will increase, so now is the best time to go to lionsclubs.org and sign up for the convention. Look for LCICON at the top of the website. The delegation hotel for MD5M is the Luxor hotel.

If you have never been to an international convention, please ask someone who has. It is an awesome opportunity to gather with Lions members from other countries and see that we all have the same of goal "to serve". Going to the convention in Las Vegas is also a great way to show Lions from around the world that we support our candidate Brian Sheehan. We are one of the largest multiple districts in the United States and our time is now to be recognized as a district who can contribute to the leadership of our organization.

Recently Brian and Lori attended the OSEAL forum in Malaysia recently where he was endorsed by their members as the candidate for 3rd VP of LCI.

OSEAL Forum is comparable to our USA/Canada Forum.

**The Orr Lions Club would like to wish
Everyone a Merry Christmas!**

Scott Woodworth as Santa and wife lion Shannon Woodworth at the Orr Christmas festival

