



L10News

January, 2018



Happy New Year from Phyllis and me. I hope that the holidays were good for all of you. It was great to hear what so many clubs did for others at this time of year. I think that we should all remember that we are all volunteers trying to serve our communities and those in need. I have visited all but 7 clubs—so far that has been the most enjoyable part of being the District Governor. At most visits I also had the pleasure of inducting new members. Each club is unique in its approach to service but they are all the same as they are making a difference. Spread the word about Lionism in your communities and think about holding a membership drive meeting at which you can tell prospective Lions what your club does in your town and what a difference that your club makes. Phyllis and I hope to see many of you at the Midwinter in Dryden. The plans for the convention look great, good programs, fun and entertainment.

Musings of your 1st VDG....



I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and New Year's! I spent New Year's Day with some Lion Family and my brave hubby jumping into the frozen lake...not once but twice! It was an awesome fundraiser for our Lions club and a very most enjoyable day even if it was minus 31 with the wind chill!

After that adventure (and passing the yearly stress test with flying colours) I am really looking forward to the DOGSLED ride at Dryden in the next few weeks as part of the Mid-Winter fun!

I had something else really amazing happen as well this holiday season...

As some of you know (but hoping it is most of you) the district is really struggling again with membership. Yes we are again down under 1250 and as of yesterday the number was 1216. I was rehashing some ideas in my head as I drove to the Hayman to get hay for the horses...just so happens that Hayman's wife had asked to be removed from our membership in December and it was done. Her excuse was valid it seemed...she just didn't feel like she had been able to contribute anything thanks to the way her work travel had been scheduled since she had joined in June. No fault of her own ...just schedule.

I am a bit embarrassed to say that I did not make a follow-up call in December but it was easy to excuse myself it seemed with the business of the season...something tho' I decided I would remedy that day. When we got to talking a few minutes about me surviving the Polar Plunge another year, I simply took the time to ask why....

She and her husband truly want to give back to the community...but she, like most of us, has a lot on her plate. She seemed a bit embarrassed to say that she did not think that she was not pulling her weight in the club...so she resigned.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.



Needless to say a quick cup-o-tea turned into me spewing the attributes of not just our local Lions club and all we do...but the district clubs and all they do ...and LCIF and all it does for the locals and beyond...

She was astounded and wants to know more...she has reinstated in the club...registered for mid-winter...and wants to know how her skills could help at not just the club level, but at the district level as well.

Her one comment is ringing loudly in my brain....If everyone was told how wonderful Lions was and how much they do for the community ...they'd all want to be one!

Words of Action for the District...Yours in Service, Lion Joanne

Lions Roar from Your SVDG Wayne Tieman

Looking forward to the Midwinter convention at Dryden on January 19-20-21. It will be a **couple of “firsts”** for Lion Lenay and me as we join the fun in Dryden, Ontario. **First we have NOT been to Dryden. Second we have NEVER been on a dog sled!** Thank you to the convention committee for organizing a fun and exciting convention in Dryden! We look forward to meeting our special Lions guest ID Nicolin Carol Moore. It will be a great time to meet and make new Lions friends.

I have been very pleased with the start of my journey to District Governor in 2019-20. One of my goals was to learn more about the Lions Clubs in 5M10. In order to do this I'm doing club visits and learning about club activities. There are 44 Lions Clubs in the district. I have visited ten so far this year. My goal is to visit all the clubs in 5M10 before I become DG in July, 2019. Then I'll visit them all again as DG! I will also try to attend Lions Club events. At the club visits I give a brief summary of district activities and then I speak about the excellent work of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Thank you for the great welcomes on my club visits.

I encourage the clubs in 5M10 to report their activities on the LCI website. Lions International has identified 5 activity areas: Youth, Vision, Hunger, Environment, and Diabetes. Each club is to report completed activities to LCI within these 5 areas. This is your club's time to ROAR about all the good done for LCI and your community. Please make every effort to report on this great work.

I have three more things to report to you:

- 1) **The number of Lions members in 5M10 is now at 1219.** Ask a friend or neighbor to join Lions.
- 2) **The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank is now called the Lions Gift of Sight.**
- 3) **The second half dues statements have been sent out.** Now is the time to pay.

Thank you. Together, WE SERVE.

Importance News

KID SIGHT RECEIVES 501c3 STATUS

The IRS has granted non profit status to MD5M Kid Sight. Donations from charitable gaming proceeds can now be accepted. Contributions can be sent to:

Lion Jim Molde
[613 Irving Beach Drive](#) SW
Bemidji, MN 56601

Kid Sight will also be part of the parade of green.



“Selling Your Lions Club!”

“Would you like to join my Lions Club?” “No, not right now.”

How many of you have used this sentence in acquiring new members and it just doesn't get you the new members that you hoped for? What are you doing wrong?

Maybe it's the fact that the person doesn't know a thing about Lions. What do Lions actually do besides make pancakes and work at events all the time? It's time to change your approach in asking. I know many clubs have asked non-Lions to help in working food stands but how about asking them to help with your Special Olympics event, Easter Egg Hunt, or Bingo Fundraiser? Do you do a project with your school? Even if you have enough Lions working the event, ask them to help and give them a job to do. This is also the time to feed them bits of information about what your club actually does, not just in your community but in your District and Lions Clubs International. In MD5M we support the MN Lions Hearing Foundation, the MN Lions Vision Foundation (& Eye Bank), and we have joined the fight against Type 1 Diabetes to find a cure. The Clubs donations to these areas are what the fundraisers are all about. Our clubs also support LCIF- Lions Clubs International Foundation which is one of the first on the scene of a disaster to provide food, water and aid to those in need. In 5M3 we have used LCIF a number of times: for the flooding in Truman, tornadoes in Clarkfield, Granite Falls and Chandler – just to name a few so this international project does hit close to home in our communities.

I have found with the younger generations you need to “wine & dine” them, not just invite them to your meeting. For many, meetings are a waste of time and not productive. They will show up to work an event but will spend little time discussing it. So hosting a special event where you can sit down, visit and let them ask questions about Lions and enjoy each other's company. Of course, beverage and snack is always on the table. Now just don't put an ad in the paper and expect everyone to show up or you will be having a social gathering all by yourself. You need to choose who you want to have come, visit with them about this event ahead of time, sent them an invite, call them up or better yet- text them to get a definite yes or no that they are coming. Out of 15 couples, you might only get 3 couples to attend. Your event should last no more than 1 hour for they are busy and that is all the time they will want to spend. Remember, as PID Brian Sheehan's video says “Don't give up, keep asking”.

Now get out there and “Sell Your Lions Club”.

Lion Cheri Appel, 5M3 Public Relations

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

Lion Lioness Alpha Leo Omega Leo Adult Guest Club No. Membership No. District Title

COMPANION: First Name/ Family (last) Name Badge/Call Name

Lion Lioness Alpha Leo Omega Leo Adult Guest Club No. Membership No. District Title

CHILD: First Name/ Family (last) Name Age 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 I 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

Credit card must be in the name of the registrant

Card Number

Expires Month/Year

Security code (3 digits)

X

Cardholder Signature

Lions Clubs 2018 International Convention

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



LAS VEGAS LC 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 to a "sweet" convention in "Winnie-peg" and bring your "hunny"!

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About

If you're ready to register for the 2018 convention in Winnipeg download the form and mail to the address on the form along with your payment.

Winnie the Pooh Wisdom & Thoughts:

On Clearing your mind of all thoughts:

Don't underestimate the value of doing nothing, of just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering...

On the value of Dreams:

I think we dream so we don't have to be apart for so long, If we're in each other's dreams, we can be together all the time...

On the Benefits of not micromanaging everything:

One of the advantages of being disorganized is that one is always having surprising discoveries....



Lion Winnie invites you to Winnie-peg for a Sweet Convention

CLUBS

Babbitt Lions

On December 7, five Babbitt Lions assisted with vision screening at the local school. Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 were screened. Two hours were needed to complete the job. This help is much appreciated by the school nurse.

Bemidji Lions

With a new year underway, the Bemidji Lions Club is setting their sights on a variety of activities to benefit the community. The year 2017 went out in style with the Bemidji High School Choir presenting a unique selection of songs for the club at their membership meeting. In appreciation of the performance, Bemidji Lions presented the choir director with a check for \$500 to help offset choir expenses incurred during the year. More recently, the Bemidji Lions Club donated \$500 to the Bemidji State University Foundation to fund scholarships, especially in the area of Woman's Track. This Sunday, January 14th, the BSU/NTC Campus Club along with the Bemidji Lions Club will hold a spaghetti dinner to help raise funds. Another fund raiser that is in progress is the Lions Club Cookbook project. The cookbook celebrates 100 Lions over 100 years and features 100 recipes. Profits from sale of the cookbook will go to the Minnesota Diabetes Foundation. One of the Club's Legacy Projects is becoming reality. A recent Bemidji Lions Club donation of \$1000 to the city of Bemidji will result in a bench being placed in the popular "Diamond Point" located next to the University. A plaque on the bench will identify the Bemidji Lions Club as the donor. One more meeting is all that is needed for the completion of the "Strategic Plan". This plan will give direction to the club as it ventures into the future. With new members (two this week) being inducted into the club nearly every month, the Bemidji Lions Club is growing and their commitment to serving the community is increasing.



Bemidji Lions presenting the check to the High School Choir.

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

- Meals on Wheels were delivered December 16 & 17, 2017 to 17 clients of the program.
- Collected 40 pairs of new “cheater” eye glasses from a local grocery chain.
- Baked and served cookies and hot chocolate during Festival of Trees, an event that supports programs for Seniors’ Life Enrichment Program.
- Assisted in delivering weekly Salad Bar Program to elementary school children at Open Roads School. The school has received funding to continue this program until the end of the school year.
- Lions Vision Screening Kidsight Program was carried out at Open Roads and New Prospect elementary schools in Dryden in partnership with the Dryden Lions Club. Screening took place on December 4, 6, 11 and 12, 2017 with Dryden Lions following-up at Open Roads on December 14, 2017 to complete testing for students who were absent for the first testing. Testing will continue in the New Year to complete our commitment.
- Donated a very generous Christmas hamper for a family of 6 through the Dryden Christmas Cheer Program. Included were everything for a turkey dinner, gifts for each family member and numerous food and gift donations from club members.
- One member resigned for health reasons.
- One new application for membership was approved and the new member will be inducted at the January general meeting.
- At our December general meeting, we said good-bye to our immediate Past President Lion Margaret Wilton who has relocated with her family to Vancouver Island, British Columbia. We will miss Lion Margaret tremendously and wish her much happiness in her new home.

Photo 1 Lion Tara Ogier, Lion Margaret Wilton, Lion Jackie Mitchell and Lion Susan Schultz were volunteers at the Festival of Trees.

Photo 2 Members of the Dryden Lions and the Dryden Trillium Lions clubs wrapped up a successful centennial project, constructing 6 new shelters to shield soccer players from the elements on the soccer fields.

Photo 3 Lion Diane McDonald and Lion Shannon Ouellette receive the perfect attendance pins from Past President Lion Margaret Wilton. This was Lion Margaret’s last meeting before her move to British Columbia.

Photo 4 Dryden Trillium Lions celebrate Christmas with a variety of Christmas sweaters.

Photo 5 Lion Joan Nazvesky, Lion Linda Dahmer and Lion Diane McDonald spent the morning wrapping gifts donated by members of the Dryden Trillium Lions Club for their Adopt a Family Christmas Hamper.



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Happy New Year MD5M-10 !

Holiday Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

In December, Duluth Lions rang bells at the Salvation Army red kettle in the Miller Hill Mall. While helping raise funds for the community, members had a great time getting together.



Lions Ron Stanius, Patty Shogren and Joel Manns

The Greater Duluth Area Salvation Army is an intricate part of the local social services network. They offer a wide range of basic needs services, including transitional housing and food assistance.

Help is provided to anyone in need. Volunteers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises about \$30 per hour – enough to provide a family with 2 bags of groceries or shelter an individual for a night.



Lions Bob Howe, Barb Tanski and Barb Oswell

Duluth Lions Distribute Toys and Food for the Salvation Army

Duluth members also volunteered to help fill food boxes and distribute gifts for families in need in our community.



Lions Bob Howe, Brian Thompson, Barb Tanski, and Patty Shogren



Lions Pat Swenson, Brian Thompson and Barb Tanski.

Duluth East High School Choraliers Entertain the Duluth Lions Club



The Duluth Lions Club celebrated Christmas and the coming New Year during their December 19th Holiday luncheon at the Holiday Inn.



The Duluth East High School Choraliers performed a medley of special holiday music. Lions, Lioness, family and guests enjoyed the musical presentation.

Ignace Lions

Ignace Lions Club present \$250 cheque to Yvonne Romas of the MBCHC for donation to the Ignace Christmas Cheer Fund.

Our long time Ignace Lions Club member Lion Millie Gagnon (age 96) has now moved to Dryden. She will be making her new home at Princess Court.

We will miss her at our meetings and club activities. We look forward to visiting her at her new home.

Lion Joanne



Emo and District Lions

Emo and District Lions had an awesome December as we continued to move forward on our Kidsight screenings! Several more schools screened with a new member assisting us with the process! Several referrals more at some schools and several less at others. Our next big screenings will occur mid-January and with the assistance of the Fort Frances clubs. We will be screening with Atikokan in February.

We had a great time assistance with “stuff a cruiser” ensuring that the local food banks would have enough for all families in the Rainy River district to eat this Christmas season.

The grand finale of our Lions Legacy project was held in December with us hosting a Christmas Dinner for the Golden Age Manor. The club served Turkey and Ham dinner with all the trimmings and presented the seniors with a cheque to insure that the new flower boxes in the Legacy project would be planted full of flowers in the spring. A great time of reminiscing was had by all and it was also awesome to find an old zone chair in the crew

who originated from the old Nestor Falls Club! We hope to have him to several of our meetings and who knows we may get him back into Lions at the tender age of 90!

We started the year out with a BANG again assisting the Fort Frances Voyageur Lions with their Polar Plunge. The weather was a bit cold even for the Great White North and thankfully we warmed up to -31 with the wind chill at jump time! We had 3 Lions brave the cold, 2 members doing a double dip into the ice hole and one new Lion jumping for the very first time! We all survived our yearly stress test and managed to raise \$2040 for the 30 second dip!

Our next project is our Grocery raffle and tickets will be available by the end of this month.

We look forward to several members attending our Canadian Mid-Winter in Dryden and enjoying the Sled Dog Rides that are happening on the Friday am of the convention. It looks like lots of learning and a ton of fun will be had! Hope to see you all there!



Join MD5M in celebrating 100 years of service

Sunday, June 10, 2018
8:00am - 10:00pm

Anoka County Fair Grounds
3300 St. Francis Blvd
ANOKA, MN 55303

MD5M100years@gmail.com



Centennial Celebration



- World's Largest Pancake Breakfast
- Live Bands
- Service projects (more information to come!)

Diabetes

Environment

Hunger

Vision

Pediatric Cancer



Come and meet our MD5M candidate for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International