

# L10News

## June, 2019.



Musings of your soon to be IPDG.....

I can't believe it's June 2019 already! What an amazing year we have had and it's all because of YOU! Every last one of you has helped this District to an amazing success this year! The time has flown but the success is not over...we have 2 more weeks of amazing yet to go!

We have had massive move forwards this year and I believe the biggest reason has been the development of a



TEAM...a TEAM that has been engaged with the needs of the District, a TEAM that has communicated with each other as well as with the Cubs whom we serve. A TEAM that saw a vision for greatness in 5M10 and shared that vision with all of you. You all have been an integral part of this TEAM and I thank you all for all you have done this year.

I have HUGE thanks for the DG TEAM as well...they have been the epitome of what a Lion should be...rising to the occasion in service for the District and for the Clubs that we serve. Because of them this District will be SHOWCASED in Milan Italy for the accomplishments of 5M10 this year. So let me share what this TEAM has accomplished to date.

Our goal this year for membership was PLUS 1 for every Club in the

District...we are PLUS 74 today with 20 more Lions to be added with a new Club in Hermantown. We have retained 50% more of our Lions this year and ½ the drops has made a tremendous difference in SERVICE. We will have

every CLUB in the District reporting at least 2 service projects and will have doubled the Clubs of Excellence this year. We will be a District of Excellence for the 1<sup>st</sup> time is a very long, long time...in fact I could not find a time that we were. We have 3 LCIF grants approved for 5M10 and a 4<sup>th</sup> in line waiting approval. We have had a Membership grant approved as well as a Diabetes grant. We had 2 huge successful service projects at midwinter all while having more FUN than should be legal! We have a succession plan for future leadership, we had 7 graduates of RRLI and we held for the first time online webinars for our Officer training and will hold Member Orientation in a webinar as well before the end of June. We have had Guiding Lion training to support our new clubs, we trained our incoming Zone and Region chairs BEFORE their term began! We now have



documented Policy Manual for the District as well as have passed the budget for the incoming year. We are a NAMI (North American Membership Initiative) pilot District, showing others in our multiple and North America how to be successful in membership. We will be 100% LCIF contributors for the 1<sup>st</sup> time as well that I have been able to find.

"5M10 has found a way to meet every goal put forth in the District and it's all because of TEAM and it's all because of FOCUS....So my thanks...our thanks for all you have done to make this year a DRAMTIC success...let's keep the

foot on the pedal of SUCCESS and continue to FOCUS on the Goals...I happily pass the gavel on...you are in GREAT hands with DGE Wayne and the DG team of 2019-2020", DRAMTIC should likely be DRAMATIC.



"Where there is a need in 5M10...there is a Lion"...

FIND your Passion, Overcome Obstacles, Courage to make the Changes needed, Utilize the skills of your TEAM and Share the Success, Share the Knowledge and most of all Share the STORIES.

...Yours in Service... Lion Joanne

Lions Roar by DGE Wayne Tieman

June 10, 2019

#### "An Attitude of Gratitude for Service"

The Lions of 5M10 are approaching the end of the 2018-2019 Lions year and what a great year it has been! Thank you, 5M10 Lions, for the wonderful year of growth and stability in our district.

Membership now stands at 1262--+74 for the year. We are looking to charter new Lions Clubs in Hermantown and Cloquet by July. The DG Team and local Lions have done membership drives and Kid Sight screenings in 5M10 communities throughout Minnesota and Ontario. We are looking to hold 20 membership drives for 2019-2020 around the district. We are hoping to add at least one new Lions Club. At present 5M10 has 45 clubs. The entire DG Team is willing to travel to your community and serve and work with you.

The next convention stop for the 5M10 Lions DG Team will be the Lions International Convention in Milan, Italy, July 5-9. DG Joanne will represent 5M10 on the main stage at one of the plenary sessions. Great job, Joanne! 1...2...3...ROAR.

#### Lion Lenay and I have participated in two great Lions events in the past two weeks:

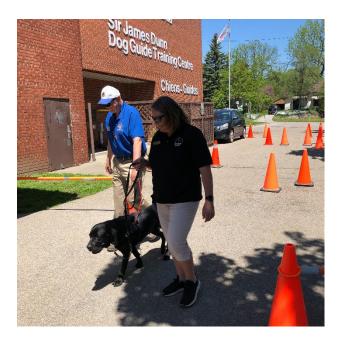
- 1) On June 1<sup>st,</sup> we traveled to the University of Minnesota Arboretum in Chaska, MN, for the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation De-Feet Hearing Loss Walk to raise funds for the Lions Children's Hearing Center.
- 2) On June 5-8<sup>th</sup>, we traveled to Toronto, ON, for an orientation on the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. We learned that the mission is to assist Canadians, who are living with a medical or physical disability, a Dog Guide at no cost. There are seven types of

Dog Guides the Lions Foundation of Canada trains: Canine Vision Dog Guides, Hearing Dog Guides, Service Dog Guides, Seizure Response Dog Guides, Autism Assistance Dog Guides, Diabetic Alert Dog Guides, and Support Dog Guides.

We are grateful to the Lions for the great support for people in the US and Canada.

The first cabinet meeting of 2019-2020 Lions year will be at the American Inn at International Falls August 9-10. A block of rooms have been reserved for 5M10 Lions. Please make your reservations real soon.

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." John F. Kennedy









## Greetings from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governor Elect Lion Shirley.

It's hard to believe this is the last article I will be writing a 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE. The year has most definitely gone quickly.

We've been busy working on membership for the past month. The team is still working on getting a club established in Hermantown. We're nearly there and need just a few more members to finalize our application. We're confident that will happen before the end of this Lions year.

We have also started the process of establishing another club in Cloquet with more planned for next year.

As I write this article, there is a community in which District 5M10 has a club that is being threatened by a forest fire. The fire came within a few minutes of the community before mother nature gave the fire fighters some relief. The fire still isn't under control but is being held and air quality is poor, but the immediate danger has been removed. Please keep the residents of Pickle Lake in your thoughts and prayers.

I had the privilege of attending the Profyle meeting in Winnipeg on behalf of the MD5M Lions Children's Cancer Foundation of Canada along with directors Mike Janssen from 5M11 and Anita Hart from 5M13. We had the opportunity to meet so many passionate people from Canada and Australia, all with the same goal as our Foundation. I'm excited about the future relationship between Profyle and the MD5M Lions Children's Cancer Foundation of Canada.

Short for PRecision Oncology For Young peopLE, the Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI) and these research and funding partners are working and fundraising together under a unique partnership that to date is providing a total of \$16.4 million to molecularly profile the tumours of these patients, no matter where they live in Canada. For example, if Terry Fox had been diagnosed with cancer today, he would have been eligible for PROFYLE when the tumour returned and spread to his lungs.

I'm now looking forward to the International Convention in Milan next month. A few of the highlights will be watching our very own DG Joanne on the international stage, 3<sup>rd</sup> International VP Brian Sheehan being elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> International VP and will be standing behind PID Dr. Patti Hill from Canada as she is challenged for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> International VP. There will be many more highlights, but I will reserve that for my next article in September.

Have a safe and happy summer and thanks for all you do!



For the first time ever, 5M10 is offering a Webinar for Membership Orientation. This will be a great opportunity for all members, new and existing.

Please join us for this unique opportunity. The Webinar will take place on Thursday, June 27th at 6:30 pm with Lion Steve Caron from Bemidji Lions as your host.

Please register for 5M10 Membership Orientation on Jun 27, 2019 6:30 PM CDT at: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7501393191008729101</u> or by visiting the training section of our website at <u>https://5m10lions.org/</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

## **Constitution and By-Laws Newsletter submission**

Greetings fellow Lions.

Just a short note to let you know the Constitution and By-laws Committee will be considering changes to the Constitution and By-Laws beginning in July. We expect to have information from the international convention by then as well as our own continuing review of the Constitution, By-Laws and also of the District Policies and Procedures. If any of you have input as to changes that you believe should be made, please submit them to myself for the committee's consideration.

Lion Bob Woodke

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Hello fellow Lions!

It is a busy time for Lions and Can-do Canines. As 5 M 10 chair I am busy making sure we have a team for the Can Do Canines Woofaroo coming in September. Our current District Governor says she is coming all the way from Emo and District to join in the fun and bringing her little dogs too! That makes our team a total of 5 human members, with dogs, but we would love to have more Lions (and dogs) join our team and participate in the fun. If you want more information please contact me at the address below.

In case you didn't remember, this is the 30th anniversary of Can do Canines. We Lions love a good celebration so let's Roar into action and help the organization have the best year ever. We have 6 of the dogs in our district (a total cost to train them would be approximately \$150,000) so I hope that clubs will consider increasing their giving to Can Do Canines. If you see DGE Wayne, ask him about his visit to the headquarters in New Hope, Minnesota.

On Thursday June 27 the next Tails to Tell tour will be held. This is an opportunity to see a dog in training do its stuff. Ever see a dog pick up a dime off a tile floor? This and more is part of the tour. If you cannot make that tour there will be another one in July on Saturday the 13th. Every tour is somewhat unique as there are always things developing at Can Do Canines.

On Saturday June 29 the summer graduation will be held. Dogs and their partners will have completed their training. The public is welcome to come and participate in this festive event. These dogs change lives!

Yours in Service,

Lion Bob Woodke

Brouse, Woodke & Hildebrandt, PLLP 312 America Ave. NW P.O. Box 1273 Bemidji, MN 56619-1273 Phone: 218-759-1673 Fax: 218-444-4014 www.bwhlawpllp.com Hello, DG Joanne Ogden!

Good afternoon all,

This is an invite to sign up to represent the Lion Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario at the Annual Red River Ex.

There are still many available time slots and some people are working everyday. If a slot is full you can work, please let me know and I can try to move people around.

You have been invited by Tammy Bach to sign up for "Red River Ex". Please click on the button below to view the online sign-up sheet.

We will have a display booth, providing information and selling 50/50 tickets.

We appreciate all those that volunteer their time.

Regards, Tammy Bach Executive Director Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario





#### Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation, Canadian Division – Hearing Committee

#### UPDATE May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The Hearing Committee held their final meeting at the Lions Foundation office on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Accomplishments 2019 to 2020:
  - Provided assistance through matched funding with Lions Clubs to 12 individuals to purchase hearing aids (to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019)
  - Collected 232 used hearing aids to be donated for refurbishing. Please continue collecting used hearing aids in your community and forwarding to a Hearing Committee member or the Foundation office.
  - Received at total of \$8,600 in donations from Parade of Green at the Mid-Winter Conventions. THANK YOU Lions Clubs!
  - Received annual report regarding the Lions Hearing Aid Loaner Bank for Infants and Children. Results from the report indicate that the hearing aid bank is being well used by hearing clinics in Manitoba and is greatly appreciated in making a difference in the lives of infants and children with hearing impairments. Through the use of loaner hearing aids infants and children have the benefit of hearing while their hearing aids are being repaired or while they are going through the process of being assessed for Cochlear implant.
- Committee Membership: Lion John Sinclair was thanked for his contributions and years of service to the Hearing Committee and the Lions Foundation. Membership for 2019 to 2020:
  - 5M10 Wendy Wiedenhoeft (6<sup>th</sup> year); Bill Michl (4<sup>th</sup> year)
  - 5M11 Dennis Doerksen (2<sup>nd</sup> year); OPEN
  - 5M13 Shannon Dueck (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Helmut Neufeld (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Next Meeting: Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 beginning at 1:00 at the Lions Foundation office (Winnipeg).

## CLUBS

## **BABBITT LIONS**

On May 29, the Babbitt Lions served hot dogs, chips and juice to the students and staff at Northeast Range School. 284 students and staff were served. Two Lions manned the grill and six Lions served the food. The students always look forward to this event.

## **CAP BAKER LIONS**

Cap Baker Lions Club President Debbie Vergin with three Grand Rapids High School seniors each receiving a \$1000 scholarship



Cap Baker Lions Club planted trees at the Jon Rowe School Forest with the 4th grade classes in Grand Rapids. Over 500 trees were planted at the school forest and another 500 were planted at Gunn Park.





Cap Baker Lions Club performed Road Side Cleanup with the 4H Club.



Cap Baker Lions Club held its 38th Annual FUN NIGHT on May 3rd! It was another very successful night for the club!



Cap Baker Lions Club participated in the Pike for Vets fish outing! Over \$500 plus FISH was donated to the Vets!



## **DRYDEN LIONS**

May 2019 Activity Report Dryden Lions

In support of Guide Dogs, Dryden Lions purchased all the tickets for the Toronto trip.. Should we win, member's names will be put in a"Hat" and the lucky winner gets the trip.

As usual we held our 200 club draw only this time in addition to the two draws of \$200, a \$500 draw was added for Mother's Day, making May's draw a total of \$900.

New Prospect Public School requested monetary assistance for their Dry Land Hockey Programme and the Lions responded with a \$400 donation.

The Lion's Park on Arthur Street was in need of a park bench. The Dryden Lions are now in the process of having a granite park bench installed, along with a plaque on a granite pedestal.

### **BEMIDJI LIONS**

The Bemidji Lions Club made several donations during the past month. One hundred dollars was donated to the Eye-Link organization so they could help defray expenses. Other donations during the past four weeks included \$300 to Camp Confidence, \$750 to the local 4H program, \$500 to "Take a Kid Fishing" organization, and \$200 to "Let's Go Fishing" program. Additional donations were \$750 to the Girl Scout organization, \$300 to the "Village of Hope", and \$500 to the Evergreen House. Several Kids Vision Screenings were also performed during the past couple of weeks by the club members with several of them occurring on the Red Lake reservation.

The club presently has 107 members and several new applications have come in. A new concept in meetings will be tried with an "Evening Social" scheduled for next Thursday evening. The idea is to attract members who work during the day and cannot attend the regular meetings.

The purchase of an "Eye Screener" has been approved by the club and will become reality very soon. The screener, valued at \$7,000, will be a big plus for performing Eye Screenings throughout the District. This will be the third screener in the District as we become more proficient in detecting eye problems in the community.

Club members are looking forward to a couple of fund raisers within the next two months. The "Farm Bureau Breakfast" is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Beltrami Fair Grounds and the annual "Lions Fare" is slated for July 27<sup>th</sup>. It certainly is exciting to be a "Lion" with activities occurring every month.

## **DRYDEN TRILLIUM LIONS**

#### DRYDEN TRILLIUM LIONS CLUB

#### MAY 2019 ACTIVITY REPORT

On May 7<sup>th</sup> one member picked up hamburger at the Vermilion Bay Co-op and delivered 25 packages of frozen hamburger (33.5lbs) the next day to the Dryden Food Bank at a cost of \$ 95.00 which fed 134 clients. At our meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> our club members donated \$ 110.00 to the Food Bank.

At our Regular Club meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, we had 2 guest speakers, Stacy Lambe, Executive Director and Ashley Apland, Board Member from Hoshizaki House which is a 10 bed emergency shelter for abused women and their children. There is also Maple Court which consists of 10 apartments for transitional support i.e. housing to women who are at high risk or in crisis.

Meals on Wheels – Two Lions delivered meals on May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> to 14 clients for 4 hours.

Soccer Building Grand opening on May 25<sup>th</sup> was attended by 6 Lions from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Contributors to the soccer field and multi-use facility were acknowledged at this event. The Dryden and Dryden Trillium Lions Club built six soccer shelters for our Lions Centennial Project and we received plaques recognizing our contribution.

Dryden Blooms Committee – Adopt-A-Planter program...our club sponsored a street pot planter for community beautification at a cost of \$ 125.00.

Lions Foundation of Canada Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides was held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at Cooper Park in Dryden. Twenty participants took part in the Walk, including 6 Lions. A hot dog BBQ was served prior to the walk. Funds raised to date are \$ 1,690.50. Our club donated \$ 100.00 to the Walk.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 15 Lions attended a Succulent Planter Workshop. This was a social event hosted by one of our Lion members. This social event came about as some club members showed interest in getting together outside of a Lions meeting. This idea was suggested in our Membership Survey.





Dryden Trillium Lions have been busy!

Top photo: May 26 was PetValu Walk for Guide Dogs. Lions Leslee Lappage, Maureen Wall, Susan Pollock, Wendy Wiedenhoeft and Teresa Pollard taking part in this annual event.

Bottom photo: Social Event for Dryden Trillium Lions. Succulent planters were made by 15 members on May 15. Great evening, great fun!

## **EMO AND DISTRICT LIONS**

A little rain doesn't dampen the spirits of these awesome Lions...club windup BBQ and induction of new members....just wait until you see the new playground...Lion Lloyd shared the plans and it's going to be amazing!! Watch what our next year brings...this group has big plans!



Great job Emo and District Lions!! 23 walkers, 15 Dogs and 5 cooks!! Awesome walk raised 3 times what we did last year without corporate sponsorship!! Team Marr rocked top spot again and had awesome team shirts thanking their sponsors!!



### **VOYAGEUR LIONS**

Lion Bill completes his run around Lake Superior to raise money and awareness for LCIF. Thanks Lion Bill – awesome job.





If you haven't donated to LCIF lately, please do so and support Lion Bill's final fundraising numbers. Pictures thanks to Thunder Bay Metro Lions Club.



## **Duluth Lions Club April and May Activities!**

## April

#### Getting Ready for Pancake Day 2019 We

are grateful for our hardworking Pancake Day Committee.



Below, new members Shirley Sullwold and Faye Joki braved a chilly day to sell Pancake tickets and promote Lions at Sam's Club in Hermantown. extraordinary celebration as we ushered in the next one hundred years!

The dinner is designed to give attendees a new perspective into what it is like to be blind by allowing them to enjoy part of their meal blindfolded, while raising awareness of all that is possible despite vision loss.





Lion Jim Denney

Lion Jim Pratt



#### Dining in the Dark



The Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss Second Annual benefit dinner, *Dining in the Dark* was held April 18<sup>th</sup> at Greysolon Ballroom in Duluth.

The year 2019 is their 100-year Centennial as an organization. This year's *Dining in the Dark* was an



Lion Jim Pratt was the *Dessert Auctioneer* and helped raise funds for the Lighthouse.

#### Lighthouse Mission

Fostering Independent and Vibrant Lives for Individuals with Vision Loss.

#### Walmart Wellness Day

On April 27<sup>th</sup> our local Walmart store held their "Walmart Wellness Day". Duluth Lion Eric Schlacks, a member of the Diabetes Committee, along with his wife, Deborah, volunteered at the store to help promote the health and wellness fair and encourage shoppers to take advantage of the services offered.



Walmart pharmacy, along with the ADA, offered customers health screenings as well as health resources. Screenings for blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol were available. In addition, brochures with a wide array of health and wellness information were distributed.

#### **Backpack Project**

The Duluth Lions Club mentored the UMD Campus Club and along with help from the Duluth Centennial Leo's created a backpack program for children newly diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

The backpacks include books written to help control the disease, a stuffed animal to snuggle or practice injections or finger pokes, glucose drops and glucose gel.



Both the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation and the American Diabetes Association were represented.



Walmart has provided more than 2.5 million free screenings to people across the country. These screenings have helped customers discover underlying issues like high blood pressure and diabetes that they now can manage – and in some cases, these screenings have saved customers' lives.



Deborah Schlacks at the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation display table.

#### **Duluth Centennial Leos**

This month the Leos bought supplies to make Easter baskets for teens staying at Renaissance House in Duluth.







For another service project, the Duluth Leos delivered books they had collected during their book drive. Over 1,000 books! May

#### Pancake Day 2019

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Duluth Lions held their 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pancake Day and welcomed over 9,000 people to the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center - another successful year for our club! Gluten free pancakes were offered and diners were very appreciative.



Money raised will go toward local causes, including programs for the sight and hearing impaired, diabetes, youth projects, and numerous other activities. Sincere thanks to the many volunteers/supporters from the club as well as the community.



Tables set... Lion Sue Lyons ready to go! with sugar free syrup



Pancake Flippers await the crowds

Vision Screening was offered during Pancake Day. Lion Bill Pank and the Duluth Centennial Leos made it happen!







Duluth Centennial Leos help out



Our Mascot, Roary, greets a young Pancake Day diner.



Duluth Lioness were ready to help the Lighthouse with sales.

#### Union Gospel Mission

Lion Bob Howe with the PS&E Committee presented a check for \$1,000 to Lion Susan Jordahl-Bubacz, Executive Director of the Union Gospel Mission, for much needed equipment.



Below, Duluth Lions also helped out at the annual Postal Workers Food Drive. The food collected went to help many families, especially those served by the Union Gospel Mission. Many Lions and many hands made the day go fast.





Having fun sorting food items!

#### Club Membership Update

The Duluth Lions Club is happy to welcome 9 new Lions who joined the Club during the past five months. They will be officially inducted at our annual 2019-2020 Officer Installation and New Member Induction scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.