

November. 2020.

DG Shirley Koroniak



LIONS DISTRICT 5M10 GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

United in Diversity and Kindness



Did someone say November? Wow, I must have blinked, and the fall weather quickly became a little more winter-like.

We ended October with the 1st District 5M10 Lions Week of Service. Thank you to all the members and clubs that participated. It was so great to see so many clubs all reaching out to our communities at the same time. Here is a collage of a few Lions from different clubs serving safely. I'm looking forward to our 2nd Lions Week of Service next spring.

With November upon us, we wish everyone on the south side of the border a safe, healthy, and happy Thanksgiving.

There is a lot happening in District 5M10. I am sad to announce that our 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Jodi Caul, has resigned her position as 2nd VDG. A Zoom meeting will take place on November 24, 2020 to appoint a replacement.

We are establishing a committee to put together recommendations/proposal for a District Wide Community Impact Grant. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Lion Susan Hutchison at lcif.coordinator.ca@5m10lions.org.

Members of our elections committee are currently in the process of contacting clubs to obtain their delegate information for our upcoming elections that take place at every mid-winter convention. Please assist these members in fulfilling this responsibility by providing them with your list of delegates as soon as possible.

Elections will take place online through Simply Voting January 19th to 22nd prior to our mid- winter convention, allowing us to announce the winners on January 23rd. Nominations for the position of 2nd Vice-District Governor are also currently open. If you or someone you know are interested in this position, please contact me for more information. See the article further in this newsletter.



Our first ever virtual convention is in the planning stages for January 22nd and 23rd with lots of fun events planned. There will be a district-wide service project in conjunction with the virtual convention. We are asking members to make an easy tied fleece or flannel blanket in support of Childhood Cancer. These blankets should be made prior to the convention. They will be showcased during the convention and donated to health centers in Minnesota and Northwestern Ontario after the convention. Three ladies from Dryden Trillium Lions have created an entertaining demonstration video on making these blankets. Please check it out on

YouTube <https://youtu.be/oWFOrAko5OQ>. If this link doesn't work for you, simply search for youtube dryden trillium lions tied blanket.

Yours in Lionism, DG Shirley



Lion Susan B. Winner

First Vice District Governor 2019-

2020 Dear Lions,

October has certainly made me feel like a First Vice District Governor. On October 6, Larry and I visited the Cook Lions with the Orr Lions also in attendance. This was my first official visit for District Governor Shirley Koroniak. I was honored to present her message. I also helped President Steve Kajala present awards, install officers and induct new members. The meeting was held safely. Members wore masks and did social distance. It was a pleasure to see friendly faces.

On October 14th I traveled to St. Cloud to attend Vice District Governor training. I arrived in time to sign into two Lions zoom meetings. This first for the US Childhood Cancer Foundation and the 2nd for 5m10s Region and Zone Chair meetings. During Covid19, we have had to learn how to meet differently. Sometimes it is safer to meet with Zoom or Go To Meeting. But also, the positives I have learned from virtual meetings is that you can meet online even if you can't be there in person. This has the option of bringing more Lions to meetings.

The District Governor training was excellent. Each of these trainers has been to a special Lions training. The meeting was in person for the United States side of the border and members who couldn't attend from the US or couldn't cross the border from the Canadian clubs were zoomed in.

On October 19th, our First Vice District Governor's group from MD5M met through a zoom meeting. We typically meet once a month on zoom. It is a time to share ideas, solve problems and prepare for the future. I am excited to be part of this talented group.

On October 20, 2020 the Duluth Lions celebrated the 75th Anniversary of their Charter. The meeting was virtual and included thoughts from three of our members covering the first 25 years, the second 25 years and the last 25 years. It was followed with a panel of 7 Lions. Our President had asked members to submit questions for this panel; each panel member answered with 2-3 questions each. DG Shirley made some comments and the evening ended with a pledge and a toast to the next 25 years. It was a pleasure listening to the stories of these Lions, it made me so proud to be a

member of the Duluth Lions Club. Did you know that Lion Melvin Jones presented our charter in November of 1945?

On October 24, our district started the "Week of Service". I support and hope this is a 5M10 tradition for the years to come.

One week of service, one club visit, two days of training, 14 Zoom meetings, 900 emails; a month in the life of a 1st Vice District Governor.

Loving It!

1st Vice District Governor Sue

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

The Minnesota Childhood Cancer Foundation is a relatively new Minnesota Lions Foundation but they have found ways to do wonderful things. There is currently an opening for a Board Member from Minnesota for this foundation. If you are interested, please let me know.

Important Updates from the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.

1. Dr. Sadak from U of M Survivorship services spoke. She talked about the fact that children who survive childhood cancer, 80% have serious side effects after treatment and don't have live as long as other adults in their age category. Their research is looking for ways to combat these effects.
2. Approved for 501 (c) (3).
3. The foundation has both pins and facemasks available at this time.
4. A Believe Award is now available for individuals or clubs that have contributed \$1000 to Childhood Cancer.
5. On September 29th, the Foundation presented a "Big" check of \$100,000 to the U of M.
6. The Foundation has both a website and Facebook page.
7. Kamp KACE and Crescent Cove have both received donations from the Foundation.
8. The Diabetes Foundation and Childhood Cancer Foundation will be sponsoring the Raffle Room at the Multiple Convention in Mankato. If your club is looking for a service project for Childhood Cancer, ask them if they would like to contribute to the Raffle Room.

Lion Susan Winner
Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Trustee



HALL OF FAME AWARD NOMINATIONS

Its time, once again, to begin looking at your membership for those deserving members eligible for recognition for the Hall of Fame Award.

What is the Hall of Fame Award?

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

What are the Criteria?

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club at the time of their death.

How do I nominate a member?

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District. There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

The nomination fee must be accompanied by the prescribed form and received by the District Governor no less than 30 days prior to the Mid-Winter Convention.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the full rules and application form, please contact District Governor Shirley at lionshirleyk@gmail.com or 807-220-1818.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing those nominations. DG Shirley

Important Announcement

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2021- 2022

The **2021 District 5M10 Convention** will be held virtually on **January 23, 2021**. More details to follow.

District 5M10 Constitution and Bylaws – Article 1 – ARTICLE II District Nominations, Elections and Appointments

A Nominations Committee has been appointed to manage the nomination process in the District according to District 5M10 Constitution and Bylaws. Deadline to file nominations is December 25, 2020 to Nominations Committee Chair Lion Steve Kajala at stevekajala@hotmail.com with a copy to DG Shirley Koroniak at lionshirleyk@gmail.com.

All details describing the nomination process for the offices of Governor, First Vice District Governor, or Second Vice District Governor, along with candidacy requirements can be found in the District 5M10 Constitution and By-Laws **ARTICLE II District Nominations, Elections and Appointments and EXHIBIT D, EXHIBIT E AND EXHIBIT F**. District 5M10 Constitution and By-Laws can be viewed on <https://5m10lions.org/> under Resources or by using this direct link <https://5m10lions.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-Constitution-and-ByLaws-R4.23.19.pdf>.

Voting for the 2021 5M10 Convention will take place by electronic ballot. Watch for details on how your club can register its voting delegates. This information will be sent to all clubs.

Article VII Section 2 provides details as to who can vote on any question on the ballot at the District Convention.

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. Each past district governor who is a member in good standing of a 5M-10 Lions Club in good standing is granted full delegate status independent of the club delegate quota established above.

Respectfully,

District Governor Shirley Koroniak

W A N T E D

2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

March 18 – 21, 2021

Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN

***We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the
2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute!***

Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director. The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.

Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions. The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2020.

Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection. Institute graduates will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

***If you have questions concerning the Institute, please contact:
Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - dkellylion@gmail.com***



2021 MD5M Convention

The 2021 MD5M Convention is just around the bend! District 5M-2 invites you to join the jamboree at the Mankato Event Center, Mankato, MN, April 30 through May2nd, 2021.

Save the date, as District 5M-2 prepares for a weekend that is guaranteed to entertain you with festive music and inspire you with our speakers. District 5m-2 will also plan on a virtual convention as an alternative to unforeseen events.

More information on the hotels and registration form can be found on the 5M2 Lions Facebook page or at www.lionsmd5m.org . Registration and meal packages range from 0-\$130.00 per person. Information on the site will be updated periodically.

Along with all of the fun and festivities, a raffle room will be available and co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation. There will be speakers from the University of MN on Childhood Cancer, Lions Gift of Sight, MN Lions Hearing Foundation, and a speaker from Leader Dogs.

In addition to the usual business happenings of the convention, service projects will be included. Your help is always appreciated in making Service Projects a success. The MD5M convention host committee plans to focus on a few projects of need. More information to come!

District 5M-2 hopes to see you at the Bend in the River III 2021 Convention!

Greetings fellow Lions!

The work of Can-Do-Canines continues in spite of the pandemic. In the third quarter of this year there has been more progress. Here are some numbers you might find interesting:

14 new puppies were born into the program

26 dogs are currently in for final training at the Can Do Canines facility

There were 630 Can Do Woofaroo individual donors

190 dogs and puppies currently live in volunteer homes which 5 of the prisons are closed

18 teams were graduated on October 24

350 active working teams are currently receiving continuous follow-up and support.

You Lions helped make this possible. Thank you for supporting Can-Do Canines.

Upcoming events include Give to the Max Day on November 19. You or your club can support Can Do Canines by going to givemn.org/candocanines . On November 19 and also on December 10 there will be a Tails to Tell presentation which you can access at can-do-canines.org/tailstotell .

If you ever wondered about why I feel Can Do Canines is worthy of your support, let me share the following excerpt from an article by Linda Wicklund about puppy raising for the organization:

“After seeing a mother’s beaming face and feeling her grateful hug that her child can now do things with their family they couldn’t do before...or receiving thanks from an active school teacher who now-with increased mobility- can more easily educate others and enrich the community...or hearing about how the dog you trained now allows a person to confidently go out into public and volunteer herself, I can tell you. That’s why.”

These amazing dogs serve their human partners, in keeping with the Lions motto “We Serve”. They truly are life changing animals.

Thanks again for your support. Until next month I am

Yours in Service,

Lion Bob Woodke

5M-10 Can-Do Canines chair

District 5M10 Plastic Recycling Challenge

Lions District 5M10 Newsletter Update November 12, 2020

Our Lions District has just kicked off its environmental challenge to show today's Lions how plastic waste can be given a second life in a new form. Six clubs so far have accepted the challenge to see how much soft plastic they can recycle by the Midwinter Convention. They are the Bemidji Lions Club, Bemidji First City Lions Club, Carlton Area Lions Club, Duluth Lions Club, Lakehead Campus Lions Club, and Vermillion Bay Lions Club. These clubs have collected, weighed, and recycled a total of 188 pounds of plastic so far. The club leading the challenge to date has collected an average of 1.2 pounds per member.

"This activity encourages Lions to develop an eco-conscious habit and turn a material with a reputation as an environmental waste problem into an eco-friendly material that can be recycled again and again to be used for new purposes without leaving a lasting impact on the environment," says Eric Schlacks, District 5M10 Environmental Chair.

Not only does this challenge give Lions a better understanding and appreciation for the importance of recycling, but it also demonstrates how Lions can take small actions every day to make our communities more sustainable. Lions taking the Challenge show their communities how the action of a few can make a tangible difference. And perhaps Lions will inspire others in their community to take similar action.

One club joined the challenge in just the past week. So, come on Lions: if your club isn't in the challenge, what are you waiting for? Get started by selecting a member to be your club's Recycle Coordinator, and have them contact Eric Schlacks, 5M10 Environmental Chair, to get into the competition!

The recycled plastic in many cases goes to a Trex Company recycling partner. Trex takes the plastic waste from those partners and uses it in composite decking and outdoor furniture products so it doesn't go into landfills. Last year Trex recycled 400 million pounds of plastic that would have otherwise gone into landfills or the environment.

What plastic can be recycled, you ask? You can recycle grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap & stretch film, wood pellet bags, and produce bags.

If your club recycles the most plastic per member by the Mid-Winter Convention, it will receive special recognition and an award from Lions District 5M10.

If you have any questions or want help getting started, contact Eric Schlacks, Lions District 5M10 Environmental Chair, via email at desertswan1@gmail.com, or by phone at 218-269-6678 in Minnesota.

Greetings to all Minnesota Lions!



Although we are all experiencing a new normal, our faith in Lions and in each other continues. Nothing has changed in how "We Serve", except in the mode of delivery and interactions. We are having to be creative, innovative and technological in order to keep ourselves and others safe.

The Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees represent each of your districts with hearing health opportunities, information and ways to serve you. Each month, we plan on having a small article for your district newsletter that focuses on updates from our foundation, stories from you, ways you can be involved, how your donations help and gratitude for what you all do.

Look for our new logo to guide you to our articles. And please send us stories about people or activities from your communities relating to hearing health. There is nothing quite so inspiring as true stories that show us how much we make a difference. Send them through your district officers, newsletter editors, or directly to the Hearing Foundation: hearingpublicity@gmail.com

Thanks again for all you do.

Minnesota Hearing Foundation Publicity committee

Lion Michele Plagman

Lion Barb Tanski

Lion Jerry Amiot



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2020 - 2021 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (3). The 2021 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2021.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

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, 2021** to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman bmguthrie9@q.com #763-786-8072

**You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address.
Thank You and Good Luck to all!!**

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,

“WE SERVE”



ANNOUNCING: Project Name Change

Please be advised that the Lions Lake Joseph Transportation Project has been renamed to **LIONS LAKE JOE PROJECT**. This project was approved at the 5M10 Mid-Winter Convention in 2011 which was hosted in Thunder Bay. The original purpose of the project was to cover the cost of transportation for CNIB clients to travel from their home community in Northwestern Ontario to CNIB Lake Joseph in the Muskoka region. Since that time the project has evolved to assist CNIB clients with both transportation and registration costs to attend camp. As well, the camp has been rebranded as CNIB Lake Joe. For these reasons, the project is being renamed **LIONS LAKE JOE PROJECT** to better reflect the work of the project.

5M10 Lions Clubs in Canada will have received a letter from the project committee asking for your ongoing support of this worthwhile project. It is hoped that CNIB Lake Joe will be able to provide face to face programs during the summer of 2021 and that the project can again support CNIB clients from the 5M10 area in attending camp and benefiting from programs for the blind and visually impaired.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED....We would like to expand our committee membership. If any Lions (Canadian Clubs) are interested in working on this project committee, please contact Wendy Wiendenhoeft at wendyparkin@shaw.ca. Our committee meets virtually 3 or 4 times a year and our work is very rewarding.

Submitted by: Wendy Wiedenhoeft, Lions Lake Joe Project Committee Chair

Update from your District Global Leadership Team Coordinator:

Seven members from across our District participated in a Guiding Lion Training program on November 6th. These members learned a lot about the Lions Organization and Structure and all of the wonderful resource material that is available to support club growth and development. After these members are certified, they can be assigned to support new or struggling Club in our District over a two-year period. The District is planning to offer this training again in the spring. It would be a good program to take if you are interested in learning more about Lions!

Just wanted to put in this little reminder again to make sure that the following information for the 2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) being held March 18 – 21, 2021 is getting filtered out to all members. This is a wonderful learning opportunities for the members that are interested in further developing their leadership skills. This year's RLLI is being planned as a face-to-face event for the time being at the Holiday Inn – Detroit Lakes, MN but the organizers are very aware that these plans need to be responsive to the realities of COVID-19 and the changing restrictions around gatherings. They are looking at other possible delivery alternatives that would allow them to hold this event in a face-to-face venue rather than going to a virtual model. Please stay tuned as more information will be coming out soon!

Members that are interested in participating in the Institute are encouraged to submit their application to the District Governor (no payment is required at the time that you submit your application) by December 1, 2020 so that a selection process can be followed. Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.

There is a \$150.00 fee for the RLLI that includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four meals. Room costs, travel costs, and additional meals are not included. District 10 provides our participants with a \$125.00 rebate. Additionally, there is a \$75.00 rebate from MD5M, through a Grant from LCI, which is given to each participant that completes the program. Participants must be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Our District would like to be able to fill our allotted 6 slots so please consider submitting an application today! Applications are available by contacting District Governor, Shirley Koroniak or me.

Looking forward to serving your Leadership needs this year! Please feel free to email me should you need an application for the RLLI or if you have any training requests for me at doris.st.jules@gmail.com

CLUBS

BABBITT LIONS

During the week of October 26-November 1, the Babbitt Lions conducted a medical equipment collection drive. Items collected included 8 wheel chairs, 1 electric lift chair, 2 aluminum walkers, 4 wheeled walkers with seats, 3 portable commodes, 3 shower chairs, 1 grab handle, tub mounted, 1 swing out support pole for beds, 3 bed wedges and 1 toilet riser with handles. The medical equipment loan program also served the community by distributing many pieces of equipment during this week. With the onset of winter, the Lions were busy putting ice & snow grips on canes and crutches for anyone who needs them. This is a much used service.

Marilyn Kapsch, secretary

Bemidji Lions Remember Veterans

Service to Country Comes Alive Through Stories and Artifacts November 11 - Armistice Day - November 11 Veterans Day

This year, Veterans Day and Bemidji Lions meeting day coincided. Bemidji Lions were asked to think of a special Veteran to honor with a story, picture, artifact or all of these at the November 11 meeting.

During the meeting, it became apparent that the program's honoring a Veteran was going to be even more meaningful than expected.

First hand narratives and descriptions from close relatives, transported attendees through time to the places where the Veterans served. Stories about World War 1, World War 11, the Korean Conflict, the Cold War and the Vietnam War. were told.

Examples

A younger brother's stories about frontline missions in Vietnam - the decorated brother (3 purple heart medals bronze star, silver star and more) returned home to die from illness a result of chemical warfare.

Learning about Cold War Germany from a Lion who served with the Army Corps of Engineers drawing maps of armed barriers on the German countryside WW11 Normandy invasion experiences of a Father

who was rescued from a glider crash. Artifacts such as a 1916 pistol from WW 1, armor piercing bullets shown with examples of battle use, a WW11 Father's military uniform shown by his son sharing stories of service

The twenty minute program held the attention of attendees for forty minutes and could have gone longer.

Bemidji Lions is a multi-generational club. The stories told, the questions answered were priceless. The Lions meeting was a natural forum for generational understanding and respect.

We are thankful for the service of the Veterans remembered and for the rich experiences of members.

CARLTON AREA LIONS

Carlton Area Lions Club - November Donations

\$500 Cloquet Outreach Center to help defray costs of meals to those in need in Cloquet/Carlton Area

\$500 Carlton, MN Interfaith Care Center to help provide Holiday Services to elderly

Lion Jim Vnuk

Secretary Carlton Area Lions Club

DRYDEN TRILLIUM LIONS

DRYDEN TRILLIUM LIONS CLUB

OCTOBER 2020 ACTIVITY REPORT

1. We got to have our first face to face meeting. At the Legion in town with all the social distancing protocols followed.
2. Two members delivered Meals on Wheels on Oct 31th & Nov 1st to 12 clients for 2 hours.
3. We have started collecting soft plastic for our environment challenge. This will continue until Jan 15th, 2021.
4. Visit from our District Governor Shirley. We donated 87.70 to DG Shirley cause Childhood Cancer
5. Dryden Food Bank – Money was collect 88.45 to purchase food for the food bank.
6. The “BJ “Ben” Ward Fellowship Award to Wendy Wiedenhoeft upon retiring from the Hearing Committee of the Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Lions Foundation following 6 years of service.
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8. Dryden Trillium Lions had their first “in person” meeting, since March. DG Shirley Koroniak was our guest and she was “tested” by Dr. Kildare and Nurse Ratchett. (Kathy Doherty and Barb Callewart).

DG Shirley presented Lion Bernice Braid with her 10 year service award.

Wendy Wiedenhoeft accepts her 10 year service award from our District Governor.

Wendy Wiedenhoeft was also presented with the Ben award Fellowship.

Dryden Trillium Lions combined 2 service objectives by collecting 68.1 pounds of plastics during Lions Week of Service, for our Soft Plastics Collection project.

Dryden Trillium Lions’ President and 1st Vice President, Shannon Oullette and Patty Lyle, delivered Meals on Wheels on Halloween.



Duluth Lions Club



Celebrating our 75th Charter Anniversary *Reminiscing the past* *Looking toward the future*

President Tom O'Brien welcomed attendees to our special event. The program included three Duluth Lions who gave a historical look into our past 75 years, and a panel of seven Lions who answered questions from Lions and guests.

Lion Jim Denney spoke about our club activities from 1945-1970. In our journey during these first 25 years, our club held its first pancake day. It was the beginning of a time of growth. He acknowledged two original members, both with over 50 years of membership and service: Lion Cliff Wiklund and PDG Tom Sailstad.

Lion Eric Schlacks presented 10 Amazing Facts about our club from 1970-1995. During this time, our first woman president was elected, and our club peaked at 135 members. Amazing!

Lion Pat Swenson reminded us of our club accomplishments from 1995 – 2020. We have faced many challenges, but we continue our call to service. We are committed to serve and overcome obstacles.

A panel of Lions shared their experiences in answer to questions posed by members. Topics included membership benefits, meaningful times as Lions, important traditions, innovations for the future, as well as lessons learned. Lion Sue encouraged us to give back as much as possible, remember that others need our help now more than ever, keep connected and safe, while moving forward with a little of the old and more of the new.

We were honored to have DG Shirley Koroniak join us. She congratulated the Duluth Club for an amazing 75 years, reminding us how grateful we are for technology and the ability to meet virtually. DG Koroniak awarded our club with a certificate honoring our 75th Charter year.

Duluth Lions Serve!

Plastic Recycling

Duluth Lions continue to collect plastic for the Plastic Recycling Challenge. Thank you to the Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss for hosting the location of our plastic recycle bin. We appreciate Lion Eric Schlacks' work on this district-wide project.

Holiday Cards for the Military

Duluth Lions are helping the American Red Cross in their efforts to recognize and thank members of the Military and Veterans by signing Holiday greeting cards thanking them for their sacrifice and service. In addition, there is a "Wish List" of needs where we have an opportunity to purchase items in support of Veterans who are struggling.

We thank Lion Shirley Sullwold, for spearheading this project!



American Red Cross
Serving Northern Minnesota

Supporting the Union Gospel Mission



The Union Gospel Mission in partnership with Kolar Auto is in the process of replacing their van. The van will be used to pick up food supplies from area food sources to continue the Mission's food program of feeding people in need. Our Club is supporting the Union Gospel Mission in this project.

FUND THE VAN!

FILL THE VAN!

FEED DULUTH!

The "YES" Committee (Youth, Environment and Service) and the Duluth Lions Club Board of Directors approved a \$500 match payment from the Club.

(Union Gospel Mission Cont.)

For every dollar received by the Union Gospel Mission from members of our Club toward the purchase of the new van, the club will donate a matching dollar, up to \$500 in total.

Cash and canned goods are also needed! The Mission continues to serve hot meals curbside, limited to utilizing the inside space due to COVID19. The need is great for replacement of the van, their lifeline, as they collect needed food items and dry goods. They are on pace to serve close to the 93,000 meals served last year, which now is accomplished by the employees of the UGM, unable to utilize the numerous volunteers that commit untold hours of service to the Mission. Thank you, Lion Jim Pratt, for your work on this project.



Lion Jim Pratt and
Kolar Auto
Representative

Duluth Centennial LEOs



September



The LEOs donated school supplies to the children living at the Steve O'Neil Apartments in Duluth.

October

During the Lions Week of Service, the LEOs collected, cleaned, bagged, and mailed 210 used medication bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries.



Duluth LEO's Slipper Socks Drive

The LEOs are holding a sock drive to collect slipper socks with treads on the bottom for local kids in need. These will keep kids warm while outside and keep them from slipping while inside.

The sock drive will run from November 1st through December 5th – The 63rd Anniversary of the beginning of Leo Clubs!

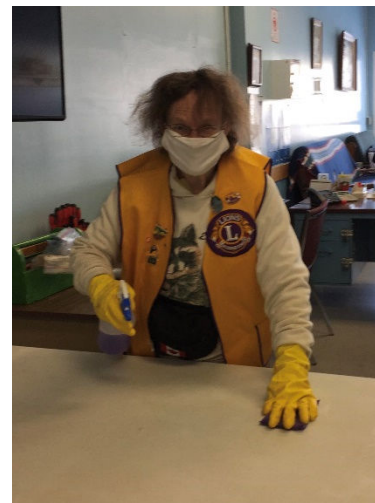
Upcoming Duluth Service Projects

Salvation Army
Christmas City of the North Parade
Chester Bowl Improvement Club
Bentleyville Tour of Lights

EAR FALLS LIONS

“Lions week of Service”

The Ear Falls Lions club completed three community projects during Lions week of service. Four Lions distributed Halloween Candy at the Township of Ear Falls municipal office. 59 children in scary costumes and 38 adults came through the doors - considering horrible weather, very cold and extreme winds. Two Lions and another volunteer cleaned tables and furniture etc. at Whispering Pines Senior Centre for the reopening of the centre which was closed for Covid 19. This senior centre is vital to our seniors in the community. One Lion and potential future Lion spent a day and half at Pakwash Provincial Park doing emergency repairs by installing cross arms on a Pergola. Many campers/park visitors will be able enjoy this structure safely.



RED LAKE DISTRICT LIONS

Red Lake District Lions Club is currently organizing both a Christmas Ornament and a Calendar for sale that will commemorate the Evacuation of Red Lake due to Red Lake Fire 49.

As part of our week of service, several Lions also picked up trash along Highway 105. Missing from the Photo is Lion Ed.



LIONS COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to all entrants!

0-5 MOST ORIGINAL Chloe Nichols	0-5 SCARIEST Malenah Rousseau
6-12 MOST ORIGINAL Emma Russell-Mahoney	6-12 SCARIEST Jaxson Coughlin
ADULT MOST ORIGINAL Chase Melnickuk	ADULT SCARIEST Chelsey Greig

Random Draw Winners:
Emma Russell-Mahoney and Dustin Earl

Celebration Fundraiser Signs and Decorations

Sample Birthday Packages

Additional Signs

Personal Message frames
Medium/Age or Years/Small

Stars, Hearts, Pompoms and Honk

Small cake

Large cake

Celebration Fundraiser

Sioux Lookout Lions...helping people smile!

We have created various lawn signs to help you celebrate a birthday, anniversary, birth or other special occasion, or just to say thank you to someone special. Personalized messages can be added to blank frames. New signs and decorations will be added over time.

**FOR A MINIMUM DONATION OF \$20, WE WILL
PLACE SIGNS AND DECORATIONS ON THE LAWN
IN THE MORNING AND WILL PICK THEM UP LATER
IN THE EVENING.**



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**A SHOUT OUT TO THE DRYDEN GM ICE DOGS FOR
ALLOWING US TO REPLICATE THEIR FUNDRAISER.**

VERMILION BAY LIONS

The fall has come and gone and it appears winter is trying desperately to set in. Add COVID with all its restrictions and this will be a different winter for many of us. COVID-19 restrictions have prevented many of us from spending time with family that resides in other areas and getting out to functions that are no longer going on, so The Vermilion Bay Lions will be trying to do a function every 1 to 2 months. We hope that in doing so it will give the area residents something to look forward to.

Our assisted devices committee has been fairly busy getting new donations in and delivering some of our existing inventory out to those that need them.

What have The Vermilion Bay Lions been up to in the community?

In an effort to help the environment, the Vermilion Bay Lions are collecting soft plastics ie plastic grocery bags to be recycled and eventually made into useful items. This saves them from going into our landfill. Many of you might not know but plastic takes **many** years to break down, if it does at all and in the meantime the landfill sites have them blowing all over the place creating an eyesore.

Some residents in our area don't have drinkable water so the Northwestern Health Unit is providing water and the Vermilion Bay Lions are providing a pick up spot and ensuring that there is always water available for those in need.

On October 24th, the Vermilion Bay Lions hosted a **Harvest Supper**, take out style. The supper was huge success for our residents and financially for the club. We received several comments of appreciation for doing the dinner, for the quantity of food and for the tastiness of the foods. Special thanks to all who purchased and to all the ladies that prepared and assembled the meals.

October 25th some of our members donned their winter gear and built the **GAGA pit** at Lilian Berg Public School. Every time we pass by in the coming years and see children enjoying this, we will know it was a great addition to the community. For those that are slightly older, like me, and are asking what is GAGA, GAGA is similar to dodge ball. A letter was read from a class at the Lilian Berg Public School stating how much they were enjoying the GAGA pit. A shout out to the members that worked out in the cold to assemble this project.

October 31, **Halloween**, normally a great time to be a kid. The day dawned beautifully and the thought went through my mind that it was going to be great for the kids. Mother-nature showed who was truly in control and unleashed her full winter wrath starting around 5pm and was merciless for the rest of the night. Winter was definitely here.

This year with the pandemic, some parents were hesitant to take or allow their children to go door to door. To preserve safety and still keep some fun in Halloween, the Lions members parked in front of the hall from 5pm until 8pm. Some members decorated their cars, some were in costume, 9 members in total were there to freeze and hand out goodies to the kids. Another 7 members who couldn't be there donated goodies. There were images playing on the front of our building and Halloween music playing from the car speakers. Approximately 91 children came out and picked up goodie bags then went on to the arena where the fire department and minor hockey associations had set up the same way. A special thanks to the members who willingly froze to keep some normalcy in Halloween for our local kids.

So what is on the upcoming Vermilion Bay Lion's agenda?
Throughout November the Vermilion Bay Lions will be taking orders for cheddar **Perogies**. \$8.00/dozen and dainty trays for those who are looking for that something extra for their Christmas goodies.

December 5th the Vermilion Bay Lions will be hosting a **Bake Sale** 1 to 4pm at the hall. This year's bake sale will be a little different from other years because we have to comply with COVID-19 restrictions permitting a total of 10 people in the building at one time. Most of you will agree food always tastes better when someone else makes it. At any of the Lions function noted above social distancing must be respected and **masks are mandatory**.

We know it's not as much fun as the bake sale and teas that have been hosted other years or the craft sales we have all gotten accustomed to attending leading up to the Christmas Holidays but it is the best we can do with the pandemic still at large.

Speaking of the pandemic many people are going through this alone. If you know of anyone please, take the time and give them a call. Make sure they are okay, it will only take a few minutes of your time and who knows how much of a difference you will make to the other person's day. You might be that one call that gives them hope that they are not alone. Stay safe, stay warm and stay well. Hope to see you all on the other side of this pandemic.

Until next month, stay safe, stay warm and give thanks for all we have.



