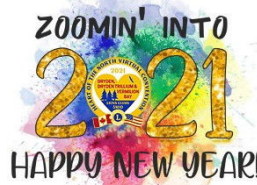


# *5M10 NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2021*



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Happy New Year, everyone! I'm sure I'm not alone in welcoming 2021 with hopes of being together, once again. I think we are all looking forward to, at some point in the foreseeable future, returning to some form of normal.

We are Zooming into 2021 and I'm not anticipating that will go away any time soon. The district recognizes that and the need to expand our ability for clubs to host meetings concurrently. We have, therefore, purchased an additional host account for Zoom. We also now have the ability to host large meetings. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

January has always been convention month in District 5M10 and January 2021 is no different. The major difference, however, is that it will be virtual rather than in-person and there will be no charge to attend. If you have not already done so, please visit our website at <https://5m10lions.org/> to register for that event. Although this is our first attempt at a convention using this format, I am confident you will enjoy this shortened version of our annual convention.

We hosted our nominating speeches for our District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-District Governor on January 13<sup>th</sup>, along with campaign speeches for the Canadian 2021 International Director. Those speeches can now be viewed from our website <https://5m10lions.org/mwconvention2021/>.

Our district service project for tied blankets has shown overwhelming interest and participation. You have proven that even COVID can't hold Lions of District 5M10 back from providing the service that brought us all together in the first place. I am so proud that you have given me the opportunity to serve this district as Governor and that you continue to support my passion for service.

I'm looking forward to seeing all those blankets at the convention and to seeing all of you online during our convention.

Thank you,  
Stay Safe,  
DG Shirley

## Visions from Lion 1VDG Sue Winner

Hopefully, I will be elected your District Governor for 2021-2022 at the end of January. If we have not met in the past 8 years that I have been a Lion, I will be excited to meet you my District Governor year. A little bit about me. My educational background is in Laboratory Science. As a Laboratory Outreach Manager my responsibilities included helping create laboratory departments, making sure their sites were interfaced and computerized, educating and training employees and making sure they followed all compliance rules. I also had to sell our laboratory product to our clients. Each skill has been an asset in my Vice District Governor journey. I am now retired and love the idea of service taking the place of a career that I loved.

I have always loved mixing chemicals and using laboratory testing to help physicians diagnose disease. I especially enjoyed solving problems in the lab. Now as I work with projects directed at Environment, Vision, Diabetes and Childhood Cancer; it fills my hunger for Science. But I also love solving problems.

Working on service in our communities, especially when this includes Hunger gives me an opportunity to solve problems.

We all respect the visionaries in Lionism. Visionaries is described as “a person who thinks about or plans the future with imagination or wisdom”. I am pretty sure this doesn’t describe me; I think I am more the person that takes the vision and puts it to work, solving any problems as they arise. I know that District 5M10 has visionaries and I believe that each of our clubs has someone we think of as a visionary. But our clubs need all types of members, we need the members that can take an idea, expand that idea, put it to work, solve any problems and move the project forward. Melvin Jones was our first Visionary and what a vision it turned out to be. But he was not our first President, Lion Dr. W.P. Wood became the first president. Lion Melvin Jones was elected as the first secretary/treasurer. However, he was also the de facto CEO and global goodwill ambassador, a position that he held for many years. His favorite saying was, “Truth and roses have thorns about them.”

Visionary Helen Keller came to the Lions to look for help for the Blind. Her comments to the International Convention in 1925; “Won’t you be the Knights of the Blind? Alone we can do so little together we can do so much.” Lions have been diligently working for sight ever since.

We have members in our own clubs that are visionaries, and we have Lions that work passionately to put these visions into service. As DG Shirley has said, “The clubs are the Heart of our District”. As a member of a club, we are the Lions that understand the visions. We work passionately to put visions to work; to solve problems and find out what works and what doesn’t work. We are diligent and work hard to serve. Without our Lions Clubs and members, a vision is just wishful thinking.

We need all Lions to step up and help their clubs and their district. As our parents always said; “Many hands make light work.” Where do you fit in? How can you help to complete the visions? As one Lion said, “If not me then who, if not now the when?” It is your decision. I believe you, like me, know that Lions Club International gives us the greatest opportunity to serve our communities. Our nations and our world. Let’s get motivated to Step Up and Forward into the Future!

Proud to be a Lion,

Lion 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Sue Winner



Update from your District Global Leadership Team Coordinator:

I just wanted to bring a couple of things to your attention in this month's newsletter around Leadership as it relates to training opportunities and the needs for the members of our District.

Our District's VIRTUAL Mid- Winter Convention is gearing up with Candidate speeches being held online on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm Central Time, followed by a period for voting by the Convention Delegates between Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and finally, the Convention itself in the evening of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm Central Time and the morning of Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am Central Time. The Convention is open to ALL members so if you have not yet registered, please take this incredible opportunity to do so. The link for registrations for the evening session and the morning session can be found at the following:

- i) Jan. 22, 2021  
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvce-oqz4vEtL5bUdnArJEzbfGcYFwYtkE?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=dont\\_forget&utm\\_term=2021-01-12](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvce-oqz4vEtL5bUdnArJEzbfGcYFwYtkE?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dont_forget&utm_term=2021-01-12)
- ii) Jan. 23, 2021  
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocuiqqT4pEtEV3rExjbnCT9vLj8j7qWX8?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=dont\\_forget&utm\\_term=2021-01-11](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocuiqqT4pEtEV3rExjbnCT9vLj8j7qWX8?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dont_forget&utm_term=2021-01-11)

The next Northern Pride Lions Forum is planned for March 2022. The last Northern Pride Lions Forum was scheduled last March but was cancelled due to COVID-19. Stay tuned as more information about the next NPLF is released.

I also wanted to remind you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) that was scheduled to be held on March 18-21, 2021 in Detroit Lakes has been **postponed** until a date in the fall of 2021 can be determined. The continuing impacts of COVID-19 have been making it difficult to be able to host these very important Institutes in a Face-to-Face venue. As safety continues to be the priority for Lions Clubs International, a suitable date in the fall of 2021 will be determined and the new application process will be communicated with all members.

I will be sending out a very short survey to the members of our District through your Club Secretary to see what your training needs and interests are. I would like to encourage you to take the time to fill out this survey when you get it so I can plan some training for you.

Thank you for your continued involvement in the very important work of our Lions, especially during these trying times. I know that many of our Clubs have had to 'think outside the box' in terms of what service projects or fundraising they could get involved in for their communities. It is important for our Clubs to think about these new opportunities to serve our communities, as this is what Lions do!

I hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday season! I look forward to working with the District members on some other Leadership projects in the New Year!

Your District Global Leadership Team Coordinator, Lion Doris St. Jules

## **Global Service Team News**

### **Childhood Cancer District Wide Service Project**

It has been wonderful to see on Facebook how many fleece blankets Lions and clubs are making for our Midwinter Convention. Please remember to bring your blankets to show on our virtual convention on January 23rd where we will showcase all the wonderful blankets. After the convention, the blankets will be collected and shared with health-care facilities. Blankets donated by US clubs will be donated to health centers in Minnesota and blankets donated by Canadian clubs will be donated to health centers in Northwestern Ontario. You are really making a difference for children with cancer!

If you need help making your fleece blanket check out the Dryden Lions Facebook post [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=1338025009866134&id=100009759422387](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1338025009866134&id=100009759422387) or the Dryden Trillium Lions Club instructional video at <https://youtu.be/oWFOrAko5OQ>.

### **District 5M10 Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge**

It has also been great to see how many clubs have joined the District 5M10 Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge. You are keeping many pounds of plastic out of our environment and landfills! Remember to turn in the number of pounds of plastic you have recycled to District Environmental Chair Eric Schlacks to compete for a district award for the club that recycles the most plastic per member at the Midwinter Convention.

### **MyLion Service Reporting**

There are many service projects your club can still safely perform during COVID 19 as I have listed in previous district newsletters. Only 40% of our district's clubs have reported service projects so far this year. If your club has not done a service project yet, I hope your club is planning a project to do soon to keep your members engaged. Remember to report your service projects on MyLion on the Lions Clubs International website. If you have experienced difficulty and need help reporting service on MyLion please let me know at [lrrywnnr@gmail.com](mailto:lrrywnnr@gmail.com) or (218)260-8110 and we will walk you through the reporting process.

### **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Update**

You all have the opportunity to attend the Twelfth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update which will be held virtually this year on Thursday March 18 from 6:00 – 6:45 PM CDT. Join the virtual meeting and listen to the exciting news of University of Minnesota scientists who will be talking about the progress they are making in both preventing and curing diabetes. Check out the flyer in this newsletter and type the RSVP link into your browser to RSVP for this exciting meeting.

You can **Catch the Dream.....a world without Diabetes! & Catch some Ca\$h** by purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket from one of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation trustees. All net proceeds will be donated toward research to treat and cure Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and you will have a chance to win up to \$1,000 cash! Check out the flyer in this newsletter for raffle and trustee contact information.

PDG Larry Winner  
District 5M10 GST Coordinator

Happy New Year fellow Lions!

I bring you greetings on behalf of Can Do Canines. Remember any club who wants a visit need only contact me to arrange a presentation, either in person or via Zoom™.

Can Do Canines certified 51 client/dog teams in 2020! Not bad for being shut down for part of the year.

As things (hopefully) start opening up in the near future, please let all fellow Lions know that Can Do Canines are having their usual monthly presentations which are open to everyone. For now, they are virtual and the organization is sending out a Zoom link for those who want to learn more about the organization. Here is the list of 2021 Tails to Tell presentation dates:

**Tails to Tell presentation dates for 2021**

January	Thur 1/14	7pm
February	Sat 2/06	11am
March	Thur 3/11	7pm
April	Sat 4/10	11am
May	Thur 5/13	7pm
June	Thur 6/10	7pm
July	Sat 7/17	11am
August	Thur 8/19	7pm
September	Thur 9/9	7pm
October	Sat 10/2	11am
November	Thur 11/11	7pm
December	Sat 12/4	11am

Anyone who wants to attend one of the dates can contact Kathy Broten at Can Do Canines: [kbrotten@can-do-canines.org](mailto:kbrotten@can-do-canines.org), and she will put you on the list to receive the link as the date gets closer.

Lion Bob Woodke

5 M 10 Can Do Canines Chair



The Lions Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation expresses its gratitude to and honors individuals through the Lions Hearing Research Fellowship Award. A great deal of valuable research is carried out at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These awards come from the donations of clubs through the 5M9 district projects. For every \$1000 cumulated (per club), an award can be given to an individual, business or group who the club designates. The award may be given to a Lion, but does not have to be so.

The club decides and then sends in an application to the Minnesota Hearing Foundation treasurer, whose information is listed on the form. The form must include the club applying for the award, the name or names of the recipient(s) and the address of the recipient(s). The club will receive the plaque and can then decide when to give it to the award winner.

The plaque is a lovely tribute for service to others, especially in the field of hearing health. Over the next few months, we will be describing several of the research grants that have been given out this year. We are sure you will find some of them interesting and informative.



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Award

For more about the many services offered, visit our website: [www.5mhf.org](http://www.5mhf.org)





## *Twelfth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update*

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Foundation and Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn how these scientists, funded by the Lions Diabetes Research Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**  
**6 to 6:45 p.m.**

### **Faculty Research Presentations:**

▣ **David Bernlohr, Ph.D.**, *Targeting Adipose Tissue to Treat Type 2 Diabetes*

**Michael Garwood, Ph.D. and Paul Wang, M.D./Ph.D. candidate**, *Desktop MRI Oxygen Scanner for Assessing Islet Oxygenation in the Bioartificial Pancreas*

**Bernhard Hering, M.D.**, *Transplants of Insulin-Secreting Islet Cells Without Anti-Rejection Drugs*

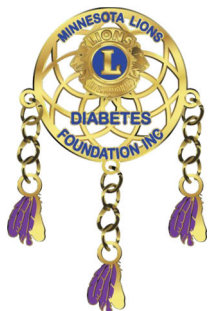
**Steve Koester, Ph.D.**, *A Novel Breath Sensing Device for Early Detection of Diabetic Ketoacidosis*

**Brian Fife, Ph.D.**, *Curing Diabetes by Stopping the Immune System*

Please contact Caitlin Ochtera at [ochte001@umn.edu](mailto:ochte001@umn.edu) with any questions.

RSVP online at [www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2021](http://www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2021)

You will receive an email confirmation, including a link to the virtual gathering, prior to the webinar.





Second Quarter  
update January 2021

It's been a challenging year for all of us in Lions and for certain there have been many challenges at the Foundation thanks to COVID. Those challenges however have encouraged us to look for solutions that we might never have found otherwise.

Our amalgamation of the Foundation and the Eye Bank is almost complete. Moving forward we will only be known as the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario but the Service of both Foundations and the Hearing Committee will continue unchanged. The pillars of service under the Foundation are Sight (Eye glasses, support of the Buhler Eye Bank, KidSight), Hearing (aids, children's aid loaner program), Medical Assistance (medical equipment assist, appointment assist, medical support) and Rural Housing (Serenity Suites rental for medical appointments) The amalgamation will combine reporting, consolidate and reduce expenses but in no way affect the services that we provide.

We are grateful to our 3 Districts for the huge response to the Canadian Lions Centennial Legacy project. Because of those donations and the matching grants that were applied for and received, we have begun the work to upgrade the rental suites that are used for anyone coming to the city for medical appointments. The first unit is almost ready for occupancy with a majority of the work being completed by Lions from 5M10. Watch for the announcement and pictures as the before and after photos are nothing short of amazing. The demand for our 3 suites is increasing as Port in the Storm has closed their doors and reasonable accommodations are challenging for many in our 3 Districts.

The need for medical assistance in the time of coV19 has increased substantially and as expected so has the need for donations to support the programs. Clubs are having challenges in fundraising and the Foundation has engaged many outside options to generate financial support outside of our clubs. We have established a "Text to Donate" program which allows anyone anywhere to donate to the Foundation by texting "weserve to 20222". You can donate \$10 once or set up monthly \$10 donations automatically. It does not require the use of your credit card and is billed directly to your phone bill. If you want to support the Journey for Sight program you can text "sight to 20222" for a one-time \$25 donation.

We also have registered to the FLIPGIVE app...where you can register with the Lion Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario team by using the join team code "52WPCV". There are a huge number of name brand stores that will donate a percentage of your purchase amount. It costs you nothing and raises money for the Foundation when you purchase items that you would be purchasing anyway! Christmas purchases by team members raised over \$600 in donations by the vendors we purchased from! Nothing extra out of our pockets personally and lots into the Foundations!



Tammy has been busy applying for COVID grants and other grants to assist the Foundation during this difficult period for not for profits and has been successful in several as well as being able to acquire another SPOT camera for the KidSight programs.

We have plans for a large scale public fundraiser in the near future so watch our web page and our FB page for updates.

Anyone can donate to the Foundation at any time by going to Canada Helps at the link below.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/lions-foundation-of-manitoba-and-northwestern-ontario-incorp/>

All personal donations are issued a tax receipt from this site directly.

We have updated the awards process for clubs as now all donation amounts are recorded for each club (or person if a personal donation) and chosen awards can be designated to any deserving Lion or non- lion at the clubs discretion. We are excited to now also have the Ben Ward fellowship as well. The fellowship is our Foundation equivalent to the Melvin Jones and is also a progressive award. Please contact the office for more information. To date we have 5 Ben Ward Fellows that have been honored with a plaque and pin and look forward very soon to honoring our first progressive Ben Ward Fellowship.

Our board committees meet monthly through zoom to complete scheduled work plan items keeping our Board/office policies, staff and director job descriptions updated and well documented as well as being accountable to the year's budgets. Website is being updated and pamphlets updated. Our Facebook page is growing and information is being shared there on a daily basis. Our strategic plan was updated in September as we are ahead of schedule in completing!

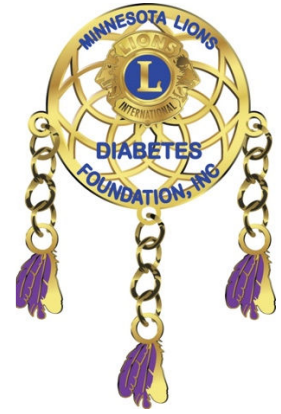
We are thankful for all you have done in supporting our Foundation and look forward to your continued support through these trying times. Please feel free to contact myself, your District directors or the staff at the Foundation with any questions or ideas!

In Service,

Lion Joanne Board Chair

[Joanne.ogden@lionsfoundation.org](mailto:Joanne.ogden@lionsfoundation.org)

*Catch the Dream...*  
*...a world without Diabetes!*  
**& Catch some Ca\$h**



A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

**Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will donate  
net proceeds from this cash raffle toward research  
to treat and cure Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.**

**10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10**

**2 \$1,000 winners 2 \$500 winners**

**2 \$200 winners 4 \$50 winners**

**Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003**

**Drawing 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

**Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee for  
tickets & information!**

**Trustee Lion Kevin McNichols at [Kevinm@Meds-1.com](mailto:Kevinm@Meds-1.com)**

**Trustee Lion PDG Mark Eyre at [eyremark2672@gmail.com](mailto:eyremark2672@gmail.com)**

**Executive Secretary Lion PDG Larry Winner at  
[lrrywnnr@gmail.com](mailto:lrrywnnr@gmail.com)**

*Visit [MnLionsDiabetes.org](http://MnLionsDiabetes.org) for more information and contacts*

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **BABBITT LIONS**

During the month of December, the Babbitt Lions Club made 25 fleece blankets to be donated to children with cancer. Almost all Lion members took part in this project. Some worked together using masks and social distancing. Others worked at home. Each blanket is different and very cute.





## CARLTON AREA LIONS CLUB EVENTS

November & December 2020

All business has been conducted on line

\$400 was donated to Carlton VFW Auxiliary to help provide Veterans Day Dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup>

Lions helping with dinner Gaylen, Jim V, Chuck and Guest Mary. Around 140 meals were served take out style with the help of the Carlton VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Lion Gaylen's wife Linda chaired for VFW.

\$500 donated to HDC Outreach Center, Cloquet MN to help pay for food to provide meals for people in the area with special needs.

\$500 donated to IFCC in Carlton to help provide Holiday cheer to Veterans and other elderly residents.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Lions installed garland and lights to decorate main street of Carlton MN for the holidays

Lions working on project Joel, Jim L, Chuck, Becky, Patty and Guest Smitty, also a special Thank You to Lion Becky's partner Wes who provided his mechanical lift and helping hands.

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at Super One Foods, Cloquet

11am - 1pm Lion Sue Z

1pm - 3pm Lion Janelle

3pm - 5pm Lion Larry

5pm - 7pm Lion Patty

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at L&M, Cloquet

11am - 3pm Lion Jim V

5pm - 7pm Lion Betsy

In Conjunction with Virtual 5M10 Midwinter Convention, Carlton Lions will help to make Tied Fleece blankets in support of Childhood Cancer

Lions Participating, Joel, Betsy, Patty, Sue, Linda. Blanket kits can be purchased at Joanne's Fabrics in Duluth (2for \$10) and need to be Photographed and submitted to DG Shirley by January 12th

3 Lions members have volunteered to serve as Carlton voting delegates at Midwinter Lions Betsy, Gaylen and Rita

Also ongoing since Sept presentation by Duluth Lions on plastic recycling project is Lion Rita Chairing this project with about 4 more months to achieve our clubs 500# goal. Contact her if you have plastic.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Carlton Area Lions approved to donate \$1000 to help the Carlton VFW to offset expenses to keep club going during mandatory shut down due to COVID 10 Pandemic. The Carlton High School student body has also started a Go Fund Me page to help raise funds. The Carlton Area Lions meets at the Carlton VFW and have maintained a long term relationship with VFW organization.

Lion Jim Vnuk

Carlton Area Lions





## The Lions Tale

January 2021

### Duluth Lions Helped FUND and FILL the van!



The van showing the logos of the many contributors to the purchase, including the Duluth Lions.



Susan Jordahl-Bubacz signing paperwork to turn the van over to the Union Gospel Mission.



Duluth Lions showcasing the club contribution to the van purchase.

Because of the desperate need of the Union Gospel Mission for a new van, the Duluth Lions made an early commitment toward the purchase of a van. The YES Committee challenged club members with a matching pledge of \$500 toward the purchase. Club members came through with an additional \$725, for a total club contribution of \$1,275. GO LIONS!

As a whole, the total Fund & Fill effort stands just north of \$20,000 raised and over 6,000 pounds of food donated. Major contributors were Kolar automotive, SuperOne Foods, Townsquare Media, WDIO, Wells Fargo, Advantage Emblem and Mt. Royal Market.



Lion Jim Pratt speaking to the people gathered at Kolar auto.



Some of the many cases of food donated by SuperOne to fill the van!



## District 5M10 Plastic Recycling Challenge

Lions District 5M10 Newsletter Update January 12, 2021

Lions Clubs in our District are in the final stretch of the Plastic Recycling Challenge! Seven clubs have accepted the challenge to see how much soft plastic they can recycle by the Midwinter Convention. The last date to report the amount of plastic collected, weighed, and recycled for the Challenge is January 19, 2021.

Let's see a big surge in the days left in the Challenge and get the total amount of plastic recycled to over 1200 pounds. Ask your friends and neighbors to give you their soft plastic to recycle.

The amount of plastic clubs have reported recycling as of January 5, 2021:

Club	Total Recycled	Amount per Member
Bemidji Lions Club	88 lbs	1.0 lbs/member
Bemidji First City Lions Club	62 lbs	2.2 lbs/member
Carlton Area Lions Club	199 lbs	8.0 lbs/member
Dryden Trillium Lions Club	354 lbs	10.4 lbs/member
Duluth Lions Club	252 lbs	3.0 lbs/member
Lakehead Campus Lions Club	No Report	No Report
Vermillion Bay Lions Club	68.7 lbs	1.5 lbs/member

These clubs have collected, weighed, and recycled a total of 1024 pounds of plastic so far.

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. The Dryden Trillium Lions Club seems to have a big lead, but the Carlton Lions Club is still close enough to catch them. Each Club recycling soft plastic in the Challenge will receive a patch to put on its Club banner.

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

The picture is of future Leos/Lions bringing the plastic to be recycled by Lion Gail Tate of the Duluth Lions Club.



## **METRO LIONS**

Metro Lions Club of Thunder Bay participated in the District 5M10 Recycle Project.

Lion Rob collected 9.625 lbs of Recycle bags, with thanks from family members and fellow Lions members Heather & Rob F.

The bags were delivered to the Dew Drop Inn ([www.dewdropinnthunderbay.ca](http://www.dewdropinnthunderbay.ca)) of Thunder Bay on Dec.23.2020.

Lion Rob Crosley  
Zone Chair.

Metro Lions Club member Rob Crosley and his wife JoAnn made 2 Comfort Blankets for the 5M10 District project.



**WAY TO GO LIONS!**



## ORR LIONS

Wendy Purdy and Sandy Bushnell pack food boxes for needy families for Christmas along with some small Christmas gifts for the children in these families this was also made possible with funding from the Orr lions community Foundation, Orr Lions, and donations from the community along with help from Pelican Bay Foods the local grocery store.



Wendy Purdy and Tom Antikainen at the giving cupboard food shelf. The Orr Lions along with the Orr Lions Community Foundation donated \$650 worth of product to the giving cupboard.

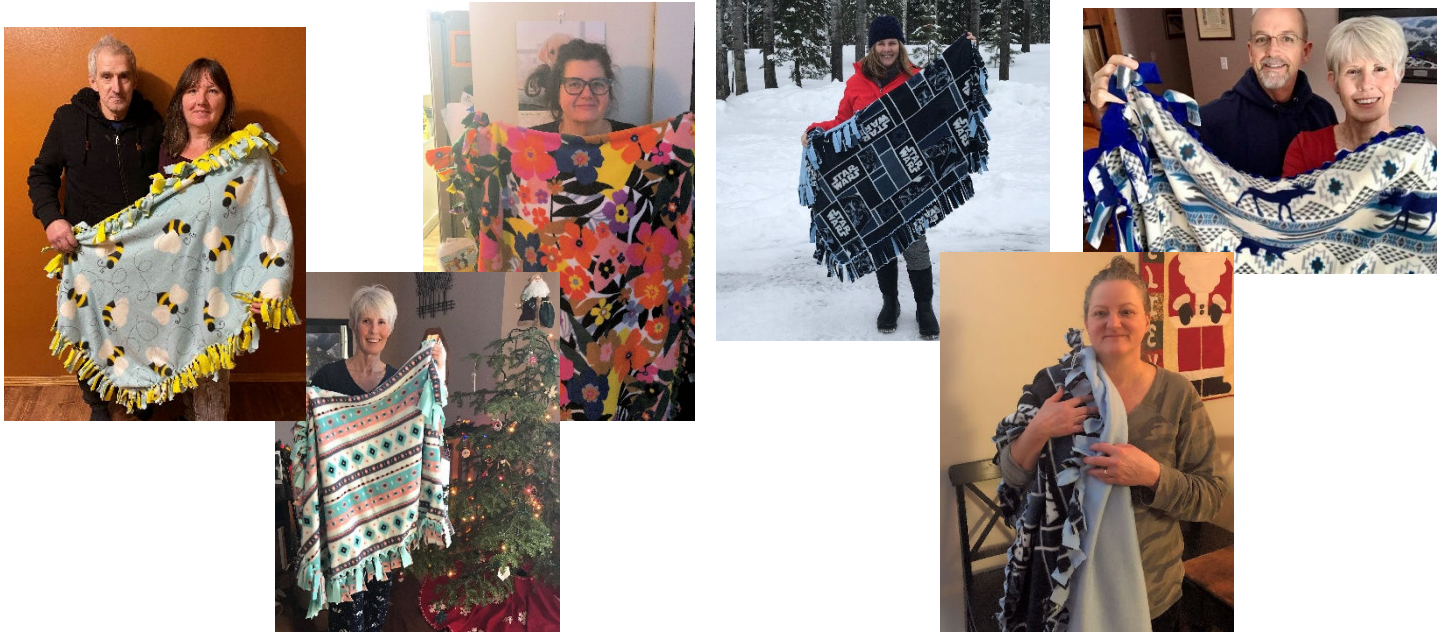


## SIOUX LOOKOUT

### Sioux Lookout Lions - January 2021 Update

Happy New Year to all of our fellow Lions!

The Sioux Lookout Lions Club has spent the early part of January making blankets like many of our 5M-10 clubs. When all are done, we should have 14 blankets completed by 11 members. Now we are looking forward to participating in the virtual convention and the on-line elections. A new experience for all!



Our “Celebration Fundraiser”, also known as the “Smile Maker”, is continuing to run throughout the winter. Bookings started out a bit slower but have picked up again as the new year brings us into lock downs again. We hit two milestones with our fundraiser - the \$2000 mark in profits in early January and our 50<sup>th</sup> order on a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday!



**Greetings!**

**I am working on building the web site for the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and would like to share what other districts are sharing with their members.**

**Can I be placed on your distribution list for your newsletter?**

**Lion Colleen**

**Robbinsdale Lions, Treasurer**



#### **2021 MD5M Convention**

**District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention “Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree” in Mankato, MN, April 30 – May 2, 2021. Our theme builds on our previous Bend in the River themes. At this point in time, our committee is planning a hybrid convention to give all members the opportunity to join us for the weekend as they feel comfortable. All in-person events will be held at the Mayo Event Center, the same venue as the 2011 and 2016 conventions.**

**Registration and hotel information is available online via the MD5M website/conventions. Registration prices will be updated shortly to reflect the necessary format changes being made.**

**Changes to accommodate the hybrid model will be made to the raffle room/silent auction, co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, and which will be conducted all online. Stay tuned for updates and additional information from these two foundations.**

**Another change will be online only voting for any voting needs. Further information on the club requirements for online voting will be sent to all club secretaries in upcoming months.**

**At this time, we have several great speakers lined up for the weekend - Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Hospital on Children’s cancer; Dr. Joshua Hou – Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight; Dr. Bevan Yueh from MN Lions Hearing Foundation and a Leader Dog speaker on the puppy program at Lino Lakes. Our scheduled International guest is Past International President Frank Moore. Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.**

**Plans are changing frequently as the host committee continues to deal with the changing coronavirus restraints. Watch for additional information in the next weeks and months via emails to your club secretaries, your district newsletters and via the multiple district website.**

**District 5M-2 hopes you will Join Us for the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III – MD5M 2021 Convention!**

