

## DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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### Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos

Another month has passed and the ability to carry on Lions business continues to be a challenge, maybe even more so than last month. We can only hope and pray this pandemic can end sooner than later.

During the cabinet meeting October 24, the decision was made not to have an in-person mid-winter convention. Instead there will be a one-day virtual meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2021. The details of this are not final but stay tuned as we have some "out of the box" ideas for the meeting.

The Manitoba clubs of the district will soon be involved with the election of an international director (ID). Clubs are currently being asked to name their voting delegates. The actual voting by the delegates will take place January 19-21. The elected director will represent 5M10 Ontario clubs, 5M11 Manitoba clubs and 5M13 clubs. This person will serve as an international director from 2023-2025.

There are two candidates for the ID position; PDG Doug Wiens, 5M11, Grunthal Lions and PDG Joanne Ogden, 5M10, Emo Lions. This is an important election as this area has not had a director for nearly 40 years. The next opportunity will be at least 14 years.

If your club has peace poster entries the posters **need** to be to me by **November 15**. My address is 15475 110<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

For those of you on the Minnesota side of the border, please consider a date for club visits and submit the club visitation request form. For those of you in Manitoba you can submit a visitation request knowing it will have to be a virtual visit.

Even with the restrictions we are faced with, our work as Lions must continue, in order to better our communities and to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

As a "team" we will get through these challenging times and be stronger in the end. Keep up the hope, spirit, and service.

Yours in service,  
Lion Kevin Reich  
5M11 District Governor 2020-2021

"Serving with Diversity and Kindness"  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
102<sup>nd</sup> Lions Clubs International President

### **\*\*NOTICE\*\***

**The MD5M Mid-Winter Convention will be a  
virtual event, which will take place on  
**Saturday, January 30, 2021.**  
**More info to follow.****





## District 5M11 2020-2021 Cabinet Meetings

- May 15, 2021: Bethany Lutheran Church, Red Lake Falls, MN - 11:00 AM

## 2021 Mid-Winter Convention - Virtual Event

- January 30, 2021: Virtual Event  
*More information to follow soon*



Zone 2 Meeting, held on September 23 at Ulen Event Center, was hosted by Ulen Lions. DG Kevin and 1st VDG Allen spoke to the group.



Lion Jenifer inducted two new members into the Hitterdal Lions Club .

Lion Lynne Anderson - sponsor  
Lion Dave Nelson  
Lion Danica Langerud - sponsor  
Lion Roger Langerud.



The Hitterdal Lions cleaning up Tombstones in local cemeteries around Hitterdal, MN.





# The Hawley, MN Lions Bag up 5,000 pounds of Potatoes

By Jen Miller, Hawley Herald

Last Wednesday, the Hawley Lions spent a beautiful fall day bagging potatoes. "Seventeen Lions showed up to bag. The youngest being 32 and the oldest, Lyle Hanson, at 85, though most of us are in our 70s. That life experience adds up to 1,164 years," Lion Member, Joe Pederson, said. The Lions, who are known to crack 4,000 eggs during Breakfast on the Farm, bagged 700 bags of potatoes. If you figure there are about 10 potatoes to a bag, that's 7,000 potatoes. "We estimated that each bag weighs about seven pounds, so we bagged about 5,000 pounds of potatoes, which is quite a few spuds," Joe chuckled.

That is a lot of potatoes to come from a backyard vegetable garden and a few too many for a Thanksgiving dinner, so who supplies the potatoes and where do they go bagged, from Doug Keepings' heated building?

RDO Equipment Co. provided the potatoes. Shawn Nelson is the middle man, who lined things up and assisted in hauling the trailer, supplied by Trevor Muchow, of potatoes to Doug Keeping's farm, where the potatoes were bagged. Ag Valley Supplies supplied the bags and Tony's Supervalu supplied the twisty ties to seal the bags. "All these things have to come together, or the project doesn't work," Joe stated. He went on to say, "It requires a lot of manpower and all those who support us, and we are very grateful for all their help."

The Potato Bagging, which started eleven or twelve years ago, ties together with the MillerCoors Food Drive, now called the Miller Lite Food Drive. Since 2008, the Hawley Liquor Store has collected and donated 80 tons of food and cash (\$1 equals three pounds of food) towards REACH's food pantry. Last year, the Hawley Liquor Store, with the Hawley Lions and community member's help, raised 30,864 pounds of food and cash donations, winning the competition. MillerCoors awards the winning liquor store with a \$1,000 check. Michael Friesen, Manager at the Hawley Liquor Store, donated that \$1,000 along with the food and monetary donations, to the REACH food pantry. "To me, working with the community and helping those in need, especially during the upcoming holidays, is what it is all about," Michael Friesen commented.

The Miller Lite Food Drive kicked off October 1, and the Hawley Liquor Store needs your help in meeting if not beating last year's 30,864 pounds. Food or monetary donations can be made at the Hawley Liquor Store or brought to REACH (due to COVID, you might want to give REACH a jingle, 483-3145, to set up a drop off time) until October 31. "Hopefully, we get that check again this year. That would be another \$1,000 for the food pantry," Michael said.

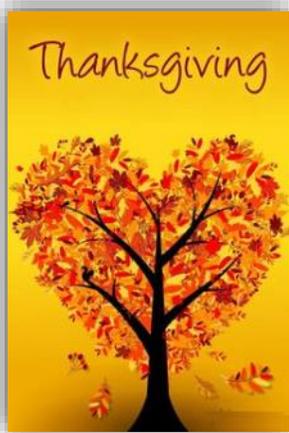
REACH stocks the food pantry with the potatoes, and they're also used to fill the Spirit of Giving baskets during the holidays. The Lions also donate bags of potatoes to Lakes and Prairies Community Action for their senior program and the Dorothy Day Food Pantry in Moorhead. In past years, bags were donated to area churches for their fall harvest suppers, but COVID-19 canceled such events as the Rollag Lutheran Baked Potato Feed.

"This is a tremendous project, especially this year, with the demand COVID has put on the food pantry. It's a project the Lions look forward to and have fun doing. We should have a tape recorder out there of all the good-natured ribbing back and forth," Joe stated. He went on to say, "We've missed all of our events this year, but we hope to be back in full swing next year because we are here to serve."





Lion Ken Bauer, Leader Dog Chairman for the district, is shown with members of the Lions Gateway Club in Fargo, with a \$1,000 check that they will contribute at their Parade of Green at the their Midwinter Convention. Lion Ken has been to this club previously, and, even though they are not in District 5M11, they indicated that they will be inviting him again to continue showing DVD's and visiting with them regarding Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Dilworth Loco Lions Halloween party workers. October 25th at the community center in Dilworth. Had fun handing out candy and prizes to around 100 kids.

From left, Lions Diane Hauglid, Michele McLaughlin, Stacy Kleinwächter, Jean Hanson, Grace Kangas, Carol Skabo, Diane Wateland, Kris Johnson and Lori Hawk.



This is Officer Zach with K-9, Odin.

The Mahnomen / Waubun Area Lions Club raised money for the Sheriff's Department to purchase Odin. The club will continue to raise funds for the K-9 Unit.



Mahnomen/Waubun Area Lions are preparing lunch for an outside funeral for one of their club members.



**Lion Kevin Reich**  
District Governor 5M11

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Visitation requests are preferred for late July through mid-December and early January through late March. Two or more clubs working together for a joint visit would be appreciated.

**Lions 5M11 2020-2021 Request for Club Visitation by Lion Kevin Reich**

Lions Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion requesting the visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred dates: 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of social, if held: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Will there be a meal: Yes No

Name of meeting location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of meeting location: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be other Lions Clubs represented? If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

What time will be best to meet with the executive officers? \_\_\_\_\_ (Before the meeting would be preferred.)

Check the box if you would like any of the following:

District Governor Dress Code

Install Officers:

Formal, in uniform:

Install Members:

Casual, in comfort:

Present Awards:

Spouse attending:

Other, Please List: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this request form or email it to the appropriate address above. Thank you!**

**The date will be confirmed after checking the schedule and the requesting Lion is notified.**



**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***



My Fellow Lions, for those of you who don't know me let me introduce myself, I'm Lion Doug Wiens of the Grunthal Lions Club. I have been married to my wife Kathy for 33 years. Together we have 3 daughters and presently we have 3 grand children.

I joined the Grunthal Lions in January 2006 with my dad as my sponsor. Although I haven't been a lion for very long I got involved very quickly. I was a zone chair from 2009-2012. I was elected as 2nd VDG in 2012 and moved up to 1st VDG in late September of that year when 1st VDG Mike Farrell passed away. I was District Governor 2013-2014. Together with my team we earned the District Governors Excellence award, which earned myself a presidential medal as leader of the team from PIP Barry Palmer. I was the GMT Chair for 5M11 from 2014-2019, and currently sit as 5M11s Dog Guide



Chair. I also represent 5M10, 11 & 13 on the National Liaison committee with Diabetes Canada.

I was also the vice chair of the 2018 MD5M Multiple Convention Committee which was held at the Victoria Inn &

Convention Centre Winnipeg. In 2013 I was a participant representing Lions on STARS CEO Island rescue fundraiser.

Prior to joining Lions I owned and operated a 60 cow dairy from 1984 -2004, at which time the decision was made to sell the cows and quota. From 2004 to 2019 I ran a 800 acre grain farm with my dad. In 2019 we sold the grain farm. I also

attained my real estate license and started selling real estate in 2004.



During my life I have always been involved with the community. I sat on the regional milk advisory committee with Manitoba Milk Producers, I was the Eastern Holstein Clubs representative on the Manitoba Branch of

Holstein Canada for 10 years. I was a 4H leader with the Southeast dairy club from 98-03. I was one of the leaders of Team Manitoba's Western Canadian Classic team (which is a junior dairy competition between the 4 western provinces) from 01-12. I sit on the Steinbach Curling clubs board from 06-present including 1 year as their president 12-13. As well I'm currently the treasurer for my church.

I'm a graduate of the Dale Carnegie program as well as a graduate of RLLI.

Now that I'm no longer farming I'm hoping to attend the Faculty Development Institute



This year we will be selecting a representative to run as our International Director Candidate

2023-2025. I believe I would make a Great ID and would love your vote

Thank You



Doug Wiens



It's going to be an exciting year for the Lions Foundation this year and we look forward to sharing all the news and updates with you on a regular basis.

The amalgamation of the 2 Foundations and the Hearing committee is going well and is just waiting approval from Canada Charities. This amalgamation will reduce costs for the Foundation, but in no way will affect the services that were provided.

Our Eye Bank commitments will continue as before under the Foundation's Pillar of Sight as will our KidSight program. Our Hearing commitments and vision of the Hearing Committee will continue on through the pillar of Hearing. Medical Assistance Program and Rural Housing programs will continue as they did under the auspices of the Foundation with some new branding and advertising.

Our Rural Housing program will be known as Serenity Suites as all 3 suites available are undergoing a total and complete makeover thanks to the auspices of the Canadian Legacy challenge and all 3 districts contributing \$6500 each and LCIF (Canada) matching those funds dollar for dollar. The first Suite has now been repainted, with new fixtures, cupboards and flooring thanks to 4 members from Emo and District Lions in completing a long weekend of labour to get this done. The suite will have new furniture, bedding, and accessories bringing it into a much more welcoming and homelike atmosphere. We do need your help to complete the work of the first suite as well as move forward on the remaining suites as our bookings will allow. Please contact Tammy if you have the time and the skill to help out.

We have redeveloped our awards program for the Foundation. Please note that all donations should be made to the Lions Foundation but please identify to which program you want the donation to credit. One bank account but your donations will still benefit the program that you wish it to assist. (Sight, Hearing, Medical assistance and Rural Housing). That has not changed.

What has changed is that now your personal or club donations will be recorded in an awards bank and that you will be able to pick and choose the award that your club wishes to present instead of the Foundation automatically sending out an award. We believe that this will be far more meaningful to both the clubs, the donator and the recipient.

We have added the KidSight award to list of honors (\$1000 cumulative donation to the program) as well as the Ben Ward Fellowship. The Ben Ward Fellowship is very similar in nature to the Melvin Jones structure and will also have a progressive acknowledgement as well. (\$1000, \$5000, \$10,000 cumulative dollars) We were honored to have PID Ben award the inaugural 5 recipients of this award at our Strategic planning day prior to our board meeting in September.

Please ask your board Director or Tammy for the pamphlet explaining the awards process.

We have updated our Strategic plan as well as completed work plans for our Directors to complete over the course of the upcoming year. We have completed many policies and job descriptions that we did not have as well as documented office policy and procedure.



**LIONS FOUNDATION**  
of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario

We realize in the time of COVID that we need to be more inventive of our fundraising and have a couple of great ideas in the making to address the overwhelming needs of Lions and community members in our Districts. One such fundraiser has now been put into effect.

TEXT to DONATE is an easy way (without using your credit card) to have friends and family and yourselves to donate to the foundation. All you have to do is TEXT!!

Just text "weserve" to the number 20222 and follow the instructions. The donation is 10\$ and it will be added to your phone bill! EASY PEASY!! You can also choose to have the text reoccur monthly!

We are looking for a new Foundation Director for a 3 year term beginning July 2021. To be considered you must submit your name an application to your Director and your DG to be voted on at the midwinter convention. Please email myself or Tammy for an application and the job description.

Watch for more coming from the Foundation in the months ahead. Thanks so much for all you do and all you will do in the future. This Foundation belongs to the Lions of 5M10, 5M11, and 5M13 and we could not do what we do without you!

In Service,

Lion Joanne 5M10  
Chair  
Lions Foundation of Manitoba  
And Northwestern Ontario

**Text to Donate**  
**Weserve to 20222**

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***\*To submit a photo for the newsletter, please include the following so your club can be properly recognized:***

***\*\*Date, Location, Event, Club, and any other details or information you would like to appear. Please submit photos in .jpeg format.\*\****



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