

DISTRICT 5M11 MID-WINTER SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER



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5M11 DISTRICT GOVERNOR



JAN NAZARKO

This newsletter is a special picture edition with dozens of photos taken by District Photographer, Lion Stacy Kleinwachter (Halvarson), of the Dilworth Loco Lions Club at the January Mid-Winter Convention. We thank Lion Stacy for all the pictures!



**1st VICE
DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
GORD
ZEGLINKSI**

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



DAVID KLEMZ

CABINET MEETING



PDG KEVIN REICH (Acting as secretary due to Cabinet Secretary Karen Hagen's absence caused by PDG Mike Hagen's illness) & DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAN NAZARKO

LCIF GRANT RECEIVED IN DISTRICT 5M11



Above: Attendees at the meeting



LCIF GRANT WAS RECEIVED BY THE CROOKSTON LIONS



PDG'S DOUG WEINS & MIKE JANSSEN, OBVIOUSLY CAUGHT ON CAMERA, PULLING SOME SHENANIGANS AT THE MEETING

MID-WINTER CONVENTION FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER



Lion Patrick from Sabin Lions and PDG Deanne from Dilworth Loco Lions show their "Get their Ugly On" for the Mid Winter Friday Night Mixer.



WEST ST. PAUL LIONS JAY & PAT



PDG Mike Janssen

Mid-Winter Saturday Morning



REGISTRATION TABLES



L-R: PDG Mike Janssen, DG Jan Nazarko, Diabetes Chair Jim Johansen



International Director Debbie Dawson of Oshawa, Ontario

SATURDAY LUNCHEON



ID DEBBIE WITH DG JAN



"RICH UNCLE PENNYBAGS"



PDG Doug Wiens and Lion Mark Spielman were awarded certificates for becoming Certified Guiding Lions in 2025

MELVIN JONES PRESENTATIONS



Immediate Past District Governor Allen Bertilrud, left, and International Director Debbie Dawson, right, presented Barb Hollyoake with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Saturday Luncheon of the Mid Winter Convention.



Immediate Past District Governor Allen Bertilrud, right, and International Director Debbie Dawson, left, presented Amanda Maag a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Mid Winter Saturday Luncheon (PDG Doug Wiens is pictured in the background at the podium.)



Jodie Sorenson, middle, received a Melvin Jones Fellowship from Immediate Past District Governor Allen Bertilrud, left and International Director Debbie Dawson, right.

BUSINESS MEETING

PROJECT NEW HOPE



Dilworth Lions were awarded the Project New Hope Red Ribbon for donations over \$1200. Pictured with PDG Dale Johansen (Right), PNH Chair



PDG KEVIN REICH (Acting Secretary) & DG JAN



Above & Below: Attendees

Service Project



Clubs were asked to bring personal hygiene items as well as hats, gloves and scarves



Below: Random Photos



All photo credits in this special Mid-Winter edition of the District 5M11 Newsletter go to District Photographer, Lion Stacy (Kleinwachter) Halvarson, of the Dilworth Loco Lions Club



MORE BUSINESS MEETING PHOTOS



PDG DOUG



**5M11
TREASURER
NADINE
MYERS**

SERGEANT AT ARMS



LION MARK SPIELMAN, TIMING SPEAKERS

Below: LION AMANDA MAAG



PDG ALLEN BERTILRUD



International Director Debbie Dawson, left, and District Governor Jan Nazarko, right, present Immediate Past District Governor Allen Bertilrud with a plaque for his **two terms** as District Governor



PDG DAVE HOLLYOAKE - Above



Lion Robert R.



LION BRIAN NAZARKO

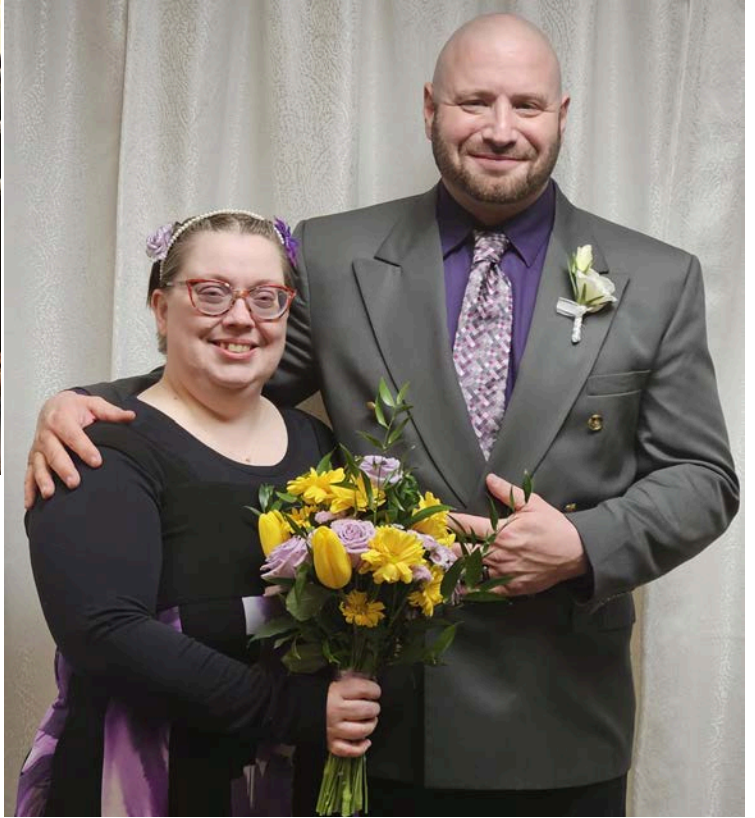
PROPOSAL



A cabinet first! Lion Jason Halvarson, Dilworth Lions, proposed to Lion Stacy Kleinwachter, Dilworth Loco Lions and District Photographer, during the cabinet meeting at the Mid Winter.



WEDDING



Jason Halvarson and Stacy Kleinwachter were married in February 2026 at the courthouse in Fargo. A party/reception will be planned at a later date



Cake was later shared in the hospitality room



THE RINGS !!!

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET



District Governor Jan Nazarko, left, and International Director Debbie Dawson, right, presented Lion Patricia Wight with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation (Pictured in the background is PDG Kevin Reich.)



District Governor Jan Nazarko, left, and International Director Debbie Dawson, right, presented Lion Julia "JJ" Doe with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation



District Governor Jan Nazarko, left, and International Director Debbie Dawson, right, presented Gordon Nazarko with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation.



District Governor Jan Nazarko, center, and International Director Debbie Dawson, left, presented Lion Brian Nazarko with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation



District Governor Jan Nazarko with her husband, Brian and son, Gordon

SATURDAY EVENING CLUB PHOTOS



SABIN LIONS



PDG Anita Hart, Lion Stacy Kleinwachter and Lion Linda Baxter visit after the Governor's banquet



DILWORTH & DILWORTH LOCO LIONS



MAHNOMEN-WAUBON LIONS



THIEF RIVER FALLS LIONESS LIONS
&
CROOKSTON LIONS

GIFT GIVING



More Gift Giving



ID Deb Dawson receives a Mark Spielman hand-crafted mug



BREAKFAST



PDG JAY NORBY (5M9) "SUPERHERO" PRESENTATION



Mr. Dawson shows his gift

5M11 LIONS



Lions Jenifer & Mark Spielman. Lion Mark was voted in to the MD5M Hall of Fame

FIRST TIMERS



1st DG Gord Zeglinski with "First Timers" Lions Samantha and Andrew Alme of the Greenbush-Badger Lions

"First Timers" is a program for Lions attending their first Mid-Winter Convention.



1st Vice District Governor-Elect David Klemz of the St. Hilaire Lions



District Governor-Elect Gord Zeglinski of the Selkirk Lions Club delivers his acceptance speech (PDG Mike Janssen shown in the background)

(To the right)
WE ARE ADJOURNED!!! =====>>>



2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Todd Grow of the Sabin Lions during his acceptance speech.

