

DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIKE HAGEN

Hello Fellow 5M11 Lions:

Trusting that each of you had an awesome Thanksgiving.

We all have much to be thankful for, even though at times we feel not too blessed. And now on to Christmas. My guess is that most everyone is better prepared than I am currently.

And, in just a month, our MidWinter Convention will be held in Mahnomen. Have you registered yet? It is not too late. My committee is planning a busy, fun event. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for information about what we are asking each club to do for the convention.

Since the last newsletter I have put on quite a few miles in our District.

A Zone 9 Meeting was held in Beausejour. The meeting was led by Zone Chair Linda Baxter. Every club, except for one, was represented



at the meeting. We attended the Goodridge Lion Tamers pie and craft auction. We came home with more than a few goodies which were handy for Thanksgiving.

November found us in Canada. First, we attended the Whitemouth and District 40th Charter Anniversary. Next, we went on to Winnipeg, visiting the Winnipeg West and Riverside Clubs, held a Cabinet Meeting there and then attended the Beausejour 75th Anniversary of their charter.

We came home from Winnipeg by way of Hitterdal where Lion Jim Johansen held a Zone 2 Meeting. Six of the eight clubs in that zone were represented.

December 1st, we attended the Greenbush Fun Night.

Thank you to all Lions for teaching us about your clubs and what you do to make your community better. It has been amazing to see, hear and learn.

International President Dr. Patti Hill encourages clubs to participate in making our world cleaner and greener for the future. I plan to provide each club with ideas, suggestions and such to accomplish this challenge.

Speaking of challenges, have you asked someone to become a Lion? We need to grow our membership.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the MidWinter Convention. It's time to attend your first convention, if you have not attended any.

Continue being awesome 5M11 Lions!

In Lionism,

District Governor Mike

5M11 needs you to become a Vice District Governor!

Contact DG Mike for further information

CLUB CHECKLIST FOR MIDWINTER CONVENTION

- 1. Are members registered?**
- 2. Are officers attending?
(Training may be held)**
- 3. Have you purchased \$2 raffle tickets through Nadine Myers?**
- 4. Have you purchased an Ad for the convention booklet?**
- 5. Will your club donate items or monetary for the silent auction?**
- 6. Will your club donate canned goods for building a can castle?
(Items will be donated to Food Shelf)**
- 7. Friday evening, come dressed as a FARMER.**

Questions? Ask a member of the DG Team.

PICTURES & EVENTS FROM AROUND 5M11

Thief River Falls Lioness delivered Tray Favors, candies appropriate for the Halloween Season, to the Thief River Care Center. The tray favors are to be distributed to the clients.



ABOVE: Past Club President Lion Jeanette Walseth with Diane Lee, Admissions Nurse, and Lion Janice Jauhola. BELOW: Past Club President Lion Jeanette Walseth with Annette Thorson, Activities Assistant, and Lion Janice Jauhola.



KIDSIGHT



West St Paul (MB) LIONS

L-R Lions Evelyn Myskiw, Peter Wight, Patricia Wight, Jay (Julia) Doe receiving Certificates of Appreciation from the KidSight Foundation and the Foundation of MB & NW ON

GROCERY SCRAMBLE

West St Paul (MB) fundraiser



Decorating shopping cart



Gord and family



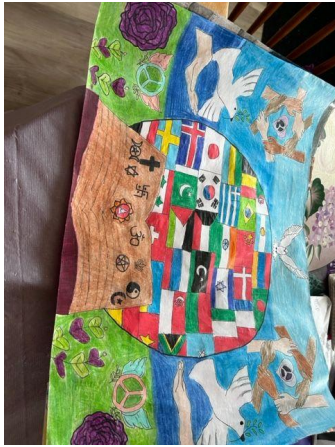
Daughter running to get as many groceries in 5 minutes

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Pork Sweet Sour Bnls	\$12.99
Sausage Jalapeno Che	\$11.99 BC
Jumbo Pops	-\$6.00 BC
=> INSTANT SAVINGS 50%	\$11.99 BC
Jumbo Pops	-\$5.99 BC
=> INSTANT SAVINGS 50%	\$5.59 C
Jumbo Pops	-\$6.00 BC
=> INSTANT SAVINGS 50%	\$11.99 BC
Pork Tenderloin COV	\$9.68 C
Pork Tenderloin COV	\$10.81 C
Popcorn Jalapeno Ched	\$3.99 BC
Store Coupon	-\$25.00
Tax	\$3.60
Total	\$501.45

Lions paid \$500.00; family \$1.45

Thank you Kathy and staff at Main Street IGA in Winnipeg

PEACE POSTER



2nd West St. Paul

1st Ralph Brown

Above: 1st and 2nd place
From Dasmesh School West St. Paul (MB)



1st Place Winner - Sehaj K 2nd Place Winner - Romneek R
Dasmesh School submitted by: Lions Club of West St. Paul



5M11- 1st Place



2nd - Ralph Brown

Thief River Lioness Ring Bells for the Salvation Army



Lioness Darlene Torstveit and Bonnie Cota

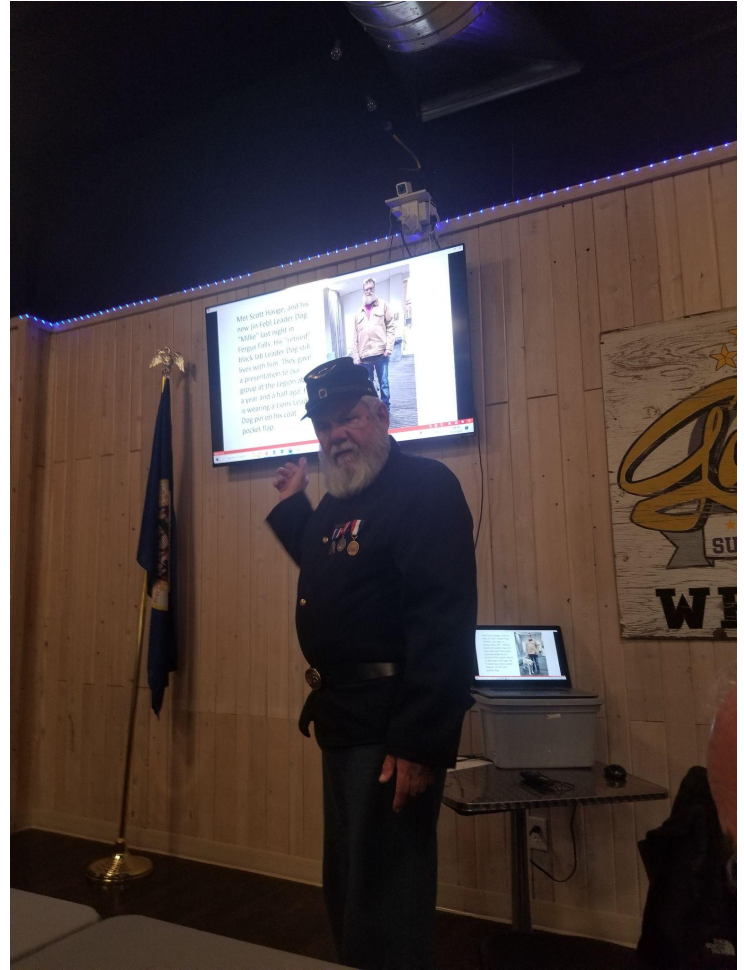


Lioness Pam Cwiklaand and Pam Lund



Lioness Michelle Naplin, Edie Brandli and Jeanette Walseth
Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays from the Thief River Falls Lioness!

BARNESVILLE LIONS



BELOW: St. Hillaire Lion Sherry Sorenson presented a \$100 check to the Shed to buy Christmas gifts to residents in the TRF nursing homes.



Barnesville Lion member Vern Barker is shown doing a Lions membership program for the Barnesville Club. He was dressed in his Civil War Uniform and gave a very informative presentation about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its predecessor group, the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) It was formed in 1866 initially for camaraderie but transitioned to political power for "...those who have borne the burden of preserving the Union..." The SUVCW group intends to do a memorial service in every county in Minnesota commemorating the last Civil War Veteran who is buried there. This organization follows through to make certain that this Civil War Veteran has an appropriate marker for his grave. Last year, Lion Vern participated in 16 of those services. A very interesting fact that Lion Vern uncovered in his research revealed that Lion Mike Quiggle, the Club's current president, had a great grandfather, Robert Quiggle (1845--1929), who served with the Union and is buried in a Hunter, ND, cemetery. This was a fact unknown to Lion Mike until Lion Vern's program. Programs such as this are both entertaining and informative.

DILWORTH LIONS HOST FOOTBALL BANQUET



The Dilworth Lions hosted the DGF Rebels Football Awards Banquet on December 3rd. The DGF Football team made the semi-finals, this year, after losing the championship game on the last play, in 2022.



LCIF Gala

Paint the Town ~~RED~~ GREEN

Sat, April 13, 2024

Prairie Event Center

Parkers Prairie, MN

Start planning now to attend and have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to you by LCIF Chairman, IPP Brian Sheehan. This Gala is a fundraising event for LCIF. Our goal is to present 100 MJ Fellowships. If you want to receive this fellowship at the Gala, you will need \$1000 donated to LCIF in your name by February 28, 2024.

This Gala is also a fun event in which we will have a costume contest. Everyone is encouraged to wear **GREEN**. There will also be a Lions in Motion activity which Lion Lori Sheehan has promoted throughout Brian's year as President of LCI.

More information will become available as to the registration, cost, and time for this event in upcoming

newsletter articles. If you have any questions, please contact LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson at lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com or C: 218-298-0932. We look forward to you coming to this event and celebrating with us in supporting our foundation.

Why don't I see any pictures or articles about my club in the Newsletter? The likely reason is that we didn't receive any. If you want to see pictures or articles about your club, please submit them to:

lions5m11news@gmail.com

Our goal is to publish a bi-monthly district newsletter. This will usually be towards the end of the month, in even numbered months. Depending on the timing, it may come out early in the odd numbered months.

5M11 LIONS



We Serve

ID Ron Keller of Ohio coming to Mid-Winter!



Ron Keller from Millersport, Ohio, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022. Director Keller has more than 35 experience as a government administrator and event coordinator. He is currently retired. He last served as Cultural Arts and Events Manager for the City of Columbus where he managed city staff, drafted city legislation, oversaw purchasing of equipment and supplies for events, and served as a liaison to civic and community leaders in Columbus' urban neighborhoods. One of his most notable projects was redesigning a public subsidy mechanism to make it easier for minority nonprofits to apply and receive city services within their neighborhoods. He joined the

Millersport Lions Club in 1979 with a desire to help better this small, rural community. Since then he has held a number of offices within the association including GST coordinator, multiple district council chairperson, US/Canada Lions Leadership Forum host chairperson and Lions centennial celebration coordinator. He was a member of the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank Operating Board and since 1990, he has served as general chairman for the Millersport Lions' Sweet Corn Festival. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Awards, International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Keller is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is a past president of the Walnut Township Board of Education and Millersport Board of Public Affairs. Additionally, He has been a board member of the Ohio Festivals & Events Association and the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Amusement Ride Safety Board. Director Keller and his spouse, Kitty Lea Keller, who is also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and seven grandchildren.





Bert Nelson for International Director

Pam and I are hopeful that everyone is considering going to the MD5M Convention in Winnipeg, Canada April 19-21, 2024. It is a beautiful city with wonderful attractions. We especially enjoyed visiting the Assiniboine Zoo the last time we were there. The convention is a good place to visit with other Lions outside our own districts and learn what other clubs are doing. It is also the place to be when voting to endorse our next International Director from our great multiple.

I want to be an International Director for Lions Clubs as I want to be involved in

keeping our association moving forward to help each other become better stewards of our motto "We serve". There is such a need in our world for Lions to step forward and help wherever we can.

I feel I have the right qualifications to run for International Director which include:

Zone 6 Chairman

District 5M9 Public Relations Chairman

District 5M9 Newsletter Editor

Chairman of three 5M9 Mid-Winter Conventions

District Governor 2005-06

Council Chairman 2006-07

MD5M Long Range Planning Committee Chairman

MD5M Public Relations Chairman

MD5M Newsletter Editor

MD5M LCIF Chairman for past 11 years

Certified Guiding Lion

Global Extension Team

Global Leadership Team

Global Service Team

Training Instructor for six groups of incoming governors

Facilitator for 8 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institutes

Facilitator for 1 MD5M Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

Assisted on 5 International Director Campaigns for candidates from MD5M.

Campaign Chairman for IP Brian Sheehan

Planning Committee member of 2 USA/Canada Forums

Presenter at 5 USA/Canada Forums

Pam and I want to thank you for your consideration and continued support with my campaign for International Director. We plan to visit your Mid-Winter Conventions and we hope to see you in Winnipeg.

PCC Bert Nelson

lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com

218-298-0932

Thank you for your support in Bert's campaign for International Director.

MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT FOUNDATION

Greetings Lions and Leos,

We have completed our sixth year of providing vision screening to the kids in our Multiple District. We had a record year, with 523 screening events, 44,252 kids screened, 5,628 kids referred for a 13% referral rate.

Our leading district for screening events and number of referrals is 5M11 with 134 events and 1,128 referrals. This includes clubs in the US and Canada.

The district with the most kids screened is 5M8 with 10,000.

Congratulations to the KidSight directors in 5M11, Lions Kevin Reich, Dan Vandeventer, Bonnie Popowich, and Robert Gosselin and their team and in 5M8 Lions Carol Breitreutz

and Sandy Hansen and their team for this outstanding effort.

This brings our program totals to: 2,030 events, 139,233 kids screened, 16,009 kids referred for an 11% referral rate.

Thanks to all our MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation Inc., Directors and their teams of dedicated Lions that have enabled us to change the lives of so many kids in our multiple.

The board has approved a new KidSight award. The KidSight Partner Award is now available. This plaque will be used to recognize partners who help to make the KidSight program a success. Information regarding the qualification and ordering procedure is available from your District Directors.

MD5M Lions KidSight received an award from KidSight USA for being in the top 10 Multiple Districts in the number of kids screened.

Additional information on the KidSight program can be found on the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc. webpage: <https://www.kidsightmd5m.org/>

Thank you for your support and dedication to help all our kids see clearly.

Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, PDG

Chair, Board of Directors, MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc

dkellylion@gmail.com

5M11 LIONS



We Serve

KidSight Report

Region 5M11-A

November 26, 2023

To date, with the welcomed use of the camera purchased by District 5M11, four KS Teams have screened 5,985 children at 38 schools and 2 public events in addition to assisting a team from 5M13 at 2 Daycares located in 5M13.

1,007 children were referred of which 112 have already seen an eye care professional. Follow up regarding eye care continues at 27 schools.

Eight Lions Clubs partnered to make this happen; 19 Lions and Friends from the East Kildonan, Minnedosa, Pinawa, Warren and District, West St. Paul, Winnipeg River Area Branch of Lac du Bonnet and Winnipeg West Lions Clubs.

This year we are providing our services to Kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 at each school. The plan is to offer the KidSight program to schools every year on a regular on-going basis which will result in students being screened every two years. As expected, the schools we have completed this year are looking forward to seeing us again next year.

Before January, we plan to actively promote the KidSight program to:

- the River East Transcona School Division (27 Elementary schools and 11 Junior High schools)
- the Lord Selkirk School Division (13 schools for K to grade 7)
- the Sunrise School Division (4 schools, 2 daycares)
- Private schools in and near Winnipeg and in the North Eastman region of Manitoba

- Drop-in Centres and Daycares

Should you want to have fun with us screening children please contact me at bonniepopowich@gmail.com.

Lion Bonnie Popowich

KidSight Director

Region 5M11-A

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes (ELLI)

The goal of this institute is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level.

Qualified candidates are:

- Lions in good standing;
- Have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

*****It is strongly recommended that the club's first vice president attend.*****

This institute and accommodations will be at Shooting Star Casino , 777 Casino Dr, Mahnomon ,MN. Hotel rooms will cost \$85 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 1st.

Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

The cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

Courses will include:

- **Lions, Past, Present and Future**
- **Change Management**
- **Supporting Lions' Teams**
- **LCIF**
- **Communication**
- **Conducting Effective Meetings**
- **Diversity**
- **Lions Mentoring Program**
- **Creative Thinking**
- **Ensuring Club success**

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is February 23rd, 2024.

This institute is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club.

You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.

March 15-17, 2024

Shooting Star Casino

777 Casino Dr, Mahnomen, MN

The cost of the institute is \$100 USD which includes all training materials and meals. Lodging is available at the casino hotel for \$85 USD per night.

Additional details and the application can be found on the

MD5M website: lionsmd5m.org under resources.

Contact Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at

dkellylion@gmail.com with questions.

Appendix 28.0

MD5M HALL OF FAME

Procedure Purpose: 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." Award There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously. The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon. MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available. The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in

attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. 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. Process 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. 87 Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention. Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District

Convention. All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered. All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted. A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.



Dilworth Lion Bob Iverson took this picture in Gilbratar. Note the Lions symbol on the front of the statue. Lions International is the largest volunteer organization in the world!

The Difference Campaign – Make a Difference Today

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG) mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost to them and supporting each pair in their journey together.

Established in 1983 by Lions across Canada, LFCDG was the first school in Canada to specialize in training Guide Dogs for people who are blind or visually impaired. Now, LFCDG is the only service dog school in the world with seven distinct Dog Guide programs (Canine Vision, Hearing, Service, Seizure Response, Autism Assistance, Diabetes Alert, and Facility Support).

From breeding to training to matching, each Dog Guide costs approximately \$35,000 yet is provided at no cost to eligible Canadians from coast to coast and includes a lifetime of follow-up services. LFCDG relies on donations from Lions Clubs, members of the public, and corporations to provide these special matches and does not receive any government funding.

Time to Grow to Meet Demand

With one in five Canadians 15 years of age and up living with one or more disabilities, more Canadians are seeking the services of a specialized Dog Guide. To meet the demand, LFCDG is building a state-of-the-art, purpose-built Dog Guide training school.

Right now, the current facility is not accessible to all clients, the 28 guest rooms are scattered around the building, and there are an insufficient number of classrooms and training areas for each program with uncomfortable learning environments.

What's more, the training spaces are inadequate for Dog Guides to experience situations as a working dog, the kennels and veterinary clinic are at maximum capacity, and the play area is inadequate for Dog Guides.

In contrast, the new school will be fully accessible to all clients and provide many improvements, including a classroom and specific training areas for each program. For Dog Guides, the larger and improved kennel space will provide indoor and outdoor spaces to learn, play, and relax which will increase their well-being to set them up for success in their training.

These improvements will create a more conducive learning environment and provide the best experience possible while creating better outcomes.

The Difference Campaign

To make our dream a reality, LFCDG has launched The Difference campaign, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help friends and neighbours in need, by ensuring they can access the support of our loving, loyal, and highly skilled Dog Guides.

LFCDG has already secured \$39 million towards our \$50 million goal. The sale of the current training school and administration office provides \$25M to the building cost. We could not have come this far without the support of many Lions clubs across the country, who have raised \$2.7 million towards the collective Lions club's goal of \$4.5 million. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Your support will help create many more special partnerships, like Anthony with Gambit, who is experiencing safety and increased independence.

We invite you to join, if you haven't already, by making a special one-time gift or pledge to The Difference campaign. Please visit www.dogguides.com or call 905-842-2891 ext. 0 or 1 (800) 768-3030 ext. 0.

If you'd like to learn more, one of our dedicated Lions Committee members in Ontario would be delighted to make a presentation during an upcoming club meeting. To arrange a presentation please email

thedifference@dogguides.com or call (905) 842-2891 ext. 218 or 1 (800) 768-3030, ext. 218.

Thank you Lions for being champions of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and its future.

“Currently, we operate from our Oakville facility, an elementary school that was retrofitted in the late 80s. Although the current structure has served us well, it’s time for us to build our new home to help more people, train more dogs, and be accessible to everyone we serve. The Difference Campaign is our most significant campaign in the organization’s history. It is not just a building but an investment in potential. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the future of Canadians living with disabilities.”

Beverley Crandell, CEO of LFCDG

5M11 LIONS



For a list of District Cabinet members, go to:

<https://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org/cabinetmembers>

Any LEOS who want to go to the Mid-Winter Convention will have their convention book paid by the District, using the money that is in the Leo funds. They just need to register and District Treasurer Nadine will send the money to the convention hosts!

THE MID-WINTER CONVENTION IS JANUARY 26-28, 2024 AT THE SHOOTING STAR CASINO IN MAHNOMEN. To register, go to the 5M11 website and click on forms. A link to the forms is as follows:https://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org/_files/ugd/6254b6_9c119cbd9cf24f008dd4bc57a170d139.pdf

Cancellations prior to January 11th will have a 25% processing fee applied. No cancellations after January 11th To book a hotel room contact Shooting Star Casino at 800-453-7827 and ask for the room block for the 5M11 Lions Convention. For more information contact Convention Chair Lion Christy Klemz at 719-289-2309 or cshe189@gmail.com

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