

# DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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## 5M11 MID-WINTER VIRTUAL CONVENTION

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

***CABINET MEETING: 10:00-11:30am, cst***

***DISTRICT MEETING: 12:00pm, cst***

### REGISTER HERE:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/779ERtZMpduCrqz0iGNy0Lm8Q1wKdRvVphs>

~ Virtual silent auction will be held ~

### Guest Speakers:

- *International Director Bob Block and his wife, Lion Brenda, from Indiana*

- *Lion Brooklyn Driver from Lafayette, Tennessee*

## 5M11 Mid-Winter Virtual Convention Agenda

January 30, 2021, 12:00 pm via Zoom

- Call to order
- "Star Spangled Banner"
- "Oh Canada"
- Introductions
- Message by International Director Bob Block, Dyer, IN
- Story by Lion Brooklyn Driver, Lafayette, TN
- Message by Lion Brenda Block
- Silent auction bidding/awarding
- Minutes of the 2020 annual meeting
- Financial report
- Mid-Winter updates
  - \* 2022 Mid-Winter Convention
  - \* 2023 Mid-Winter Convention
- Elections
  - \* Canadian International Director update
  - \* Nominating committee report
  - \* District Governor Elect
  - \* First Vice District Governor Elect
  - \* Second Vice District Governor Elect
  - \* Hall of Fame
  - \* Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario
    - ◆ Three-year term
    - ◆ Two-year term
- Naming of deceased district Lions members
- District raffle ticket drawing
- Other business
- International Director Bob - question and answer period, (if time allows)
- Silent auction bidding/awarding
  - \* Awards
    - ◆ Post 2019-2020
    - ◆ LCI, International Director Bob
    - ◆ District
    - ◆ District Governor
- Comments by District Governor Kevin Reich
- Adjournment

## 5M11 LIONS SPOTLIGHT

### LION KARI NELSON

*ST. HILAIRE, MN LIONS CLUB*



Lion Kari Nelson, resident of St. Hilaire, MN and member of the St. Hilaire Lions Club, has been involved with Lions for over two decades. Like many people, she helped out with events because of family and friends before becoming an official member. Kari is a co-creator of the club's Smash and Bash Demo Derby and was instrumental in its running year after year. The Derby was a local event looked forward to by many and she helped the revenue more than double from four thousand dollars the first year to over nine thousand toward the end. After the derby was no longer viable due to the difficulty for participants to find cars, Lion Kari helped the club transition the event to the St. Hilaire Lions Redneck Round-A-Bout Island Baja Race. Kari marshals a crew of people to help run gate admission, registration, judging/record keeping, and security. This annual event is her favorite and the one of which she is most proud.

Lion Kari served as treasurer as soon as she joined and kept that position until a few years ago when she transitioned to her current role as member-at-large on the Board of Directors. She can be found helping out with just about every fundraiser and community event planned by the club. Kari chairs the annual Halloween Party committee and serves on many other planning committees throughout the year. She has been named Lion of the Year and just this past year received the Dream Catcher Award, an award particularly special to her because of her personal relationship with the Lions' focus on diabetes. Kari has sponsored many new Lions into the club through her efforts at getting more people involved with community events.



When asked what she wished more people knew about Lions, Kari responded, "It's all about community. All the money raised goes back into the community and even at the International level it is about helping the local clubs reach out into their community and making a difference. Not enough people know about all the things that the Lions do." If you don't see her at a Lions event, you can probably find Lion Kari on the pontoon at the lake in the summer or at bingo in St. Hilaire in the winter.

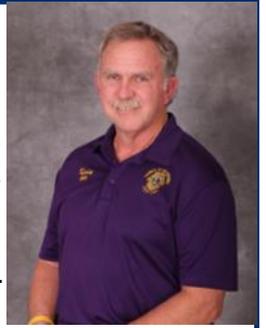
## LIONS SPOTLIGHT

*Each month, a Lion from one of the district's Lions clubs, will be featured in the newsletter. This is a great opportunity to recognize an "everyday" Lion from your club.*

*The featured Lion can be a charter member, a newly enlisted member, a member that is great at recruiting new members, a member that can be depended on to serve at every Lions sponsored community event. The local club members can choose who they want to be in the spotlight from their club.*

*When it is your club's turn to feature someone, please submit a short story about the Lion and a picture of the person to the newsletter editors the first week of the month. Clubs will be notified in advance when it is their month to feature a Lion.*

## Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos



For the first time ever our district mid-winter convention will consist of a one-day virtual meeting. It will be greatly condensed as we reduce two- and one-half days of activities into a few hours. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2021. The morning session (10:00-11:30) will consist of the Cabinet meeting. The afternoon (starting at 12:00) will include some guest presentations, the business meeting, and awards. All Lions are invited to attend any or all of the meeting events.

Throughout the day we will have the pleasure of International Director Bob Block and his wife, Lion Brenda, from Indiana, being two of our guests. They both plan to address the virtual attendees. Bob and Brenda are both very sincere Lions passionate about Lionism. I had the opportunity to meet them last February at 5M2's convention.

We will also have the opportunity of hearing Lion Brooklyn Driver's story as to how a KidSight screening event and daily treatment and therapy for 10 years, saved her vision. Brooklyn is a college student from Lafayette, Tennessee who serves as a Lion today because of how Lions and Lions programs saved her vision.

This year's meeting will involve some out-of-the-box events. The club with the greatest percentage of membership attendance will receive a \$1000 donation to be gifted to the foundation of their choice. We will hold our first ever virtual silent auction. Take note of the opportunity to win a booklet to next year's convention. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

As with any other year, we will have some business meeting matters and elections. Speaking of elections, to our knowledge, the district does not have a Second Vice District Governor elect candidate. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me.

Also in this newsletter is the Parade of Green form. We realize most clubs have been challenged with fund raising efforts but there is still a need for our support. If your club can afford it, please consider donations to the Lions projects listed on the Parade of Green. You will note donations are to be submitted to one of the project directors/representatives.

The latest "good news" within our district is the fact the Thief River Falls Noon Lioness Club is "bridging" to a Lions club. The transition is in progress. A big thank you to Thief River Falls Lions Club President Lars Dyrud for all of his work and support with the process. A thank you also to Lioness club members, Bonnie Cota, Pam Cwikla, and Carrie Fricke for the part they have played.

As we begin our 2021 venture in service, let's hope for a more normal year. Recent developments, including the relaxation of restrictions by Minnesota Governor Walz, are encouraging. Let's hope for a better 2021. Keep up the hope, keep the spirit, and keep serving.

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

## Happy 2021 to all District 5M11 Lions!

We made it through 2020! I think everyone deserves a pat on the back for this. 2020 was such a different year, with lots of change, and change is hard for everyone no matter how big or small. Many of us lost members in our club, have not held meetings or have had them virtually and have not been able to serve our communities like we have always done in the past. This is all hard stuff! As Lions, and really anyone who wants to grow and improve during this time we have to think about doing things differently. I will be the first to tell you I am not an outside the box thinker, I try to be, but I'm not that creative. I do however constantly ask for other people's ideas, and ways they are thinking outside the box. That's the best part about belonging to this great 5M11 District, we are all in this together, and we can get all the help and support from other people in our district who have maybe already done a new project and can give us the plan on how to implement the project. One thing I have learned from 2020 is that communication is key. This is something that I struggle with, and I am continually trying to improve. I am working on getting more information out on the 5M11 Lions Facebook group, and also getting more info out to my clubs. As a DG Team, I have really enjoyed working with DG Kevin and 1st VDG Allen in coming up with new ways to support our district. We are looking for someone to move into the role of 2nd VDG, and I can assure you as we move forward, the team will continue to get stronger, and together, we can do so much more than what an individual can do. We are also hoping that working as a team will help even out the time spent during the 3-year term. If you have any questions please call or email any of your DG Leadership team and we will be glad to visit with you! I hope that Lions will learn how to serve our communities better and get more satisfaction from the service we do in 2021!

Lion Kami Anderson

## ***LIONS SPONSORSHIP COULD YIELD A FREE HOSPITALITY BOOKLET***

Every Lion that sponsors a new Lion during the first six months of 2021, January through June, will have their name put into a drawing for one free 2022 mid-winter convention booklet, approximately a \$100 value. There will be a free booklet awarded each of the months for a total of six booklets.

Example: during the month of January there are ten new Lions members throughout the district. Each of the ten sponsor's names will be entered in the drawing for the month. The name drawn will be awarded a free hospitality booklet. If someone sponsors a Lion more than one month, their name can be in the drawing more than one month. Each sponsoring Lion will be limited to two free booklets. If a sponsoring Lion wins a second booklet, they can choose who to gift the additional booklet to. Maybe one of their newly sponsored Lions?

At the end of the six months, the club with the greatest number of new members will receive two free hospitality booklets. The booklets could be awarded to two of the club's new members?

This is a win-win for everyone. Our district wins with additional Lions members, the local club wins with additional volunteers to serve, and sponsors could win a hospitality booklet. A great way to get 2021 off to a great start.

## **ROBERT “BOB” BLOCK**

### **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Robert “Bob” Block, from MD 1, Illinois, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Director Block has more than 48 years of experience as an architectural and design engineer and project manager.

He was encouraged to join by his father and became a Lion in 1974 with the Calumet City Lions Club where he followed in his father’s footsteps and became club president in 1980. He has held a number of other offices within the association including multiple district convention chairperson and member of the Centennial Action Committee. He served as Host Committee chairperson for the 2017 Centennial International Convention in Chicago.

Director Block also served as volunteer coordinator for the 50th anniversary Special Olympics Unified Cup in 2018 and was a moderator at the 2017 and 2018 USA/Canada Forums.

In recognition of his service, Director Block has received several International President’s Awards. Director Block is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Block has been chairman of the Dyer Summerfest for more than 14 years as well as an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He was elected to the town council twice where he served as council president for two years.

Director Block and his wife, Brenda, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for 43 years and have three children and six grandchildren.



## **5M11 VIRTUAL CONVENTION GUEST SPEAKERS**



Brooklyn Driver is a middle Tennessee native. Born in the year 2000 she celebrates her 20 years through thankfulness for Lions Club International.

When Brooklyn was only two years old, she was diagnosed with Myopia, which is nearsighted, and Retinitis Pigmentosa which is simply damaged retinas. Though her diagnosis was devastating, it came as no surprise to her family. Around 70% of Brooklyn’s Maternal family suffered from a variety of degenerative eye diseases and many having little to no vision at all.

Brooklyn was first screened by the local chapter of Lions Club at 18 months old through the program Project Kidsight. Brooklyn was referred to Lions Eye Center at Vanderbilt Eye Institute in Nashville, Tennessee where her lifelong journey would begin.

For ten years Brooklyn visited Lions Eye Center, sometimes up to 12 times a year. Her daily life included wearing eye patches, dilating, and hours of eye therapy. Throughout the years many of her doctors told her family that she would not be able to drive, play sports, or even function in a normal school or society.

At the age of 15, Brooklyn hit her first milestone when she earned her driving permit. “All the years of tears, fighting with my parents to wear my eyepatch, and the emotional wreck I had become had suddenly paid off.” - Brooklyn said. “It would have never been an option without the work that the Lions had done for me.”

Brooklyn went on to play tennis and shoot trap, graduate high school, and is now a junior at Tennessee Technological University where she is majoring in Communication Studies with a focus in Public Relations. She is engaged to her significant other for almost five years and plans to get married in November of 2021.

Brooklyn said, “Thank you to the Lions and the selfless work you put in every day. Without your persistence and caring, I would never be where I am today. I owe all of my accomplishments to my amazing family as well as Lions all over the world.”



# CANDIDATE FOR 5M11 DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2021-2022

## 1VDG ALLEN BERTILRUD



District Governor Kevin Reich  
and Lions of 5M11

To Lions District 5M11

Please accept the submittal of this letter as my official letter of intent to seek the endorsement as District Governor Elect of District 5M11. It is my hope that I will serve Lions and District 5M11 as District Governor for the 2021-2022 year.

I have been involved in the service of being a lion for 45 years. I have served as President, Vice President, Treasurer and LCIF coordinator for the Red Lake Falls Lions Club. I am currently serving as 1VDG, GLT and Zone 4 chariman in our district.

I thank you for your anticipated support and trust.

Lion Allen Bertilrud  
Red Lake Falls Lions Club  
Red Lake Falls, Minnesota

I once again have the honor of nominating Allen Bertilrud, this time for District Governor of 5M11 for the Lions year 2021- 2022.

As a Lion Allen is a charter member of the Red Lake Falls Lions which was chartered in 1975. As a 45 year member he has served as club president three times, has been the clubs LCIF chair three times, has been a zone chair twice, served as second vice district governor, and is currently our First Vice District Governor.

In his personal life Allen and Sandy (also a Lion) have been married for 48 years and have two grown children. He attended the University of North Dakota and received a BA in business administration and a mini master's degree in business marketing from St. Thomas University. He attended many banking schools including the graduate school of banking in Madison, Wisconsin. Allen retired as chairman of the bank board and CEO from Unity Bank after 37 years of service. after retiring he stayed true to the idea of life long learning and earned his lay ministers certificate. He served in the military as an army medic and received the combat medal for his service in Vietnam and has served in the national guard attaining the rank of captain. He served as city councilor, and two years as mayor. He is well respected in his community and beyond and as a Lion.

As I have said before when Allen takes something on he is committed to doing it right. It is with extreme pleasure that I nominate Lion Allen Bertilrud for District Governor.

PDG Mike Janssen

To whom it may concern:

I, proudly second the nomination of Lion Allen Bertilrud for District Governor of 5M11.

Patty Purath, Secretary  
Red Lake Falls Lion

To whom it may concern:

The Red Lake Falls Lions Club endorses Lion Allen Bertilrud as a candidate for District Governor of District 5M11. He is in good standing with the Red Lake Falls Lions. Lion Allen is a charter member of the Red Lake Falls Lions club since 1975. He has served as a 1st Vice District Governor of 5M11 and Zone 4 Chairman this past year.

Lion Patty Purath  
Red Lake Falls Lions Secretary  
Red Lake Falls Lions

**2VDG KAMI ANDERSON**



Lions of District 5m11

Please accept the submission of this letter as my official letter of intent to seek the endorsement of 1stVDGE of District 5m11. I am currently serving as 2ndVDG and zone 6 chairman. I am a member of the Karlstad Lions Club and have served as secretary and president. I look forward to continuing to move district 5m11 towards more membership and increased member satisfaction.

Thank you for your continued support!

Lion Kami Anderson  
Karlstad Lions Club

District Governor Kevin, 5M-11 Cabinet Members, 5M-11 Voting Delegates:

I am writing to recommend Lion Kami Anderson for the office of 1st Vice District Governor of District 5M-11 for the 2021 – 2022 Lions year. Lion Kami is one of the best Lions I have ever met. She is passionate about her work as a Lion and it shows in every job she has taken on. She will volunteer when she can and will follow through until the work is done. I have watched her perform her duties and am amazed at her innovation and skill with bringing new ideas and ways of doing things. She brings a sense of fun to every meeting she chairs while still getting all of the required tasks completed in a timely manner. Lion Kami is an very good time manager with excellent people skills. She successfully owns and operates her own retail business with a number of locations and a large staff component. On the personal side, Lion Kami is a caring, friendly, loving woman whose smile literally lights up the room. She and her husband Kris have many friends both inside and outside of Lions. They have a sense of community which shows in all of their actions. It is with great enthusiasm and utter confidence in her ability to perform the duties of the office that I heartily endorse Lion Kami Anderson for the position of 1st Vice District Governor for the Lions year 2021 – 2022.

Lion Chris Barnard Past District Governor 5M-11 2010 - 2011

Lions of District5M11

It is my pleasure to put forth the second of Lion Kami Underdahl Anderson to serve as District 5M11 1st Vice District Governor for the 2021-2022 year. Lion Kami has served in a very professional and respectful manner in several positions in the Karlstad Lions Club, also as a Zone Chair and has served District 5M11 this past year as 2VDG. Please join me in supporting Kami Underdahl Anderson as 1st VDG.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Debbie DuChamp  
Plummer Lions Too President

Letter of endorsement of Lion Kami Underdahl Anderson  
Spouse: Christopher Anderson  
Address: 208 Cleveland Av E, Karlstad, MN 56732  
Phone: 218-436-2088 Email: underdahl20@hotmail.com

District 5M11 Lions, The Karlstad Lions endorse Lion Kami Underdahl Anderson as a candidate for First Vice District Governor Elect. Lion Kami is in good standing with the Karlstad Lions. Lion Kami joined the Karlstad Lions in April of 2008. Since that time she has served as:

Vice President – 2009-2010 President – 2011-2012 Club Secretary – 2013-2014 Zone 6 Chairperson – 2012-2015 2nd Vice District Governor Elect 2019-2020 Lion Kami was nominated for Lion of the Year in December of 2013.

Lion Kami has been active and supportive of Lions on a club, zone, and district level. She has served on various committees and is a vital part of the Karlstad Lions.

On behalf of the Karlstad Lions, I offer full support of Lion Kami Underdahl Anderson as Second Vice District Governor elect for District 5M11.

Karlstad Lion Secretary,  
Lion Elaine Ruud  
Karlstad Lions  
Karlstad, MN

**LION RICK PINCHIN**



- Lions Club of Winnipeg Member for 49 years
- retired from CPA public practice

Current Activities:

- Director and Finance Committee member - Lions Foundation MB & NWO
- President - Lions Club of Winnipeg
- Director - Lions Club of Winnipeg Housing Centres
- Director on provincial and federal political associations
- Treasurer - Delta Upsilon Fraternity Alumni

Previous Activities:

- Past President - Lions Club of Winnipeg
- Past President - Lions Club of Winnipeg Housing Centres
- Past Zone Chair - Zone 10
- Past District 5M12 Treasurer
- Melvin Jones Fellow - 2014
- J.C.I. Senator #26673 - Winnipeg Jaycees

**LION CLAUDETTE MATCH**



Start date – June 2017 – recruited by Kevin Young - was immediately assigned to recording secretary.

In 2017 & 2018 Active in fund raising projects – Bingo Bowl, as well as community projects – Dog Walk BBQ and St. Vital Agriculture Pancake Breakfast and Hotdog Lunch.

Assigned to lead of the fundraising committee – Bingo Bowl and Casino Night 2018 and 2019.

Voted in as President of the Winnipeg South Lions Club in June of 2020.

**2021 Parade of Green Donations Lions 5M11 Mid-Winter Convention January 30, 2021**

***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AS LISTED BELOW AND MAIL TO ADDRESS INDICATED***

***DO NOT SEND DIRECTLY TO THE FOUNDATION AS OUR 5M11 REPRESENTATIVES NEED TO RECORD DONATIONS FROM 5M11***

<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<b>MAIL CHECK TO</b> 5M11 DIRECTOR/TRUSTEE/CHAIR/COORDINATOR
<b>MN Lions Vision Foundation *</b> Children's Eye Clinic (on memo line) Macular Degeneration Center (MAC on memo line) Lions Eye Institute (on Memo line)	<b>Lion Carol Skabo</b> PO Box 311 Dilworth MN 56529 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative: Lion Scott Grove)
<b>MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation* (Canada &amp; US)</b>	<b>Lion Kevin Reich</b> 15475 110 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW Red Lake Falls MN 56750 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative: Lion Tamie Rue)
<b>MN Lions Hearing Foundation*</b> Children's Hearing Center (on memo line)	<b>Lion Gerald Amiot</b> 177 North Acres Estates Crookston MN 56716 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative: Lion Gladwin Lynne)
<b>MN Lions Diabetes Foundation *</b>	<b>Lion Kim Peters</b> 1950 350 <sup>th</sup> St Ada MN 56510 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative: Lion Sandy Bertilrud)
<b>Can Do Canines</b>	<b>Lion Kevin Reich</b> 15475 110 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW Red Lake Falls MN 56750
<b>Leader Dogs for the Blind</b>	<b>Lion Ken Bauer</b> 429 4 <sup>th</sup> St NE Barnesville MN 56514
<b>LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) US</b>	<b>Lion Joanne Swanson</b> 23544 265 <sup>th</sup> St SW Crookston MN 56716 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative: Lion Tom Jorgens)
<b>LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) Canada</b>	<b>Lion Bill Myskiw</b> 190 Corunna Ave, West St Paul MB R4A 9A5
<b>Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN *</b>	<b>Lion Joshua Kent</b> 2883 105 <sup>th</sup> Ave Mahnomen MN 56557
<b>Lions District 5M11</b> 5M11 Leo Clubs (on memo Line) 5M11 Youth Activities (on memo line)	<b>Lion Nadine Myers</b> 1351 County Highway 36 Twin Valley MN 56584
<b>MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation *</b>	<b>Lion Jodi Sorenson</b> 25871 State Hwy 89 Roseau MN 56751
<b>MD5M Lions Children's Cancer Foundation of Canada</b>	<b>Lion Mike Janssen</b> 58 Walter Copp Cres Winnipeg MB R2K 4H6
<b>Diabetes Canada</b>	<b>Lion Andrea Kwasnicki</b> 23 Bailey Ave Winnipeg MB R2M 5S3
<b>Lions Foundation Canada Dog Guides</b>	<b>Lion Doug Wiens</b> Box 12 Grunthal MB R0A 0R0
<b>Lions Foundation of Manitoba &amp; NW Ontario</b> Medical Assistance Program (on memo line) Rural Housing (on memo line) Hearing Foundation (on memo line) Eye Bank (on memo line)	<b>Lion Patricia Wight</b> 525 Adsum Dr Winnipeg MB R2P 0W8 (Other Representatives: Lion Richard Pinchin, Lion Evelyn Myskiw, Lion Bonnie Popowich)

# 5M11 VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

BEING HELD DURING THE 5M11 2021 MID-WINTER VIRTUAL CONVENTION



6x18 Taster Flight Presentation Tray with Lions Logo We Serve



22oz Tumbler, Kindness Diversity 5M11 2020-2021



14oz Camper Mug, Kindness Diversity 5M11 2020-2021



Coca-Cola Basket: 4 - 8" plates  
4 - 10.5" plates  
4 - pizza plates  
3 bowl dip tray  
4 - cereal bowls  
4 - 12 oz glasses  
Metal silverware caddy  
Set of 48 silver heavy duty plastic ware  
Not shown, napkin caddy/holder



8x16 Charcuterie Plank with Lions Logo We Serve



Palm Leaf Picnic Set:  
Palm leaf snack tray,  
Rectangle serving tray,  
4 green coasters  
4 - 10.5" palm leaf plates  
4 - 8" palm leaf plates  
4 - blue to green bowls  
4 - blue to green glasses  
33 oz clear carafe  
Round "beach" picnic towel  
16 pc silverware in caddy  
Blue to green salad serving set with ice pack



Wooden Bowl with Lions Logo, 5M11 2020-2021 TEAM LION



12x22 Large Charcuterie Plank with Lions Logo We Serve

12x24 Maple Serving Tray with brushed nickel handles and rubber feet



8x18 Beer Pint Presentation Tray with Lions Logo



# Local knitters are unsung heroes



Anne Yanchyshyn  
COMMUNITY  
CORRESPONDENT

## ST. VITAL

Whether they are the technicians at Winnipeg Clinic or the dinner staff when we come home, essential workers have been everybody's heroes during this COVID-19 pandemic because they serve us while risking personal safety.

I can think of yet another kind of self-giving person — the knitters among us. They click away with their needles year after year for the needy, especially for newcomers who can't speak English and have not yet experienced Manitoba winters. Knitting groups regularly hold sales to help schools and charities such as Siloam Mission and René Deleurne Center.

Pat Dodd is one such knitter at Riverside Lions Estates in St. Vital, where the ladies knit scarves, socks, mitts, and toques for the needy. The establishment supplies the yarn and looks after the distribution of the knitted items to their selected charities.

During our interview Pat showed me a special toque she'd knitted. The stitches were flawlessly even, the pattern distinct, and the two-colour wool ends neatly worked in. A friend of hers said he's given his granddaughters Pat's toques because she makes unique ones with a hole in the back to

allow for ponytails.

He supplied the accompanying picture of Pat and remembered she also made "sweaters, Harry Potter scarves, etc. for our immigrants and others in need."

Pat has also donated knitted items to the retired teachers/support staff luncheons, which she proudly attends, having served as an educational assistant in St. Vital schools for over 20 years. In that time she studied and graduated with Grade 12 students at Dakota Collegiate.

I would be remiss not to mention the giving that has been done by the knitting club at Dakota House.

Founded in 2009 by Vera Butterworth, with Betty Buckingham as secretary/treasurer, they met once a week while others knitted in their suites. Unheralded, they made sweaters, afghans, socks, toques, mitts, scarves, etc., and held sales twice a year. The articles left over were donated to schools, care homes, and Siloam Mission. Over the years they donated \$7,500 from these sales to six different charities, and if you added the articles donated after sales, the total worth would almost double. Remarkable.

As numbers of outside buyers decreased, the club disbanded last fall. But several knitters are still making toques and mitts for schools, and lap robes, shawls and slippers for senior's homes.

Betty had a final remark to offer:

"Many thanks to all the beautiful knitters in the past and those still knitting — they just don't know how to quit."

A recent *Free Press* editorial cartoon was right: "Not all heroes wear capes."



Pat Dodd, of Riverside Lions Estate in St. Vital, has been making knitted items such as mittens, socks and toques for years.

Anne Yanchyshyn is a community correspondent for *St. Vital*. Email her at [acy@mymts.net](mailto:acy@mymts.net)

Lion Pat Dodd, a member of the Riverside Lions Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, made the local paper, 'The Lance', regarding her knitted items that she has made over the years.

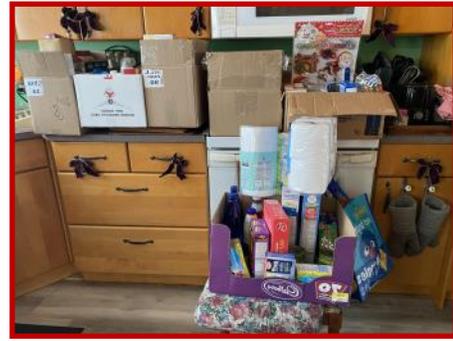
Lion Pat is a staunch supporter of the Coats for Kid project that the Lions are involved in.

## 2021 Mid-Winter Convention Raffle

Here is a list of ticket numbers for clubs who are entered in the 2021 Mid-Winter Convention Raffle. If you know your numbers, you will know if your club has won even before we have a chance to find the number on our master chart! The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the convention on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The winner will receive 15% of proceeds, which would be \$341.40 (as of January 9th, if no more tickets are purchased).

*\*\*If your club is not listed in the chart below, you still do have a chance to buy tickets. If Lion Nadine Myers receives a check/money order by January 28, 2021, she will enter tickets into the drawing for you. The tickets are \$2 each (\$2.68 Canadian).\*\**

CLUB NAME	TICKET #s	CLUB NAME	TICKET #s
ADA	436031-436051	LAC DU BONNET	436647-436658
ALVARADO	436052-436073	LAKE BRONSON	437084-437094
BAGLEY	437066-437083	LANCASTER	436294-436332
BARNESVILLE	436411-436447	MAHNOMEN-WAUBUN	436659-436679
BEAUSEJOUR	436853-436876	MOORHEAD	436556-436576
DILWORTH	436047-436126	MOORHEAD MIDDAY CENTRAL	436490-436512
DILWORTH LOCO	436877-436895	NEWFOLDEN	436361-436381
EAST KILDONAN	437095-437103	OSLO	436212-436236
EAST ST PAUL	436598-436624	PINAWA	436833-436852
FERTILE	436382-436410	PLUMMER LIONS TOO	436577-436597
FLOM & AREA	436680-436702	RED LAKE FALLS	436931-436964
FOSSTON-LENGBY	436448-436489	RIVERSIDE	436965-437009
GARY	436127-436145	SABIN	437144-437157
GONVICK	436896-436930	ST HILAIRE	436333-436360
GOODRIDGE LION TAMERS	436271-436293	STEINBACH	436625-436646
GREENBUSH-BADGER	436146-436177	STEPHEN	436513-436555
GRUNTHAL	437048-437065	TWIN VALLEY	436816-436832
GRYGLA	436703-436776	WARROAD	436237-436270
HALSTAD	437104-437119	WINGER	436777-436815
HITTERDAL	437120-437143	WINNIPEG	437010-437030
KARLSTAD	436178-436211	WINNIPEG WEST	437031-437047



### CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The West St. Paul Lions sponsored a low income family through a private group. Once they received their family's contact info they were considered a sponsor and no else had access to that info. They were given a suggested list of items to purchase not counting gifts.

Their 'hamper' family consisted of a single parent with one child.

Arianna was turning 9 on 17 December. They asked if they could deliver that day WITH Santa. They also asked permission to take a couple of pictures and to post on their website and in the District newsletter.

The "call" went out to the Club who was very generous!

They learned that due to Arianna's compromised immune system, due to having 4 brain tumors and 2 brain surgeries so far) she was being home schooled.

Pic 1: Arianna with Santa

Pic 2: birthday and Christmas gifts

Pic 3: (counter and floor) non-perishable food items, toiletries and paper products. They still had frozen items and bread products to add to the pile.

In a side note: their vehicle used to deliver items/presents was loaded from the back of the front seats to the tailgate.

Mom was crying what they received all the items. Arianna was shy with Santa but had fun opening the gifts in the green bag.



Lion Pat, President of West St. Paul Lions Club presenting a cheque for \$500.00 to Principal Dave from WSTPaul School for their breakfast program. This was done in early May 2020.



Madison is a grade 8 student in West St. Paul, MN School. Out of 54 entries, hers was chosen as our 1st place winner. She received her certificate framed with a 1st place ribbon and a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart. Her only complaint was that she didn't have time to completely finish as she would have liked.

Our 2nd place winner is still to receive her award.

West St. Paul Lions have been doing this project for approx. 9 years.

Left: Principal David  
Centre: Madison with awards  
Right: Lion Pat, President of West St. Paul Lions Club



## GARY DOUGLAS CHORNOBOY

April 21, 1943 - December 26, 2020

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Gary Douglas Chornoboy, age 77, of Winnipeg, MB, formerly of Grunthal MB, on Saturday, December 26, 2020, at the Victoria Hospital in Winnipeg, MB.

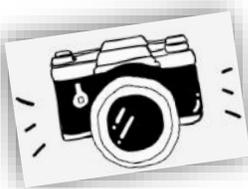
Gary is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Dorothy, his daughter Shannon and Jon Friesen, grandchildren: Taylor, Jayden, Bryson and Jaxon Friesen, his son Daryn and Angela (Heese), grandchildren: Keaton and Thayda Chornoboy, as well as one brother, Dale and Debbie, nephew Gavin Chornoboy of Grande Prairie, AB.

Gary was predeceased by his parents, Ted and Luba Chornoby.

Gary was born in Winnipeg, MB on April 21, 1943, and grew up in Grunthal, MB. After high school, he joined his father in running the family business, Chornoboy Farm Equipment Ltd, eventually taking over until his retirement in 1999. Gary married Dorothy, the love of his life in 1968 and shortly after that they started their family. Gary and Dorothy made a big move to Winnipeg after his retirement where they enjoyed many aspects of city life. Gary valued the many lifelong friendships that started in Grunthal to the new ones created while living in Winnipeg.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held when restrictions are lifted and we can gather with family and friends. This obituary can also be viewed at [birchwoodfuneralchapel.com](http://birchwoodfuneralchapel.com) and click on his obituary.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Riverside Lions Club 188 Worthington Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2M 5K1, which was very important to Gary.



### **Photo Taking Tips**

- ◆ Hold the camera at the person's eye level
  - ◆ Get in close
- ◆ Make sure the background is not cluttered
- ◆ Do not have bright lights on right behind the subject



### **VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE**

- Mute your microphone when you're not talking.
- Find a quiet space without interruptions or background noise.
- Speak up and stay close to microphone when speaking.
- Have good lighting on your face; avoid backlight from bright windows
- If using a laptop with built-in camera, prop your laptop up so camera is at eye-level.
- Be mindful that you are on camera! Try to avoid doing other tasks during virtual meetings.



# 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 May 2nd, 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](http://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!***



## 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](http://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, Email: [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com) Phone #: 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"**

## Greetings

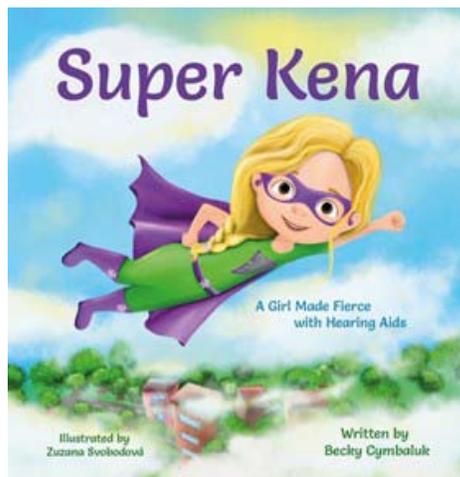
We are highlighting a lovely children's book, written by a Minnesota grandmother whose child has hearing aids. She struggled with helping her daughter wanting to fit in but knowing that having a disability made her different. We are including a graphic of the cover of the book and a Word document that can be used however much you wish in your newsletter. We will include the total document information in this email as well in case you cannot open the Word document. It is a lovely book about children with many disabilities, not just hearing.

We also are including a photo with the author holding the book and the 5M11 trustee who has helped in promoting it, Lion Jerry Amiot,

Thanks for your interest. If you have any stories in your district that you would like to share with others, please let us know.



Hearing Foundation Publicity Committee



## About the Book

Becky decided to write “Super Kena” when Kena was a toddler. She searched the internet to find a book about a child with hearing aids but they were hard to find. Most of the books had animals with hearing aids in them. So, she decided to write her own book for Kena and that’s how *Super Kena – A Girl Made Fierce with Hearing Aids* came about! It’s meant to empower children like Kena but also other differently-abled children who get teased and only want to fit in. The book touches on children with glasses, diabetes, who stutter, who have peanut allergies, with asthma and who are in wheelchairs. Together, they use their super powers to make a difference in the world by spreading understanding and acceptance . . . one classroom at a time.

## Product Details:

Cost: Hardcover - \$14.95 plus tax  
Ebook - \$2.99 plus tax

Description: 9”x 9” colorful hardcover book with heavy stock paper that make the book durable and child friendly; 32 pages of original illustrations with multicultural boys and girls; American Sign Language alphabet is included for children to learn and decipher a puzzle on the back cover.

Target Audience: *Super Kena – A Girl Made Fierce with Hearing Aids* is geared to children ages 4 to 8 years old. It would make a great ENT or Audiologist doctor’s waiting room book, for anyone that knows some who’s hard of hearing, or for differently-abled children that only want to be in-



## Tinnitus Study



The Hearing Foundation has supported research in this area, which we will be writing about in later newsletter posts. I know there are many Lions and others in our communities that have this problem.

"Thank you for your interest in participating in the Tinnitus Research Study with the Otology research team at the University of Minnesota! This is a research study to examine how tinnitus or 'ringing in the ears' affects brain signals, and how these brain signals can be used to help researchers develop better tools to diagnose people with tinnitus. A research coordinator from our research team will contact you in the near future and provide you with an online eligibility questionnaire, as part of the screening process.

If eligible, there will be a remote consent meeting and a total of three separate appointments: hearing test and neuropsychological questionnaires, magnetoencephalography (MEG) scan appointment, and a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan appointment. The MEG machine works like a very sensitive microphone to detect the magnetic activity of brain cells (neurons). The MRI machine works like a camera to record the structure of your brain anatomy. There is no treatment or intervention in this study. There will be no direct benefit to the participant. Two of the appointments will take place on campus, and the MEG appointment will be in St. Paul at United Hospital. Participation in the study is voluntary. Eligible participants will be compensated for their time, and are paid based on completing the three appointments. Total compensation can be up to \$300.

Please note, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, participants are discouraged from bringing visitors to study visits. While on campus, research staff and participants will adhere to University policies and practice social distancing of six feet apart, hand hygiene, and will be required to wear masks at all study visits. We may have longer waiting times.

As openings become available, we will email you a link to our secure online eligibility questionnaire that you can complete at your convenience. Upon completion, you will receive a follow-up email regarding your eligibility with next steps."

Anyone interested in our study can contact our study team through this email to receive additional information."



## TINNITUS RESEARCH STUDY

Are you between 18-75 years old?  
Do you experience ringing in your ears?  
Or want to help people who do?



Help us study how tinnitus affects brain signals!

- Participation involves questionnaires and brain imaging (MRI and MEG)
- Compensation will be provided



Contact: [ENTSTUDY@umn.edu](mailto:ENTSTUDY@umn.edu)



# 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 curing 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!**

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

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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 .\*\****



### **5M11 ZOOM ACCOUNT**

Available for 5M11 Lions Clubs use: District Club Meetings, Zone Meetings, and other group meetings held.

**Contact Lions Mike & Lisa Jenness to set up meeting.**

*lions5M11news@gmail.com*

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