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Roblin Motor Inn - 236 Main St. NW, Roblin
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Strathclair Municipal Hall

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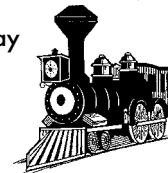
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The passing of a Lion

MIKE KAMFOLY

In 1980 the Ethelbert Lions club received its charter with twenty-nine members signing on as lions. Mike Kamfoly was one. Over the years Lion Mike held various positions such as president, treasurer and tail twister. Especially as tail twister he had great fun catching members and feeding the lion with humorous fines.

Lion Mike was always willing to lend a hand. At pancake breakfasts, he could be found with his big bowl mixing the batter.

One of his favorite projects was to make up hockey or football pools as a fundraiser or to call bingo at Sunnyside Lodge for the seniors over the Christmas holidays. The club could always count on Lion Mike to present the Lions bursary to the student with the highest marks at graduation and

the job of ordering our community calendars was also his responsibility.

Over the years Lion Mike was the recipient of many awards, among which was the Hope Medal for community service as well as Governor pins, club pins and keys awarded by Lions International in recognition for sponsoring new members. It was Lion Mike who introduced Lion Art and myself into the club. The club sometime teased Lion Mike that the weight of his vest was getting too heavy to carry around.

One of the things Lion Mike was proud of, and rightly so, was that he was the last remaining active charter member in the Ethelbert Lions. **Sadly, Lion Mike passed away September 15 at the age of 81. His passing leaves a large hole in the lions** and he will be greatly missed.

Proposed Changes to District 5M-13 Constitution & By-laws

Lion Harvey Kingdon
November 3, 2012
Revised: November 14, 2012
Portage La Prairie, MB

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

ARTICLE V – Finances

Section VI (PAGE 8)

WHEREAS, a review of the annual books and accounts of the District finances is acceptable and less costly than an audit, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the second line change the word "audit" to read "review".

The first sentence will then read: "The District Governor shall appoint a Past District Governor to provide for an annual or more frequent review of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. . .

ARTICLE VII –

District Convention Fund Section II, A (Page 11)

WHEREAS, the District's share of the profits from the Mid-Winter Convention have been deposited in the General Revenue account;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the last sentence of Section II, A, which reads, "The District's share of the profits from the Mid-Winter Convention shall be put into a District Convention Fund to reduce the price of the hospitality books at the next Convention" be removed".

This Section II A will then read: "If a profit is realized from the promotion, organization or operation of the District Convention, such profit shall be shared by and between the Host Club and the District, with the Host Club receiving 60% of such profit and the District receiving the remaining 40%".

Section II, B (Page 11)

WHEREAS, there could be a loss rather than a profit from hosting the convention, AND FURTHER, the Host Committee may require start up funding,

AND FURTHERMORE, to keep these two possibilities (profit and loss) next to

each other in the constitution; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a new Item "B" replace the previous Item "B", which would become a new Item "D", and the new Item "B" would read: "That a start up loan of \$1,000 be made available to the convention committee if required, and that the loss be listed as a budget item".

BY-LAWS (Page 13)

ARTICLE I – District Nominations and Elections

Section V (Pages 13 & 14)

In regard to: "Lions Foundation of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Inc." (Medical Assistance Program) and the "Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Inc."

WHEREAS, Districts 5M-10 and 5M-11 elect their three (3) Directors to the "Lions Foundation of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Inc." (Medical Assistance Fund) and the "Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Inc." at large (from any part of the Canadian District), – one elected sequentially each year, and

WHEREAS, this procedure of selection at large would be satisfactory for District 5M-13, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in Section V, A. the word "each" on the first line be deleted and replaced with the following words "one elected at large at the Mid-Winter Convention for a three year period following the present sequence".

The revised wording would then read:

A. District 5M-13 shall have three (3) Directors on the Lions Foundation of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Inc." (Medical Assistance Program) and the "Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Inc. Board, one elected at large at the Mid-Winter Convention for a three year period following the present sequence. No Director may serve more than two (2) consecutive three year terms.

WHEREAS, if the proposed wording for Section V, A. is approved, the present Sections: "B" - regarding three areas, Section "C" – regarding Director boundaries,

and Section "D" - regarding the rotation of election, would no longer be required since they would be covered in Section "A".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in Section V the present items numbered "E" and "F", be renumbered as items "B" and "C", respectively.

ARTICLE II – Duties

Section II – First Vice District Governor – (Page 15)

WHEREAS Lions Clubs International (LCI) has provided a job description for the First Vice-District Governor, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LCI job description replace the present wording.

LCI Job Description

A. Further the purposes of the Association;

B. Perform administrative duties as assigned by the district governor and accept and complete other duties as assigned by the International Board of Directors;

C. Attend cabinet meetings;

D. Preside at cabinet meetings and other meetings in the absence of the governor and participate in council meetings as appropriate;

E. Assist the governor in identifying opportunities and challenges facing the district and in developing long term strategies to strengthen and grow the district;

F. Conduct club visitations when requested by the district governor;

G. Work with the District Membership, Extension, Leadership Development and Convention Committees and assist them in reaching their goals for the year;

H. Supervise other district committees at the request of the district governor;

I. Participate in the planning of the following year including the district budget;

J. Become familiar with the responsibilities of the district governor; and

K. Be a member of the Global Membership Team.

Section III – Second Vice District Governor (Page 16)

WHEREAS Lions Clubs International (LCI) has provided a job description for the second vice district governor; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LCI job description replace the present wording.

LCI Job Description

A. Further the purposes of the association;

B. Work with other district officers to promote membership growth, new club organization, and member retention;

C. Attend cabinet meetings;

D. Preside at cabinet meetings and other meetings in the absence of the governor and the first vice district governor;

E. Monitor the health of clubs by regularly reviewing LCI recap and membership reports; develop action steps to assist declining clubs in coordination with MERL teams and zone/region chairs;

F. Assist in the preparation of the budget and other matters to be continued in the following year;

G. Supervise appropriate district committees as requested by the district governor;

H. Accept and complete other duties as required by the association's policy or as assigned by the district governor. For example, conduct club visitations, offer assistance to declining clubs, work with the District Convention, LCIF and Information Technology Committees;

I. Be familiar with the responsibilities of the district governor and vice district governor; and

J. Be a member of the Global Leadership Team.

Section V – Cabinet Secretary (Page 17)

WHEREAS an additional responsibility is included in the Lions Clubs International (LCI) job description for the secretary,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new item "G" be added to read:

G. Monitor the Monthly Membership Reports from the clubs in the district and make copies for distribution to other district officers, if requested by the governor.

ARTICLE VIII – Effective Date

WHEREAS, another revision has been made to the Constitution and By-Laws, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the latest revision date be included to read: "Revised, District Convention at Gimli, February 22-24, 2013".

ARTICLE 1X – Governor and Cabinet member expense guidelines

A. District Governor

d) Governors' Assistance Fund

WHEREAS the membership decrease in District 5M-13 has seriously reduced the operating budget,

AND WHEREAS the allocation to the District Governor's Assistance Fund to provide "spouse's transportation to the International Convention at the end of the Governor's year" is an unnecessary cost,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this item in ARTICLE 1X, A. District Governor, d) Governor's Assistance Fund – 5th item be deleted.



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① DG Willie Brown ② Correy Hurren (Zone Chair) and Cheryl McKittrick (Global Leadership) ③ Gord Kingdon (Youth Outreach), Harvey Kingdon (Constitution & By-laws), Roy Graham (Zone Chair) and Jim Boles (Zone Chair) ④ Margaret Martin (recording secretary) ⑤ some tail twisting ⑥ Dan Martin (Hearing Foundation), Mike Fisher (zone chair) and Jossip Lecnik (Public Relations) ⑦ John Fehr (treasurer), Rick Plaiser (Global Membership), Bill McKittrick (Global Membership) and Helmut Neufeld (Zone Chair).



D.G. Digest...we are Roaring Along

DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILLIE BROWN



It is the time of year we look back and reflect on where we have been and look forward to where we are headed.

Since my election at the Mid-Winter in Shilo I have been traveling ...

March 13 - 18th saw me attend training and the Council of Governors meeting in Brooklyn Centre, MN,

April 26 - 28th. I was in Hinckley for the Council of Governors meeting and the MD5M Multiple Convention.

June 7th - 9th was the Canadian District Governor Elect tour of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide School in Oakville and commemorative tree dedication service at the Lions Memorial Forest at Breslaw, Ontario.

June 12 - 29th I had the privilege to be sworn in as your District Governor at the Lions International Convention in Busan, South Korea.

July 27th -28th Council of Governors meeting in St Cloud, MN. Following the Council of Governor meeting I had the opportunity to visit with the exchange students for their dinner celebration.

Aug 24th – Aug 26th was

our Zone Chair Training and Cabinet meeting in Brandon.

Sept. 12th -19th I attended the USA / Canada Forum in Tampa Florida.

Sept. 21st – Sept 23rd Lions Foundation of Manitoba & North West Ontario / Eye Bank meetings in Winnipeg.

Oct. 19th-20th. The Council of Governors meeting at Mahnomon, MN was my next stop.

Nov. 3rd was our Cabinet meeting in Portage La Prairie.

I have also have been on the trail of Club meetings. Its amazing how my year is flying by.

I am humbled and so proud of each and every one of you by the differences you have made in the lives of families and individuals throughout our district.

I know sometimes I have the easy job when I get to make a presentation or visit a project as your representative. I wish to pass along the handshakes, thank yous and hugs to you. You may never see that smile on a child's face or the look in someones eyes when you have made a difference in their life. It is heart warming and though you are

not looking for rewards or accolades it is necessary for me on their behalf to say "thank you".

We do have a group of members that need special mention and they are the Zone and Committee Chairs plus my Vice District Governors who have pulled me through a few bumps in the road, but we have still managed to laugh and work our way through...so please when you run into one of these members...please thank them.

If you are looking for Christmas presents, allow me to suggest one. Why not register for the 5M13 Mid-Winter Convention in Gimli. A weekend away with a fantastic group of members, fun times and a learn more about your district all under one roof, and this is a Lions Club sanctioned event and lots of clubs will pay registrations and expenses to the "rules of audit", and I would love to see you all attend. You will see more info elsewhere in the Manitoba Lion.

Seasons Greetings to the Leos, Lioness's and Lions of 5M13. I would like to wish you and your family all the best for

the upcoming Christmas Season with health and happiness to each and all.

DG Willie Brown
"acta non verba"

Along The Path with DG Willie

December 1	Xmas Party
2	Crystal City Visitation
3-5	Not Available
7	Not Available
8	Lions Foundation Meeting Winnipeg
12	Melita Visitation
16	Roblin Visitation
January 11-13	District Curling Bonspiel Bowsman
19	Journey for Sight Celebration Brandon
26	Minitonas, Swan River, Bowsman Visitation
February 8-10	5M11 Mid-Winter
14	Boissevain Visitation
22 – 24	5M13 Convention, Lakeview Resort & Conf. Centre, Gimli, MB
March 16	Council of Governors Meeting, Brooklyn Center,
May 3	Council of Governors Meeting, Rochester, MN
May 3	Multiple Convention, Rochester, MN
July 5	INTERNATIONAL, Hamburg, Germany

Please book a day for the District Governor to visit your club if you haven't already done so. Many Thanks!

Helen Keller challenges Lions to be Knights of the Blind

Journey for Sight raising funds for Eye Bank of Manitoba and NW Ontario

Lion Dale Yeo,
Roblin Lions Club coordinator
for 2013 Journey for Sight

She was left blind, deaf and mute by illness when only nineteen months old. Despite these staggering handicaps, she went on to graduate with honours from college and to become for years the foremost American advocate for the visually impaired.

Helen Keller (1880 – 1968) attained iconic status in her native United States. One could compare her, I suppose, to our Terry Fox in Canada. Both strove tirelessly on behalf of others, though Terry's life, tragically, was cut short at a much earlier age.

The paths of Helen Keller and Lions International intersected very early in the life of the fledgling Lions organization. Started in 1917 by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones, the Lions invited Helen Keller to be the keynote speaker at one of their earliest national conventions; her words also gave Lions a primary sense of purpose that remains an integral focus of Lions International today, nearly eight-eight years later.

Helen Keller challenged the Lions of 1925 to become "Knights of the Blind", to dedicate their service to stamping out preventable blindness and to making life easier for the sight-impaired. That has become the foremost cause of Lions in some two hundred countries across the globe ever since.

It is why Lions, twice in the past two decades, have set out to raise tens of millions of dollars worldwide to eradicate river blindness and other preventable vision problems in Africa and other areas. So



Helen Keller advocated the latest technology for the blind, even when costly. Photographed in 1924 at a meeting of the Uptown Lions Club in New York City, Keller launches a campaign to give radios to poor blind children. The radios cost \$75, the equivalent of \$950 today.

impressive were two Sightfirst campaigns - that helped convince Red China (a nation with some forty million blind people itself) to allow the start of the first Lions Clubs in that nation.

It is why Lions dedicate so much time and effort to help combat diabetes, a major cause of blindness today. The "Cavalcade for Diabetes" that we saw wending its way through the streets of Roblin two years ago was a tangible reminder of that effort.

In January each year, we see one more illustration of the Lions' commitment to working to alleviate visual impairment. All across Manitoba, the annual "Journey for Sight" takes place. From north, south and east, snowmobile riders converge

The Roblin and District Lions have hosted a lunch stop for this event's northern leg for the better part of three decades now. Over the years, Roblin has become known as either "the pie stop" or "the best lunch stop-over on the journey".

on Brandon, raising money all along the way. Those funds go to the Eye Bank of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario. This is virtually the only source of funds for the Eye Bank, which provides corneal transplants in Winnipeg for those in need of that surgery. To date, over one million dollars has been raised for the vitally important cause.

Started in the early 1980's by Lion Gordon Boulton of Birtle, the "Journey for Sight" has evolved over the years from the original two riders back then to scores of participants today.

Regardless of weather – and we've experienced everything from bone-chilling cold to virtually snowless winters like last year – the riders set out from the north, south and east on an exhausting week long trek to Brandon.

The Roblin & District Lions have hosted a lunch stop for the northern leg for the better part of three decades. Over the years, Roblin has become known as either "the pie stop" or "the best lunch stop-over on the journey". Lions Jill and Nelson Daneluk of the Roblin Club help make that true.

This year's Journey for Sight will run from January 15-19. Above twelve noon on Friday, January 18th, anywhere from twenty to thirty riders and support staff will churn into Roblin's community centre grounds. As always, it will seem like great old times to welcome the men and women, many of them seasoned veterans of the trip, who undertake the arduous journey.

Sadly, our Roblin Lions will not have Lion Larry Mazur on the 2013 journey, as he and wife Lion Donna have moved out to Kelowna, BC. That's definitely their gain and our loss. In only two years as a participant in this event, Larry raised thousands of dollars and earned a reputation as a great guy to have along on the ride. We'll miss him.

Larry would be the first to say, though, that the "Journey for Sight" must go on. The need for corneal transplants never stops, and we want to do whatever we can to help meet that need.

Look for the Journey for Sight" in your area. We can ALL make a difference!

And what would Helen Keller think if she were able to watch those snowmobilers bouncing across snow-swept fields and trails? The answer to that is easy.

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Altona and Morden Lions Club Journey for Sight helps young girl maintain independent lifestyle for over 15 years

Stories and the Art of Story Telling, what "Wonderful Gifts"! This story begins sometime in 1984 with the Chartering of the Altona Lions Club. Lions Clubs International, LCI, is the world's largest, Community Service Club Organization, with 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members, worldwide. The focus of each club, is to create a positive influence of "Community Service" for their community.

One of Lions International & the Altona Lions Club focuses was, Sight Preservation. The Altona Lions were very supportive of the, Annual, "Journey for Sight Snowmobile Ride", that creates Awareness & Collects Donations for the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba & N W Ontario Inc Programs.

Fast forward this story to, 2012. Sadly, the Altona Lions Club has dissolved. But, fortunately, for Altona resident, Robyn Ainsworth, the nearby, Morden Lions Club & Winkler Lions Club, with funding assistance from the Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba & NW Ontario Inc, were able to help.

Robyn's old Telescope needed to be replaced. The Morden Lions Club, the Winkler Lions Club & the Lions Eye Bank, were able to make arrangements for Robyn to get her a new Telescope. Robyn, has vision disability, and needs a telescope, to enable her to have

vision. Robyn moved to Altona at 8 years of age. She has always had vision difficulties, including a detached retina, at 11 years of age. Robyn did graduate in 1977 from W C Millar Special Program. Robyn has been using a telescope for the past 20 years, and her Telescope has allowed her to maintain, an independent life for the past 15 years.

The Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Inc. is a non profit charitable organization that provides funding assistance for the following; the fight against corneal disease and injury, adaptive technology for the visually impaired, eye exams and eye wear for those in need of assistance, necessary equipment to health facilities as well as collecting used eyeglasses for developing countries.

With the support of the many Lions clubs throughout Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, we are able to assist with many requests, received each year. It is what Lions do best. "WE SERVE".

The major fundraising event is, the annual, Journey for Sight, snowmobile event that takes place every January. Riders from Northern, Central and Southern Manitoba, make stops to over 72 communities, graciously accepting pledges and donations . The Journey for Sight, which includes a snowmobile raffle, has raised over \$1,700,000.

The Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba & N W Ontario Inc, is pleased to work with the Morden Lions Club and the Winkler Lions, Amy Janzen fund to provide a Feinbloom Expanded Field Telescope for Robyn Ainsworth. Low Vision Telescopic systems are designed to allow an increased magnification of reading distances.

This story is about Community members, "Lions Club" Community Members, working "Together", to provide "Help & Assistance" for the Community. The Morden Lions Club have been, "Community Active" since 1971, *41 Years*, & The Winkler Lions Club, since 1974, *38 Years*. To inquire about the Amy Janzen Memorial Fund Inc, contact any Winkler Lions members.

Robyn is able to maintain her independent living, with the assistance of past members of the Altona Lions Club. If you have a New Vision for a New Altona Lions Club, contact Bill (Lion Eye Bank Chair) 204-873-2091; Rob (Morden Lions Pres) 204-822-6021; or Gary (Winkler Lions Pres) 204-325-8850 office; or Ray (Winkler Lions Sec) email: rmdowney@mymts.net

The Journey for Sight



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January 15 - 19, 2013



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Somerset Splash Park becomes a reality

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It was a beautiful warm balmy, fall afternoon for the Somerset Lions Splashpad, which is the "fad" for many communities.

Several of the local Lions members were on site on October 16th to play in the water while personnel from PlayQuest of Steinbach generated the new project into operation. They commissioned, or turned on all the features, testing for sequencing, pressure and working order of the various features on the pad.

PlayQuest Recreation is a full-service recreation equipment enterprise that erects all facets of a park's design and construction, playground installation. They feature recreation products with emphasis on safety and innovation. PlayQuest Recreation, partnered with their construction division, Questic Contracting, providing a complete turnkey operation, including sales, design, site preparation, installation, landscaping and maintenance.

What is a splash park? Typically, they are ground nozzles that spray water upwards out of the splash pad's rain deck. There may also be other water features such as a rainbow (semicircular pipe shower), a mushroom shower, or a tree shower. As well, some splash pads feature movable nozzles similar to those found on fire trucks to allow users to spray others.

A hand activated-motion sensor, to run for a limited time, controls the showers and ground nozzles. These splash pads are often surfaced in textured non-slip concrete or in crumb rubber.

The Somerset Splashpad

encompasses eleven features, including: Aqua Dome, Water Wall, Sunspray No.1, two fountain sprays, two Loop No. 1 Spray Cannons, Rooster Tail, Water Jelly No.1 and Water Tunnel No. 2. There is also a hand activator.

This Splashpad is also accompanied by a play structure and a berm, which is an earthen embankment or wall, usually erected to provide protection from the weather or to act as a landscaping screen.

"We got to pick the various features for our Splashpad but the price dictated what we chose," emphasized Gerry Archambault, Chairman of the Splash Park Committee.

"The simpler features seem to be more popular with many of the kids," added Tom Thomson, President of the Somerset & Area Lions Club.

"The berm and the area will be sodded next spring," continued Archambault

The construction took one month to complete. It started at the end of August and was completed in the final days



Several of the Somerset & Area Lions Club members were on hand on October 16th for the commissioning of their new splashpad. Enjoying the completion of their project were (l-r) Tom Thomson (President), Guy Labossiere (Past-President), Etienne Grenier, Rick Sierens (Treasurer), Gerry Van Deynze, Wes Friesen (Secretary) and Gerry Archambault, Chairman of the Splash Park Committee.

of September 2012.

Lions Club committee members committed to this specific venture are: Gerry Archambault, Chairman, Rick Sierens, Guy Labossiere and Jeff Desrochers. There are plans for a grand opening and ribbon cutting in June 2013.

"This is our last step in this project The Splashpad will be turned over to the Village of Somerset. A project such as this normally takes five years to complete. In our case, with the support of the club members and our communities, we could finish it in two and one-half years," concluded Rick Sierens, Treasurer of the Somerset & Area Lions Club.

Due to health reasons
there will be no club reports this month.

A speedy recover to
Secretary Lion Omer Champigny



Lion Bob Brudy carving a roast for 18 take out orders for the Shoal Lake Seniors Residence.

Your Shoal Lake Lions at work

Fall and Winter are upon us and that means Lions Clubs all over Manitoba come out of summer hibernation and get back to doing what they do best and that is serving their communities. Shoal Lake Lions are no different. While we did not take a complete break during the summer we now have become much busier.

We started off by installing a new sign at the North Shore Park. As you may know the Lions put a lot of money into developing what once was a swamp into the North Shore Park. It has always been know as a Lions Club project and now it is officially called the Shoal Lake Lions North Shore Park. If you have not seen the sign, drive by and have a look. The Park is something we can all be proud of.

On October 27th the Lions Club hosted the first annual roast beef dinner. This year it was a Pit Barbeque, and it was a smashing success. We dug the hole on Friday afternoon thanks to Country Side Trenching and started burning our stock pile of pallets at about five in the evening. We kept the fire going all night and burnt up some two hundred pallets. Then at five in the morning

we put the roasts on top of the coals and sealed off the hole. The roasts were removed at four in the afternoon and I am told that at this point our president Trevor Hagyard had an airplane warming up at the air port in case the roast were not done and he would have to leave town in a hurry! Chef Lion Bob Brudy declared the roast done to perfection and Lion Trevor ordered the pilot to stand down. Approximately 200 meals were served to an appreciative crowd including our District Governor Lion Willie Brown. We want to thank our wives who helped us prepare and serve the scrumptious meal. We also want to thank Dave Simpson for his help in seasoning and wrapping the roasts on Friday afternoon. We also thank Eric Brown for digging the hole for us and all the businesses who donated pallets to our fire. As this was such a success, please look for us again next fall.

If Saturday was not enough work we all gathered at the dock on Shoal Lake on Sunday after noon and removed the dock from the frozen lake. While this was not the scale of a coast guard ice breaker, it was kind of fun to ride the first section of dock and smash the ice with a stick in order to move it to the ramp and then lift it into storage. After that the sections came out in quick succession and when the final piece was pulled out summer on the lake was officially over.

What's next! Thanks to Pat Maduke we will have a very nice town Christmas tree and the Lions will once again decorate it, the light standards and hopefully the trees along The Drive. See you at the tree lighting.

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