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## Lions roar into Gimli for 5M13 Convention



ID Lion Steven Glass and PDG Lion Cindy Glass receive convention gift of Viking ship from DG Willie Brown on behalf of the Gimli convention hosts

By DIG WILLIE BROWN

District 5M13 Lions held their Mid-Winter Convention at the Lakeview Convention Centre in Gimli, Manitoba, February 22 – 24, 2013.

Special thankyou's to Lion Steve Shinnie and Maria Shinnie, Lion Josip and Lynn Lecnik, and the Teulon Lions Club.

International Director Lion Steve Glass and his partner PDG Lion Cindy were our guests from Bridgeport, West Virginia.

We kicked off the weekend with our third cabinet meeting of 5M13 on the Friday afternoon, and PIP Tam forwarded a certificate that was presented to IPDG Lion Colleen Kingdon. We then had a fantastic evening of dancing and

entertainment with Adam T Elvis who was definitely in the building. We rocked till the wee small hours followed by fun and fellowship in the Teulon Lions Hospitality room.

Saturday started bright and early with a full served

breakfast for the registrants, and then we went into a slate of presentations from Brett 'The Blind Kid' Devloo, who gave us his touching chronology of his condition from sighted to blind.

Our Youth Exchange chair Lion Gord Kingdon

reported to the attendees on the 5M13 Youth Exchange and his request to Lions in our district to be host families for this years students. I suggest that you consider hosting a student,

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## Asia Oleson wins Lions Speak Off



Speak off contestants. Front (l-r): Tess Derksen, Sarah De Baets, Nikki Anderson, Serena Derksen. Back row: Taylor McCauley, Quinn Derksen, Anthony Dzedzic, Jaycee Lynn Crowe, Asia Oleson.

By LION GORD KINGDON

The 2013 Lions Speak Off competition was held at the Mid-Winter Convention in Gimli on February 22-24. There were 9 young competitors again this year, although there were 4 in one category, only 2 speakers in another and the third level had a compliment of 3.

This is the favorite part of the Mid - Winter convention of many of the attendees, cause you just never know what you're going to get in "that box of chocolates"!!! Again the kids did not disappoint. With subjects from ranging from Nightmares, Imagination, Living Life, Public Speaking, Acting, Ronald McDonald House, Oma, Relationships and 4-H - it was a GREAT job. Too bad some of you missed it!

The competitors represented a large and wide ranging area of the province.

Taylor McCauley, *Birch River* sponsored by Bowsman Lions, Quinn, Serena and Tess Derksen, *Stony Mountain* sponsored by the Stonewall Lions, Anthony Dzedzic, *Inwood* sponsored by the Teulon Lions, Jaycee Lynn Crowe, *Deloraine* sponsored by the Melita and area Lions, Sarah De Baets, *Notre Dame* sponsored by Somerset Lions, Nikki Anderson, *Gladstone* sponsored by the Plumas Lions and Asia Oleson, *Wawanesa* sponsored by Wawanesa Lions.

The Middle grades level winner was Serena Derksen; Senior 1 & 2 level winner was Quinn Derksen; the winner of the Senior 3 & 4 level was Asia Oleson.

Congratulations to all our speakers. Good job. Thank you very much to our 2013 Speak Off sponsoring Lions Clubs, judges; Lion Lloyd McCabe, Lion Louise and Lion Colleen Kingdon, and questioners; Lion Cheryl McKitrick and

International Director Stephen Glass, and timer Margret Martin. Very nicely done.

The top three in each of the three levels are awarded a prize of \$150.00, \$100.00, \$50.00 respectively. In the Senior 3 & 4 Level the first place finalist also has the option of receiving the \$1000.00 assistance from the 5M13 District toward an International Youth Exchange and Camp of their choice. Our winner, Asia, has decided on the \$1000.00 assistance to an exchange, a decision she hasn't come to yet, as to where it will be or when.

We got some good suggestions for next year so there will be some additions etc. to make it even better.

See you all in Brandon for the 2014 Mid-Winter Convention with your newly sponsored speaker in tow!! I wonder what our next District Governor will be wearing at the convention!



The Journey for sight raffle winner for a 2013 Artic Cat F570 snowmobile was Darcy Hay (on right) of Thompson and mother Colleen Smoke (a support rep also from Thompson who regularly participates in the ride). Presenting the keys and holding the winning ticket is Lion Bill McKitrick representing the Crystal City Lions Club, coordinator of this year's raffle.



Parade of Green raises over \$45,000

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they will change your life and outlook on youth from around the world.

Lions Harvey Kingdon on LCIF and Lion Dennis Hawkins on Identity Theft were our next presenters, and the information they provided to the Lions was timely and priceless and very informative.

We all know that we must all be concerned about membership and Lion Rick Plaisier and his seminar was right on. He described the consequences of what may happen if we do not reverse the trend. In reality we have began this reversal thanks to clubs like Shoal Lake who had seven new members in the last week. It is exciting to be a Lion.

As we have seen at past Mid-Winters, the highlight of the Saturday was the Speak-Off, where we had youth from around the province compete for prizes. You will see more written about this in the Manitoba Lion, but I want to let you know that the winner did say they want to continue with the tradition of taking the \$1000 prize and go with youth exchange. Lion Steve Glass was a questioner for the speakers.

The Saturday luncheon presenter was Dilla Narfason who explained 'New Iceland' to us and we had a visit from the Gimli Huldudfolk.

Non Lion delegates were invited to tour the New Iceland Heritage Museum when the rest of the delegates attended the business meeting and voting on resolutions and our upcoming leaders.

The DG Banquet and reception filled the Saturday evening, following the parade in from the RCMP and the Piper,

DG Willie did 'pay the piper' in traditional format. DG Willie and DGE Lion Lloyd performed the necrology service for our Lions who only a year ago were with us and have gone to serve a higher cause. We will remember them.

Our Convention Chair, Lion Steve Shinnie, handed out many gifts to visiting Lions for a whole variety of reasons, he was fantastic.

ID Lion Steve Glass addressed the group and gave us an update on Lions Clubs International.

He presented two Melvin Jones Fellowships, three International Director Awards, a Leadership Medal and an International President Medal. You will see pictures elsewhere in the Manitoba Lion. The Lions of District 5M13 presented Lions Steve and Cindy with a very special gifts of a Norse Longboat and a Highland Quaich. Following

the pomp and ceremony we were entertained by Tom Forshaw, Lion Josip Lecnik's neighbour, then once again to the hospitality suite to the wee small hours.

The Sunday morning Non Denominational service was eye opening at 7:30am with a full served breakfast following. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides representative Bev Berger and Jasper brought her own spin on what it is to have a dog guide in ones life. It was inspiring to understand what a difference we as Lions make to dog recipients.

Lion John Fehr ran the "Parade of Green" and you will see the totals in the Manitoba Lion.

Your DGE will be Lion Lloyd McCabe, and the 1st VDG is Lion Omer Champigny, and during our special cabinet meeting the Lions of District 5M13 have recommended that Lion Helmut Neufeld and Lion

## Parade of Green 2013

as of February 26, 2013 RECORDED BY JOHN FEHR

Hearing Foundation . . . . .	\$ 6,900.00
Diabetes . . . . .	2,700.00
Diabetes Youth Camp . . . . .	600.00
Diabetes Harry Newman Award . . . . .	1,600.00
Diabetes Research . . . . .	1,100.00
Diabetes Cavalcade . . . . .	1,850.00
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Youth Exchange . . . . .	1,550.00
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Journey for Sight . . . . .	420.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 45,275.00</b>

Gord Kingdon be your 2nd and 3rd VDG's and we had acceptance speeches from them.

Lion Steve Shinnie gave the final report on the convention and we had 168 registered delegates from 34 clubs

The Brandon Wheat City Lions were successful

on their bid to host the 2014 convention.

Birtle Lions Club will be hosting the 5M13 District Golf Tourney July 6, 2013. Details will follow to clubs.

DG Willie closed the convention.



Business meeting: (l-r) Harvey Kingdon, DG Willie Brown, Secretary Omer Champigny, Recording Secretary Cheryl McKittrick and Treasurer John Fehr

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# Leaders Build Teams

## District 5M13 Leadership Training

**April 13, 2013** – Shoal Lake, MB

**April 14, 2013** – Portage la Prairie, MB

**April 20, 2013** – Swan River, MB

- 9:30 am – 10:15am "My LCI 101" Lion Lloyd McCabe  
10:15am - 11:00am "Lets Share Giving to Others",  
Lion Rick Plaisier, Lion Bill McKittrick  
11:00am – 11:15am Break  
11:15am – 11:45am "Team Work", Lion Omer Champigny  
11:45 am – 12:30pm "Re - Charge, Take a Look at your  
Club & Community", Lion Margaret Martin  
12:30pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (Provided)  
1:00 pm – 1:45pm "Keep your Club on the Map",  
Lion Cheryl McKittrick  
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm Questions & Discussion



**GLT/GMT Teams are asking that  
2-3 executive members from each club  
to please attend one of the sessions.**

Please contact Lion Cheryl McKittrick, GLT Chair,  
**by NO LATER THAN APRIL 5**  
with the numbers from your club attending the  
"Leadership Seminars",  
so final plans can be completed  
204-873-2091 or email cemckit@innetlink.ca

## Thank You So Very Much

It is not very often a group of people come together and create outstanding support for one common cause, "To Help Others".

This very support was demonstrated by your generosity at the Mid Winter Parade of Green. Your donations to the Lions Eye Bank, Lions Foundation and Lions Hearing resulted in a whopping \$21,005.00!

Thank You So Much!

*Your donations will serve the Lions Eye Bank, the expansion of our Rural Housing program and the creation of the Lions Children Hearing Education and Resource Clinic.*

What a tremendous accomplishment. Thank you for a great convention and great friendship!

Look for more information on our fundraiser "Dream for Others" in support of our Rural Housing program.

*Did you know – in this Lions year, we have collected  
18,978 pairs of glasses to date?*

Again, another example of how, together, we are able to make things happen.

Please continue to collect eyeglasses and hearing aids on our behalf. So many people depend on us—LIONS.

## Portage la Prairie Lions

*Celebrating  
75 years  
of service*

We cordially invite all Lions Members  
(and significant others)  
to help us celebrate

### Thursday, May 16, 2013

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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILLIE BROWN



Spring is just around the corner and our year will soon be approaching our last pit stop before the Final Lap.

Once again I would like to thank Lion Steve Shinnie, Maria and family, Lion Josip and Lynn and the Teulon Lions for our wildly successful Mid-Winter Convention at Gimli.

As your District Governor I have been very busy with visitations, since the last DG Digest. It was pretty cold and the highways were closed when I got to visit the Portage La Prairie and Oakville Lions. Minitonas, Bowsman and Swan River was a fun night and I was able to tour the Swan Valley Lions recycling facility. The Gilbert Plains Lions did manage to scare me and ensure I was awake by setting off

the communities fire alarm as I stepped out of the car.

Boissevain visitation and entertainment was great, plus I was happy to see Lion Sheridan and Scoop at the meeting. It has been a long time since we have visited.

I also was invited down to Shoal Lake Lions Club to induct six new members. WOW. A special thank you to the Austin Lons Club and Lion Bev to allow me to reschedule a meeting as I was a bit under the weather and trapped in Winnipeg for two days. I am looking forward to our meeting.

After the Mid-Winter Convention we went to The Pas and to the Flin Flon Lions Club. Its always fun to visit with these clubs and I learn more

than I leave.

It was great to meet so many new Lions in The Pas Northern Lights Lights Club as I presented new member kits to six new Lions who have joined this last year.

Your DG Team is also thinking "outside the box" as we held an on-line "go to meeting" and this allowed us the opportunity to test the waters to see how new technology can increase communications.

Speaking of communication we need to move forward on the R.A.P. "reading action program" If you looked in last months Manitoba Lion you would have seen Lion Margaret Martin reading to the grade 1's in Wawanesa. I was reading from a fellow



**Boissevain Lions Club president receives a 45 year membership pin from DG Willie Brown on his visit to Boissevain on February 14. On his visit DG Brown also gave membership pins to Ron Turner (40 Years), Dough Robertson (15 years), Cathy DeVriesze (15 years) and Melanie Beards (15 years), and Bill and Doreen Dougall (10 years). Unable to be at meeting but also receiving 15 year pins were Bob Brake and Howard Dalrymple, and a 55 year pin to Wayne Pringle. Two new members for the Boissevain Lions Club were also welcomed by the Governor, Larry Rainie and Lawrence Beard.**



**Shoal Lake Lions welcomed several new members to their club. Back Row, left to right Lion Helmut Neufeld - Vice President, Lion Ray Pettinger - Membership Chair, New Lion Nick Malchuk, New Lion Ted Sorochynski, New Lion Jim Kennedy, Lion Trevor Hagyard - President, and DG Lion Willie**

**Front Row: New Lion Shirley Bell, New Lion Rosana Neufeld, New Lion Isobel Basso. (Lion Ray sponsored Nick Malchuk, Lion Trevor sponsored Jim Kennedy, Lion Helmut sponsored Ted Sorochynski, Shirley Bell, Rosana Neufeld and Isobel Basso. Missing from photo is Sebastian Dinulescu.**

district governors newsletter where a Lion attendee reminded how in years gone by students could order books through the school however he hated to see the book orders as his parents could not afford to let this student order books. The hurt was obvious in the face of this Lion. We should not allow this to happen. We need to see how we can ensure this type of situation never happens in our communities.

All Clubs please remember to have your PU 101's with your new executive submitted as soon as possible. We want to forward invitations before April 1st to the incoming executive to attend the GMT / GLT regional training as they will gain much information to make their year easier.

All Presidents, Cabinet Secretaries and Treasurers are encouraged to attend. This is part of your obligation as an officer to come and get the information that will be new in your district to take back and share with your club.

I would like all clubs to consider our Youth programs. We need clubs to participate with Lion Gord Kingdon our Youth Chair and please invite him to speak at your meetings. We need to have some host families for Youth Exchange. Project pride is coming up with Canada Day and the Peace Poster is something that you can showcase to your schools before they finish up their 2013 year.

We all know we need membership to keep our clubs viable and I know every club is aware of the need for new members. When looking at prospective members please consider the talent and expertise these prospective members can bring to your club and utilize them to the best of their abilities.

Make sure you have spoken to your club about participating in the "Purina Walk for Dog Guides" I hope some of you managed to see the feature that was done as part of the Rick Mercer show on CBC this past Tuesday. It was fun and informative. I hope to see some follow up on this.

As for your DG, by the time you read this I will have attended the Ethelbert Club, supplied three Alarm Chili for the Russell Lions Club Cross Country Ski Derby, the Lions Foundation of Canada and Northwest Ontario Eyebank meeting, and my third Council of Governors meeting at Brooklyn Centre, Minneapolis.

Congratulations to Lions Lloyd, Omer, Helmut and Gord for stepping up to the plate as District leaders. You will see more details in the Manitoba Lion.

Lions Chad, Gord, Helmut and Wanda - thank you for being the 5M13 attendees at the Lions Leadership training in Mahhomen. You will have a great time.

DG Willie Brown

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Bagpiper & RCMP led the head table in at the Saturday evening banquet during the 5M13 Midwinter convention held at Gimli, Manitoba from February 22 to 24, 2013. Left to right: Lion Lloyd and Bev McCabe, Kim Kubik and DG Willie Brown, International Director Lion Steven Glass and Lion Cindy Glass; Lions Dale and Omer Champigny.

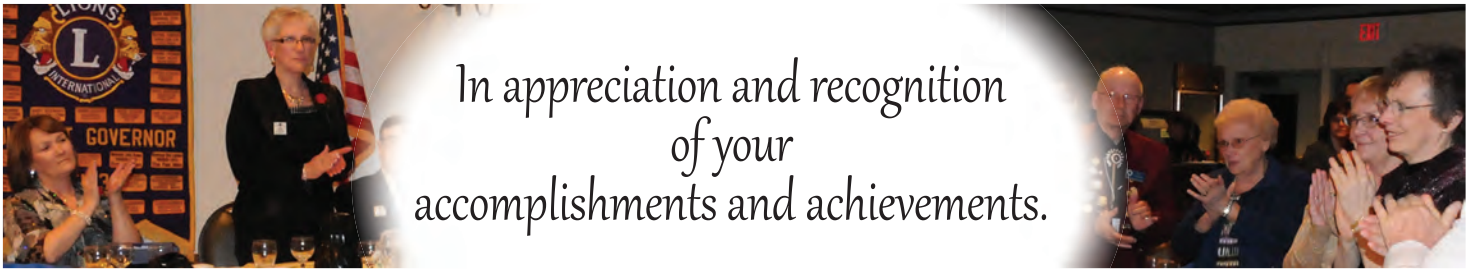


Vikings at Gimli welcome guests to Friday night Hawaiian theme mixer with the Adam T Elvis and the Good Rockin' Tonight Band

Vistis from the Huldufolk

PDG Lion Josip Lecnik with luncheon speaker, Dilla Narfasan speaking on New Iceland





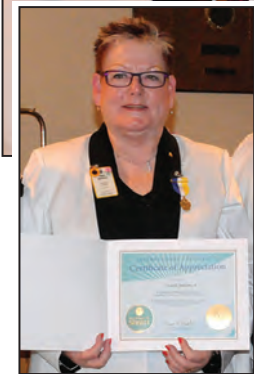
Receiving International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation from ID Lion Steven Glass and DG Willie Brown were: Lion Margaret Martin (above), PDG Lion Cheryl McKitrick (left), and Lion Steven Shinnie, Convention Chair person (below).



PDG Lion Bill McKitrick receives International Presidential Award for outstanding service to Lions Club International



VDG Lion Lloyd McCabe receives International Leadership medal



Lion Elke Schmitt receives Stew Peever Memorial Award



President Lion Lori Wowk of Teulon & Area Lions, convention host club accepts presentation of resolution



(LEFT) PDG Lion Colleen Kingdon receives Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship award



(RIGHT) Lion Merlyn Biloki of Teulon & Area Lions receives Melvin Jones Fellowship award.



Presentation of LCIF grant of \$35,300 towards the Swan Valley Lions project purchasing new cataract equipment at the Swan River Hospital. Members of the Bowsman Lions Club and local 5M13 executive made the official exchange during the convention.

(l-r) Lions Ed Thomas, Glen Jeffrey, John Fehr 5M13 treasurer, Corey Hurren, DG Willie Brown, Mike Rusk and Harvey Kingdon - District Chair for LCIF