

Happy August to *Lion's Pride* of Saskatchewan!

Ever get that feeling that you know someone before you get to know them? You feel a Lionistic connection; sort of a glowing joyful feeling!! That happened to me at the 2019 MD5 convention in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; that was when I met Lion Marg Hayes and Lion Marianne Kramchynsky for just a few minutes, similar to how we all interacted at past conventions. Who could have imagined for us all to be connected for the past two years with the New Voices Initiative?

All three of us were in the first New Voices class of 2019-2020, and all in the Leadership category. I was, and am still am, the MD5 New Voices coordinator. Now please allow me share with you information about these dynamic Saskatchewan Lions today.



First is Lion Marianne Kramchynsky. Currently, she is part of DG Marvis Wilm's 5SKN team as 1st VDG, and also a New Voices chair. Lion Marianne said, "I joined the Rosthern Lions

in February 1998, sponsored by PDG and Past Council Chair, Lion Don Brooks. I had been a member of the local Lion-L's for a few years, but decided to transfer into the Lions Club in order to take part in bigger projects. I think our most meaningful project for almost 15 years was organizing and hosting blood donor clinics."

Marianne's past positions within the Lions include Club Secretary for eight years, Treasurer for five years, and President for two years. She

was District Chair for a brief time before becoming Second Vice District Governor in 2019. Since then, she has attended several MD5 meetings as well as the USA Canada Forum in Spokane and Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago in November. Both the Forum and ALLI had sessions relating to both New Voices and North American Membership Initiative.

Marianne said, "I will be working with my District Governor to set goals and determine which programs I will be promoting in the District in 2020-21. I have only spoken briefly with some local First Nations people but have not had the opportunity to follow up. My summer is very busy at my (law) office, as my staff take holidays and I have to fill in, so I expect it will be September before I can firm up any plans regarding new clubs or recruitment or the other Lions I would include in those plans." Marianne is also Zooming with DG Training, Lions of Canada, and MD5 Cabinet meetings in addition to Zooming with her club from March through May, with an end-of-the-year celebration and awards event in the HUGE backyard of her Club President (for ample social distancing).



Next is Lion Marg Hayes. She is currently part of DG Don Morris's team as 5SKS New Voices chair. She is especially motivated by the diversity and kindness as Lions serve

together. That is the message she will be spreading during her live meetings as well as

Zooming with Lions Clubs. Marg joined the Qu'Appelle & District Lions Club 10 years ago, after a year had passed since losing her partner-in-service Lion Craig Andrew. She had volunteered with him at many events especially



when he was Club President. Marg enjoyed the contact with the community and the fellowship of Lions. She was asked to join in 2009, serving for 10 years as Club Secretary, and is currently in that position. Marg is a past Zone Chair and has attended 3 USA/ Canada Forums.

Finally, as Saskatchewan Clubs prepare to get reinvigorated, and continue to safe with the COVID-19 guidelines, it will be exciting to learn who will be in the New Voices class of 2020-2021. In spite of the pandemic, some clubs will have shining examples of Leadership, Membership, Service, and Marketing by the end of October. I look forward to sharing those names with you all as WE SERVE together to benefit our communities and humanity.

- Crystal Dueker,

Fargo Gateway Lions (25 years)
and MD5 New Voices coordinator

