



5M5 INFORMER MID WINTER CONVENTION



SPECIAL EDITION

5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Highlights

Schedule & Info on following pages

Fun, Fellowship, Service & Celebration!

Hospitality Rooms

Friday and Saturday evenings

Free activities, entertainment, food & beverages

Friday

Leo Service Activities

Crock-Pot Challenge

Hospitality Room Judging

Saturday

Cabinet Meeting

Memorial Program

Luncheon Program

Business Meeting

Report Training & Motivational Speaker

Lions Awards Dinner

followed by Hospitality Room Dessert Challenge

Sunday

PDG Fellowship Meeting

Club President Meeting with International Director

Celebration Breakfast





**New at
2024
5M5 Mid-Winter Convention**



Hospitality Room Zone!
will be distraction-free from other activities and
focused on hospitality rooms only!!!
Time to sample the food, play the games and visit!

**Friday evening 5 PM *until ?*
and
Saturday evening 8 PM *until ?***

All fun, food, beverages, and activities will be inside the hospitality rooms.

Come prepared to make the rounds of every room.

Enjoy Friday's Crock-Pot Challenge Australian-themed food and Saturday's Dessert Challenge Australian-themed treats.

Encourage your club members to join in the hospitality room fun!

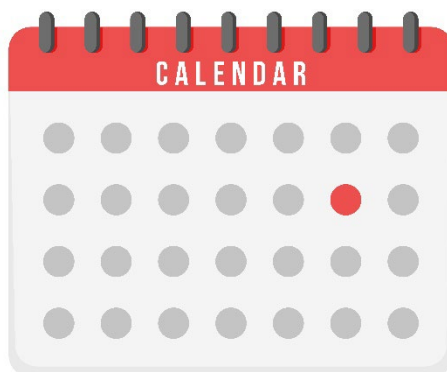
Invite potential members to attend – a great way to introduce them to Lions and Lions service!

If you want to avoid driving home, reserve a hotel room at a Lions discount rate online at:

[Book Your Room Here](#)

5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Important Dates and Links

12-01-2023	<u>Award, Al Jensen Leadership Award Nomination</u>
12-01-2023	<u>Award, John Lutter Memorial</u>
12-29-2023 <i>Request & Payment Due</i>	<u>Meal Tickets and Hospitality Books</u>
12-29-2023 <i>Photo & Program Form Due</i>	<u>Memorial Program</u>
12-31-2023 <i>Skip the daily commute and stay onsite! \$96 plus tax per night, is the Lions special Discount. Please use this link: <u>Hotel Rooms-CLICK HERE</u></i>	<u>Hotel Rooms-CLICK HERE</u> Lions Discount available by reserving with this online link. Discount not available by calling hotel.
01-01-2024 <i>Photo, Form & Payment and additional meals for guests due.</i>	<u>Every Day Hero Award</u>
01-05 to 07, 2024	Convention Dates
01-05-2024	Crock-Pot Challenge <u>Click for Flyer</u>
01-06-2024	Cabinet Meeting
01-06-2024	Dessert Challenge <u>Click for Flyer</u>
01-07-2024	Parade of Green <u>Click for Approved List</u>





Plan an Eco-Friendly Hospitality Room



- Offer and serve food and beverages in reusable, recyclable or biodegradable plates, bowls, cups, serving platters and bowls.
- Use items that are made from recycled materials and are free from bleach and harmful chemicals.
- Shop bulk for food that can be refilled in reusable serving platters / bowls.
- Setup accessible composting and recycling bins.
- Borrow or repurpose décor from family, friends, neighbors (think DIY or thrifting).
- Use biodegradable décor.
- Limit food waste by carefully planning amounts.
- Avoid single-serving items such as canned or bottled beverages.
- If possible, prepare your Australian-themed Crock-Pot and Dessert Challenge entries using locally sourced fresh food.



5M5 Mid-Winter Convention First Time Attender's

If you are attending 5M5's Mid-Winter Convention for the first time, this competition is for you!

Stop in the Garden Court between 3 PM and 6 PM on Friday to pick up your First Timer materials.

The competition is fun, and First Timer Award will be presented Sunday morning at the Celebration Breakfast.

As more information becomes available, we will post in future editions of The Informer and the website and watch Facebook!

8th Annual
Crock-Pot
Challenge
Friday Night
January 5, 2024



**The clubs of 5M-5 have been invited to participate in
The Friday Night CROCK-POT CHALLENGE!**

To participate we need you to make your most yummy crock-pot dish to share at the convention.

The theme for 2024 is Australia!

**We will judge the dishes and the winner will be presented with the
traveling trophy and bragging rights 'till next years challenge.**

This will be going on during the Hospitality Room fun and our Friday night events.



District 5M-5
MidWinter Convention
Changing the World!

District 5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention



3rd Annual Fabulous Dessert Challenge

Saturday Night January 6, 2024

**Which club of 5M-5 will make the best Australia Themed Dessert of the convention?
To participate we need you to make your most Fabulous Dessert to share.**

**The Lions of 5M-5 will judge the desserts and the winner will be announced at the
Sunday Morning breakfast.**

**A traveling trophy has been created and will be displayed at the convention
Help us make Saturday night a great event**

5M5 Mid-Winter Convention
Hospitality Books and Individual Meal Tickets
[\(click here for form\)](#)

Bloomington, MN January 5 - 7, 2024

Meal ticket requests must be received by December 29th.

Hospitality Book and Individual Meal Ticket Form

Lions Club:

Lion Picking Up Books/Tickets:

<u>Full Hospitality Book(s)</u>	<i>QTY</i>	<i>PRICE</i>		<i>TOTAL</i>
Hospitality Book(s):	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$125	per book	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<i>Includes: Saturday Luncheon Saturday Evening Dinner Sunday Brunch</i>				

<u>Individual Meal Ticket(s)</u>	<i>QTY</i>	<i>PRICE</i>		<i>TOTAL</i>
Saturday Luncheon:	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$45	per ticket	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Saturday Evening Dinner:	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$55	per ticket	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Sunday Brunch:	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$35	per ticket	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Grand Total:

Please note if you have special dietary needs:

Gluten Free Vegetarian Diabetic Allergy (type):

To pay by check, make check payable to: 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention

Mail this form and check to:
 Lion Ross Thorfinnson, Spectrum Financial Group
 300 Prairie Center Drive, Suite 210
 Eden Prairie, MN 55344

To pay by credit card, you must use the form on the District website (www.lions5m5.org) and pay via PayPal - our secure vendor. (PayPal fee will apply).

Meal ticket requests must be received by December 29th.

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5M5 Mid-Winter Convention
Every Day Hero Award Application
[\(click here for form\)](#)

District 5M5 Everyday Hero Nomination Form

Every club has members who can always be counted on, always there to help with the next project. Every year at the 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention we celebrate the Lions who truly make a difference. Those Lions who embrace the vision of Lions International. When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple:

We serve. It's something that unites Lions around the world.

It's unconditional. Lions aren't limited by continents or restricted to certain causes.

Lions help wherever, whenever and however we can.

Nominate "those" Lions...

Name of Nominating Club:

Club Address:

Nominated Lion's Name:

Short Bio and Reason for Nomination:

Please include a picture of nominee.

Please include a check for \$75.00.

A nicely framed certificate and one (1) meal ticket is included.

***** Payment must accompany the application for the Everyday Hero *****

Additional tickets for the banquet can be purchased separately, so family and other club members can attend by using the Hospitality Book and Individual Meal Ticket Form.

Deadline for nominations is December 26, 2023

Award will be presented on at the Saturday night dinner on January 6, 2024 at the Mid-Winter

Submitted By:

Extra meal tickets:

Phone:

Email:

Send **application**, **picture** and **check** to:

Rob Hed
17440 45th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55446
hedrob33@yahoo.com

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5M5 Mid-Winter Convention
John Lutter Memorial Award Application
[\(click here for form\)](#)

Nomination for the John Lutter Memorial Award

To Be Presented at the Mid-Winter Lions Awards Dinner

Nomination due date: December 1, 2023

The Past District Governors of 5M5 are seeking nominations for the John Lutter Memorial Award. This award is given annually to a Lion who has given extraordinary service to Lionsism and to his or her community. Past International Director John Lutter, who inspired us all with his strong cooperative spirit, enthusiasm and his willingness to respond to the needs of his fellow Lions, passed away in December 2002.
John lived the motto "We Serve".

Criteria include a Lion who:

- * Has given extraordinary service to Lionsism and his/her community
- * Is a current club member in good standing of his/her Lions club
- * Has been a Lion member for at least 15 years
- * Is NOT a District Governor or a Past District Governor

Note: There is no cost to the nominating Lions Club. The Past District Governors of 5M5 pay for the cost.

(Please type or print)

Name of Nominated Lion:

Name of Lions Club:

A Lion Since (year):

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Explain why you think this Lion deserves this award. To help us fully appreciate the service and dedication of this Lion, please give specific details. Use the back of the form or separate pages if needed. The Past District Governors will use this information you provide when choosing a recipient for this award. Nomination is due by December 1st.

This Lion has served the Lions club in these ways:

This Lion has demonstrated an eagerness to help others in these ways:

This Lion has served the community by:

Submitted by:

Nomination Due Date is

December 01, 2023

Email Nomination to: Robert Vokes

hisfootness@comcast.net

Mail Nomination to: PDG Robert Vokes, 7220 York Ave. S., Apt 307 Edina, MN 55435

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**5M5 Mid-Winter Convention
Lion Memorial Program Form
([click here for form](#))**

2024 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention
Hilton Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington, MN
January 06, 2024

Memorial Service Program Form

This form is to notify the Memorial Service Program Committee of the death of a Lion in 2023 and ensure that he/she is remembered in the upcoming service.

1. Mail or email a high quality color photo. Digital photos should be 300 dpi/ppi in size.
If a group shot, please identify the departed member in the photo.
2. Include 3 or 4 bullet points about the departed member.
3. Designate someone from your club or a family member to participate in the candle lighting ceremony.
The person must meet us 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the service for instructions.

Information about Departed

Name _____

Title Lion Lioness PDG PCC PID
(circle all that apply) _____

Club Name _____

Comments about their:
*Charter or regular member
and number of years a Lion* _____

Comments about their:
Club/Lions offices and awards _____

Comments about their:
*Favorite projects or notable
accomplishments* _____

Comments about their:
*Why member was special to
your club* _____

Contact Info of Person Filling Out This Form

Name & Office _____

Club Name _____

Phone Number _____ **Email Address** _____

Contact Info of Person Who Will Be Lighting Candle at the Service

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number _____ **Email Address** _____

Please complete this form and return it to:

Lion Jennifer Marshall, Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club
1000 Westgate Drive - Suite 260 St. Paul, MN 55114

Phone: 612-626-6081

Fax: 612-625-4265

LionJenniferMarshall@gmail.com

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5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Collecting for Allen Law

Providing for the poor, disadvantaged, vulnerable and homeless.



Bring donations of **socks** and **cold-weather hats, mittens / gloves, jackets** for youth and adults to the Garden Court level.

Since 1967, Allan has delivered a message of hope, driving the inner-city streets of the Twin Cities between 9 PM and 10 AM, to help those most in need.

Allen also responds to calls for help 24/7

Minneapolis Recreation Development, Inc.
(LoveOneAnother363.org) is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Who is Allen Law?

Allan was a teacher in the Inner-City Minneapolis Public School System for 32 years, and founded Minneapolis Recreation Development, Inc. 1967. Since its founding the **Mission of MRD has been: "Love One Another" and the Guiding Principle: "Judge our society by how we care for our children and the disadvantaged."**

In 1996 Minneapolis Recreation Development, Inc. was granted 501(c) (3) Nonprofit Status which has helped offset the increasing needs in the community and ongoing expenses. MRD is an all-volunteer non-profit with no salaries serving the homeless, poor, vulnerable, disadvantaged youth, and their families in the Twin Cities every day with food assistance, and a variety of other emergency needs through Three Core Programs.

All donations are used for general operating expenses, or program specific funding. MRD does not have an office but is based out of Alan's apartment where he maintains 10 freezers to store sandwiches, and other program items.

Additional sandwich storage freezers are located at a few volunteer drop sites in the Twin Cities.

5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Green, Approved Projects

This time of year, we cabinet members and zone chairs get a lot of questions about whom the clubs can write checks for the Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Checks. We we've put together this partial list of activities sponsored by our district and the name and phone number of the Cabinet Chairperson.

If your club is using Gambling Funds, we have noted the 501(c)3 organizations.

Any check made out to 5M5 cannot be paid with gambling funds as 5M5 has no tax status.

Name	501c3	Description		
Can Do Canines	Yes	The Lions have been supporting this program to provide 5 types of specially trained assistance dogs: - Hearing Assist - Diabetes Assist - Seizure Assist - Mobility Assist - Autism Assist	Cabinet Chair: Daren Johnson 4910 Washburn Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 C: 612-720-0271 E: Daren.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us	Can Do Canines 9440 Science Center Drive New Hope, MN 55428 B: 763-331-3000 F: 763-331-3009
Confidence Learning Center	Yes	Also known as Camp Confidence, it is an outdoor center for persons with developmental disabilities. The program at Camp Confidence is aimed at promoting self-confidence and self-esteem and the necessary skills to become contributing members of society.	Cabinet Chair: Not Assigned	Contact: PID Ross Thorfinson 952-944-1589 rthorf@aol.com
LCIF	Yes	Lions Clubs International Foundation provides money and services throughout the world such as fighting river blindness in remote regions of the world, providing seed money for Diabetes programs, relief for natural disasters, and for national emergencies such as the World Trade Center attack.	Cabinet Chair Jennifer Gilbert 2459 Albert St N Roseville, MN 55113 C: 651-226-0205 E: winn0004@gmail.com	LCIF Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 The Melvin Jones Fellow Award is given for contributions of \$1,000.
Leader Dogs for the Blind	Yes	Located in Rochester, Michigan this Lions sponsored service trains dogs for the visually impaired. The dog recipient attends Leader Dog, receiving his/her dog and training at no personal cost.	Cabinet Chair: Kim Schommer 13413 Knox Drive Burnsville, MN 55337 C: 612-716-0936 E: schox3@comcast.net	Leader Dogs for the Blind PO Box 5000 Rochester, MI 48308 248-651-9011 www.leaderdog.org
Leos	No	Our Leos program has some ancillary costs associated with creating new clubs, start-up money, officer training, etc. Make checks payable to: District 5M5 with a memo to "Lions Leos"	Cabinet Chair: James H. Rouillard 14925 Crow River Drive Rogers, MN 55374 C: 612-723-1600 E: jrouillard@mac.com	Currently, the district asks to hold donations to Lions Quest, but donate to LEOs or Youth Exchange instead.

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MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation	Yes	Send your checks to: Shari & Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 H: 952-920-4320	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Shari Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 C: 612-790-0507 E: seethurston@comcast.net	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 C: 612-790-7367 E: wjthurston@comcast.net
Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	Yes	Mail checks to: MN Childhood Cancer Foundation % Tom McCarthy 23535 735 th Avenue Dassel, MN 55425 Provides services and resources for survivors of childhood cancer and their families. Supports research by providing funds to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital. <i>The University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center or such other organizations that engage in research and/or treatment or care of childhood cancer as the board of directors may from time to time approve.</i> Provides service for the support of families of childhood cancer patients. <i>Clubs can receive up to \$500 for a family in their district.</i> Online at: mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org/donate-1	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Lion Gary Stevens 18320 Cascade Drive Eden Prairie, MN 55347 C: 612-867-7249 E: edenprairiegary@gmail.com	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Lion Jeannine McDonald 3239 Chowen Ave N Robbinsdale, MN 55422 C: 612-281-3506 E:
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc	Yes	Raises funds to support research for a cure for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, and treatments for diabetes. Provides funding for education, health screening and programs, services and activities related to diabetes. Make checks payable to: Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Sara McFee (Mike) 2101 Inca Lane New Brighton, MN 55112 C: 612-269-8709 E: LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com Mail checks to: Lion Mike Edwards 11070 16 th Street NE St. Michael, MN 55376	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Paul Newman 20006 Texas Ave Prior Lake, MN 55372 C: 612-799-4165 E: NewmanPE@spacestar.net www.MNLionsDiabetes.org
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation	Yes	Make checks payable to: MN Lions Vision Foundation, Inc. Designate in the memo line where your gift should be applied.	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Rob Hed 17440 45 th Ave N Plymouth, MN 55446 C: 763-300-9454 E: hedrob22@yahoo.com	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Robert Rand 6600 Lyndale Ave. S. #600 Richfield, MN 55423 C: 612-715-6055 E: robrandmn@gmail.com
		<p>Lions Gift of Sight, dedicated to recovering, processing, and distributing donated eye tissue for use in sight-saving corneal transplants, vision-enhancing surgery, research, and education. <i>Lions Gift of Sight is one of the most successful eye banks in the country, and more than 29,000 people have received the gift of sight with donated eye tissue provided through the eye bank</i></p> <p>Children’s Eye Clinic, established in 1969, where more than 8,000 children are seen every year. <i>The clinic is the second largest and best-staffed clinic of its kind in the country.</i></p> <p>MAC Center, Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (The MAC), established in 1998, researches and treats macular degeneration, a disease that affects the central vision. <i>Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in the United States. The MAC brings together the expertise of physicians, the research of various departments around the University, and the knowledge of those in the medical technology industry. It is a powerful collaboration of resources dedicated to fighting macular degeneration.</i></p>		

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Special Olympics Minnesota	Yes	<p>The 5M-5 Lions have been helping Special Olympics with their Healthy Athletes program at the state Competitions of the University of MN.</p> <p>We incur some miscellaneous expense that are not in the District's budget.</p> <p>Checks can be made to: Special Olympics Minnesota 100 Washington Ave S., Suite 550 Minneapolis, MN 55401</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chairs: James Cain 5151 Russell Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 H: 612-521-1903 C: 763-232-0790 E: jhcain2@gmail.com</p> <p>B: 612-333-0999 or 800-783-7732 F: 612-333-8732</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chairs: Ray Moonen 6143 Brookview Ave S Edina, MN 55424 H: 952-926-3166 C: 952-201-7031 E: moonen@myinffmail.com</p> <p>www.specialolympicsminnesota.org</p>
TEAM Sheenan Charitable Foundation	Yes	<p>Named after 2021 2022 International President and Minnesota Lion Brian Sheehan, the T.E.A.M. Sheehan Charitable Foundation was established to raise funds and support the global causes of Lions Clubs International; Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision, and Childhood Cancer. The foundation is governed by trustees appointed by the District Governors in each of the districts in MD5M.</p>	<p>Contributions to the foundation should be sent to:</p>	<p>Mail checks to: PDG Marth Athmann Treasurer P.O. Box337 Bird Island, MN 55310</p>
True Friends	Yes	<p>True Friends is the umbrella organization which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camp Courage - Camp Friendship - Camp Eden Wood - Camp Courage North <p>Each camp provided a great experience for persons with physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities.</p> <p>Make checks payable to: True Friends- A specific camp can be designated by putting its name in the memo portion.</p>	<p>Cabinet Chair: Not Assigned</p>	<p>Contact: PID Ross Thorfinson 952-944-1589 rthorf@aol.com</p>
Youth Exchange	No	<p>This Lions program has students from all over the world visiting the United States and vice versa.</p> <p style="color: red;">The district recommends that all checks go to 5M5 with Youth Exchange in the memo.</p>	<p>Cabinet Chair: Grant Hendrickson 9025 Telford Crossing Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 H: 763-391-7628 C: 612-508-9461 B: 612-721-1696 E: grant@southsideservices.org</p>	
Project New Hope	Yes	<p>The mission is to provide Veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime services. They do this by offering retreats for the whole family.</p>	<p>Cabinet Chair: Kevin Harris 4911 Vincent Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 C: 612-581-7056 E: ukharris31@gmail.com</p>	<p>Make checks payable to: Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN, Inc.</p> <p>www.projectnewhope.net</p>

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Friday, January 5th

2:00 PM	Hospitality Room Check-in	Front Desk
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Credentials (Voting Cards)	Garden Court
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Pick-up Meal Tickets and First Timer's Materials	Garden Court
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Leo Meeting	Veranda Ballroom
4:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Leo Service Projects	Garden Court
5:00 PM	Sorting of Eyeglasses, Socks, and Coats	Garden Court
5:00 PM	Hospitality Rooms Open	Hospitality Rooms
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Crock-Pot Challenge	Hospitality Rooms
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Hospitality Room Judging	

Saturday, January 6th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Cabinet Meeting (All Lions invited)	Bloomington Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Memorial Service	Veranda Ballroom
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Credentials (Voting Cards) and Meal Tickets	Outside Veranda Ballroom
11:15 AM - 1:15 PM	Lions Presentations and Luncheon <i>Doors open at 11:15 AM</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Speaker: International Director John A. Lawrence • Peace Poster Presentation • Can Do Canine's • Super-Secret Surprise! 	Veranda Ballroom
12:45 PM - 1:15 PM	Credentials (Voting Cards)	Outside Bloomington Room
1:30 PM	Business Meeting and Voting (All Lions invited)	Bloomington Room
	Informational Seminar	Bloomington Room
	Motivational Seminar	Bloomington Room
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Lions Awards Dinner <i>Doors open at 5:30 PM</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Day Hero Awards • John Lutter Memorial Award • International Awards 	Veranda Ballroom
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Dessert Challenge	Hospitality Rooms
11:00 PM	First Timers Contest Ends	Mpls. Downtown Next Gen Lions & Mpls Ambassadors Lions Hospitality

5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Schedule

Sunday, January 7th

Veranda Ballroom

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Past District Governors Fellowship Meeting

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Club Presidents Meet with ID John A. Lawrence

9:00 AM

Lions Celebration Breakfast

Doors open at 8:30 AM

- Tail-Twisting
- Parade of Checks
- Auction of Lions:
 - Gong (Bell)
 - Boom Box, and
 - Framed Code of Ethics

(Proceeds to LCIF [Lions Clubs International Foundation])

***As with any schedule there may be changes!
We will try our best to keep information current.***