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June 2025

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Congratulations to

**Dayton Lions celebrating 51 years
(June 28, 1974)**

**Hopkins Noontime Lions celebrating 39 years
(June 30, 1986)**

**Brooklyn Park Lady Lions celebrating 21 years
(June 30, 2004)**

**Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions celebrating 21 years
(June 30, 2004)**

**Richfield Lions celebrating 19 years
(June 30, 2006)**

**Minneapolis Can Do Canines Lions celebrating 14 years
(June 22, 2011)**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

 Way to go Lions and Clubs – We are GROWING! 

Thank you for all your dedication and commitment to strengthening our Clubs, our District, and Lions International. Your hard work is paying off, and our increasing membership means we can achieve even more together.

New Members = More Service!!

New Member	Sponsor	Club
April Graves	Cheryl Jechorek	Brooklyn Center Lions
Raj Chaudhary	Cheryl Jechorek	Brooklyn Center Lions
Jeff Houdek	John Butz	Eden Prairie Lions
Jeff Sarles	Rober Bowes	Eden Prairie Lions
Joanne Campbell	Barbara Hanson	Eden Prairie Lions
Annalisa Chritensen	Josh Radziej	Excelsior Lions
Calvin Clemens	Josh Bright	Excelsior Lions
Kim Gildow	James Flattum	Excelsior Lions
Tammi Flannery	Josh Radziej	Excelsior Lions
Victoria Noble	Josh Bright	Excelsior Lions
Marsha Partington	Rebecca MacKenzie	Hopkins Lions Club
Debra Kreatz	Phil Leith	Maple Grove Lions
Kristy Barnett	Phil Leith	Maple Grove Lions
Paige Stepnick	Jessica Harder	Minneapolis Ambassador Lions
Taylor Steger	Kimberly Merrill	Minneapolis Ambassador Lions
Mindy Brandt	Cheryl Maxie	Minneapolis Downtown Next Gen Lions
Dallas Stone	Martin Zaworski	Minneapolis Northeast Lions
Mary Bergerson	Denise Dietz	Minneapolis Northeast Lions
Melissa Anderson	Karen Zimpfer	Rogers Lions
Sue Kumpula	Rick Ihli	Rogers Lions

*Congratulations! You're now a part of the world's largest humanitarian service organization.
This means that you've joined a global community of kind-hearted, service-minded people, dedicated to making a positive impact.*

We couldn't be happier to have you as a Lion!

[Click here for more information from Lions Club International](#)

Let's Keep PUMPING UP THE 5M-5 PRIDE!

STATS (As Of 05/31/2025) Total Clubs: 37 District 5M5 Membership: 1,373

Net Gain/Loss: +34 Members Added: 137 Members Dropped: 103

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

If the Date (Month, Day) is blue and underlined, that is a link to more info, a flyer, an email, or a website.

If the Date (Month, Day) is black and not underlined, there is no link or further information at this time.

Submit articles, news, photo for the next issue by the 25th To this email: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

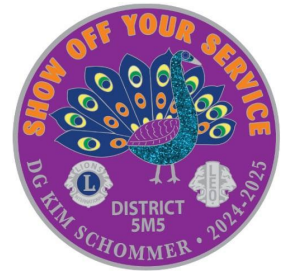
JUNE 2025	
<u>06/06/2025</u>	Project New Hope Retreat
<u>06/07/2025</u>	New Hope Lions, 19 th Annual 4-Person Golf Scramble Tournament
<u>06/08/2025</u>	St. Louis Park Lions, 64 th Annual Pancake Breakfast
<u>06/11/2025</u>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
<u>06/11/2025</u>	Robbinsdale Lions Bake Sale
<u>06/14/2025</u>	Bloomington Lions Kid's Vision Screening, Bloomington Farmer's Market
JULY 2025	
<u>07/09/2025</u>	Robbinsdale Lions, Whiz Bang Days Puzzle Tournament
<u>07/10/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo-MN Lions Childhood Cancer Night (7:30 PM)
<u>07/10/2025</u> <u>07/11/2025</u>	Robbinsdale Lions, Whiz Bang Days Bistro on Broadway
<u>07/11/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo (7:30 PM)
<u>07/12/2025</u>	Robbinsdale Lions, Whiz Bang Days Bingo & Meat Raffle (10 AM to Noon)
<u>07/12/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo (1:00 PM and 7:30 PM)
<u>07/13/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo (7:30 PM)
<u>07/13/2025</u>	LCI Convention, Orlando
<u>07/19/2025</u>	Hopkins Lions, Raspberry Festival Ice Cream
AUGUST 2025	
<u>08/21/2025 to</u> <u>09/01/2025</u>	STATE FAIR and Lions
SEPTEMBER 2025	
09/05/2025	Excelsior Lions Golf Classic
<u>09/13/2025</u>	Maple Grove-Rock n Grove-Hairball
OCTOBER 2025	
<u>10/03/2025</u>	Project New Hope Retreat





DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Kim Schommer



Hello Lions of 5M5,

I can't believe that it is June already! As you know, this means that I have one short month remaining as your District Governor.

I enjoyed serving as your 2024- 2025 5M5 District Governor. Thank you to all of the clubs that have invited me to visit! I have a few remaining visits – as well as some repeat visits coming up.

The visits are my favorite part of being Governor! I love seeing the projects the different clubs do, seeing old friends and meeting other Lions for the first time. Each and every one of you is an integral part of our district and adds value to your club.

Even though the end of the year is approaching, we still have time to work on our goals! Please make sure that your club continues to invite new members to join and make sure those members are entered into the portal by June 30.

There is also still time to complete the service projects in the two service areas that I requested – those are Childhood Cancer (in honor of Lion Niner from the New Hope Lions) and Youth (one of our new pillars). Please try to complete these and log them no later than June 29th.

Please make sure to all of your service projects and donations by the 29th as well

Please consider making the year end club and individual donations to LCIF as well. LCIF donations help provide disaster relief and also come back to our communities in the form of grants.

I encourage all clubs that meet the Club Excellence criteria (see information in this informer) to complete and return the Club Excellence Form to me by August 31. These forms should be sent to me at schox3@comcast.net since they are for this year. Please note the Requirements when submitting the forms, they do change from year to year.

I also want to thank the members of our 2024-2025 cabinet and those Lions who are not on the cabinet but joined committees that are led by cabinet members (GMT, GET, GLT, Marketing, etc). Your time and effort are much appreciated and help our district remain strong and vibrant. Thank you to the club officers for leading your clubs and to all Lions members in our clubs for everything you do to make your community a better place.

I am honored and humbled to have been your District Governor. Thank you!

Yours in Lionism,

Kim Schommer
5M5 District Governor





1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



June can be a really great month!

- Our clubs have completed elections for the upcoming Lion year and participated in officer training.
- Our clubs performed many areas of service – some new service ideas and some annual activities.
- Our clubs conducted successful fundraisers, positioning them to support programs, services and needs within their communities, Lions. Foundations and global causes and beyond.

June is the time to complete your 2024 – 2025 Lions Year reporting.

Go into Lion Portal and review your club's information.

- Is your club profile up-to-date?
- Do you have all of your club's service recorded?
- Are your club's fundraising and donations listed?
- Have you reviewed your club membership list to make sure it is accurate?

Your club has made its mark!

District 5M-5 has made its mark!

- We've added more than 130 members this year and we're continuing to grow!
- We've completed more than 1,200 service activities with more service yet to report for the year!
- We've served more than 430,100 people this year and more people will be helped by the end of June!

Our District, our clubs have achieved so much this year. *Your club reporting by June 30* will show the amazing impact we had on our communities and our world this Lion Year.

Thank you – for everything you do to improve our world.

Lion Sara McFee

5M-5 District Governor-Elect

5M-5 Co-Trustee, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club

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2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Bruce Strachota



Greetings from your 2nd VDG Lion Bruce Strachota.

Increasing membership is hard! Or is it? I have thought about this for a while now. Attracting new members should be fun but sometimes it is scary. You are going out of your comfort zone. I will admit that I am not good with seeking out new members. I have a lot of excuses. I don't live in the town where my Lions Club is. None of my family is interested. My friends could care less. But are those reasons really valid ones?

So, what can we do? The following are some examples of what you and your club members can do to recruit new members:

- **Identify your ideal member:** who would benefit most from your organization? To this I would say why should someone benefit? Too often people ask what's in it for me? Well to this I say, "Happiness is measured by sharing your time and talents to help others not yourself." But benefiting others by encouraging them to join a club that really cares about its community is a great benefit to you! I love to help others! And what about developing yourselves professionally and being able to network!
- **Develop a compelling message:** You can try creating a very engaging website that is user-friendly, informative and showcases the value of membership. Social media is the key! Sharing valuable information, engaging with potential members and building and engaging with a community is so very important! Highlighting positive experiences of existing members to inspire potential new members is another great idea! Testimonials from people whose lives we have touched are always helpful!
- **Leverage existing networks:** What about our own members? They have a network of friends and colleagues. Offer incentives to them for bringing in new members. Have a fun contest! Reach a wider audience by partnering with other non-profit groups like the Rotary or Kiwanis. And finally, what about hosting new member events and workshops. That is what our district is doing right now. We are trying to bring in a whole lot of new members by creating a new club-the Minnetonka Lions Club.

And of course, the best way to recruit new members is to simply ask! Don't be shy. Ask anyone and everyone. Make new friends by engaging with strangers. What does your club do to attract new members. Feel free to submit your responses by emailing lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com. This is the email for Informer articles. And please try to read the Informer every month. There are some very informative and helpful ideas in each issue.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Bruce Strachota

2nd Vice District Governor



GLOBAL EXTENTION TEAM (GET)

Exciting things are happening in the world of club growth and new club development!

We're proud to share that our dedicated downtown members are transitioning into their new identity as **Minneapolis Northeast Lions Club**. This marks a wonderful evolution for a group of passionate Lions who continue to show what it means to serve with heart and vision.

Our team is also working diligently to **establish a new club in Minnetonka** before the close of the Lions year. This effort reflects our shared commitment to expanding our service footprint and welcoming new leaders into the Lions family.

Get Involved with GET! We're looking for service-minded Lions who want to help shape the future of Lionism through club extension. The GET team meets **once a month for an hour via Zoom**. If you enjoy connecting with communities, supporting new clubs, or simply want to learn more about extension efforts, we would love to have you join us.

Interested? Please reach out to **Lion Michael** at bpLionMichael@gmail.com for more information or to get involved.

Let's continue to grow together—**lead to serve, serve to lead**.



Lion Michael Crenshaw
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GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)



More Members = More Service, More Impact, More ROAR!!



WELCOME TO THE PRIDE—LET'S CELEBRATE!

Have you helped spread the Lions magic by welcoming a new member in the past year and have yet to receive your Pump Up the Pride pins?

Let us know—we want to PUMP UP THE PRIDE with you!

We'll gladly join your next meeting to honor your Lions recruiters with their PUMP UP THE PRIDE Pins—and we want to meet all of our new 5M-5 members, because every new member makes us stronger and more unstoppable.

Let's give them the grand welcome they deserve!



5M-5 MEMBERSHIP STATS (As of 05/22/2025) 🔥 Total Clubs: 37

🦁 District 5M-5 Membership: 1,369 📈 Net Gain: +30 Members Dropped: 99 🎉

Members Added: 129 🙌 Yeah!! Which Club will be the Winner of the Famous Pump Up the Pride Flag for the 2024-25 Lions year? It could be yours, there is still time!

Don't stop striving now!!



KEEP THE MOMENTUM—LET'S KEEP PUMPING UP THE PRIDE!

The District 5M-5 Global Membership Team is here to help you and your Club soar to new heights. If you love growing ideas, nurturing leaders, and expanding our mission of service, we're ready to make it happen with you.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY ALERT!

We're looking for enthusiastic Lions and Membership Directors to **join our powerhouse Global Membership Team**. Ready to amplify the ROAR and take membership to the next level? Reach out—let's shake things up and make it happen!



Yours in Lionism,

Your Global Membership Team,

Lion Judy Rue

Lion Denise Dietz

PDG Dick Kentzelman

DGE Sara McFee

Lion Hannah Maxwell

GET Chair Michael Crenshaw

PDG Jennifer Marshall

1st DGE Bruce Strachota

Lion Shari Thurston

PDG Kristine Morin

DG Kim Schommer

GMT Chair Lion Heidi Zaworski

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GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)
WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

Global Service Team

To start off with, we want to say “**Thank You**” for all the Service projects you have done this Lion Year and for reporting them in the Lion Portal.

Here are the totals on what you have done as of May 14, 2025, for this Lion Year:

Service Metrics

1,174

Overall Activity Count in FY

398,952

Overall People Served in FY

44,356

Overall Volunteer Hours in FY

100%

Clubs Reporting in FY

Please make sure to submit all reports by the end of June. We want to make sure your service work is included in the totals.

Reminder: Lions International still wants clubs to submit their service reports monthly. Please don’t wait and just submit your service reports once or twice a year.



ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Laurie Carlson

Corcoran Lions
Dayton Lions
Hamel Lions
Loretto Lions
Mpls. Can Do Canines
St. Louis Park Lions
Wayzata Lions

ZONE 2 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Regina Aiken (Gary)

Eden Prairie Lions
Eden Prairie Lioness Lions
Hopkins
Northwest Tonka Lions
Orono Lions
Saint Bonifacius Lions

ZONE 3 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Amber Georgeson

Camden Lions
Crystal Lions
Edina Lions
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions
Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions
Minneapolis Northside Roaring Lions

ZONE 4 CHAIR (terms ends 2025)

Heidi Zaworski (Marty)

Bloomington Lions
Minneapolis Northeast Lions
Minneapolis Riverview Lions
Minneapolis Southwest Lions
Minneapolis Special Olympics Minnesota Lions
Richfield Lions

ZONE 5 CHAIR (terms ends 2025)

Judy Rue (Chuck)

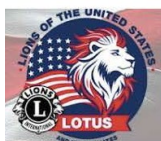
Excelsior Lions
Hopkins Noontime Lions
New Hope Lions
Osseo Lions
Plymouth Lions
Robbinsdale Lions

ZONE 6 CHAIR (terms ends 2026)

Vickie Parks

Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Brooklyn Center Lions
Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Brooklyn Park Lions
Maple Grove Lions
Rogers Lions

5M5 DISTRICT INFORMATION



Lions of the United States are more than just volunteers.

We are a global force of compassion and service, united by a shared mission to offer hope by improving and strengthening our communities and the world!

Learn more (and subscribe for free) www.YouTube.com/@USLionsRock

Share the Lions YouTube link with your Lions club, and others who want to volunteer and be a part of meaningful change.



Calendar of Events and Activities - District 5M5's calendar is your key source for information on what is happening at the club, District, Multiple, and International levels. The 5M5's District website calendar is updated throughout the month at Lions5M5.org



5M5 District Website Update - 5M5's website has a fresh look! Check out the website for information, resources, and calendar. Click on the above title to learn more.



New Facebook page - we have a new page. It's: **Lions Service – District 5M5**

Check it out and "Follow" it! Here is the link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570887245952>



Lions License Plates for your cars - After January 1, 2024, you will be able to purchase special Lions plates for your vehicles! Minnesota lawmakers approved a Lions Club special plate for use on passenger automobiles, non-commercial one-ton pickup trucks, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles. Ask to purchase the Lions plates at a Minnesota Driver and Vehicles office. The plate includes the Lions logo.

LCI's Eight Global Causes



While LCI's website is still being updated, it is true that Lions Clubs International's Eight Global Causes now include Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision, and Youth. This is great info to share with your club, potential members, and your community!

2029 Lions International Convention in Minneapolis

Volunteers will be needed before and after the Lions International's annual convention in Minneapolis. From planning to hosting to help with airport arrivals and departures, there will be opportunities to welcome and connect with Lions from around the world. Watch for updates. (The last Lions International convention was in Minneapolis in 2009.)

Lions Needed to Serve in the Education Building

This year the Education Building at the Minnesota State Fair will feature two Lions exhibits. We need a lot of Lions to talk about Lions service and our foundations. We hope you will volunteer!

MD5M Lions KidSight

Volunteer with KidSight, a Multiple District-wide program. Volunteers are needed to provide information about KidSight, greet, escort and vision screen. Free entry tickets to the fair are provided to those serving at KidSight.

SignUp Genius link for KidSight exhibit

[KidSight 2025 State Fair SignUpGenius link](#)

Minnesota Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations

Volunteers are needed to staff the shared foundations exhibit – providing information about the Foundations and offering giveaways to fairgoers.

SignUp Genius link for Lions Diabetes, Hearing & Vision foundation exhibit

[Diabetes Hearing Vision 2025 State Fair SignUpGenius link](#)

Volunteers will receive information prior to the State Fair so they will be able to answer questions KidSight and the Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision foundations.

MID WINTER CONVENTION 2026

Convention Committee Members Needed

Volunteers are needed to help plan, promote and organize the 2026 Midwinter Convention. If you have an interest in being part of the pride that makes the convention successful, here is your opportunity to learn more about it!

Audio Visual – Coordinate the audio-visual needs and set up with the hotel and their provider AV for you. Be on site to make sure needs are met and troubleshoot as needed.

Ballroom Set-Up for Events – Be involved in the planning for events to be held in the Ballroom and on hand prior to the events to make sure everything is set up correctly.

Collection of coats, socks, eyeglasses and other items – Determine collection site for donations, make arrangements to have donations picked-up on Saturday afternoon. Coordinate promotion of the donations in Convention literature and talking points.

Contests: Crock Pot Challenge and Dessert Challenge - Organize both events, deliver needed materials to clubs, pick up vote boxes, count votes, announce winner at the Sunday breakfast.

Display Tables for Foundations and Projects – Take reservations for display tables, work with the hotel to order and set up tables, consider charging for table, manage set up and organization of tables for the event.

Every Day Hero Awards – Promote Every Day Hero Awards, receive applications and checks for the awards. Create slides with picture and informational bullets for the Award Program. Assemble plaques and certificates to be presented.

First Timer Contest – Prepare contest form to be distributed to new attendees. Collect completed forms, score forms and announce winner at the Sunday Breakfast.

Hospitality Books & Meal Tickets - Receive orders for hospitality books and meal tickets, deliver tickets and books to recipients. Prepare counts for hotel guarantees, collect tickets at events. Sell extra tickets/seats prior to events.

Hospitality Room Theme Competition and Judging – Prepare judging form, appoint judges, count score, announce winners at Sunday Breakfast.

Hospitality Rooms - Receive orders for hospitality rooms, notify clubs that their orders have been received, notify clubs of their room number and check in process.

Leo District Meeting and Service Projects – Coordinate the Leo District meeting and service projects with the District Leo Chair. Monitor ballroom and keep track of Leos during the event.

Marketing & Promotion - Visit clubs and attend the All-Club meetings to talk about the convention. Use digital media to promote the convention. Create articles and flyers to be placed in The Informer and sent to clubs. Create talking points for Officers, Zone Chairs and Committee members.

Meeting Rooms – Coordinate smaller meeting rooms with committee by attending committee meetings and determining rooms needed and when.

Memorial Service – Promote service and create a memorial service form. Receive forms and create slides for each deceased member with a picture and informational bullets. Plan Service, find volunteers to help during the service and manage the event on Saturday morning.

Signage for Events – Determine through committee meetings what signage is needed during the weekend. Have signage produced and hung during the event.

If you have a skill set that will fit any of these opportunities we would love you to join us!

Contact Lion Ross Thorfinson
rthorf@aol.com

LION CLUB TV SHOW

Lion Myron Berry is a Brooklyn Center Lion and he was the one making a video at the last Mid-Winter Convention. He has since been working on a Lions show for cable TV and has interviewed several Lions for TV show. Lion Myron now wants to share his skills and talent with the Leo's showing them how to make a show from start to finish.

Welcome to the Leo's Club Summer T.V. Production Program

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Future Young Broadcasters,

Welcome to the Leo's Club Summer T.V. Production Program! We are thrilled to invite you to a summer of creativity, growth, and community service. At Leo's Club, our mission is to empower youth through hands-on media experiences while fostering leadership, teamwork, and civic engagement.

This summer, participants will get the unique opportunity to learn the ins and outs of television production, from being in front of the camera to working behind the scenes. Our weekly schedule includes on-set training sessions, field trips, and community service activities that promote responsibility and collaboration.

The program runs every Wednesday from June through July, and every Friday in August from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All Wednesday & Friday sessions will be held at:

CCX Media Studio 6900 Winnetka Ave North Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

In July, we'll embark on a special field trip, adding adventure and real-world exposure to our learning experience. Each month will also feature a meaningful community service activity, giving students a chance to give back and grow as compassionate leaders.

Throughout the summer, we'll host inspiring guest speakers who will share their stories and motivate our young talents to reach their highest potential.

We are excited for the journey ahead and can't wait to see the creativity and passion your child will bring to the screen!

Please note: There is no cost to participate in the Leo's Club Summer T.V. Production Program. However, families are kindly asked to provide transportation for their child to and from all scheduled activities. Your support in ensuring consistent attendance is greatly appreciated and vital to your child's success in the program. We provide consent forms, that must be sign by parents before participating in the summer program.

Leo Club Summer T.V. Production Program June • July • August – Creativity, Service, and Celebration

June 11, through June 25: Discovery & Foundation	July 2, through July 30: Production & Performance	August 1, through August 22: Celebration & Impact
Orientation & Team Building	Begin filming show segments	On-Set Training every Friday
Scriptwriting and storyboarding workshops	Set design and costumes	Final edits and promotions
Practice in front of the camera/	Interview Guest speaker	Create PSA
Learn how to interview Guest speaker	Field Trip: (Mermaid Entertainment Center)	Red Carpet Premiere Event
Community Service: Discussion	Community Service Activity: (TBA)	Award Ceremony and Certificates
		Community Service: School Supply Drive

We meet at the studio every Wednesday in June and July
Location: CCX Media Studio • 6900 Winnetka Ave North • Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
T.V. Production Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (June through August)

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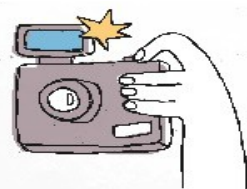


LIONS SERVING

Email Your Photos of your Lions in action.

Please include dates, names, locations etc. to this email:

lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com



Excelsior Lions Pub Crawl Lego sets delivery to M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital-Our community came out in a big way at the Excelsior Lions Pub Crawl in April! We raised \$3078 for the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and collected over 80 Lego sets which we delivered to M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital.



Excelsior Lions serve with Hopkins Lions on May 17th It was a chilly but fun Saturday volunteering with the Hopkins Lions at the Mainstreet Day Arts & Craft Fair in their Donut Truck!! Proceeds support Hopkins Lions important community programs and causes.



Excelsior Lions Club Creates a Community Garden on May 22nd-Excelsior Lions Club members have been hard at work planting and tending to our recently acquired garden plot, whose mission is to nourish our community for years to come by providing fresh produce to local food shelves. Special thanks to our Garden Committee for making our Club's dream a reality.





St. Louis Park Lions doing their semi-annual road clean up project.



Congratulations to Wayzata Lion Jean Paul Espinasse as he received the KidSight "Sight Saver" Award. This award goes to a Lion who has distinguished themselves on behalf of children's vision.

[Email Your Photos](#) of your Lions in action.
Please include dates, names, locations etc. to this email:
lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

We've had a run of teams recently that are from your district:

- Connie and Mobility Assist Dog Yana,
 - <https://candocanines.org/connie-knows-the-blessing-of-a-mobility-assist-dog/>
- Owen and Autism Assist Dog Arlo,
 - <https://candocanines.org/autism-assist-dog-arlo-comes-fully-prepared/>
- Mary and Mobility Assist Dog Echo,
 - <https://candocanines.org/echos-help-reverberates-throughout-marys-life/>

Please feel free to share with your fellow 5M5 Lions.

Caren Hansen

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Marketing and Communication Manager

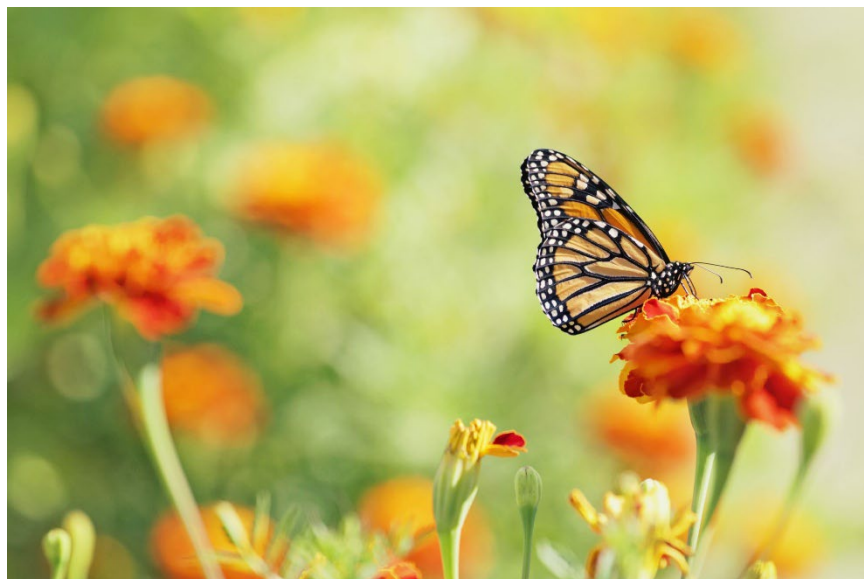
Can Do Canines

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New Hope, MN 55428

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www.candocanines.org



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND: A JOURNEY OF PURPOSE AND FUN

One of the greatest joys of being a Lion is sharing the powerful missions we support—especially one as inspiring as **Leader Dogs for the Blind**.

This incredible organization empowers people who are blind or visually impaired with the lifelong skills of independence, mobility, and confidence—free of charge. From guide dog training to orientation and mobility services, **Leader Dogs for the Blind** is changing lives every day. And every time we support them, we are part of that life-changing mission.

But beyond the purpose, let me tell you—it's been *a lot of fun too!*

I've had the absolute pleasure of visiting some amazing clubs to share what Leader Dogs represent, and every visit has been filled with warmth, laughter, and heart:

Brooklyn Park Lady Lions – What a lively and welcoming group! Their energy and interest in Leader Dogs made for such a meaningful exchange.

Brooklyn Center Lady Lions – A wonderful evening with passionate Lions who asked insightful questions and showed great enthusiasm for the cause.

Excelsior Lions Club – Their hospitality was unmatched, and it was a joy to connect with fellow Lions who truly value service that makes a difference.

These visits reminded me of the true power of **Lionism**—sharing our stories, our missions, and our time with one another. Whether we're raising awareness, building connections, or laughing over dinner, we're also strengthening the bonds that make our global service so impactful. If your club hasn't hosted a Leader Dogs presentation yet—**let's fix that!** I'd love to come out, share some stories, and celebrate the amazing work we all make possible.

Together, we serve. And when do we serve with joy? That's the Leader Dog way.

In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion.



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I wanted to take a moment to share a message that might help all of us as we get closer to the Hamel Rodeo, reminding us all of why we do what we do. The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation has a matching program where if a Lions club financially supports a family who has a child with cancer we provide a match up to \$500 for the family to use as they see fit. This is one of the programs supported by monies we have received from the Hamel Rodeo and the generous donations from our clubs and district events.

As a board member I occasionally receive emails from families we have supported. Below is an email I received this weekend, a touching thank-you note from the family of a young boy named Cashton. His story is one of unimaginable challenges, resilience, and hope. Born with a rare missing 13th chromosome, Cashton has faced numerous surgeries, battled cancer, and lives each day with the help of specialized medical equipment. Despite everything, he continues to smile and inspire everyone around him.

I want you to know that because of your time, compassion, and dedication to the Rodeo, our Foundation is able to provide financial support to Cashton and his family—support that has helped ease their heavy burden and lifted their spirits during an incredibly difficult journey.

This is the power of your volunteerism. Every hour you give, every smile you share, every role you fill—it all adds up to something profound. You are helping families like Cashton's feel seen, supported, and loved. As we head into this event, I just want you to know how deeply grateful I am for each and every one of you. Your service matters. You are making a real difference.

Dear Lions Club Members,

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous donation of \$500 for our son, Cashton. Your kindness and support mean more to us than we could ever truly express in words.

Cashton has been through so much in his short life — born with a rare missing 13th chromosome, he's faced countless surgeries, overcome retinoblastoma, and continues to live with a trach, ventilator, vision impairments, and hearing loss. Much of his life has been spent in and out of hospitals, yet he continues to smile, fight, and inspire everyone who meets him.

As parents, it's overwhelming at times, but gestures like yours remind us that we are not alone. Your donation helps ease the financial weight that comes with Cashton's complex medical needs — from specialized equipment and care to therapies that support his development and comfort.

More than the financial support, though, your generosity lifts our spirits. It reminds us that there are compassionate people in our community who believe in the strength of a little boy they've never met. That kind of support is priceless.

Thank you, from the depths of our hearts, for making a difference in Cashton's journey. We will never forget your generosity.

*With sincere appreciation,
Cashton's Family*

Thank you Hamel Rodeo Committee and Lions of District 5M5. See you soon.

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Vice Chair, MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
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Reminder to **ONLY** purchase tickets from: www.hamelrodeo.org



MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION



We support research devoted to identifying treatments, and a cure for diabetes.

We serve to improve the health and quality of life of people who live with diabetes.

Managing Your Health During Summer Heat

Summer temperatures can be extreme. If you live with diabetes or if you are not directly impacted by diabetes, there are some basic tips you can follow to avoid the consequences of higher temps.

- **Stay hydrated.** Drink plenty of water. Avoid caffeine, alcohol and drinks with lots of sugar as they can lead to fluid loss.
- **Watch for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke.** People who live with diabetes are at higher risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- **Avoid sunburns.** In addition to harming your skin, sunburns can raise blood sugar levels.
- **Watch your schedule.** Changed routines can make it challenging to control blood sugar levels. Pay attention to when you eat, what you eat and your physical activities.
- **Store medications carefully.** Read medication labels to know what temperature they should be stored at and how high temperatures (or freezing temps if you use ice packs to store when out and about) and affect medication.
- **Watch for symptoms.** Anyone can have high or low blood sugar levels for a variety of reasons. If you observe someone having unusual fatigue, alertness, or ability to function, take action to determine if there is a medical emergency.

Hypoglycemia (Low Blood Sugar) kits

A diabetes service project your club can do is to distribute hypoglycemia kits in your community. Contact us to receive kits. The kits:

- may be used when an individual is experiencing a low blood sugar (glucose) level
- include an Emergency Action Plan card, Glucose Gel packs and cracker packs.
- offer treatment option for low blood sugar levels, until additional medical help is available, with high-sugar foods, drinks, or medication.
- for an extended time, a person may experience seizures, lapse into a coma, or die.

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Please Don't Forget End-of-Year Donations!

As the Lions' fiscal year draws to a close, please think of financial donations to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation! Many clubs, especially those with gambling proceeds, must spend down their coffers before June 30. We are happy to help.

Your support helps the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank, the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the Lions Eye Surgery Center, the MAC Center, and many ophthalmology research efforts. And every gift is appreciated.

Donations can be sent to your directors or mailed directly to the Vision Foundation at 1000 Westgate Drive - Suite 260, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55114. Donations can also be made online at: mnlionsvisionfoundation.org/donate. A thousand thanks!

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At the recent meeting of the MD5M KidSight Foundation Board of Directors, we heard the exciting news that since the program started in 2017, we have screened more than 300,000 kiddos!

Of course, that doesn't mean we're finished. On the contrary, there are hundreds of thousands of kids we haven't screened. And, naturally, there are more kids on the way all the time.

So, keep us in mind when you or your local community are having events where lots of children are expected to attend.

Get your club involved. We know that some clubs need "all hands" to put on an event, and we can provide KidSight volunteers from other clubs for these.

Likewise, members from your club can learn how KidSight events operate by attending screenings put on by other clubs and community groups.

This is a great way to earn service hours for your club. Help our district top District Governor Kim's goal during the final month of her term. And get started with incoming DG Sara's service goals in the remainder of the summer.

Lots of service hours, and a free admission ticket for the State Fair can be had by signing up for a KidSight shift. District 5M-5's days are Wednesday, Aug. 27, and Monday (Labor Day) Sept. 1.

Here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-56251349-state#/>

Finally, one of the Legacy members of the KidSight Foundation, Lion Bill Thurston of St. Louis Park Lions, is retiring from the board. Lion Bill will still be involved with screenings, advice, and other services, but we will miss his contribution as a Director. If you see him, give him a big cheer.

We look forward to hearing from you,

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Opening Eyes for the Summer Games is soon upon us!

Registration is open and Lions can sign up now. Our Lions will be assisting the eye care professionals and doctors in providing a complete eye care examination with free glasses for the athletes.

The screeners used in KidSight will be used as part of the exam.

Opening Eyes is a fun and needed service project being held this year at the U of M.

The clinic will be held in the Field House at the U of M Minneapolis Campus on Saturday June 21 from 8am to 4pm, with set up Friday the 20th 9am to 1pm.

This service project is funded in part by LCI and is a 5M Multiple service project. 5M5 volunteers may be working alongside Lions from other districts.

There are 2 shifts available on Saturday and if volunteers want to stay the entire day, they can sign up for a shift for both periods.

Summer Games are fun for all involved. The athletes get to compete in a sport they love, they get to see friends from around the state, and they can get some health screenings alongside teammates. They might not easily get these screenings at another time as parents of athletes find their kids are difficult to get into medical professionals, that is unless... Unless they are with friends or teammates! For the volunteers, they'll have fun interacting with the athletes as well as Lions from around the state. The athletes usually love to talk about their medals and many like jokes. It's a fun time while helping others!

Sign up using the link below:

https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_type=event_list&event_id=3889&console_id=0101&ht=1

Then, go down the page and use the "General Support Non-Clinical" line items to volunteer for the Saturday shifts. There is only one line item for Friday set up.

Any questions, contact

Lion Ray Moonen	952.201.7031
Lion Jim Cain	763.232.0790
Lion Laura Maki	507.381.7417

Please consider hosting a student (or students) in your home this July.

Contact 5M5 YCE Chair Lion Grant Hendrickson at 612-508-9461 or grant@southsideservices.org.

Also, if you are aware of any local youths (ages 15-19) who would like to live with a family abroad and attend that country's Camp, I can also answer any questions you may have about that.



EVENT FLYERS



PROJECT NEW HOPE

Military Family Retreats
at no cost to Veterans






"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET OR SCAN THIS CODE:



2025 MINNESOTA RETREATS

2025 MAY 2-4
Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN

2025 JUNE 6-8
Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN

2025 OCTOBER 3-5
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN

2025 DECEMBER 5-7
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN

New Hope Lions 19th Annual 4-person Scramble Golf Tournament

Saturday June 7, 2025, 8:00AM-3:00PM
New Hope Village Golf Course 8130 Bass Lake Road

\$60 per golfer (includes green fees, lunch & gift bag)
\$20 non-golfer lunch only

Scan to register



Take a chance on fun raffle prizes!





St. Louis Park Lions Club

64th Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Splash into summer with the St. Louis Park Pancake Breakfast. Kick off Parktacular by joining us for a delicious pancake breakfast, free vision screening, and a fun time to connect with the community




June 8, 2025

8:00AM-12:00PM

St. Louis Park ROC
3700 Monterey Drive

Tinyurl.com/SLPsquare

**St. Louis Park
Parktacular**



June 12-15 2025

**PURCHASE
TICKETS TODAY!**




Tickets - \$10
5 & Under Free!

All proceeds are returned to the community through Lions sponsored service projects and donations

Robbinsdale Lions Club



BAKE SALE

June 11, 2025
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

AND Don't forget:

Crystal Lions Steak Fry
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Steak, Baked Potato, Coleslaw &
Dinner Roll for \$13
(Best steak in the northwest 'burbs!)

Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd, Crystal, MN 55429

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

June 11, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$14

Include:

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak Baked Potato
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

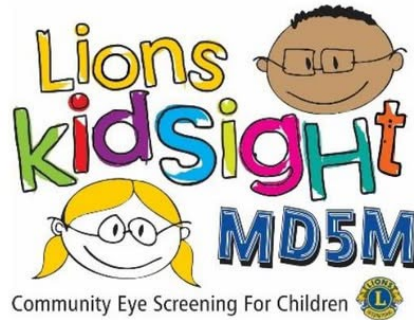
Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!

FREE KID'S VISION SCREENING*

June 14th & September 13th

At the Bloomington Farmer's Market

8am to 1pm



Robbinsdale Lions Club
"Kick off to Whiz Bang"



Jigsaw Puzzle Contest



Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wicked Wort Brewing Company

4165 West Broadway, Robbinsdale

\$10/person

2 - 4 players per table

Gift Cards from local merchants awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

Arrive early, tables fill up fast, no reservations.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase

Bring your old eyeglasses to recycle for those in need.



ROBBINSDALE LIONS PRESENTS

BISTRO ON BROADWAY

July 10, 2025, Thursday 10 AM to 4 PM

July 11, 2025, Friday 10 AM to 4 PM

NEW EXTENDED HOURS

NEW LOCATION

Wicked Wort Patio, 4165 West Broadway Ave

MENU INCLUDES:

BRAT	\$6.00
BURGER	\$6.00
CHEESEBURGER	\$7.00
HOT DOG	\$5.00
BEVERAGE	\$2.00
CHIPS	\$1.00
GIANT PICKLE	\$2.00



Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world every day because they share a core belief - to serve their community. By supporting the Robbinsdale Lions, you are supporting our local community.



July 10th is
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
 Night at the Hamel Rodeo!!



For every ticket sold for the July 10th show,
 MNLCFF will receive a portion of the ticket sales!

Rodeo starts at 7:30 PM
 Gates open 2 hours before the show

5 shows throughout the weekend

Thu. 7-10	Fri. 7-11	Sat. 7-12	Sat. 7-12	Sun. 7-13
7:30 PM	7:30 PM	1:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

Order tickets online: <https://www.hamelrodeo.org>

**Join Us And Support the
 Robbinsdale Lions Club**



- Cash prizes are awarded for each round of play
- \$20 per packet of 10 games
- \$2 for an extra sheet of 3 boards



To Directly Follow

- \$2.00 per chance
- A total of 30 tickets to be sold each round



**SATURDAY, July 12th
 10:00 am**

Wicked Wort Brewing Company – Robbinsdale



We will be
 accepting
 eyeglasses
 for recycling

JULY 19, 2025

**RASPBERRY
 FESTIVAL**

MAINSTREET AND 11TH AVE

START AT 8AM

VOLUNTEER
 EAT ICE CREAM
 SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

**MORE INFO
 HOPKINSLIONS.ORG**




Hairball in Maple Grove!

LIVE MUSIC * BEER * FOOD

SATURDAY 9.13.25

Maple Grove Central Park

Brought to you by the Maple Grove Lions





2029 Lions International Convention fundraiser

Brought to you by the Host Committee for the 2029 Minneapolis International Convention

2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

The International Convention is coming to
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Now is your chance to get a piece of history and help raise the needed funds to Host this great Lions event.
Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.
\$50 per piece for a total of \$200
Limited Edition
2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms
Pin - \$100
Charms \$25 or all 4 for \$75











To purchase pins or patches, donate to the convention or volunteer:
Contact Lion Jennifer Gilbert, 5M5
winn0004@gmail.com
651-226-0205
Club or Individual donations accepted - Thank you!

MD5M PARADE SHIRT ORDER FORM



These shirts are a button up style shirt and run 1 size small.
(order accordingly)



Date: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Email order form to Executive Secretary Cindy Walters at:
executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org

Complete Form and Mail to: Checks can be made out to MD5M Lions.
MD5M Lions
1915 Waterford Circle
Chaska, MN 55318

ADULT	PRICE EACH	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
1. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Small		total small
2. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Medium		total medium
3. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Large		total large
4. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	1X		total 1 x
5. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	2X		total 2 x
6. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	3X		total 3 x
7. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	4X		total 4 x
8. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	5X		total 5 x
			total shirts	total
			additional credit card charge:	card fee

Credit Card Information:

Name On card: _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

[CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK TO ORDER](#)



Lions Clubs International

Lions Abbreviations and Terms

This is a helpful reference, but not a complete list.

ALLI	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute	MC	Membership Chair
CBL	Constitutions and By-Laws	MD	Multiple District
CC	Council Chair	MJF	Melvin Jones Fellow
CEP	Club Excellence Process	MMR	LCI monthly membership report
CGL	Certified Guiding Lion	MyLCI	LCI electronic membership database
COG	Council of Governors	MyLion	LCI app for connecting members, setting up and promoting activities, etc.
CP	Club President		
CS	Cabinet Secretary (District)	NPLF	Northern Pride Lions Forum
CT	Cabinet Treasurer (District)		
CSC	Club Service Chair	PCC	Past Council Chair
DA	District Administrator	PDG	Past District Governor
DG	District Governor	PID	Past International Director
DGE	District Governor-Elect	PinS	Partner in Service
		PIP	Past International President
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
FDI	Faculty Development Institute	PU-101	Club Officer Reporting Form
GAT	Global Action Team	RC	Region Zone Chair
GLT	Global Leadership Team	RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
GMA	Global Membership Approach	STRIDES	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
GMT	Global Membership Team		
GST	Global Service Team	TT	TailTwister
ID	International Director	VDG	Vice District Governor
IP	International President	1VDG	First Vice District Governor
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chair	2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor	VDGE	Vice District Governor-Elect
IPID	Immediate Past International Director	1VDGE	First Vice District Governor-Elect
IPIP	Immediate Past International President	2VDGE	Second Vice District Governor-Elect
IVP	International Vice President	WCD	White Cane Day
LCI	Lions Club International	WSD	World Sight Day
LCICon	Lions International Convention	YE	Youth Exchange
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation	ZC	Zone Chair
LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program		
LEO	Leadership Experience Opportunity		
LERC	Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center		
LIONS	Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations' Safety		
LT	LionTamer		

WEB SITES & LINKS

Awards	<u>lions5m5.org/awards</u>
District 5M5	<u>lions5m5.org</u>
Lions Clubs International	<u>lionsclubs.org</u>
Multiple District 5M (MD5M)	<u>lionsmd5m.org</u>

District Approved Projects & Links

Can Do Canines	<u>candocanines.org</u>
Confidence Learning Center	<u>campconfidence.com</u>
Leader Dogs for the Blind	<u>leaderdog.org</u>
Leos	<u>lionsclubs.org/about-leos</u>
Lions Clubs International Foundation	<u>lcif.org-</u>
MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation	<u>kidsightmd5m.org</u>
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation	<u>mnlionsdiabetes.org</u>
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation	<u>5mhf.org</u>
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation	<u>mnlionsvisionfoundation.org</u>
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	<u>mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org</u>
Project New Hope	<u>projectnewhope.net</u>
Special Olympics Minnesota	<u>specialolympicsminnesota.org</u>
TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundations	<u>facebook.com/groups/TEAM SHEEHAN</u>
True Friends	<u>truefriends.org</u>
Youth Exchange/Youth Camps	<u>lionsclubs.org/youth/youth-camps-and-exchange</u>