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Congratulations to

Excelsior Lions Celebrating 9 years of service

July 21, 2016



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
Amanda Braml	Tim Holmquist	Corcoran Lions
Ann Bartunek	Julie Foster	Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Barbara Becker	Kim Schommer	Bloomington
Bob Vealetzek	Robert Papke	Hopkins Lions
Dawn Griffin	Sara Griffin	Wayzata Lions
Debbie Helgeson	Judy Melzer	Bloomington Lions
Hailie Ana-Marie Arneson	Emma Isaacson	Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Jean Vealetzek	Robert Papke	Hopkins Lions
Jerry Nyumah	Phillip Musa	Brooklyn Center Lions
Keith Hansen	Andrew Greier	New Hope Lions
Melissa Scofield	Matthew Romain	Minneapolis Riverview Lions
Timothy Buck	Heidi Zaworski	Minneapolis Northeast Lions
Zack Scofield	Matthew Romain	Minneapolis Riverview 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!



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

JULY 2025	
<u>07 2025</u>	Hamel Lions Flea Market
<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>	Orono Lions Lakeside Car Show
<u>07/12/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo (1:00 PM and 7:30 PM)
<u>07/13/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo (7:30 PM)
07/13/2025	LCI Convention, Orlando
07-17-2025	Maple Grove Days Parade
<u>07/19/2025</u>	Hopkins Lions, Raspberry Festival Ice Cream
<u>07/19/2025</u>	Maple Grove Lions Corn Feed (11 AM to 6 PM)
AUGUST 2025	
<u>08 2025</u>	Hamel Lions Flea Market
<u>08/06/2025</u>	New Hope Lions Annual Corn Feed (4:30 PM to 8 PM)
<u>08/21/2025 to</u> <u>09/01/2025</u>	STATE FAIR and Lions
<u>08-25-2025</u>	ALL CLUB Meeting 5:30 PM Social; 6 PM Dinner
SEPTEMBER 2025	
<u>09 2025</u>	Hamel Lions Flea Market
<u>09/05/2025</u>	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
NOVEMBER 2025	
<u>11/08/2025</u>	Maple Grove Lions Holiday Boutique



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



Serve with Passion!

Lions: Superheroes in Service

As the new Lions year begins, 5M-5 Lions are out in their communities — meeting needs, raising funds, and delivering hope. Every walk, pancake breakfast, health screening, and service event opens doors and breaks down barriers.

A World Without Lions is a World Without Hope

When people see a Lions sign, they should feel inspired — knowing Lions have been changing lives, improving communities, and bringing hope for more than 100 years.

This year, 5M-5 Lions can grow their impact by:

- **Inviting others** – Ask friends, family, or colleagues about their passions and show how they align with Lions service. Invite them to join in service activities and to join your club.
- **Embracing new ideas** – Encourage fresh thinking from members and potential members. Appreciate new ideas that tweak or offer new ways of doing service and fundraising. Seek partnerships to expand service.
- **Staying flexible** – Support members with varying availability. Offer hybrid meetings and value all contributions. Make it easy to stay involved. Some may not be available for all meetings, but are available to participate in service.

Together, we serve. Serve with Passion.

I look forward to serving alongside our 5M-5 Lions and Clubs and to attending your meetings, and serving at your activities.

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

Lion Sara McFee
5M-5 District Governor
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1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Bruce Strachota



Hi, It's Sunday and I just had a real nice conversation with my nephew Zach. He really has turned into a fine young man. He gave me the biggest hug I have had in a while. As I am enjoying the nice weather we are having, I also feel the need to reflect on the many activities I have engaged in during the 2024-2025 Lion year. Here's a list of some of those activities:

1. Attended Osseo Pancake Breakfast.
2. Attended the Brooklyn Center Lions 70th Anniversary Celebration.
3. Attended many online and in-person training sessions as 2nd VDG.
4. Attended monthly GLT and GMT online meetings.
5. Attended Council of Governor meetings either online or in-person.
6. Attended the D-feet Hearing Loss Walk at the MN Landscape Arboretum.
7. Gave a power-point presentation on the Club Excellence Award criteria at the "Radical Learning" Event in Hamel.
8. Participated in a couple of skits at the All-Club meetings-the last one being a skit on Lion acronyms.
9. I will be attending the Hamel Rodeo in July.
10. Still found time to participate in my St Louis Park Lion's Club activities:
 - i. Two Road Clean-ups
 - ii. Roctoberfest
 - iii. Our club Corn Feed
 - iv. "Breakfast With Santa"-I was Santa.
 - v. Worked the "St Louis Park Parktacular Promote Yourself Booth" promoting our club and Lionism in general.
 - vi. Worked the "St Louis Park Lions Pancake Breakfast."

I am now eager to start my year as 1st VDG. Please feel free to invite me to one of your meetings and remember to "always serve with a song in your heart" which will be my theme for my DG year (2026-2027)

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Bruce Strachota
1st Vice District Governor



GLOBAL EXTENTION TEAM (GET)

A Step closer to our goals

As we move steadily forward on the journey to building a new Lions Club, I find myself reflecting on the incredible work and unwavering dedication of the Global Extension Team (GET). Starting a club is never an overnight task, it demands time, energy, patience, and an unshakable belief in the power of service.

It has truly been an honor to work alongside such passionate and committed individuals. Every challenge we've faced has only reaffirmed my confidence in what we are capable of accomplishing together. I believe, wholeheartedly, that we are on the brink of something impactful—not just one club, but the potential for more, each rooted in the spirit of Lionism.

For those seeking a fresh, dynamic, and rewarding experience, I can't recommend the GET highly enough. It's more than just planning—it's about growing, connecting, and being part of something transformational. The challenges we've overcome have only added to the joy of this journey, and I'm energized for what the next year holds.

Let's continue to serve, to build, and to believe. The future is bright—and it starts with us.

In service and gratitude,



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GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

District 5M-5 Global Membership Team (GMT) End of Year Celebration Report June 2025



When Membership Grows,
Our Service Grows,
and Our Impact Grows.
More ROAR!



WELCOME TO THE PRIDE—LET'S CELEBRATE!



5M-5 MEMBERSHIP STATS (As of 06/29/2025)

- Total Clubs: 37
- District 5M-5 Membership: 1,354 (up 27%)
- Net Gain: +17
- Members Dropped: -130
- Members Added: 147!!



Yeah!!

Which Club will be the Winner of the Famous Pump Up the Pride Flag for
the 2024-25 Lions Year?

You must attend the upcoming August 25th All Club Meeting to find out!!



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. Please provide the contact information for the membership directors so we can reach out and collaborate effectively. Thank you!



CALL TO ACTION:

Let's continue to grow our pride! Reach out to potential members, share the benefits of joining our community, and invite them to our next meeting. Together, we can make a bigger impact and achieve even greater success!



Yours in Lionism,

Your Wonderful 2024-2025 Global Membership Team

Lion Judy Rue
Lion Denise Dietz
PDG Dick Kentzelman
DGE Sara McFee
GMT Chair Lion Heidi Zaworski

Lion Hannah Maxwell
GET Chair Michael Crenshaw
PDG Jennifer Marshall
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GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

Join our Facebook page:

District 5M5 Lions Network: Connect, Serve & Grow

Here is the link to the page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/district5m5lions>

This page allows you to do the following:

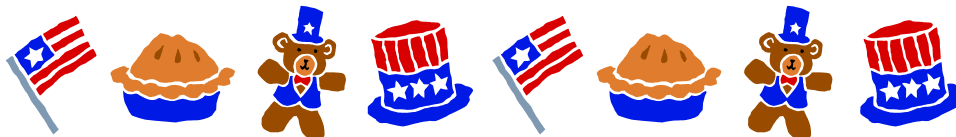
- Post information about your projects.
- Connect with other Lions.
- See what's projects other clubs are doing.
- Ask for Lions to help with your project if needed.

All Lions are welcome to join this Facebook page. Not just the club officers.

Reporting - don't forget to submit your service reports for your club.

How do club's benefit from reporting service?

- ▶ Reporting service helps transfer knowledge and best practices to your club's future leaders.
- ▶ Reporting service is a matter of local pride. Reporting puts your club on the map as leaders in your local community, and it's an important way to share success with other clubs in your district and around the world.
- ▶ Reporting service allows you to become eligible for service awards.



MEDIA MINUTE

LET'S KEEP ROARING 5M5!

MEDIA TIPS FOR CLUBS

Tip of the Month: Share What You Do

People want to see your impact. Post photos, short videos, or member quotes after every project. Keep it short, real, and proud.



HAPPY NEW LIONS YEAR!

The new Lions year brings fresh energy and a focus on growth. District 5M5 is committed to providing clubs with better resources to communicate with their communities, while expanding our outreach throughout Hennepin County. This year, we're prioritizing support for club visibility, membership growth, and stronger storytelling—making it easier than ever to serve and connect.

Don't forget to join our District 5M5 Lions Network Facebook group to share ideas, ask questions, and stay connected with fellow Lions across the district!

Lets all work together to become servant heroes!

FOLLOW DISTRICT 5M5 LIONS!

Stay in the loop and help spread the word—follow us on social media:

 Facebook |  Instagram |  LinkedIn

Just search District 5M5 Lions and hit follow to see service in action, club updates, and upcoming events!



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Cabinet Chair

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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

Andy Leifort

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

ZONE 5 CHAIR

Michael Crenshaw

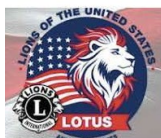
Excelsior Lions
Hopkins Noontime Lions
New Hope Lions
Osseo Lions
Plymouth Lions
Robbinsdale Lions

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:

District 5M5 Lions Network: Connect, Serve & Grow

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/district5m5lions>



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.

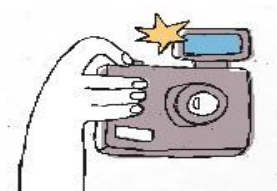
Meeting Rooms – Coordinate smaller meeting rooms with committee by attending committee meetings and determining rooms needed and when.

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.

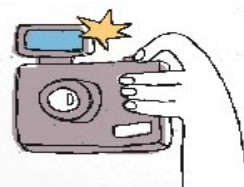
If you have a skill set that will fit any of these opportunities we would love you to join us!

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LIONS SERVING

Email Your Photos of your Lions in action.
Please include dates, names, locations etc. to this email:
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***Orono Lions repaired, stained and repainted the Orono Lions pavillion in town.
They also cleaned the Union Cemetary for Memorial Day weekend.***





Maple Grove Lions doing KidSight at Chalk Fest



Lion Cheryl Schissel in one of the 3D chalk art paintings



Maple Grove Lions Corn Feed



Maple Grove Lions Corn Feed



**Maple Grove Lions Awards Dinner-
Dream Catcher Award,
Lion Tim Conaway**



**Maple Grove Lions Awards Dinner-
Believe Award,
Lion Claudia Schmoyer**



**Maple Grove Lions Awards Dinner-
TEAM Sheehan Foundation Award,
Lion Ken Kumpula**



**Maple Grove Lions
Awards Dinner-**

**Maple Grove Lions Awards Dinner-
KidSight Save Saver Award**



**Maple Grove Lions Awards Dinner-
Helen Keller Award**



**Maple Grove Lions Awards Dinner-
Hearing Foundation Award**



**Maple Grove Lions Awards
Dinner-
Lion of the Year Award
Lion Mike Peach**

**Maple Grove
Lions Awards
Dinner-
Melvin Jones
Fellowship Award
Lion Nickie
Ashbach**





Maple Grove Lions New Officers

Lion Alice Schweiss

Lion Gene Schissel

Lion Nickie Ashbach

Lion Sharon Houff

Lion Twila Johnson

Lion Mike Stiefel

Lion Jim Miller

Lion Jeanne Kling

Lion Cheryl Schissel, Secretary

Not pictured: Lion Nell Campbell, Treasurer



Maple Grove Lions

Half Marathon Nature Run

Team Lead Brian Kuhnley & Jim Miller



Maple Grove Lions

Lion Rob Hed awarding the International President's Service Award for their Holiday Basket Event.

Lions Vicki Parks, Tim Leicher, Phil Leith



Maple Grove Lions Scholarship Winners



**Maple Grove Lions
New Member-**

*Sponsor Lion Dick Kentzelman &
Lion Kristy Barnett*



**Maple Grove Lions
New Member-**

*Sponsor Lion Phil Leith &
Lion Debra Kreatz*



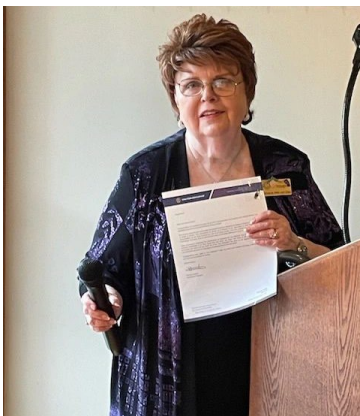
Maple Grove Lions

Taco Dinner for Childhood Cancer

4 Leo's each made a blanket

*Leah Julie
Olivia Driscoll
Tessa Nguyen
Mason Young*

Maple Grove Lions-
*Taco Dinner for Childhood Cancer Committee Members,
Lion Sharon Houff
Lion Cheryl Schissel
Lion Jeanne Kling
Lion Alice Schweiss*

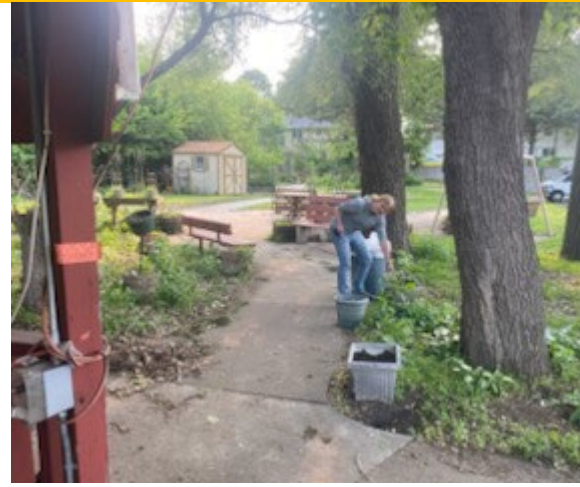


**Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Award Night-**

*Lion Pat Fisher received special
recognition for her service as President
from 2012 to 2025.*



Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Planting Flowers at Centennial Gardens Nursing Home

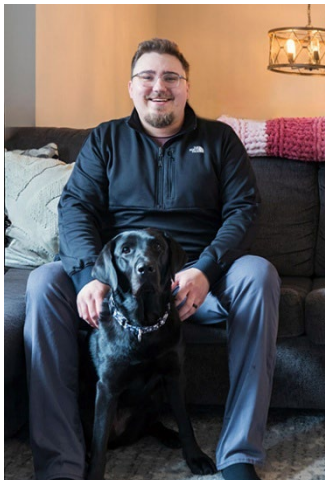


Minneapolis Riverview Lions-
Donated to MN Lions Hearing Foundation "Defect Hearing Loss"
Lion Grant Hendrickson & Lion Bob Jechorak

Minneapolis Riverview Lions-
Presenting a donation check to Soup for You and their appreciation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for using their facilities. They are celebrating their first anniversary with them and helping their community with food insecurity. The picture is of Lion James Freid, Lion Grant Hendrickson and Judah, from Soup for you and members of the church facility and operations.



[Email Your Photos](#) of your Lions in action.
Please include dates, names, locations etc. to this email:
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Deavan's Diabetes Management is Fresh as a Daisy

Upon seeing a daisy, many people succumb to the temptation of pressing their nose to it and engaging their sense of smell. Upon seeing Diabetes Assist Dog Daisy, Deavan remembers, "It was love at first sight."

By engaging her sense of smell and pressing her nose against Deavan to alert him of blood sugar lows, Daisy is bringing a fresh sense of safety to him. He says, "There has never been anything in the world that could alert me of a low blood sugar before I realized it, until I met Daisy. Her nose knows!"

At 28 years old, he has experienced blood sugar lows nearly his whole life, saying, "I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when I was 13 months old." Over the years, Deavan developed a routine for his diabetes, but mentions, "There are so many variables throughout the day that can affect my blood sugars. I am a busy person and it is easy for me to get caught up in whatever I'm doing." He adds, "I love to golf, fish, and travel and I have gone low in every one of those situations. It can be uncomfortable and potentially an emergency." While Deavan does use a device to monitor his blood

sugar level, he says, "Technology fails and is not always 100% accurate."

When his wife, who is a hair stylist, learned about Can Do Canines from a client, Deavan decided to apply for an assistance dog. He admits, "I did not know what to expect. Can Do Canines definitely surpassed any exceptions I did have. The whole process was amazing and I learned so much about myself and of course, the incredible skills that service dogs have."

For the rest of Deavan's story follow this link:

<http://candocanines.org/deavans-diabetes-management-is-fresh-as-a-daisy/>

Gwyn & Hearing Assist Dog Anton Share Lessons in Empathy and Independence



Gwyn, an elementary school teacher, began losing her hearing in her 30s. Though hearing aids help her a great deal, they can't stop her hearing loss, which continues to deteriorate. That's why, when she returned to her classroom this fall, Gwyn had a new helper, Hearing Assist Dog Anton.

Anton could not have been a more welcome addition. He walks around the room, nose sniffing, tail swishing, and often leaves the kids giggling—and their teacher feeling grateful.

"Having Anton in class with me is a blessing," Gwyn says. "He's helped me to be open and honest with the kids about my hearing loss. I tell my students 'Everybody struggles with something, and we need to help each other. Anton is my helper. Who can you help today?' It's a gift to learn about and understand people with different abilities, and Anton makes it easy to talk about empathy and encourage it in my classroom."

Those lessons extend well beyond Gwyn's classroom. Before the school year began, her school produced a video to introduce Anton to Gwyn's colleagues, students, and their families. Having a Can Do Canines hero in the halls was a new experience at school, and the video helped everyone welcome Anton and learn how to adjust to (and try to ignore) their new furry classmate.

By all measures, Anton is a hit. "The kids adore him. My walls are lined with pictures and letters that say 'We love you, Miss Gwyn and Mr. Anton!' And families are so thankful that their kids get to experience Anton," Gwyn says.

Gwyn was paired with Anton in July, though her introduction to Can Do Canines began a few years earlier. It all started at a spin class. Gwyn was fascinated by a puppy in training, whose Can Do Canines volunteer raiser regularly brought the pup to the gym Gwyn attended. "I was so impressed," Gwyn says. "The dog sat so quietly and attentively, among all the music and noise and cycling activity." Not long after, Gwyn and her husband, Greg, visited a Can Do Canines open house intending to become volunteers. Instead, in a big plot twist, Gwyn walked out with an application for an assistance dog of her own.

For the rest of Gwyn's story follow this link:

<https://candocanines.org/gwyn-and-hearing-assist-dog-anton-share-lessons-in-empathy-and-independence/>

In Every Leader Dog Lies the Heart of a Lion

It has been an honor to serve as District Chairman for Leader Dogs for the Blind this past year. I'm proud to share that, thanks to the generosity and dedication of our Lions family, we were able to raise an incredible \$34,206.87 in support of this life-changing organization.

This journey gave me the privilege of visiting four wonderful clubs: St. Louis Park, Brooklyn Park Lady Lions, Brooklyn Center Lady Lions, and Excelsior Lions Club. Each visit was a reminder of how powerful our service can be when it's driven by compassion and community. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share the amazing work that Leader Dogs for the Blind does and the many ways they empower their clients to live with independence and confidence.

As we look ahead, I'm filled with excitement and anticipation for what the future holds for Leader Dogs for the Blind. With continued support from Lions everywhere, there is no limit to the lives we can impact together.

And remember—if you or someone you know has a heart for service (and a love for puppies), Leader Dogs for the Blind is always looking for volunteer puppy raisers. It's a rewarding way to make a difference right from home.

Because in every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion.



In Service,

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5M5 Leader Dogs for the Blind Chair
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bpLionMichael@gmail.com



MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION



Experience the Magic of the Hamel Rodeo – and Support Childhood Cancer

EST. 1981

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
HAMEL RODEO**

3 MILES NORTH OF HWY 55 ON COUNTY RD 101 & COUNTY RD 10
CORCORAN LIONS PARK

 **RAM RODEO ★ SERIES**

VIP TICKETS
★★★★
HamelRodeo.org
Limited Availability

 **BUSCH
LIGHT**

JULY 10-11-12-13
THURS. 7:30 PM • FRI. 7:30 PM • SAT. 1:00 & 7:30 PM • SUN. 7:30 PM

TICKETS & INFORMATION
HamelRodeo.org

 ★ ★ BULL RIDING BONANZA ★ ★
Sponsored By:
Farmers State Bank of Hamel
Hamel, MN



DANCES THURS-FRI-SAT
Inn Kahoots Bar
**PARADE
SUNDAY 2:00 PM**

Hamel Lions, Hamel Legion, West Suburban Fire, Hamel VFW & MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

The Hamel Rodeo is more than just bull riding and barrel racing—it's a chance to make memories, share an unforgettable outdoor experience and support a cause close to our Lions' hearts.

We especially invite you to attend Opening Night, Thursday, July 10, which is Childhood Cancer Night. For every ticket sold that evening, \$2.00 will go directly to the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. Your presence helps support kids and families facing an unimaginable journey—and gives them hope.

You have grandchildren? Bring 'em and show them the thrill of cheering from the stands, the smell of fresh popcorn, the sound of hooves pounding the dirt—real-life fun, not just screen time.

If you can't make it Thursday, no problem! The rodeo also runs Friday night, two shows on Saturday, and Sunday night. You'll find full event details and tickets at www.hamelrodeo.org

Let's pack the stands and make a difference—see you at the rodeo!

Lion Gary Stevens
Vice Chair, MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
612.867.7249
edenprairiegary@gmail.com

Reminder to ONLY purchase tickets from: www.hamelrodeo.org



Corneal Transplant Lifetime Benefits

Last year, through the generosity of cornea donors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota, Lions Gift of Sight provided 1,369 corneas to help patients in the U.S. regain their sight. The lifetime economic impact of these transplants with Lions Gift of Sight tissue exceeds \$209 million!

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) compared the medical costs of transplant procedures to the direct and indirect lifetime costs of the alternative – living with blindness or severe vision impairment. With a corneal transplant, an individual avoids the direct expenditures that come with vision loss, such as higher routine medical costs and long-term care costs, and the indirect costs of potential years of lost productivity to both the patient and their caregivers. This tremendous benefit is not possible without the thousands of cornea donors who give the gift of sight.

Lions are a part of the eye bank's miraculous work. Thank you!

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Lion Kathy Barclay	952.201.1348	1kathybarclay@gmail.com



What a year it has been for KidSight in 5M-5. We have screened 7629 kiddos and found 1025 who needed referrals to eye care professionals. That is 13.5 percent of the children screened.

This isn't possible without the support of our District Lions Clubs. One, the Parade of Green was especially generous this past year. This enables us to maintain and upgrade equipment and create all of the support materials we need.

There is also the support from our growing number of volunteers. More clubs have joined in this year with Lions helping out at screenings for their club events, and for other community and club events in the District.

We are happy to come out to a training event that your club organizes, but a great opportunity to learn how to do KidSight is to volunteer at an event. There is more to the program than operating the Welch Allyn Spot screening device, and we can give you hands on training with that. There is also the paperwork process, necessary to meet legal requirements for consent, and vital to our being able to tabulate results for reporting to the national database.

As the summer continues, there will be more chances to get involved. Check out Facebook, MD5M Lions KidSight, for upcoming events. Or call or email us any time to schedule training, find out about events, or learn more about KidSight.

There's no better place to learn the ropes than at the State Fair. Details and Sign Up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-56251349-state#/>

State Fair tickets on your screening day are complimentary.

Lots of service hours, and a free admission ticket for the State Fair can be had by signing



Lion Bill Thurston

wjthurston@comcast.net

612 790 7367

Lion Tim Conaway

liontimconaway@gmail.com

612 269 0027



TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation

(Together Everyone Achieves More)



Lions of 5M-5,

TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation was incorporated in February 2022 and was granted 501c3 status by the IRS in June 2022. This Foundation was formed to provide matching Funds for Club projects which are too large for the club to do for itself, but too small for an LCIF grant.

Applications are reviewed January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. If your club is interested in applying, please follow the directions listed on the application.

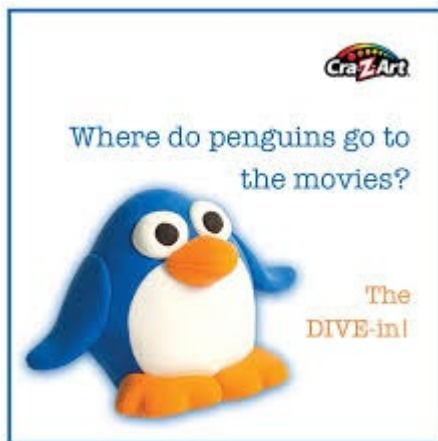
As your district representative, I am here to answer any questions that you may have as you complete your grant request.

Please contact me at robrandmn@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Lion Rob Rand

District 5M-5 TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Director



**The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation (TSCF) MD5M Club
Matching Grant Application**

“The mission of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation (501c3) is to empower MD5M Lions clubs to provide greater service by boosting their ability to complete community projects with matching grants.”

1. The Lions project must address an important humanitarian need and provide an opportunity to highlight Lions in the communities they serve.
2. Grant applicants must submit their project proposals using the TSCF MD5M Club Grant application form.
3. The maximum grant amount that may be requested is currently \$3,000.00. All grants are 50/50 matching grants.
4. Grant proposals may be submitted by any Lions club within Multiple District 5M. Applications submitted by a club shall be signed by the current club president. The appropriate meeting minutes at which the application was voted on and approved must be submitted with the application.
5. TSCF grant applications should be submitted to TSCF prior to January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1 for consideration at the following TSCF board meeting to allow adequate processing time.
6. Lions and/or their families may not receive direct or professional benefit from TSCF projects or have proprietary interest in projects receiving TSCF assistance.
7. Projects receiving TSCF funding shall be clearly identified in marketing as being made possible by Lions and TSCF.
8. Upon project completion, grant recipients are responsible for submission of a report detailing project results, all receipts/expenditures and use of TSCF grant funds.
9. Projects should be completed within one year of approval by TSCF, unless otherwise requested by applicant.

Clubs applying for a grant should provide the following information on their project.

Project Description:

1. Project name: _____
2. Project location: _____
3. Amount of funds requested from TSCF: _____

4. If appropriate, the approximate number of people who will benefit from this project:

5. **ATTACH** description of the particular area/items to be addressed.

6. **ATTACH** project goals, plan of action and including timeline.

Project Budget: Include an itemized budget for the entire project using the information shown below.

Income and Expenses

Requested TSCF Funds: \$ _____

Expenses: Item #1: \$ _____

Other sources of income (if applicable): \$ _____

Other expenses: Item #2: \$ _____

Total Income: \$ _____

Total Expenses: \$ _____

Application Endorsement

Club approval must be included with every grant application. Please submit a copy of the club meeting minutes at which the application was approved. The minutes should make specific reference to the amount of TSCF funds being requested.

Signature Endorsement:

Club President: "I certify that I have reviewed the TSCF Application. To the best of my knowledge, the information submitted is accurate and the need exists as indicated. I endorse this proposal and will do everything within my power as administrator of any funds granted to assure their proper and efficient use, proper accounting and required reporting to TSCF Foundation."

Club President Name _____

Project Chairperson Name _____

Project Chairperson Email _____ Cell _____

District and Club Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Electronic Signature and Date _____ (Type your name)

Contact your District's TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Board Member with questions and to request a Grant Application.

Questions regarding donations, submit to TSCF Treasurer at athmannmarty@hotmail.com

EVENT FLYERS

Hamel Lions Flea Market

www.hamellions.org

Sundays 6am - Noon

May - September



Located in the parking lot of the
Medina Entertainment Center
500 Hwy 55 West, Medina, MN 55340
Just 20 minutes west of Minneapolis on Hwy. 55
Antiques, Collectables, Bargains, Crafts,
Produce, Plants, Fall Farmers Market,
and One of a Kinds.



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.



WHEN:

Thursday, July 10 &

Friday, July 11, 2025

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WHERE:

Wicked Wort Patio, 4165
West Broadway Ave

MENU

- BRAT - \$6
- BURGER - \$6
- CHEESEBURGER - \$7
- HOT DOG - \$5
- CHIPS - \$1
- BEVERAGE - \$2
- GIANT PICKLE - \$2

EXTENDED HOURS
AND
NEW LOCATION!!!

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



For every ticket sold for the July 10th show,
MNLCCF 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 7:30 PM	Fri. 7-11 7:30 PM	Sat. 7-12 1:00 PM	Sat. 7-12 7:30 PM	Sun. 7-13 7:30 PM
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Order tickets online: <https://www.hamelrodeo.org>

Buckhorn Day Lakeside **CAR SHOW** 2025



JULY 12 | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Nelson Lakeside Park Long Lake, MN

Spectators: Free | Exhibitors: \$15 online / \$20 at gate

All Years, Makes, and Models welcome.
If it's cool, bring it!

AWARDS & PRIZES

Best in Show	\$200
Coolest Car	\$100
People's Choice	\$50
Best Muscle Car	\$50
Best Street Rod	\$50
Best Original Car	\$50

KEY FEATURES

- Trophies and big cash prizes
- Proceeds benefit local charities
- 5 live bands
- Beer Tent
- Kids bouncy houses
- Food Trucks
- Dog race



oronolions.org

bradley@worldwide-gaming.com
 952-228-9965



Maple Grove Lions Corn Feed
Saturday July 19th, 11am – 6pm
Delicious fresh buttered "corn on the cob"
"Come join us at Maple Grove Days!"



Hot Buttered Corn on the Cob!

Brought to you by the
Maple Grove Lions
 Proceeds to support the Maple Grove Lions
 Charity initiatives!



JULY 19, 2025

RASPBERRY FESTIVAL

MAINSTREET AND 11TH AVE

START AT 8AM

**VOLUNTEER
 EAT ICE CREAM
 SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

MORE INFO

HOPKINSLIONS.ORG



New Hope Lions Club ANNUAL CORN FEED



SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, August 6th
4:30pm – 8:00pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT CORN!!

Also serving:
Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pop/Water and Ice Cream

Unique Thrift Store Parking Lot
4471 Winnetka Ave N., New Hope, MN 5542



**District
5M-5**

ALL CLUB MEETING

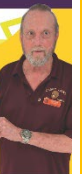


**AUGUST
25th**

Everyone Welcome * Bring a Friend

**5:30 PM Social
6:00 PM Dinner**

- > Fun and Camaraderie
- > Service Project Ideas
- > Making Meetings FUN Tips
- > Upcoming Events
- > Training Opportunities
- > Prize Drawings
- > Awards



CRYSTAL VFW Post 494
5222 Bass Lake Road Crystal
55429 Lower level

RSVP by Sunday, August 17th
with your Name, Club Name and
Meal Choice/or choose no meal to
Lions5m5ZoneInfo@gmail.com

\$20. Per Person

Checks made Payable to
District 5M-5
Grilled Chicken or Meatloaf
Garlic Mashed Potato
& Green Beans
Beverages available for
purchase.
Desserts courtesy of
the Zone Chairs



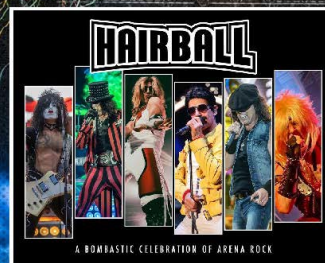
REGISTER TODAY!

Friday, September 5th

9am SHOTGUN START - \$125 SINGLE - \$450 FOURSOME
Timber Creek Golf Course



PerfectGolfEvent.com



Presented by
Maple Grove Lions
THE ROCK N GROVE
2025



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:

MD5M Lions
1915 Waterford Circle
Chaska, MN 55318

Checks can be made out to MD5M Lions.

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](#)



Email Your Flyers
of your upcoming events to:

lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com



TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS



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>