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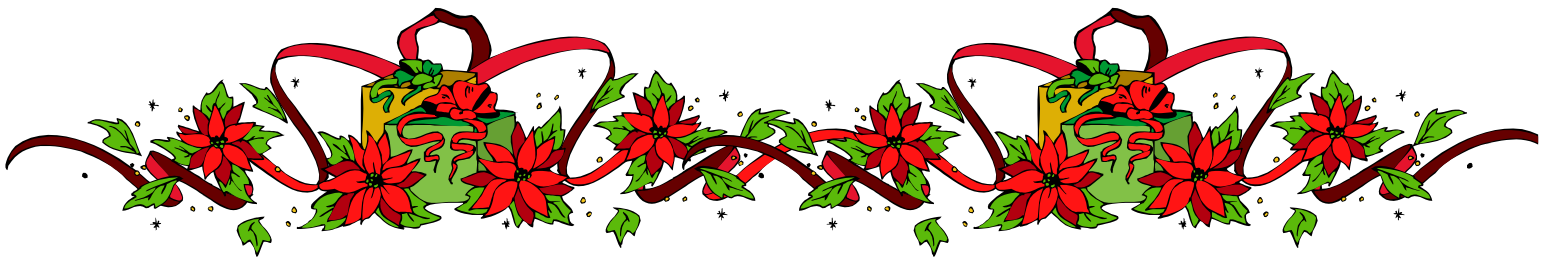


December 2025

Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead

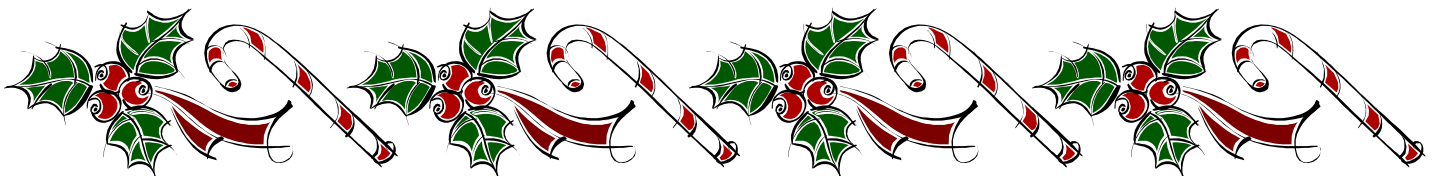
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Congratulations to Corcoran Lions

Celebrating 60 years on December 1, 1965





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
Amy Vallen	Silvai Orengo-Nania	Mpls. Ambassadors
Carver Morgel	Hannah Maxwell	Mpls. Downtown Next Generation
Edward Noff	Michael Crenshaw	Brooklyn Park Lions
Jeffrey Mella, MD	Teri Wolner	Mpls. Ambassadors
Jessica Balego	Sherrie Buda	Mpls. Northeast
Jolie Schmidt	Silvai Orengo-Nania	Mpls. Ambassadors
Katy Olson	Denise Dietz	Mpls. Northeast
Ken Jambois	Steven Carlyle	Robbinsdale
Kristen Kraimer, MD	Teri Wolner	Mpls. Ambassadors
Mark Johnston	Debbie Kettles	Mpls. Northeast
Matt Barnes	Heidi Zaworski	Mpls. Northeast
Melissa Corkins	Thy Thoeut	Mpls Ambassadors
Nepa Bryant	Michael Crenshaw	Brooklyn Park Lions
Noah Balego	Sherrie Buda	Mpls. Northeast

*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](#)

Thank you to all members who shared the opportunity!!
You Rock!! Welcome New Lions!

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

DECEMBER 2025			
Dec 2025	Brooklyn Center Lions Holiday Nuts		
Dec 2025	Hopkins Lions Holiday Nuts		
Dec 2025	Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) Scholarship Info		
Dec 2025	Maple Grove Lions Toys for Tots		
Dec 2025	Mpls. NE Lions Holiday Nuts		
12/02/2025	Hopkins Lions-Twin Cities Show Chorus – Holiday Party	Hopkins Elk Club 30 8 th Avenue S, Hopkins	5:30 PM Social 6:15 PM Dinner 7:15 PM Show Starts
12/05/2025	Project New Hope Retreat	Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN	NA
12/05/2025	Robbinsdale Reindeer Games Bar Crawl	Marna's, Eagles Nest, Pig At My Pizza, Birdhouse, Wicked Wort	
12/06/2025	Brooklyn Park Lions Breakfast with Santa	Brooklyn Park Community Center Grandview Room	7:30 AM to 12 Noon
12/06/2025	Crystal Lions Holiday Market & Bake Sale	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	10 AM to 3 PM
12/06/2025	Eden Prairie Lioness Lions Art & Craft Fair	Grace Church 9101 Eden Prairie Road	9 AM to 4 PM
12/09/2025	Mpls NE Lions Holiday Party (ALL ARE WELCOME)	Jax Café 1928 University Ave NE	6 PM RVSP by 11-28-2025
12/10/2025	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
12/12/2025	KS95 for Kids Radiothon-MN Lions Childhood Cancer	Mall of America Rotunda	
12/15/2025	Eden Prairie Lions 52 nd Annual Wild Game Dinner	St. Andrew Lutheran Church 13600 Technology Drive.	RSVP by 12-10-2025
12/19/2025	Lions Night at the MINNESOTA FROST	Grand Casino Arena 199 West Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul	7 PM
12/20/2025	Robbinsdale Lions Celebrity Bartending	Wicked Wort	11 AM to 5 PM
12/31/2025	Maple Grove Lions 1 st Annual Ice Fishing Contest	Main Street Maple Grove	
12/31/2025	Club Excellence Award (Due for Date for Training Req's)		

JANUARY 2025			
01/09/2026	Mid-Winter Convention, Day 1	Sheraton Minneapolis West 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN	Noon
01/10/2026	5M5 Cabinet Meeting, at MWC	Sheraton Minneapolis West	TBD
01/10/2026	Mid-Winter Convention, Day 2	Sheraton Minneapolis West	TBD
01/11/2026	Mid-Winter Convention, Day 3	Sheraton Minneapolis West	TBD
01/14/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
01/18/2026	Maple Grove Waffle Breakfast	Maple Grove Community Center	8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
01/31/2026	Maple Grove 1st Annual Ice Fishing Contest	Main Street Maple Grove	More info coming
FEBRUARY 2026			
02/11/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
02/28/2026	Maple Grove Lions Sip & Sample	Maple Grove Community Center	6 PM-VIP Experience 7 PM-Tasting Event 7:30 PM-Lions Lounge
02/28/2026	ROAR for a Cause	Chanhassen Dinner Theatres Chanhassen, MN	More info coming
MARCH 2026			
03/01/2026	New Hope Lions Pancake Breakfast	Crystal Community Center 4800 Douglas Drive	8 AM to 12 Noon
03/14/2026	Council of Governors	TBD	TBD
03/31/2025	GMT Speed Learning	Hamel Community Center	6 PM to 8 PM
03/30/2026	5M5 Cabinet Meeting	TBD	TBD
APRIL 2026			
04/13/2026	All Club Meeting	TBD	TBD
04/23/2026	MD5M Convention, Registration	Sheraton Minneapolis West	5 PM to 7 PM
04/23/2026	Council of Governors	Sheraton Minneapolis West	7 AM to Noon
04/24/2026	MD5M Convention, Day 1	Sheraton Minneapolis West	Noon to 11 PM
04/25/2026	MD5M Convention, Day 2	Sheraton Minneapolis West	6:30 AM to 9 PM
04/25/2026	Northeast Mpls Lions Bowling Event	Elsie's Bowling & Restaurant 729 Marshall Street	11 AM Sharp
04/26/2026	MD5M Convention, Day 3	Sheraton Minneapolis West	7 AM to 12:15 PM
MAY 2026			
05/01/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	TBD	NA
05/15/2026	Bloomington Lions 75 th Anniversary-SAVE THE DATE	More info coming	
JUNE 2026			
06/05/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	TBD	NA
06/20/2026	Special Olympics USA Games (June 20th to 26th)		
06-29-2029	LCI Convention Day 1	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07-03-2029	LCI Convention Day 5	Minneapolis, MN	Various



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



Serve with Passion!

Where there is a need, there is a Lion.

Our clubs have been exceptionally busy this fall. As we enter December, service continues in full force as Lions ring the bells, prepare special holiday breakfasts — some with a visit from Santa — collect food for area shelves, and provide gift cards and food baskets to families who need an extra hand.

Since July 1, our District Lions have reported 569 service projects that served more than 176,000 people!

We know the true number is even higher, as many clubs continue to submit reports. Please encourage your club to share its service stories — both in Lion Portal, and across your social media networks and community connections. When people see Lions in action, they are inspired to serve alongside us. And more members mean more hands to support our communities and the world.

December Service and Fun. Mid-Winter Service and Fun.

In addition to serving, many clubs take time during December to celebrate service and fellowship. Enjoy your celebrations!

From January 9 – 11, we'll carry that spirit into our District's annual Mid-Winter Convention — combining service, business, connection, and fun. It's a great opportunity to bring club members together, plan creative Hong Kong-themed hospitality rooms (location of 2026 LCI Convention), enjoy the Crock Pot and Dessert challenges, and celebrate the impact of Lions across 5M-5 and beyond.

December Challenge

By December 31:

- Welcome three new members into your club.
- Encourage your club members to make plans to attend 5M-5's Mid-Winter Convention. For information and registration about the convention go to: <https://lions5m5.org/mwc-links>
- Support the MD5M request to designate LCIF donations to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games being held here in Minnesota. Donation link: <https://lionsclubs.org/special-olympics-2026> 100 % of your donation is directed to your chosen donation area.

Together, We Serve. Serve with Passion.

Thank you for everything you do to strengthen our communities and to change lives.
Wishing you wonderful and meaningful holiday celebrations!

Lion Sara
5M-5 District Governor
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club
LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Bruce Strachota



Fellow Lions,

As we move forward in this exciting Lions year, I continue to be inspired by the incredible dedication, compassion, and service shown by our members across the district. Every club visit, project report, and conversation reinforces what makes Lionism so special: ordinary people coming together to achieve extraordinary things.

Over the past months, I have witnessed clubs adapting with creativity and purpose—embracing new service opportunities, strengthening partnerships, and welcoming new members into our family of service. Your commitment not only reflects the strength of our organization today but also builds the foundation for the Lions of tomorrow.

As 1st Vice District Governor, my focus remains on supporting our district-wide goals:

- ♣ **Strengthening Clubs**-Healthy clubs are the heart of our district. Please continue to engage members through meaningful service, intentional fellowship, and inclusive leadership opportunities. If your club needs support, resources, or training, we are here to help.
- ♣ **Growing Our Membership**-Every new Lion means more hands to serve. Let us continue to reach out to community members who share our passion for making a difference. Remember—asking someone to join is offering them an opportunity, not a commitment.
- ♣ **Expanding Service Impact**-From hunger relief to vision screenings, from the environment to youth programs, our district continues to deliver service that matters. I encourage each club to think boldly and look for ways to expand or deepen your impact.
- ♣ **Empowering Leaders**-Future growth depends on nurturing leadership today. Please consider stepping into a new role or encouraging another Lion to take that step. Training and mentorship are available at every level.

I look forward to continuing my club visits, learning more about your successes, and supporting your efforts. Thank you for all you do to reflect the spirit of “We Serve” in your communities.

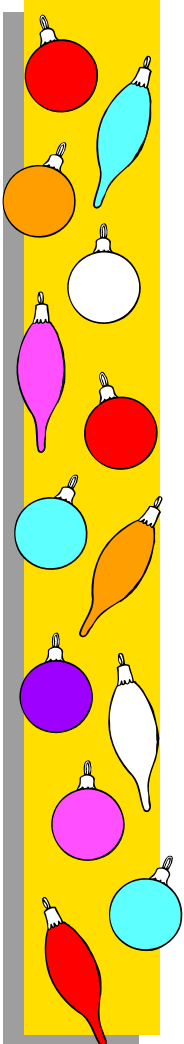
Together, we are stronger. Together, we make lasting change.

Yours in Service,

Lion Bruce Strachota
1st Vice District Governor

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Ken Kumpula



What you are reading now was supposed to be my first article, you know the one where all you saw was white space....

I was reminded of this at the last Cabinet meeting where Lion Grant called me out.

This past July I participated in the 5M Youth Exchange. While I have been aware of this program I have never really thought about it until an email came out with a short list of students still looking for homes to stay at. There was a Finlander on the list so how could I pass this up? I had plans!!!!

Well, those went out the window, sort of. I was able to bring him and two other exchange students to Finn Creek. There they were able to see what life was like for the first settlers from Finland in northern Minnesota. Most of Veikko's time was spent riding a bike around the area exploring and meeting up with other exchange students. For me, I enjoyed time with him asking questions about Finland and getting what turned out to be unexpected answers. Then driving him around and seeing the response to the chaos and largesse of our area. I came away with a much better and enlightened understanding of Finland from a firsthand experience. For the record, I took him to the Lookout, a restaurant near me. They have a burger called the beast that stands about 8 inches tall. Having eaten one myself, I challenged him to do the same. He cleaned the plate and joined me and my son in the club.

Would I do this again? Certainly. I would however suggest hosting two students as they can do more activities with each other and experience not only our country but learn about another.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Ken Kumpula

DISTRICT 5M5 CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Proposed Amendments

Any amendments(s) to the district Constitution and Bylaws must be received by Lion Robert Vokes at hisfootness@comcast.net no later than **Wednesday, December 10, 2025**.

The district Constitution and Bylaws can be found on the district web site (www.lions5m5.org) under "Resources."

Robert Vokes, Chair Constitution & Bylaws

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

07/01 to 11/30/2025

Total Members in 5M-5: 1,368

Total Dropped Members: - 64

Growth: +14

Total New Members: 78

Goal Less than 100!

New Member

Hey Lions! Retention isn't about numbers. It's about hearts. When members feel valued, connected, and proud of their club, they stay. December & June drops often happen when clubs "clean up" rosters before billing. But the real issue isn't dues, it's engagement. Let's flip the script from "*purging*" to "*renewing*"!

Why Drops Happen

- Clubs avoid paying for inactive members
- Members feel unheard, unappreciated, or disconnected
- A "clean-up culture" replaces a renewal mindset

Formula for success: Service + Fun = Happy Lions

Engage Now - Before the Drop

Identify At-Risk Members

- Who hasn't attended or served lately?
- Who might be drifting away? 🙌 Reach out personally. Listen with care. Offer flexible dues options. Remind them of the value: friendship, purpose, impact, connection.

Reactivate Through Service

- Launch a December project where *everyone* has a role, big or small.
- Goal: Every Lion engaged at least once by December. 30th, 2025.

Let's Grow: Growth Workshop Series-Starts Jan 6, 2026 | Every other week through Feb 17
Your 4-part launchpad for growth, new clubs, revived clubs, fresh ideas. Come ready to learn, share, and leave with tools you can use right away. Register @ <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

Save the Date: Superheroes Unite!-March 31, 2026 | Hamel Community Center Costumes encouraged, capes, masks, and all! Let's celebrate the heroes of service and the joy of being Lions with some tips and tricks to help make your Club healthier.

Let's keep the momentum going, 5M-5! With the right tools, and the right spirit, there's nothing we can't do. Let's grow together!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Heidi Zaworski

NE Lions Club Administrator

5M-5 Zone 4 Region Chair

5M-5 Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator

612.408.0242 Text or email M-F during business hours/Call evening and weekends.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Mental



Vision



Youth

The Mid-Winter Convention will be January 9-11.
Here is what we are planning for in the way of service:

Hunger – have a food drive to help stock food shelves



Diabetes – collect sugar-free food and do At Risk Test



Humanitarian - collect winter outer wear for the homeless.



We ask for your support for these service projects, by bringing your donations to the Convention and dropping them off in the Service Rooms.

* See the flyers for more details on each of these Service Projects.



ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Laurie Carlson

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Mpls. Can Do Canines
New Hope Lions

St. Louis Park Lions
Wayzata Lions

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(term ends 2027)

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Eden Prairie Lioness Lions
Eden Prairie Lions
Edina Lions
Hopkins Lions

Northwest Tonka Lions
Orono Lions
Saint Bonifacius Lions

ZONE 3 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Amber Georgeson

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Hopkins Noontime Lions (*now meets evenings and
name changing soon*)
Mpls Ambassadors Lions

Mpls Next Generation Downtown Lions
Mpls Northeast Lions
Mpls Northside Roaring Lions

ZONE 4 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Andy Leifort

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Bloomington Lions
Camden Lions
Excelsior Lions
Mpls Riverview Lions

Mpls Southwest Lions
Mpls Special Olympics Minnesota Lions
Richfield Lions

ZONE 5 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Michael Crenshaw

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Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Brooklyn Center Lions
Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Brooklyn Park Lions

Crystal
Osseo Lion
Robbinsdale Lions

ZONE 6 CHAIR

(term ends 2026)

Vickie Parks

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Corcoran Lions
Dayton Lions
Hamel Lions

Maple Grove Lions
Plymouth Lions
Rogers Lions

REGION CHAIR

Lion Heidi Zaworski

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MEDIA MINUTE

MEDIA TIPS FOR CLUBS

Quick Tip: The "Impact Tally"

Tip: Assign someone to tally key metrics (e.g., meals packed, glasses collected, children screened).

Post the Total:

Publicize the final number immediately on social media (e.g., "500 Meals Packed!"). This makes your service tangible and great for recruitment!



PHOTO TIP: CAPTURE THE IMPACT!

Lion Sarah learned the "Rule of Two Seconds" for better photos:

1. **Get Close:** Show faces and emotion, not backs of heads.
 2. **Show the Action:** Capture the moment of service (the screening, the delivery, the smile).
- Lesson: One clear photo of impact is better than ten blurry ones of effort. Show the difference, not the dust!

JOIN THE DISTRICT 5M5 LIONS NETWORK

The District 5M5 Lions Network on Facebook is just for our 5M5 members! Share updates or ask for help using your personal or club Facebook account. Just search the name and look for the yellow cover photo. Join today and start posting!

Hannah Maxwell
Marketing/ Communications
Cabinet Chair

hannahmax2021@gmail.com
(763)-412-7384

Contact me for any questions relating to marketing and communication for your club.

MID WINTER CONVENTION 2026-Agenda

2026 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention

Schedule - Agenda

January 9th, 10th, 11th 2026

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel

12201 Ridgedale Dr, Minnetonka, MN

Friday, January 9th

2:00 PM	Hospitality Room Check-in
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Credentials (Voting Cards) – Foyer
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Pick-up Meal Tickets, First Timers Materials – Foyer
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Leo Meeting – Grand Ballroom
4:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Leo Service Projects – Grand Ballroom
5:00 PM	Donations of Eyeglasses, Socks, and Coats – Cedar Room
5:00 PM	Hospitality Rooms Open
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Crock Pot Challenge – Hospitality Rooms
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Hospitality Room Judging

Saturday, January 10th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Cabinet Meeting (All Lions invited) – Grand Ballroom
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Memorial Service – Grand Ballroom
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Credentials and Pick-up Meal Tickets – Outside Grand Ballroom

Doors Open at 11:15 AM to Grand Ballroom

11:15 AM - 1:15 PM	Lions Presentations and Luncheon – Grand Ballroom Luncheon Keynote Speaker – International Director Nadine Bushell
12:45 PM - 1:15 PM	Credentials – Outside Ballrooms 2 & 3
1:30 PM	Business Meeting and Voting – Grand Ballroom

Doors Open at 5:30 PM to Grand Ballroom

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Lions Awards Dinner – Grand Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Every Day Hero Awards○ John Lutter Memorial Award○ International Awards
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8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Dessert Challenge – Hospitality Rooms
11:00 PM	First Timers Contest Ends

Sunday, January 11th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Past District Governors Fellowship Meeting – Minnetonka Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Club Presidents Meet with International Director Nadine Bushell – Lakeview Room

Doors open at 8:30 AM to Grand Ballroom

9:00 AM	Lions Celebration Breakfast – Grand Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tail-Twisting○ Parade of Checks○ Auction of Lions Gong (Bell), Boom Box, and Framed Code of Ethics
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(Proceeds will be divided equally between the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Association and the MD5M LCIF Special Olympics Fund)

Revised 11-25-2025

MID WINTER CONVENTION 2026-Due Dates

Watch the due dates!! Here is a chronological list of what is due and when:

DATE	WHAT	LINK:
12-01-2025	Hospitality Room, Large	Click Here
12-01-2025	John Lutter Award	CLICK HERE
12-15-2025	Memorial Service Recognition	Send application & photo to mailto:Rthorfinnson@sfgi.com
12-16-2025	Hospitality Room, Small	Click Here
01-01-2026	Every Day Hero Award	Pay on line here. Send application & photo to mailto:Rthorfinnson@sfgi.com
01-02-2026	Sleeping Rooms, Book yours	CLICK HERE
01-05-2026	Hospitality Book	Order Here
01-05-2026	Saturday Dinner & Award	Order Here
01-05-2026	Saturday Luncheon-See story on the keynote speaker International Director Nadine Bushell of Trinidad and Tobago	Order Here
01-05-2026	Sunday Breakfast	Order Here

MID WINTER CONVENTION 2026-FAQ's

Can I just attend Friday night just to see everyone?

YES! Friday night is the perfect time for just that! Come see what the fuss is all about and connect with other Lions. There are no tickets to buy, just come on over between 5 PM to 9 PM.

Want to help with the Leo's service project?

A fun group of kids from ALL of the districts Leo's Club will be present to work on their service project. We can use extra adults to help and hang out with the Leos and answer questions as needed and offer guidance. If you are interested please contact Lion Ross Thorfinnson (rthorf@aol.com)

Response has been good on ease of use of the new ticket ordering system!

Orders are coming in and there is still time to get your order in!

Can you place and order meal tickets & hospitality books for multiple people?

Yes! During the process you will be able to provide names & emails for your tickets and the individual will receive their tickets directly.



District 5M5 MIDWINTER CONVENTION

Join us for a weekend packed with service, learning, delicious food, and an abundance of fun with our district! We're thrilled to announce the 2026 Midwinter Convention, and it's going to be an absolute blast!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hospitality Rooms (Theme is Hong Kong, China)
- Crock Pot & Dessert Challenge
- International Guest: *Nadine Bushell 1st Year International Director of Trinidad and Tobago*
- Parade of Checks
- Tail - Twisting
- Leo Service Projects
- Everyday Hero Awards
- John Lutter Memorial Award
- International Honors

NEW NEW NEW NEW

This year, you will **only purchase hospitality books online with a card**. No paper books will be accepted. Hospitality rooms can still be paid for by check to Lion Ross.

Purchase your hospitality book here →

Or enter the link below into your preferred browser.

<http://bit.ly/4ou5ouo>



**JANUARY
9-11
2026**

**SHERATON
MINNEAPOLIS
WEST HOTEL**

12201 RIDGEDALE DR
MINNETONKA, MN 55305

MID WINTER CONVENTION 2026-Food Challenge

(Friday night & Saturday night)

10th Annual Crock-Pot Challenge

Friday night January 9, 2026

Our crock-pot challenge will be judged by the 5M5 leadership team and an esteemed international guest.

Key Details:

- **Theme:** Both challenges will focus on Hong Kong, China.
- **Crock-Pot Challenge:** This event is scheduled for the Friday night activities.
- **Dessert Challenge:** This will take place on Saturday evening, right after dinner during our camaraderie session.
- **Club-Wide Participation:** This competition is open to all clubs—may the best club win!

Celebrate the Friendly Competition:

Immerse yourself in the spirit of camaraderie and competition throughout our district.



District 5M5
MIDWINTER CONVENTION

WHICH CLUB FROM DISTRICT 5M5 WILL CLAIM THE TRAVELING TROPHIES AND THE COVETED BRAGGING RIGHTS?



6th Annual Dessert Challenge

Saturday night January, 10 2026

The dessert challenge will be voted on by the members of the 5M5 clubs.

Luncheon Keynote Speaker International Director Nadine Bushell



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Nadine Bushell of Trinidad and Tobago was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 107th international convention in Orlando, Florida, USA from July 14, 2025 through July 17, 2025. Director Bushell has been a member of the Santa Cruz Lions Club since 2019 and first served as a Leo beginning in 1996. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Management from West Indies University and a Master of Science degree in Development and Project Planning from the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Diplomacy and International Development at EUCLID University.

Director Bushell is employed as the Assistant Director of Projects for the Caribbean Community Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (CARICOM IMPACS).

She has held numerous Lion offices including council chairperson, governor, Global Service Team coordinator, Global Membership Team coordinator, district honorary committee chairperson, district finance chairperson, region chairperson, zone chairperson and Leo associate. She is also a Certified Guiding Lion.

Director Bushell has served as faculty for various Lion institutes as well as a school facilitator and trainer. She also served as the President of the District 60A Foundation from 2019 to 2024.

Outside of Lions, Director Bushell serves as a Director on the Catholic Commission for Social Justice in the Archdiocese of Port of Spain.

She has earned several awards, including District Governor Appreciation, Lion of the Year, the Presidential Award and four Presidential Certificates. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.





MD5M CONVENTION

Minnetonka Beach Party Multiple District 5M Convention April 24 - 26, 2026



In April 2026, Lions from Minnesota, Manitoba, and Northwest Ontario will gather in Minnetonka for our **MD5M Multiple District Convention**. It will be a weekend of learning, fellowship, and celebration of the service that unites us as Lions.

We invite Lions clubs, foundation and businesses and organizations to help make this convention a success through **advertising and sponsorships**. These are wonderful ways to recognize friends of Lions, honor your club, thank district leaders, or spotlight special projects.

Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities * for clubs, individuals, and organizations

Platinum Sponsors – \$600-Full-page (5" X 8" finish ad size) color ad (back cover), sponsor honor roll listing, event signage

Premier Sponsor – \$500-Full-page (5" X 8" finished ad size) color ad (inside front or inside back cover), sponsor honor roll listing, event signage

*** Platinum and Premier ad spots are limited and first-come, first-reserved. Reserve your ad soon!**

Gold Sponsor – \$400-Full-page (5" X 8" finished ad size) color ad inside booklet, sponsor honor roll listing, event signage

Silver Sponsor – \$200-Half-page (5" X 3.75" finished ad size) color ad inside booklet, sponsor honor roll listing

Bronze Sponsor – \$100-Quarter-page (2.25" X 3.75" finished ad size) color ad inside booklet, sponsor honor roll listing

Ad Specs & Submission

Ads must be press-quality PDF, PNG, EPS, TIFF, or JPG.

Submit ads to: Lion Rob Hed. hedrob33@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to "2026 MD5M Convention" and mail to:

2026 MD5M Convention
c/o Lion Rhonna Hed
17440 45th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55446

Your support ensures a successful convention and showcases the spirit of Lionism across MD5M. Thank you for helping us make this a memorable gathering for all!

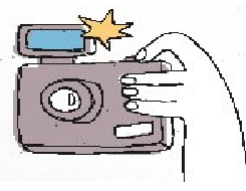
Yours in service, 2026 MD5M Convention Committee

Thank you for supporting Lions and helping us serve more communities!



LIONS SERVING

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



**Maple Grove Lion Jim Miller participating in the Dist.
279 Coat Drive.**

October 28



**Excelsior Lions present a check to Hope Chest
for Breast Cancer Foundation**

November 12



Excelsior Lions make a video to solicit volunteers for their Christmas in Excelsior event



November 13
Excelsior Lions help host a fundraiser at Montego Blu restaurant for those impacted by hurricane Melissa in Jamaica



November 18



November 18
Excelsior Lions volunteer to decorate a local Jingle Bar in preparation for Christmas in Excelsior



Excelsior Lions members were on Water Street in downtown Excelsior, supervising the Christmas in Excelsior banner installation

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD GUIDELINES

Club Excellence leads to Healthier Clubs.

Club Membership Goals

- **Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members).** Eligibility is determined based on the club's membership count on June 30, 2024. **Or sponsor** a new Lions club.
- **International President A.P. Singh challenged** all 5M-5 clubs to do more than the base requirements: to increase club membership up to a minimum of 20 members, and to add – across the 5M-5 District – the equivalent of 1 new member each day this Lion Year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) – *365 new members in 5M-5 this Lions year.*

Club Service Goals

- Report a minimum of **4 service activities** to Lions International on Lion Portal.
- **3 of the service activities** must show participation in each of LCI's three Weeks of Service: **Mental Health and Well-Being, Hunger and Environment.** The Weeks of Service dates have been expanded to 10 days prior to the week and 10 days following the week.
- The **purpose of having focused weeks across the world** is the visibility garnered for Lions service by focusing within those timeframes.

Club Leadership, and Officer and Member Training Goals

- **Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of each year.**
- **Club presidents must not serve as president more than 2 consecutive years.**
- **All club presidents must complete club president training** in-person or online no later than December 31, 2025.
- **At least 2 club officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer)** must complete training in person or online no later than December 31, 2025.
- **Club Officer Training is offered in person by 5M-5 during May of each year. Online club officer training is available 24 / 7 through Lions Clubs International (LCI) [LionsClubs.org](https://lci-learnonsite-app-prod.azurewebsites.net/) website.** Go the Lions Learning Center <https://lci-learnonsite-app-prod.azurewebsites.net/>
- **Annual club officer training (even for repeat / experienced officers)** is now required by LCI to qualify your club for the Club Excellence Award.
- **If your club officers attended 5M-5's club officer training on May 15, 2025,** the GLT coordinator recorded the respective officers as trained in LCI's Lion Portal.
- If your club president **did not attend in person** training May 15, **online training must be completed by December 31, 2025,** to qualify your club for a Club Excellence Award. **Search for club president training on LCI's website.** Go to Lions Learning Center <https://lci-learnonsite-app-prod.azurewebsites.net/>
- **LCI is now requiring 10% of club members complete at least 3 LCI online Lions Learning Center courses no later than June 30, 2026,** to qualify your club for a Club Excellence Award.
- **Club members may choose which three (or more!) Lions Learning Center courses they want to complete. Go to Learn and choose / complete courses:** <https://lci-learnonsite-app-prod.azurewebsites.net/>

Club LCIF Donations

- **Contribute to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30, 2024,** of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US \$20.
- **Encourage Club LCIF Donations to be presented at 5M-5 Mid-Winter Parade of Green.** Writing "Designated for 2026 LCIF Special Olympics fund" in the memo line of the check helps our district support the National Special Olympics games being held in Minnesota June 2026.

Succession Planning – Change Up Who is in Office / Leading Committees

Succession planning is important for your club and in providing opportunities for your club members.

- **Club members want opportunities** – from club committee membership and committee leadership to officer positions and beyond. Encourage members to seek new roles.
- **Encourage your club members to be on** committees, lead committees, officer positions.
- **Encourage club members to seek to seek into and train for** different roles.
- **Ask experienced officers and committee leads to serve as mentors** to incoming officers and leads.



Hello from the 5M5 Leo Club! We just had our second meeting on the 19th of November and it was a success! We're making major progress on all of our activities for the midwinter convention and I'm so excited to watch it all come together.

In other news, The Northeast Leos Club has been busy this fall! These amazing Middle schoolers have been assembling binders for new students, organizing a school-wide food drive, making bracelets for children in hospitals, and running the school stores incentive program! We're so excited to see what other amazing things they do this year and to the Northeast Leos Club, Great job guys!

Stay Warm!

Sincerely,

Abby Schreiber

5M5 District Leo Club President



LITPC, LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB

Youth Scholarship Information



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2025 – 2026 school year that there will be **8 US \$4,000** scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. The 2026 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2026.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on **Scholarship Application Form**.
3. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a **certified** copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus, you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2026** to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-232-9357

9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@myctl.net

You can either mail us your application OR email it to us.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”



Serving Families, Sharing Hope

A message from the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

As we move into this season of gratitude, we are reminded every day why Lions across Minnesota do what we do — to bring hope and comfort to families facing the unimaginable challenge of childhood cancer. Through the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF), we're not only funding critical programs but also standing beside families when they need it most.

This fall, our foundation continues to make a meaningful difference thanks to your generosity and service. Donations from clubs across the state have helped support care programs at M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital, Camp KACE, and our Match program for families. These efforts provide more than financial help — they give families time together and a sense of community that only Lions can bring.

One shining example of partnership and service came this past summer from the Hamel Rodeo. The rodeo team presented the MLCCF with over \$20,000 donation — all raised in exchange for volunteer help from Lions who collected tickets during the event. This generous gift represents the very best of what can happen when service, community, and compassion come together. Our heartfelt thanks go to the rodeo and everyone who made this remarkable contribution possible. We look forward to serving once again in 2026.

Another creative way Lions have been making a difference is through the LEGO Crawls — a fun Lion event. The Excelsior Lions Club hosted one earlier this year, and the Minneapolis Downtown – Next Generation Lions Club held another in October, with proceeds benefiting the Children's Hospital. Beyond fundraising, these events celebrate creativity, teamwork, and family connection — values that mirror our mission as Lions.

✿ *“Something as simple as building a LEGO tower can bring a sense of control and accomplishment during treatment — and that's powerful healing in its own way.”*

For children battling cancer, LEGOs offer more than just play. They help with fine motor skills, boost imagination, and provide a joyful escape from the challenges of hospital life.

Our next big opportunity to serve comes on Friday, December 6, when Lions will once again volunteer at the KS95 for Kids Radiothon at the Mall of America. This inspiring event raises money for the same hospital programs we help fund.

As Lions, we know that together we can make the impossible possible. Thank you to every club and member who has contributed this year, whether through donations, volunteer hours, or simply spreading awareness. Every act of service, no matter how small, strengthens the network of care we offer Minnesota families.

Let's finish 2025 strong — with hearts full of gratitude and hands ready to serve.

Lion Gary Stevens, Chair

612.867.7249

edenprairiegary@gmail.com

Lion Colleen Patterson, Secretary

612.275.7785

cmp55422@gmail.com

MINNESOTA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION



A reminder from the Lions Hearing Foundation:

Thank you to all clubs collecting used hearing aids for the Hearing Foundation. The Foundation could use more to benefit the Affordable Hearing Aids Program.

A reminder to all Lions, especially Club Presidents and Secretaries: Please remind your members that used hearing aids can be recycled in the same buckets as used eyeglasses. They will be sorted as the Trustees responsible for picking up the filled buckets collect them.

Suggestion: Contact your local funeral homes to see if they would keep a bucket available for eyeglasses and hearing aids that can be recycled during funeral preparation.

If any Lion is interested in being trained on the Lions All Ears hearing devices, please contact Trustee Lion Cheryl Jechorek at (763) 300-6749.

I will contact you when the next training date is set. The training will only take about a half an hour and will take place at a school site in the Brooklyn Center school district or a room at the Brooklyn Center Hennepin County library.

Thank you!

Lion Cheryl Jechorek

MN Lions Hearing Foundation Trustee

MN LIONS VISION FOUNDATION



Parade of Green Donations

Happy holidays to everyone! We wish you peace and prosperity in the new year!

Our Mid-Winter Convention is on the horizon. Please remember the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation in your Parade of Green donations. Your support helps the following:

- Lions Gift of Sight eye bank
- Lions Children's Eye Clinic
- Lions Eye Surgery Center
- MAC Center
- and many ophthalmology research efforts.

And every gift is appreciated.

Donations can be brought to the convention or mailed to a director (see info below).

Please make sure that checks are made out to "Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation," which is a 501(c)(3) entity.

Gifts qualify you for Helen Keller awards. As ever, thank you for being Knights of the Blind.

Lion David Danielson

612.327.5872

daviddanielson2@gmail.com

Lion Kathy Barclay

952.201-1348

1kathybarclay@gmail.com

PEACE POSTER



M5 District Peace Poster Report

The theme for the 2025 – 2026

Lions Club International Peace Poster contest theme is:

“Together as One”

Here’s what the LCIF website says about the upcoming contest:

When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we’re inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one! As of the time of this report I am only aware of the Bloomington and Edina clubs participating. If that is incorrect, please let me know!

This is crunch time for participants – lots of drawing and painting going on. The winning entry from each club must be selected and sent to the district president, postmarked no later than 11/15. The Bloomington club will be selecting their prize winners at the meeting on 11/5. This is always a fun activity for our members.

“Peace allows people from different countries and cultures to better communicate and understand each other, making the world more diverse and wonderful!”

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Lions International **#PeacePoster** Contest Grand Prize Winner Shuwen Wang, 13, sponsored by Dalian Delong Lions Club (China)! For over three decades, the Peace Poster Contest has inspired thousands of children around the world.

View all of the 2024-25 Grand Prize and Merit Award winning posters:
<https://bit.ly/3XRcVb8>

START TO PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR!

As always, if your club is interested in learning more about the contest, I’m happy to attend a meeting and fill you in on how I’ve been administering it for the Bloomington Club. It can really be done pretty easily, and it’s a great way to introduce Lionism to kids and their parents.

Lion Amy Sundstrom

sunny.as23@gmail.com



EVENT FLYERS

Email your Flyer or event information to:

lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com



Brooklyn Center Lions Club Holiday Nuts Order Form

A PERFECT GIFT THIS SEASON
Freshly packed one pound Tins

(All Nuts \$20 per pound)

Sealed and Packaged in Box for Mailing

Customer Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Mixed Nuts Deluxe (Roasted & Salted) Qty: _____

Cashews (Roasted & Salted) Qty: _____

Combo (Dark Choc. Sea Salt Caramel, Dark Choc. Almond, Cashew, Mixed Nuts) Qty: _____

Payment: Cash _____ or Check _____ Total \$\$\$: _____

Buyer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return This Form to Lion Member: _____

Hopkins Lions Club, Minnesota

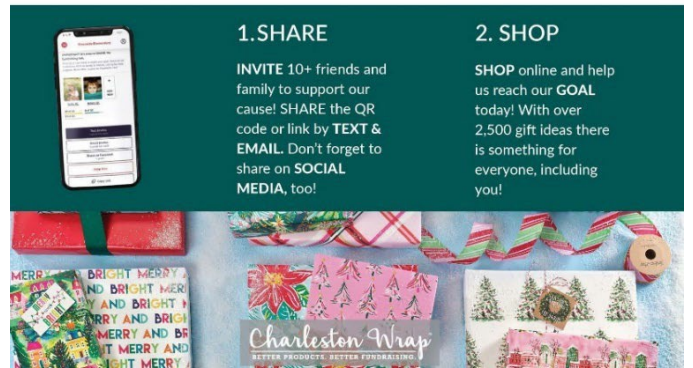


SHARE. SHOP.
SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

Shop online today and help our important cause. From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more, our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!

Direct Shopping Link: <https://registercw.com/gateway?organizationMidasId=30332>

Direct Shopping QR Code: <https://midas.charlestonwrap.com/qrcode.htm#30332-2025F>



1. SHARE

INVITE 10+ friends and family to support our cause! SHARE the QR code or link by TEXT & EMAIL. Don't forget to share on SOCIAL MEDIA, too!

2. SHOP

SHOP online and help us reach our GOAL today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!

NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS LIONS

Holiday Nut Sale

The perfect holiday "Thank You" for Clients, Employees and Friends!

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support local charities, like

Eastside Meals on Wheels Northeast YMCA Edison Community & Sports
Camp Bovey Eastside Neighborhood Services A Chance to Grow
Northeast Senior Services Catholic Eldercare and many, many more...

FRESH ROASTED FOR PEAK FLAVOR



One pound of delicious premium nuts, roasted, salted and packed in a decorative holiday gift box. Delivered FRESH to you!

ORDER TODAY!
\$16 per Box

Please deliver my order to:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Quantity of each:

____ Jumbo Cashews
____ Mixed Nuts (no peanuts)
____ Dark Chocolate-covered Almonds
____ Milk Chocolate-covered Almonds
____ Buttercrunch Popcorn (2-pack)
____ Total boxes x \$16 = Amount Due: \$ _____

Make payment to:
Lions Club of NE Minneapolis
Minneapolis, MN 55418

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
From all the Northeast Lions



For Questions, Please Call: Jerry Weller @ 612-716-7704

The Hopkins Lions Club is proud to present:



The Hopkins Lions Club is delighted to host our ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!
We'd love for you to join us for an evening of holiday cheer and bring a guest to share the festivities.

Tuesday, December 2nd, from 5:30-8:00 pm
at the Hopkins Elks Club, 30 8th Avenue S. Hopkins 55343

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5:30 pm: Social time with excellent prices on your favorite beverages
- 6:15-7:00 pm: Dinner at the Hopkins Elks Club. Dinner is \$30.00 per person and includes salad, dessert, and coffee. Entrée choices include:
 - Walleye
 - Pork Chop
 - Chicken
 - Vegetarian
- 7:15 pm: Enjoy a performance by the Twin Cities Show Chorus (in the style of Sweet Adelines)

SIGN UP

- Email # attending and your entrée choice(s) to Regina raiken@tonkafinancial.com OR
- Fill out form https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A9A82EA4F9C43-58913503-holiday# Scan this QR code to get to the URL faster:



RSVP is REQUIRED by Thursday, November 20, 2025

Please consider donating a holiday gift for a local teenager. These will be collected for Resource West Teens!

Robbinsdale Reindeer Games Bar Crawl



More Info,
Registration &
Tickets

Hosted by the Robbinsdale Lions Club
Throw on your festive gear and join us for a night of holiday fun
across Robbinsdale's favorite spots!



Friday, December 5th
6:00 PM – 11:30 PM
\$20 per Ticket



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:



2025-2026 MINNESOTA RETREATS

- 2025 OCTOBER 3-5
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
- 2025 DECEMBER 5-7
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN
- 2026 MAY 1-3
Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN
- 2026 JUNE 5-7
Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN

COME JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY Market & BAKE SALE

100% of the Bake Sale proceeds go back to the
Community

Sponsored by the Crystal VFW
and the Crystal Lion's Club

CRYSTAL VFW POST 494
5222 BASS LAKE RD
CRYSTAL, MN 55429

Saturday **DEC. 6TH**
10AM - 3PM

Bring your Christmas wish list
and meet Santa!

Face Painting

HANDMADE CRAFTS - BAKED GOODS - UNIQUE GIFTS & MORE!

To register to be a vendor and/or donate
Baked Goods visit the Pull Tab Booth
or contact
Stacey Papenfuss
651-396-8399
stacey_papenfuss@yahoo.com




EDEN PRAIRIE LIONESS LIONS 2025 ART & CRAFT FAIR



The Eden Prairie Lioness Lions would like to welcome you to our 2025 Art & Craft Fair to be held at:

Grace Church
9301 Eden Prairie Road Eden Prairie, MN 55347
Enter church at Door 4

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025
9 AM to 4 PM

Artists and crafters are excited to bring their unique hand crafted wares to you.

We hope that you will be as delighted as we are with the variety and quality of the items offered.

For more information visit our website: <http://www.eplionessart-craft.com/index.html>

Our Mission

The Eden Prairie Lioness Lions are part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world. Our 1.42 million members in more than 48,000 clubs are serving in over 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe.

Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and we are able to extend our service impact through the generous support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation. We are focused on supporting sight, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global cause, diabetes, to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity. Lions have set an ambitious goal of helping 200 million people per year so we can bring even more service to more people than ever before.

For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.

Guten-Free
Available



Vegan
Available

Brooklyn Park Lions Belgian Waffle Breakfast with Santa

December 6th 7:30 ~ Noon



Lady Lion's Baked Goods



Take Home Mouthwatering
Pastries from The Lady Lions

Shop in the Santa's
Crafty Elves Room

Brooklyn Park Community Center
5600 85th Avenue North

Tickets: \$10 - Adults \$6 - Children 3-7

Santa Will be There For Pictures



Tuesday December 9th @ 6 p.m.

JAX CAFE 1928 University Ave NE Minneapolis MN

Please RSVP by email to
nelionstreasurer@gmail.com by 11/28

Please bring hygiene donations for the Care Closet!
Proceeds from the event stay in the community!

Choice of dinner: steak, walleye, chicken, and
butternut squash ravioli

\$50 NE Lions Members

\$65 Non-Members and MAL



WHAT IS KS95 FOR KIDS?

The KS95 for Kids Radiothon is an annual on-air fundraiser benefiting two local charities,

**Gillette Children's and
M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital Cancer Program.**

To date, KS95 for Kids has raised over \$21 million.

We look forward to continuing to make an impact with your support.



MASONIC
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

**Trustees from MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
will be at the Mall of America Rotunda on
Friday, December 19th to answer your calls and process
your donations.**

Call in from 1 PM to 4 PM and catch a trustee!

Please tune in and get details and keep them busy!!

<https://www.ks95.com/shows/ks95-for-kids/>



EDEN PRAIRIE LION'S 52nd WILD GAME DINNER (\$35.00)

DECEMBER 15th, 2025, 6pm social with smoked
salmon and other appetizers

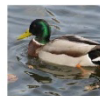
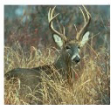
St Andrew Lutheran Church (new location)
13600 Technology Dr
Eden Prairie, MN. 55344

Our famous wild game chief **Ron Rodenwald** will be tickling your tastebuds with
savory Venison, Moose, Bear, Elk, Pheasant and other assorted items along with a
great dessert.

LION MIKE GRANT, EP FOOTBALL COACH WILL BE SPEAKING. In 2014, Mike
Grant received the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year award. Mike just
notched his 400th win and he is one of only 3 Minnesota coaches to reach this level. Mike
will be our speaker along with Chad Hartman. (40 years with Bud Grant and Sid Hartman)
NIGHT WILL END WITH A SILENT AUCTION WITH 100% OF THE PROCEEDS
DONATED TO CHARITIES SUPPORTING THE SHELTERING AND ADOPTION OF
ANIMALS, GIVING THEM A SECOND CHANCE

Reservations needed by Dec. 10
Contact

Gary Wadkins 952-934-8816 or epilongaryw@tkins@gmail.com



Lions Night at the Minnesota Frost

Friday December 19, 2025 7:00 PM



Professional Women's Hockey League

2 time Walter Cup winners!!

MINNESOTA FROST



Lake City Native
Taylor Heise



GRAND CASINO
ARENA

199 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

I am organizing a Lions Night at the Minnesota Frost professional women's hockey game.

*****If you are interested in going please send me \$35 for each ticket you would.*****

These will be in a group at one end of the rink. If you want a different location away from the group you
can make your own reservation online.

Ticket Price

\$35

Location is the end of the rink.

If we get enough people to attend, we can
have a display/information table if
someone wants to man it.

Lion Terry Zabel

1704 3rd Avenue SE
Austin, MN 55912 507-437-8299
LionTerryZabel@yahoo.com

Please reply before November 22, 2025



Local Celebrity Bartenders

Saturday, December 20th

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wicked Wort Brewing Co.



11:00-11:45 GO HEALTH'S DR. LINDSAY & DR. NICOLE

11:45-12:30 REALTOR JOHN RICHARD & AUTHOR NICK GRADY

12:30-1:15 LION MELISSA STEWARD & LIONS PRESIDENT DIANE JORDE

1:15-2:00 HEIDI RUSSELL & SHANNON VENTO, THE DYNAMIC DUO

2:00-2:45 LION JEFF POULIOT & LION JOHN ZIEBA

2:45 - 3:30 LION MELODIE NEFF & ACE HARDWARE'S MARK WELNA

3:30 - 5:00 MAYOR BRAD SUTTON & WICKED WORT'S STEVE CARLYLE

BONUS

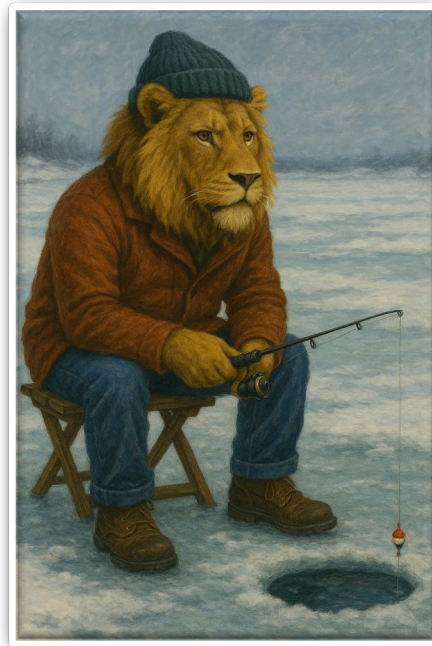
MELODIE IS PERFORMING A SABERING DEMO WITH AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!

BRAD IS HOSTING A COCKTAIL DEMO



JANUARY 31, 2026

**MAPLE GROVE LIONS
1ST ANNUAL MAYORS'S
ICE FISHING CONTEST**



**MORE
INFO
COMING
SOON!**

**Waffle
Breakfast**

Waffles, sausage, juice, and coffee

**Sunday, January 18th
8:30am - 12:30pm**

Maple Grove Community
Center



Baked goods for purchase.
Kidsight Vision Screening available.
Proceeds benefit the local community.

SAVE THE DATE

**ROAR
for a
CAUSE**



**Special Olympics & LCIF are partnering for the
2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota**

Saturday February 28, 2026

Chanhasen Dinner Theatres
501 W 78th St, Chanhasen, MN 55317



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

73 years - WE SERVE- 1953-2025

New Hope Lions Annual



**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



**Sunday, March 1, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Adults	\$10.00
Kids (6-13)	\$7.00
Under 5	Free



Crystal Community Center
4800 Douglas Drive North, Crystal, MN



Free Kids Sight Vision screening for children from
6 months through 12th grade

<https://www.newhopelions.org/>

Proceeds to benefit community and international projects

Bring your used eyeglasses for a donation to those in need.

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR
TUES. MAR. 31, 2026
6-8PM
HAMEL COMMUNITY CENTER



SPEED LEARNING WITH GMT

SUPERHEROS UNITE!

EMPOWERING LIONS TO BE SUPERHEROS AND BRING CHANGE TO THEIR CLUBS.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Make a Donation to Support LCIF at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games

Join fellow Lions in celebrating inclusion and empowering athletes of all abilities. Your donation strengthens LCIF's global grants and programs and supports meaningful partnerships like Special Olympics.

100% of your gift qualifies for Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive MJF credit.

Together, we can turn compassion into meaningful action.



Donate Here

2026 MD5M CONVENTION IS HAVING A...

BEACH PARTY!

5M

MANITOBA MINNESOTA N.W. ONTARIO

APRIL 24-26, 2026



Sign up today and save!

First 150 Receive a Free souvenir Beach Ball with early sign up.

<https://sites.google.com/view/md5m-multipleconvention/home>



Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025
\$185 US - \$266 CDN

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026
\$195 US - \$280 CDN

Sheraton Minneapolis
West Hotel
12201 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305
Hosted by District 5M-5

NE Minneapolis Lions Annual Charity Bowling Event Saturday, April 25th, 2026 @ 11:00AM Elsie's Bowling & Restaurant



729 Marshall Street NE Minneapolis
Bowling starts at 11:am sharp, ends at 3pm sharp.

Event Includes: Shoes, Bowling and Taco Bar (Taco Bar starts at 12pm)

\$195.00 Per Lane fee (Maximum 6 bowlers per lane)

Please arrive 15 minutes early, to get those fancy shoes, find the PERFECT ball and find your Lane! Lanes will be posted at the main counter.

Registration opens January 10th, 2026!

Event is limited, to secure a lane, register and pay for your lane today!

Lane Fee: \$195.00 per lane (Maximum 6 bowlers per lane)

Questions: Please call Lion Sherrie @ 651-295-3017

Would you like to be one of our amazing Lane Sponsors for only \$100.00: ☐ Yes

Lane Sponsor Name: _____

Register and Pay for the event online @ www.nelions.org

THANK YOU!

75TH Anniversary

THE BLOOMINGTON LIONS ARE CELEBRATING!

SAVE THE DATE!! FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

MINNESOTA VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

TICKET INFO FORTHCOMING



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026

2026 Coming to MINNESOTA JUNE 20-26



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

We are also hosting a very special Family Night Celebration, and each athlete will receive an "All Ball"—branded with the logos of MP5M, LCIF, LEOs, and Lions USA. This is more than just a ball—it is a symbol of unity, fun, and the spirit of inclusion we all believe in.

Our Multiple's role in this partnership:

- Raise \$350,000 to sponsor
- Family Night for 3,500 Olympians and their families.
- As well as provide every athlete with A Ball for All, a goodwill gift specially designed for the athletes.

How you can help:

- Consider designating club or individual donations to LCIF's MP5M Special Olympics Fund.
- Gifts still count towards Melvin Jones Fellowships (but not District or Community Grants).
- All donations, no matter what fund they go to, are greatly appreciated!

Send all checks made out to LCIF to:
Rob Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446
• Please note that you'd like the donation made to go to the MP5M Special Olympics Fund

We are asking every club in MP5M to support this effort through a contribution to LCIF, earmarked for the 2026 Special Olympics Games in Minnesota. Any donation is a good donation!

Let's make the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games unforgettable—not just for the athletes, but for every volunteer, every family, and every community touched by the spirit of the Games. Thank you for your leadership, generosity, and continued commitment to serving others.

In service,
PDE Rob Hed 5M-5 LCIF Coordinator
Hedrob33@yahoo.com



2029 Lions International Convention fundraiser

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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

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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!

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
		PDG	Past District Governor
DA	District Administrator	PID	Past International Director
DG	District Governor	PinS	Partner in Service
DGE	District Governor-Elect	PIP	Past International President
		PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	PU-101	Club Officer Reporting Form
FDI	Faculty Development Institute		
		RC	Region Zone Chair
GAT	Global Action Team	RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
GLT	Global Leadership Team		
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		
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation	YE	Youth Exchange
LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program	ZC	Zone Chair
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>