

INFORMER



January 2026

Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead

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Edina Lions Celebrating 80 years!!

January 21, 1946

Bloomington Lions Celebrating 75 years!!

January 30, 1951

Camden Lions Celebrating 24 years!!

January 25, 2002

Mpls. Special Olympics Lions Celebrating 16 years!!

January 18, 2010



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
Alisha Thomas	Mitchen Kelly	Maple Grove Lions
Cathy Tarman	Julie Foster	Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Chuck Thomas	Mitchen Kelly	Maple Grove Lions
Claudia Newman	Lee Newman	Maple Grove Lions
Colleen Hawkins	Karen Kimpfer	Rogers Lions
Daniel Weinstein	Teri Wolner	Mpls Ambassadors
Diane Ahlstrom	Dan Ahlstrom	Bloomington Lions
Eric Johnson	Jeffery Schmidt	Camden Lions
Godfrey Edaferierhi	Terry Parks	Brooklyn Park Lions
Joanne Goddard	Amanda Dobbs	Camden Lions
John Kamrath	Dan Ahlstrom	Bloomington Lions
Melanie Marion	John Bristol	Maple Grove Lions
Miriam Osammor	Terry Parks	Brooklyn Park Lions
Tarun Bhatia	Karen Kimpfer	Rogers Lions
Ted Wiebolt	John Bristol	Maple Grove Lions
Tom Croskey	Nora Scallen	Excelsior 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](#)

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

January 2026			
01-03 to 11	Service Initiatives from IP A. P. Singh-Hunger	Clubs & Districts plan accordingly.	Ongoing
01/09/2026	Mid-Winter Convention, Day 1	Sheraton Minneapolis West 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN	Noon
01/09/2026	Mid-Winter Convention, Leo's Service Project	Sheraton Minneapolis West 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN	4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
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 Lions 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 Grover	TBD
01/31/2026	Orono Lions Ice Golf Tournament	Birches on the Lake	10 am to 3 PM
February 2026			
02/03/2026	Mpls. Can Do Canines- Pose your Paws - Valentine Puppy Pictures	Unmapped Brewing Company 14625 Excelsior Blvd.	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM
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
02/28/2025	ROAR For a Cause	Chanhassen Dinner Theatres 501 W. 78th St. Chanhassen, MN 55317	TBD
March 2026			
03/31/2025	GMT Speed Learning	Hamel Community Center	6 PM to 8 PM

03/01/2026	New Hope Lions Pancake Breakfast	Crystal Community Center 4800 Douglas Drive	8 AM to 12 Noon
03/11/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
03/14/2026	Council of Governors	TBD	TBD
03/30/2026	5M5 Cabinet Meeting	TBD	TBD
April 2026			
04/08/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
04/13/2026	All Club Meeting	TBD	TBD
04/23/2026	Council of Governors	Sheraton Minneapolis West	7 AM to Noon
04/23/2026	MD5M Convention, Registration	Sheraton Minneapolis West	5 PM to 7 PM
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
4/18 to 26	Service Initiatives from IP A. P. Singh-Environment	Clubs & Districts plan accordingly.	
04/19/2026	Eden Prairie Lions Pancake Breakfast	True Friends Camp Eden Wood 6350 Indian Chief Road	8 AM to 12 Noon
May 2026			
05/01/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	TBD	NA
05/13/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
05/15/2026	Bloomington Lions 75th Anniversary	TBD	TBD
June 2026			
06/05/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	TBD	NA
06/10/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
06/20/2026	Special Olympics USA Games – DONATE (June 20th to 26th)		
July 2029			
06/29/2029	LCI Convention Day 1	Minneapolis, MN	Various
06/30/2029	LCI Convention Day 2	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/01/2029	LCI Convention Day 3	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/02/2029	LCI Convention Day 4	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/03/2029	LCI Convention Day 5	Minneapolis, MN	Various



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



Serve with Passion!

The 2026 Rose Parade's theme — The Magic of Teamwork — featured a special team – Lions.

Rose Parade Tournament Volunteer Award-Lions International's Rose Parade float entry was awarded the Tournament Volunteer Award — honoring the most outstanding floral presentation of the Rose Parade theme among floats 35 feet in length and under.

The Tournament Volunteer Award is a powerful testament to the creativity, dedication, and teamwork of amazing Lions volunteers who brought the float to life — petal by petal, with purpose and pride. We appreciate and thank all who contributed their time, talent, and heart in creating the Lions float.

The Lions Rose Parade tournament float also highlighted our Lions worldwide — teams of volunteers. Lions, including 5M-5 Lions – who are winners in service. We are changing and improving our world, beginning right here in Hennepin County!

Mid-Winter Convention-Come celebrate service and friendship at our Mid-Winter Convention January 9 – 11!

- Support our Leos with 4 service projects between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday.
- Enjoy the fun of Hospitality Rooms around the pool area Friday and Saturday evenings. Enjoy the Crock Pot Competition (Friday evening) and Dessert
- Challenge (Saturday evening).
- Learn about our Lions Foundations and projects at their display tables.
- Honor our Lions who died during 2025 at our Memorial Program 9 a.m. Saturday.
- Learn more about what's happening in District 5M-5 by attending Saturday meetings and Luncheon program.
- Celebrate achievements during our Saturday Awards Dinner and Sunday Celebration Breakfast.
- Meet and visit with Lions International Director Nadine Bushell.

January Challenge

- Plan to stay at the convention - make Mid-Winter hotel reservations by **January 2:**
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1750353739838&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
- Purchase Mid-Winter Hospitality Books or meal tickets by **Noon January 5:**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-5m5-2026-mid-winter-convention-tickets-1909555083659>
- Signup to help Leos with their service projects:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FAFAB2AA6FB6-61324345-leos/153010508-/>
- View convention schedule and more details at: <https://5m5mwc.com/>

See you at 5M-5's Mid-Winter Convention!

Lion Sara McFee
5M-5 District Governor

Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club

LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Bruce Strachota



Greetings from your FVDG Bruce Strachota,

Membership is the foundation of everything we do as Lions. Our ability to serve our communities depend on having engaged, active members who are willing to step up and make a difference.

Across District 5M5, our clubs are doing amazing work. These service projects tell our story—and that story attracts new members. Inviting someone to join can be as simple as sharing what your club does and asking them to serve alongside you.

Every Lion plays a role in membership growth. By welcoming new members, involving them in service, and making them feel valued, we strengthen our clubs and secure our future.

Together, let's continue to grow our membership so we can grow our impact and keep Lionism strong in District 5M5.

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Lion Bruce Strachota

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



2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Ken Kumpula



Greetings fellow Lions,

For the past 17 years I have dressed up as an elf for a breakfast/Lunch with Santa. I would greet the families, find out the kid's names and maybe a little piece of information about the kids. By the time they ran the 20 or so feet to Santas lap, he magically knew their names. Well, this past year the magic failed as the technology wore out.

However, I got to experience a different magic. I was able to see firsthand the magic the Lions do in their communities. During breakfast, a family of six came up in matching pajamas. Except one of the little girls had an added item. A scarf on her head. Having dealt with cancer personally and seeing what it has done to others around me; this hit me. When the kids were with Santa, I approached the mother, nodded towards the little girl, and mentioned that the Lions are working to help families with childhood cancer. She smiled with a slight tear, then told me she was already working with our club and had been in contact with us.

Not to be out done, during lunch I saw a little boy with a cochlear implant and before I could even mention that Lions were involved in this, the dad thank me/us for paying for the schooling that the boy will be attending.

Seeing these firsthand brought me back to that sometimes as a Service Organization, it is ok to just be a checkbook to get things done.

In Lionism,

Lion Ken Kumpula



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

Hey Lions!

Here's the truth: **Retention isn't about numbers — it's about people.** When Lions feel valued, connected, and proud of their club, they stay. When clubs are fun and active, they grow. And right now, **5M-5 is building real momentum.**

District Snapshot (07/01-12/31/2025) This is progress worth celebrating. But we're not done yet.

- **Total Members:** 1,368
- **New Members:** 95
- **Dropped Members:** 81
- **Net Growth:** +14
- **Drop Goal:** Stay under 100, and we're on pace!

WHY DROPS HAPPEN

Not because of dues - but because of **disconnection**.

- Clubs "clean up" rosters instead of re-engaging members

**** We can change that story.**

- Members feel unseen or unappreciated

- Inactive Lions drift away quietly

THE WINNING FORMULA - SERVICE + FUN = HAPPY LIONS. WHEN CLUBS SERVE TOGETHER, LAUGH TOGETHER, AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER, MEMBERS STAY — AND NEW ONES JOIN.

ACT NOW — BEFORE THE DROPS HAPPEN

1. Identify At-Risk Members

Ask:

- Who hasn't attended or served lately
- Who might be drifting

Then reach out:

- Call them

- Listen - Offer flexible options - Remind them why they matter
**** A single conversation can save a Lion.**

2. Reactivate Through Service People return when they feel needed.

Launch a **January service project** where:

- Everyone has a role
- Every role matters
- Every Lion is personally invited

 **Goal: Every Lion engaged at least once by Feb 28, 2026. Today is BETTER!**

WHERE WE'RE HEADED

- STRONGER CLUBS
- MORE JOY
- A THRIVING DISTRICT BY JUNE 30, 2026

- LOWER DROPS
- HIGHER ENGAGEMENT

We're building a culture of belonging, not burnout, and every Lion plays a part.

Let's Grow: Growth Workshop Series

Starts Jan 6, 2026 | Weekly 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.

Submitted by: Team GMT

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MID-WINTER CONVENTION

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) – Outside Grand Ballroom
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Pick-up Meal Tickets, First Timers Materials – Outside Grand Ballroom
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, Food, Socks, and Coats – Cedar & Calhoun 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) – Lakeview Room
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 Grand Ballroom
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
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 – Lakeview 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

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MID-WINTER CONVENTION

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, Noon	Hospitality Book	Order Here
01-05-2026, Noon	Saturday Dinner & Award	Order Here
01-05-2026, Noon	Saturday Luncheon-See story on the keynote speaker International Director Nadine Bushell of Trinidad and Tobago	Order Here
01-05-2026, Noon	Sunday Breakfast	Order Here

MID-WINTER CONVENTION

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.



MID-WINTER CONVENTION

FLYER



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

The link for hotel sleeping rooms is on the 5M5 website.

NEW NEW NEW NEW

This year, you will **ONLY** purchase hospitality books and individual tickets **ONLINE** with a card.

Physical tickets or books will not be sold. Hospitality rooms will be paid for by check to Lion Ross.

Purchase your hospitality book or tickets 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
FOOD CHALLENGE
(FRIDAY and SATURDAY)

2026 Convention

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.

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MID-WINTER CONVENTION

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Mental



Vision



Youth

Global Service Team Update

Happy New Year!

Mid-Winter Convention - We ask you to support the following:

- Hunger - Food Drive to stock local food shelves
- Diabetes - Food Drive for sugar free items
- Humanitarian - Clothing Drive for Homeless

See separate flyers with more details about each project.

Hunger - International Week of Service – January 3-11.

- We ask you to support the Mid-Winter Convention food drive.
- Hunger is a key service area that our International President is asking all clubs to do a service project in this key area of service during January.
- Participating in a food drive during this week is one of the qualifications for the Club Excellence Award this Lion year.
- Don't forget to submit your report on your Hunger service project in the Lion Portal.

Facebook Page - District 5M5 Lions Network

- We currently have over 200 Lions that are Members of this page.
- The Goal is to have all Lions from our District follow this page.
- You can post your service projects on the page, check out what other clubs are doing, and engage in conversation with other Lions.



ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Loretto Lions
Mpls. Can Do Canines
New Hope Lions

Laurie Carlson

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St. Louis Park Lions
Wayzata Lions

ZONE 2 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Eden Prairie Lioness Lions
Eden Prairie Lions
Edina Lions
Hopkins Lions

Regina Aiken

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Northwest Tonka Lions
Orono Lions
Saint Bonifacius Lions

ZONE 3 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

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

Amber Georgeson

georgeson.amber@gmail.com

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

ZONE 4 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Bloomington Lions
Camden Lions
Excelsior Lions
Mpls Riverview Lions

Andy Leifort

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Mpls Southwest Lions
Mpls Special Olympics Minnesota Lions
Richfield Lions

ZONE 5 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

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

Michael Crenshaw

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Crystal
Osseo Lion
Robbinsdale Lions

ZONE 6 CHAIR

(term ends 2026)

Corcoran Lions
Dayton Lions
Hamel Lions

Vickie Parks

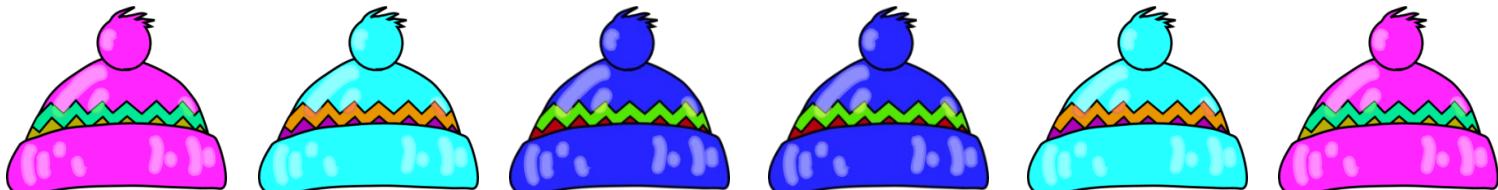
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Maple Grove Lions
Plymouth Lions
Rogers Lions

REGION CHAIR

Heidi Zaworski

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MEDIA TIPS FOR CLUBS

Funny Posed photos do well on Social Media

That photo you captured of someone being overly expressive, perhaps looking a bit silly, is a hit! People enjoy feeling relatable to those they see in their feeds. This presents a fantastic opportunity to take some fun pictures.

Alternatively, you could follow Brian Sheehan's lead and capture an action shot, where you incorporate movement while taking the photo.



VIDEOS ARE A GREAT WAY TO TELL YOUR CLUBS STORY

Videos serve as an excellent medium to showcase what your club does and establish a genuine connection with the audience you aim to impact.

People enjoy relating to the stories you share with the world, and when your content is relatable, it captures their attention more effectively.

Simply grab your phone and start recording; it doesn't need to be overly elaborate.

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

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



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



Mpls Riverview Lions Club donating 25-\$25. gift cards to target this holiday season.

They also gave them 50-\$25. gift cards to Cub for Thanksgiving.



Brooklyn Park Lady Lions handed out gifts at Crescent Cove.



Brooklyn Park Lady Lions deliver gifts for residents of Centennial Nursing Home.





On December 13th Maple Grove Lions had their annual food basket event where we backed 4 crates of food for each of 156 families.



Maple Grove Lions-On December 6th we did Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Walmart, Santa at the Shoppes Parade



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RISTMAS IN EXCELSIOR - November 28th & 29th

The Excelsior Lions Club spent many months and countless volunteer hours planning our First Annual "Christmas in Excelsior" holiday market and community celebration event.

We served folks and families throughout the metro by providing them a place that was celebrative, all inclusive, and welcoming.

We served our small business community by packing their stores wall to wall.

We served our market vendors with high sales and warm accommodation.

We served our community musicians by providing them a performance opportunity where they enjoyed every minute!

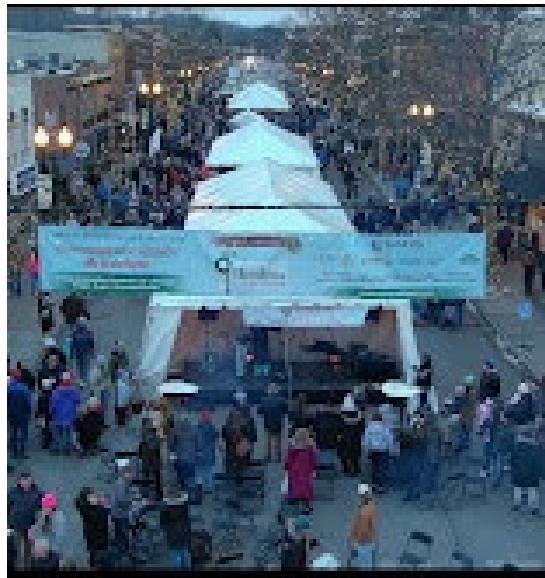
We served our sponsors by highlighting them on the news and going viral on social media, resulting in attendance by thousands!

We served our city and fire department by listening to their rules and regulations and following them meticulously. Our mayor (and Excelsior Lion) was proud!

We served each other, with kindness and respect, while combating cold toes, faces, and fingers.

And now, we have the amazing task ahead of us of finding ways we can use the proceeds from "Christmas in Excelsior" to serve those in need.

Photo's follow:



Aerial Daytime



Wreaths & Greens



Lion Lisa & Jake & Josie Band



Lions CIE Wreaths



Lion Erin & Leanna



Night CIE Market



Night Aerial



EXCELSIOR LIONS HOLIDAY PARTY –
December 10 Group Shot

MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MEAL - December 18

The Excelsior Lions Club provided and served the Christmas Community Meal at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Mount Calvary hosts a free community meal each month, helping to alleviate food insecurity for many.



Lions Club

New Year's Resolutions

► Ensure meeting formats, venues and times are convenient, attractive and fun. Eliminate bureaucracy.

► Have Lions invite friends to service projects.

► Partner with another club for a project.

► Start a new service activity, new Lions ideas.

► Have a Marketing Chair and always take photos.

► Report service in social media for community to see.

► Invite a newer/younger member to lead something.

► Celebrate successes and those that create them.

► Visit nearby clubs and share ideas.

► Reach out to District Service Leaders for support, we are here to SERVE you, how can we help?

AND ALWAYS ALWAYS HAVE FUN!!





Hello from the 5M5 Leo Club!

The midwinter convention is fast approaching and I'm proud to say we're making serious progress! We have plans for activities including blindness awareness, Hygiene kits, Diabetes awareness, Adoption kits and tug toys. We're still waiting on official numbers from each club.

Leos of Cooper Highschool have been in a serious planning stage. Our annual fundraiser is no longer allowed at our school so we have pivoted and decided to do cub food bagging Sunday the 18th of January from 12-4pm. Additionally we have been trying to execute some newer events at Cooper. With the rise in gun violence in the Minneapolis area specifically, Cooper Leos had the idea to perform a walkout in spring to fight against gun violence, spread awareness on the impact and support the victims and families of victims experiencing these tragedies. Sooner still we plan to have a clothing drive sponsored by the salvation army. Originally we planned to partner with our rival school to create a competition of which school can collect the most clothing donations though we are readying ourselves to pivot as communications have been few so we are likely to start smaller and grow through the years. The competition will likely be between advisories with a goal to host it for two weeks, Starting January 12th and ending the 23rd.

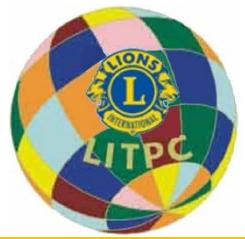
Sincerely,

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 bmuguthrie9@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”



Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation at the KS95 for Kids Radiothon

The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF) was proud once again to participate in the **KS95 for Kids Radiothon** held on **December 12** at the Mall of America. This annual event raises awareness and funds for children battling cancer and other life-threatening conditions, benefiting programs at **M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital** and **Gillette Children's Hospital**.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of a **\$70,000 check** from MLCCF. While not a new donation, this amount represents the **accumulated contributions made since July 1, 2025**—matching our giving from last year and demonstrating the ongoing commitment of Lions across Minnesota. These funds directly support pediatric cancer research and care at the University of Minnesota.

Radiothon attendees also saw a strong Lions presence. Last year, KS95 asked us to staff six volunteers at the phone bank. This year, they requested **11 Lions volunteers** to support donation calls—a sign of both the Radiothon's growing impact and the reliability of our service.

Throughout the day, KS95 featured patient-family stories, live broadcasts, and opportunities for the public to engage and give. The energy of the event, combined with the powerful stories shared, reaffirmed why partnerships like this matter: they shine a spotlight on childhood cancer and rally the community to take action.

Thank you to every Lion who volunteered, donated, or helped spread the word. Your dedication ensures our mission continues to touch lives—and gives hope to the children and families who need it most.



Lion Gary Stevens, Chair

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Used Eyeglass Collection

The World Health organization estimates that 134 million people have uncorrected near-sightedness, far-sightedness, or astigmatism, conditions that could be treated with prescription glasses. Unfortunately, many have no access to eyeglasses or cannot afford them. You can help.

Please consider collecting unwanted used eyeglasses and donating them to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Accepted are prescription eyeglasses, prescription and non-prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses. (No cases, please.) With your help children and adults across the world can reach their economic, educational, and social potential thanks to access to quality eyeglasses!

The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Pine City, Minnesota.



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PEACE POSTER



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#peaceposter

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

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Please have clubs/districts plan accordingly.

 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

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JANUARY
9-11
2026

SHERATON
MINNEAPOLIS
WEST HOTEL
12201 RIDGEDALE DR
MINNETONKA, MN 55305

NEW NEW NEW NEW

This year you will ONLY purchase hospitality books and individual tickets ONLINE with a card. Payment for these books will be due at the time of check in. Payment for individual tickets will be paid for by check to Lion Ross.

Purchase your hospitality book or tickets here →
Or enter the link below into your preferred browser:
<http://bit.ly/4ouSuo>



Calling All 5M5 Lions!!

Our 5M5 Leos invite you to join them for their Mid-Winter Convention service projects on Friday, January 9, in the Grand Ballroom — and they'd love to have you by their side!

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to

- Support and celebrate Leo-led service projects!
- Share your experience and insights as a Lion!
- Visit with Leos, answer their questions, and encourage the next generation of Lions!

Our Leos are eager to learn, proud of their service, and excited to connect with experienced Lions who inspire them. After all, **today's Leos are tomorrow's Lions!**

Thank you for championing our Leos and strengthening the future of Lionism.

Click Here to Sign Up on one or more slots that you'd like to volunteer with our Leos.







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.

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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!

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Celebrate the Friendly Competition:

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

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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.

Crystal Lions Steak Fry
(Brooklyn Center Lions)



January 14, 2026

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494
5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$14 Includes:

8 Oz. Sirloin Steak
Baked Potato Coleslaw Texas Toast

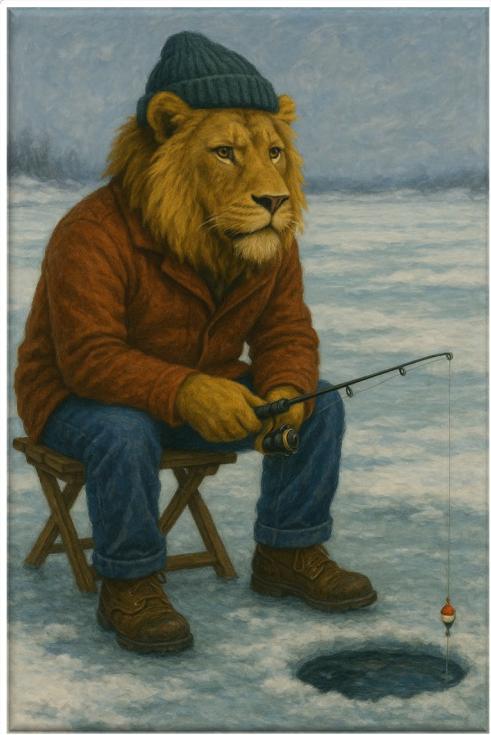
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JANUARY 31, 2026

**MAPLE GROVE LIONS
1ST ANNUAL MAYORS'S**

**ICE FISHING
CONTEST**



**MORE
INFO
COMING
SOON!**

JOIN US FOR A



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.

Maple Grove Lions

Lions kidsight MD5M
Community Eye Screening For Children



Orono Lions Snowball Open

January 31st 2026 10:00 am to 2:00 pm 39th Annual



**BIRCH'S
ON THE LAKE**
BREWHOUSE & SUPPERCLUB



TEE BOX / REGISTRATION TENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

Company Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

As you may already know, the Snowball Open is the primary fundraising event for the Orono Lions. The proceeds from this event support the various community projects sponsored by the Lions. The projects range from support for the students in our local school system, funding special requests for our partners in public safety, plus many other Community Support Projects.

Donation for Sponsoring a TEE BOX is \$250.00.
This includes: 4 Sponsor Passes, 10'x10' Tent with 3 sides, Table, 2 Chairs, fire pit & wood.
You will have a great opportunity to promote your business and meet every player who attends.

The Event starts at 10am. Last tee time is at 2pm. Please stay set up until the last group of golfers finishes.
Allow enough time to set up your decorations before 9:30 am. You can access the lake via Summit Beach.
Your assigned tent will have a tee box marker with your name on it. Firewood will be supplied all day.
Your staff will need an Official Snowball Open Button to be on the ice. If you need help, ask any Lion Member.

Check Box **Sign me up for a Tee Box Sponsor: Enclosed \$250.00**

Donation for Sponsoring the REGISTRATION TENT is \$300.00.
Bonus Value \$350.00 golf tickets plus Free Advertising Dollars to promote your company name.

This includes: 10 Golf Passes for "Green Fees" to Golf the Event.
You can hand them out to Family, Friends, Co-Workers, or Clients.
Plus "YOUR COMPANY NAME" on Poster in Registration Tent

Check Box **Sign me up for a Tent Sponsor: Enclosed \$300.00**

Contact any Lion Member for more information or contact:
Roger Adams c: 763-360-1709 Bradley Hansen c: 612-965-0153 Scott Stabeck c: 612-747-5863

Make checks payable to:
Orono Lions - PO Box 65 - Long Lake, MN 55356
Thank you again for your support.

Pose Your Paws – Valentine Puppy Pictures

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Time: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Unmapped Brewing Company*
14625 Excelsior Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345
(952) 500-9622

Photographer: Kevin White Photography

Cost: No cost, however, we welcome donations

*Unmapped Brewing Company is a family- and dog-friendly business. They will also donate a portion of their profits from this night to our club.

Photos will be posted on the photographer's website where they can be retrieved. Instructions provided by the photographer at the event.



EVENT PRESENTED BY:



MINNEAPOLIS CAN DO CANINES LIONS CLUB

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

Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

501 W 78th St, Chanhassen, MN 55317



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Crystal Lions Steak Fry



February 11, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$14 Includes:

8 Oz. Sirloin Steak Baked Potato
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!

The Maple Grove Lions Club Presents the 8th Annual *Sip and Sample*

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**
Maple Grove Community Center

Experience a variety of craft beer, wine, spirits, and local foods

6:00 PM VIP Experience
Discover a variety of higher-end wines and liquors

7:00 PM Tasting Event
Enjoy a variety of beer, wine, spirits, hors-d'oeuvres, and desserts from local restaurants

7:30 PM Lions Lounge
Wind down with live music
Auction
Mystery Raffle

2026 VENDORS ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY
2025 PARTICIPATING SPONSORS & VENDORS:

AMERICANA COMMUNITY BANK **LOST WOODS** **LOOKOUT BAR & GRILL** **FORGOTTEN STAR** **LUCE-LINE BREWING CO.** **DU NORD SOCIAL SPORTS** **BOURBON 100**

L&B LUNDS&BYERLYS **FULLY PROMOTED** **GRANITE CITY** **CAPPER BARBERS** **PRINCETON'S LIQUORS** **WHITE BEAR BREWERY** **OMNI** **SURLY BREWING CO.** **DAVE & BUSTERS** **NOTTING HILL CAKES** **INDIANS** **GREENFIELD FARMS**

Proceeds help to fund local community groups, cancer, sight, poverty, hunger, domestic violence, disability, youth programs, scholarships, environmental projects, police and fire, veterans & more.

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



SUPERHEROS UNITE!

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

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**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](#)

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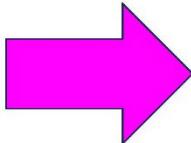
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EDEN PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB



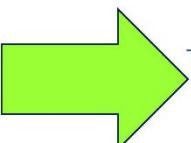
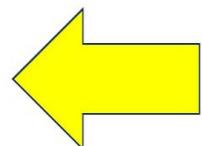
Join us at the EP Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Pancake batter & syrup donated by Original Pancake House



When

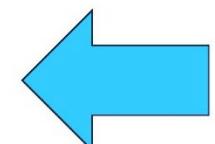
Sunday, April 19, 2026
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon



True Friends Camp Eden Wood
6350 Indian Chief Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Where

Single Ticket: \$10.00
Family Ticket: \$25.00
Children under 5: Free



Cash, check, credit cards accepted. Visit our website at: www.eplions.com

2026 MOSM 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



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
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	PIP	Past International President
FDI	Faculty Development Institute	PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
GAT	Global Action Team	PU-101	Club Officer Reporting Form
GLT	Global Leadership Team		
GMA	Global Membership Approach	RC	Region Zone Chair
GMT	Global Membership Team	RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
GST	Global Service Team		
ID	International Director	STRIDES	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
IP	International President	TT	TailTwister
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chair		
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor	VDG	Vice District Governor
IPID	Immediate Past International Director	1VDG	First Vice District Governor
IPIP	Immediate Past International President	2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
IVP	International Vice President	VDGE	Vice District Governor-Elect
		1VDGE	First Vice District Governor-Elect
		2VDGE	Second Vice District Governor-Elect
LCI	Lions Club International	WCD	White Cane Day
LCICon	Lions International Convention	WSD	World Sight Day
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation		
LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program	YE	Youth Exchange
LEO	Leadership Experience Opportunity	ZC	Zone Chair
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>mnliionsdiabetes.org</u>
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation	<u>5mhf.org</u>
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation	<u>mnliionsvisionfoundation.org</u>
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	<u>mnliionschildhoodcancerfoundation.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>