



Informer

April 2026

Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead

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Congratulations to

St. Louis Park Lions
 Celebrating 84 years!
 April 28, 1942

Eden Prairie Lioness'
 Celebrating 25 years!
 April 1, 2001



NOTE: NEW LOCATION

DISTRICT 5M5

ALL CLUB MEETING

APRIL 13TH

Don't need to purchase a meal to attend - but you still need to register
 Everyone Welcome - Bring a Friend

5:30 PM SOCIAL

6:00 PM DINNER

RSVP by Sunday April 5th

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

Scan the QR Code
 OR
 Click on the QR Code
\$22 per person

No Ticker Sales at the Door
NO REFUNDS

Wicked Wort Brewing Company
 4165 W. Boardway
 Robbinsdale, MN 55422
 "Lower Level"

Roasted Pork or Baked Chicken

Garlic Mashed Potato & Mixed Veggies

Beverages available for purchase

Dessert provided by Zone Chairs

Same Menu

New Location:
Wicked Wort Brewing
4165 W. Broadway

Same Menu

NOTE: NEW LOCATION

Parking Options: Public Lot on 42nd & West Broadway * Public Lot on Hubbard Ave. *
 * Public Lot under the Watertower on Hubbard



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
Agnes Schaffer	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Amanda Panek	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Belinda Wohlever	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Carmelle Abron	Ray Brigham	Brooklyn Park Lions
Carol Parks	Terry Parks	Brooklyn Park Lions
Chad Engen	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Charles Wagner	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Cheryl Dykhoff	Rob Hed	Hamel Lions
Cheryl Tolle	Sandy Becker	Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Chris Foley	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Darren Danielson	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Denver Grubb	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Elaine Jinra	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Elaine Wagner	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Jean Dresch	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Kamah Banks	Michael Crenshaw	Brooklyn Park Lions
Kari Como	Karen Zimpfer	Rogers Lions
Kathy Friedrich	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Kimberly Rau	Bruce Kelly	Excelsior Lions
Linda Winkelman	Mike Kinnan	Maple Grove Lions
Mary Strohmayer	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Matthew Baumann	Glenn Iseri	Dayton Lions
Michael Kako	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Pat Allman	Pat Minton	Eden Prairie Lioness
Raj Chaudhary	Jeanne Kling	Maple Grove Lions
Rick Durant	James Rouillard	Dayton Lions
Stephanie Kako	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Sylvia Stigler	Michael Crenshaw	Brooklyn Park Lions
William Glenn	Kim Schommer	Bloomington 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!

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

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

*This list is provided to me by your Regional Zone Chair. They pull the list of new members that have been registered in the Lion Portal.
Make sure your rooster is up to date for your new members to be recognized here. Lion Colleen*

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sumit events to: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

April 2026			
04/04/2026	Robbinsdale Bingo & Meat Raffle	Wicked Wort Brewing Co. 4165 West Broadway	3 PM to 6 PM
04/08/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
04/10/2026	Bloomington Lions-Royal Canadian Circus	Mall of America North Lot	
04/11/2026	Can Do Canines Fetching Gala	Raddison Blu Mall of America	
04/12/2026	Excelsior Meat Raffle Sunday	Haskell's Port of Excelsior	1 PM to 3 PM
04/13/2026	All Club Meeting	Wicked Wort Brewing Co. 4165 West Broadway	5:30 PM-Social 6:00 PM-Dinner
04/13/2026	Mystery Raspberry Themed Basket	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	Tickets on Sale at All Club Meeting
04/15/2026	MD5M Convention Welcome Bags		
04/17/2026	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	Holiday Inn Detroit Lakes, MN	Registration Due 4-1-26
04/18 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
4-22, 23, 24	Brooklyn Park Smelt Fry	Brooklyn Park Community Center 5600 85th Ave. N.	4:30 PM to 8 PM
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
May 2026			
05/01/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	Camp Shetek Slayton, MN	NA
05/02/2026	Robbinsdale Bingo & Meat Raffle	Wicked Wort Brewing Co. 4165 West Broadway	3 PM to 6 PM
05/04/2026	Club Officer Training	Can Do Canines	6:00 PM
05/09/2026	Maple Grove Half Marathon, 10K, 5K	Maple Grove High School 9800 Fernbrook Lane N	7 AM to 11 AM
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	Minnesota Valley Country Club 6300 Auto Club Road	5:00 PM
05/16/2026	Can Do Canines Open House	9440 Science Center Drive	Noon to 2PM
05/16/2026	Maple Grove Spring Into Summer	Central Park 12000 Central Park Way	10 AM to 2 PM
June 2026			

06/05/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	Osprey Wilds Sandstone, MN	NA
06/06/2026	D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk	MN Landscape Arboretum Chaska, MN	9 AM - 10AM (Regist.) 10:15 AM (Walk Starts) 11:15 AM (Lunch)
06/10/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
06/12/2026	Maple Grove Lions Gift of Sight Golf Tournament	Pheasant Run Golf Club 10705 County Road 116, Rogers	8 AM to 12 Noon
06/14/2026	St Louis Park Pancake Breakfast	St. Louis Park ROC 3700 Montrey Drive	18 AM to 12 Noon
06/20/2026	Special Olympics USA Games – DONATE	(June 20th to 26th)	
06/20/2026	Special Olympics USA Games- VOLUNTEER	(June 20th to 26th)	
July 2026			
07/09/2026	Hamel Rodeo - MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Night	Corcoran	
07/12/2026	Hamel Rodeo - MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Night	Corcoran	
07/16/2026	Maple Grove Days Parade	89th Ave N. Maple Grove	6 PM to 8 PM
07/18/2026	Maple Grove Days Corn Feed	Central Park 12000 Central Park Way	11 AM to 6 PM
August 2026			
08/05/2026	New Hope Lions Corn Feed	4471 Winnetka Ave N	TBA
September 2026			
09/19/2026	Maple Grove Rock 'n the Grove	Central Park 12000 Central Park Way	Gates Open at 3 PM Music Starts: 4 PM`
October 2026			
10/02/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	Good Earth Village Spring Valley, MN	
10/24/2026	Thanksgiving for Vision	Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud, MN	TBD
November 2026			
11/07/2026	Maple Grove Lions Holiday Boutique	Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road	9 AM to 2 PM
December 2026			
12/04/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	Faith Haven Camp Battle Lake, MN	
12/05/2026	Maple Grove Lions Breakfast & Lunch with Santa	Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road	8 AM to 1 PM
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, DG



Serve with Passion!

90 Day Challenge – *read below for leadership, members, service*

- 26** **5M-5 clubs have added between 1 and 20 members this year.**
- 100 %** **5M-5 clubs have been reporting service.**
- 100 %** **5M-5 clubs have donated to LCIF this Lion Year**
- 1 of 54** **Congratulations to our Champlin Park Leo Lions Club on receiving Lions International's Kindness Matters Service Award.** The club was selected and honored for its multiple outstanding service projects benefiting students of Evergreen Park Elementary School during 2024 – 2025 Lions Year.

Club spring fundraisers and service projects are underway.

- 5M-5 clubs' service impact is huge and growing. 314,000 plus people have been helped since July 1.
- Post your events and activities on your club and 5M-5 social media. Ask members to post and share! Invite non-Lions (potential future Lions) to attend Lion events, fundraisers and service activities. Send your flyers and calendar information to be posted on our District calendar, website, in our newsletter, etc. to LionsDistrict5M5@gmail.com

5M-5 is hosting the MD5M convention April 24 – 26.

- Location is at Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel in Minnetonka. Lions International President Lion A.P. Singh is attending and inducting new Lions from July 1, 2025, as a part of Lions Worldwide Induction Day. Convention deadlines, information, and schedule available at: <https://sites.google.com/view/md5m-multipleconvention/home>

The Next 90 days – much service to do and new Lions to welcome!

Leadership Challenge: Avoid electing a president who would be currently serving more than 2 years consecutively. Sign up your upcoming Lion Year officers to attend in-person training May 4. Encourage current and Lions interested in future officer roles to take online training through Lions International. Need guidance on club leadership development and training? Connect with GLT Chair Lion Jennifer at winn0004@gmail.com

Membership Challenge: 5M-5, by June 30, add at least 90 more members and drop fewer than 70 members and be at the top of MD5M membership increase this Lion Year! **Your club:** add **a minimum of 3 new members** and **retain existing members** by June 30. (Encourage all members to invite new members to join. Check on current members you have not seen at meetings or in service recently and encourage / welcome them back!) Need tips on recruiting and retaining? Connect with GMT chair Lion Heidi at lionheidizaworski@gmail.com

Service Reporting Challenge: Make sure your service, fundraising and donation reporting is updated in Lion Portal *by the last day of each month*. Need reporting help? Connect with GST chair Lion Bernie at bernxiexo@gmail.com

Help 5M-5 Land a New Club Challenge: We have cities and neighborhoods within Hennepin County without a Lions Club. You may have connections that will open the door for us to charter a new Lions Club – especially in south Minneapolis and Minnetonka. Got a connection to share that will help us land a new club? Connect with GET chair Lion Michael at bplionmichael@gmail.com

Thank you for serving your communities with passion.

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



DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT Lion Bruce Strachota, DGE

Greetings from your District Governor Elect Lion Bruce Strachota.

February was a very busy month for me. I participated in six weeks of intense training with DGEs from across the country. I got to know them and really enjoyed interacting with them in the zoom sessions.

March was an interesting month as well. I and ten other DGEs from across the Multiple got together in Roseville for fun and very informative training. On the first day we went on tours of the various MN Lions Foundations. We started off with a visit to the Can-Do Canines facility in New Hope where we had breakfast and saw a demonstration of how a wonderfully trained dog can positively impact the lives of those who need assistance.

Next, we got to tour the Masonic Children's Hospital where we saw a room set aside as a sort of Chapel where anyone can enjoy. This room had a colorful mural and was very conducive for quiet contemplation.

Next on our journey we got to tour the Philipps Wangenstein Building at the U of M where we had lunch, heard a Hearing Foundation presentation, and learned about diabetes research updates. We toured the Schulze Diabetes Institute and then went to the Lions Gift of Sight where we saw a real eye dissection.

On the next day we had training for a full eight hours and enjoyed learning the nuances of the 5M5 and Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws. One of my favorite discussions involved establishing protocol at conventions and meetings. I bet you didn't know that when establishing protocol, we must start with the lowest and end with the highest. In other words, we start with club members and end with the IP if he or she is there. The culmination of the day was the "Friendship Banquet". The current DGs celebrated the DGEs and their upcoming year. We played very fun interactive games with our service partners and enjoyed a "Hong Kong" themed meal.

More to come in the next issue of the Informer.





1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT Lion Ken Kumpula, V DGE

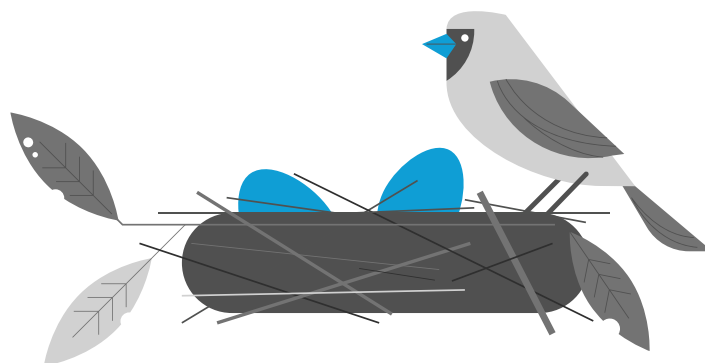
Greetings, fellow Lions. How does it feel to be part of the best kept secret in your community? It may not always seem that way, but there are many who have no idea of who we are and what we can accomplish as an organization. Many of those without this information are politicians at our State Capital.

Last week I had the privilege of co-hosting the second annual Lions Day at the Capital. This is an opportunity for Lions to be in front of our state representatives and get them to know us, invite them to a meeting or event. Or maybe even to join your club. We had guest speakers from Childhood Cancer, Can Do Canines, and Kid Sight as well as Leos. Our keynote speaker, Past International President Brian delivered, with his usual amazing energy, about us getting into a partnership with our state. Helping them to learn who and what we are and knowing that "Together We Can" make our communities great.

While it was only the second year, I had hoped there would be a larger presence from our clubs. But we did draw from Lakeville several Lions as well as two first vice district governors' elects from nearby districts.

Please consider planning an afternoon next March to help educate and to partner with our politicians.

Yours in Lionism Ken



GLOBAL EXTENTION TEAM (GET)

The Global Extension Team (GET) has demonstrated strong dedication and effort throughout this year. Despite consistent work and commitment, we have faced challenges in gathering sufficient membership to successfully charter a new Lions Club.

Following our most recent meeting, the team has agreed on a revised approach. Individuals who have expressed interest in becoming Lions will be encouraged to join existing local Lions clubs. This strategy allows them to become actively engaged in service more quickly while continuing to build momentum for future club development.

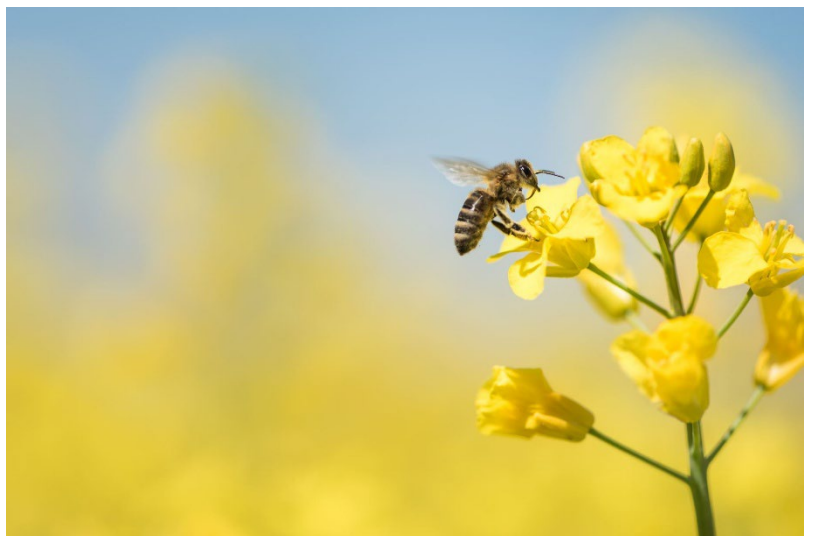
We have experienced some changes within our team, with one new Lion joining our efforts while another has stepped away. As we move forward, a key focus will be on strengthening and expanding our team to better support our goals and outreach efforts.

We are also exploring additional options and alternative directions to support membership growth and long-term sustainability. One of the ongoing challenges has been the hesitation of prospective members to commit financially, particularly when they perceive opportunities to participate in service activities elsewhere at no cost.

While this process has been difficult, the team remains committed to finding effective solutions and continuing to expand Lionism within our communities.

In alignment with our planning efforts, we will continue to utilize structured goal-setting approaches, such as the Action Plan framework, to ensure our objectives remain specific, measurable, and adaptable as we assess progress and make necessary adjustments.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Michael Crenshaw
5M Global Extension Team Coordinator



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT)

The 5M5 GLT continues to meet monthly to help 5M5 strengthen leadership in our clubs and district. We will be testing some training at the all club meeting on April 13. We also will be holding the 5M5 club officer's training on May 4 at Can do Canines, as we've done in years past. A light supper will be offered for \$10, however, the training is no cost and we are also seeking trainers, so please contact me if interested. I will be sending an email to the presidents and secretaries with the flyer to promote it and it's also in the informer.

This precedes what should occur in April, and that is officer elections. We encourage clubs to hold elections and rotate officers and committee members to continue strong club management.

We also hold zone chair training in June for all current and new zone chairs. That training is the capstone meeting for the quarterly zone chair check-in meetings we hold. Our zone chairs are so important and we aim to support them in every way.

Lion Bob Jechorek and I presented on succession in our clubs at the Northern Pride Leadership Forum in Duluth on March 21.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute or ELLI will be held April 17-19. That Institute is planned by the multiple district and we encourage all Lions who have not yet served as president in their club to attend. It's a fabulous substitute.

Lion Jennifer Gilbert
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club
President-Treasurer
5M 5 GLT District Coordinator

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GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP (GMT)

Quick Snapshot (7/1–3/31/26)



37 clubs — goal is 38
1,395 members — up from 1,350 last year NICE JOB, Lions!!!
145 new members — goal is 149 (we're just **4 away**)
104 drops — goal is under 100- OOOOPS!
Net growth +41 — goal is 40- WHOOT!!!
3-year new member retention: 64%

Retention starts with people, not numbers.

When Lions feel valued, connected, and proud of their club, they stay. When clubs are fun and active, they grow — and our district needs to make this a top priority.



Why Drops Happen Not dues — **disconnection.**

Clubs “clean up” rosters instead of re-engaging
Inactive Lions drift away quietly
Members feel unseen
Consider **annual dues in January** to avoid big June drops



Winning Formula: SERVICE + FUN = HAPPY LIONS When clubs serve, laugh, and celebrate together, people stay.



Act Now — Before Drops Happen

1. **Identify at-risk members** Who haven't attended? Who's drifting? Call, listen, offer flexible options, remind them they matter. *One conversation can save a Lion.*
2. **Reactivate through service** People return when they feel needed. Invite every Lion to a project where every role matters. **Goal: Every Lion engaged at least once by May 28.**



Where We're Headed Stronger clubs, more joy, lower drops, higher engagement — a thriving district by June 30.



New Member Induction with International President AP Singh

April 25 | 1:00 PM | Sheraton Minneapolis West A once-in-a-lifetime moment for new members and sponsors. Reach out to Heidi to let her know you'll be attending or to get more information. LionHeidiZaworski@gmail.com.

Join the GMT TEAM- 1 evening a month for 1 hour Zoom Meeting.
Learn about our District goals and concerns and how we will reach them!
Text Heidi at 612.408.0242.
Jump on a meeting and give us a try. It's FUN!

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Mental



Vision



Youth

Lions International Kindness Matters Award Champlin Park Leo Club



Congratulations to

Champlin Park Leos for
winning the
Kindness Matters Award!

1 of 30 awarded in the country!

The Global Service Cause for the month of **April is Environmental Service.**

Our **International President, AP Singh**, has asked all clubs to do an **Environmental Service** project the week of **April 18-26.**

The requirement is that you no longer need to do the project during that week, but it would be great if you could meet that challenge.

Don't forget to submit your report in the Lion Portal for your club.

It's one of the requirements for the Club Excellence Award.

Since the weather varies so much in MN, (snow one weekend and in the 70's the next weekend) we ask that you continue with your Environmental Service projects in May or if possible, do a second one!!!

Pick up those leaves:



Pick up trash:



Plan ahead for May:

Support our food shelves as part of **Hunger Service in May.**

Food Shelves are in need of food.

A monetary or food donation would help them provide food to those that are food insecure in your community!

ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Loretto Lions
St. Louis Park Lions

[Laurie Carlson](#)

Mpls. Can Do Canines
Wayzata Lions

lcarlson@candocanines.org

New Hope Lions

ZONE 2 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Eden Prairie Lioness Lions
Hopkins Lions
Saint Bonifacius Lions

[Regina Aiken](#)

Eden Prairie Lions
Northwest Tonka Lions

raiken@tonkafinancial.com

Edina Lions
Orono Lions

ZONE 3 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Hopkins Noontime Lions
(now meets evenings and name changing soon)
Mpls Next Generation Downtown
Lions

[Amber Georgeson](#)

Mpls Northeast Lions

georgeson.amber@gmail.com

Mpls Ambassadors Lions

Mpls Northside Roaring Lions

ZONE 4 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Bloomington Lions
Mpls Riverview Lions
Richfield Lions

[Andy Leifort](#)

Camden Lions
Mpls Southwest Lions

andy.nextgenlions@gmail.com

Excelsior Lions
Mpls Special Olympics MN Lions

ZONE 5 CHAIR

(term ends 2027)

Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Brooklyn Park Lions
Robbinsdale Lions

[Michael Crenshaw](#)

Brooklyn Center Lions
Crystal

bplionmichael@gmail.com

Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Osseo Lions

ZONE 6 CHAIR

(term ends 2026)

Corcoran Lions
Maple Grove Lions

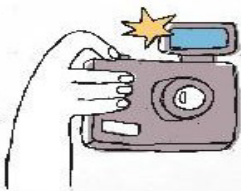
[Vickie Parks](#)

Dayton Lions
Plymouth Lions

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Hamel Lions
Rogers Lions





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New Maple Grove Lion
Members Lion Linda
Winklerman

and

Lion Raj Chaudhary

(transferred from
Brooklyn Center Lions)

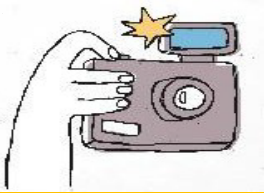


Guest Speaker Katie Lindenflaser
from Crescent Cove.

New member Lion Raed Kakish
with sponsor Lion Twila Johnson

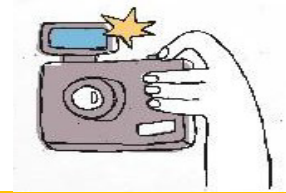


Lion Phil Leith with Lion and ED of
Can Do Canines Jeff Johnson-guest
speaker at our dinner meeting



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Sip and Sample:

Maple Grove Lions held their Sip and Sample Event on February 28th.

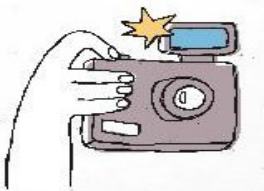
We had 27 vendors that provided food and drink samples, including a VIP event.



Maple Grove Lions 1st Annual Mayor's Fishing Contest. Mayor Mark Steffenson is pictured with a fish he caught. Also pictures are Lions Claudia and Lee Newman in their popup fish house. We had 420 participants so it was a great success for our first event.



A group of Maple Grove Lions with the Maple Grove Ambassadors at the District 279 Gala. We were a gold sponsor of the event.



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The horse drawn wagon sponsored by the Maple Grove Lions at the Maple Grove Wonders of Winter



The Maple Grove Lions Polar Plunge Team



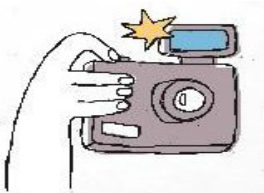
KidSight at Bloomington Pancake Breakfast



Vision Screening at Annunciation School

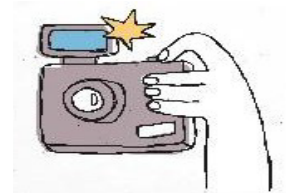


Lion Bill demonstrates lightening issues at City of Lakes School



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New Hope Lions club participated in the Homeward Bound Chili Cookoff.

We are happy to say that we took second place for our chili, but first place for theme/decoration.

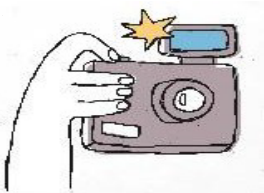


We had a fantastic time at this event supporting Homeward Bound and look forward to taking the chili championship back next year!



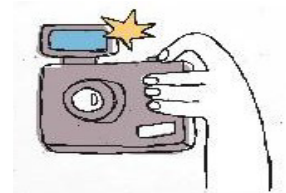
Congratulations to two members of the New Hope Lions Club who recently received a Melvin Jones award! Lion Paul Holten and Lion Mollie Anderson have both been trailblazers within the club and deserve this honor!





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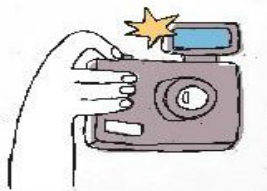


Thank you to New Hope Lion Mark Rue for his 16 years of service as Treasurer of the club. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication you made for the club and the community.



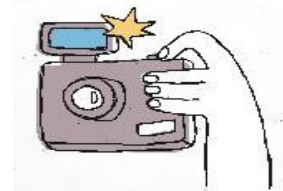
New Hope Lions annual Pancake Breakfast on March 1 was a success. New this year, a bake sale that was super successful. Thanks to everyone who attended and to KidSight for screening eyes for us.





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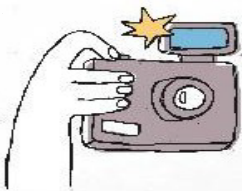
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President Jim Flattum of Excelsior Lions Club was invited to speak at the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration of Excelsior Masonic Lodge No.113

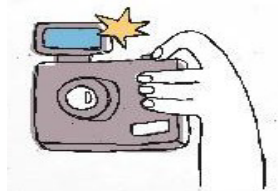
Excelsior Meat Raffle Fundraising Sundays





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Excelsior Lions check presentation to ICA Food Shelf



Excelsior Lions check presentation to WeCAN - Western Communities Action Network



Excelsior Lions check presentation to Westonka Community Food Shelf

Excelsior Lions Club Accepts the Award for "Non-Profit of the Year" from the Excelsior





Can Do Canines Open House
Saturday, May 16, from noon to 2 p.m.
9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN

Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our organization can join us to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from five of the types of dogs Can Do Canines trains: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at CanDoCanines.org.

Also, we're excited to tell you that we will be celebrating four teams residing in your district at our May 2nd graduation.

Ella and Hearing Assist Dog Penny, Sarah and Mobility Assist Dog Frank, and Mary and Hearing Assist Dog Patsy will take part in our 11 a.m. event that day.

Then, Blake and Autism Assist Dog Inga will graduate at 2 p.m.

If anyone from your district would like to attend and meet them, more information and the RSVP link are at :

[https://candocanines.org/get-involved/graduation/.](https://candocanines.org/get-involved/graduation/)

Thanks!

Caren Hansen

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Marketing and Communication Manager

Can Do Canines

9440 Science Center Drive



SAVE THE DATE



NEW SERVICE INITIATIVES FOR 2025-2026

FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT A.P. SINGH

**MENTAL
HEALTH &
WELL-BEING**

OCTOBER 4-12, 2025



OCTOBER 4-12, 20

HUNGER



January 3-11
2026

ENVIRONMENT



APRIL 18-26, 2026

Please have clubs/districts plan accordingly.



Hello from the 5M5 Leo Club! Our Leos have been working hard this past month.

The Rogers Leos had a busy month. They made positive heart letters for teachers and other students, made tie blankets, and began a pen pal program between Leos and senior citizens in local assisted living homes, called Grand Pals.

The Cooper Leos have a couple of 'HLL's planned including one to promote social media safety, one to promote anti gun violence, and one to clean up the Cooper campus in honor of earth day! Additionally we are planning a surprise for all the teachers and staff for teacher appreciation month and having students vote on one staff and teacher to be awarded an appreciation basket.

The Eden Prairie Leos participated in a FMSC event, helped with the EP Lion pancake breakfast, and made valentines cards for senior citizens!

We're so proud of all our Leos and can't wait to see how they wrap up the school year!

Have a great April!

Abigail Schreiber

Leo Club District 5M5 President

Lions International Kindness Matters Award Champlin Park Leo Club



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 2029 CONVENTION

2029 International Convention - 5M5 3/30/26 cabinet report:

You are all aware 5M5 is hosting the multiple district convention in April and following that I plan to ramp up excitement for 2029 international convention that will be held in Minneapolis.

As district champion, I am selling pins, patches & ball caps to fundraise for that convention. I am contacting clubs for support.

In addition, several volunteers are needed for that convention so please contact me if you are interested.

It'll be a fabulous time and we hope all Lions in our state will attend. The convention dates are June 29 through July 3, and it will be a grand celebration.

Lion Jennifer Gilbert
 Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club
 President-Treasurer
 5M 5 GLT District Coordinator
winn0004@gmail.com
 651-226-0205



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

2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

The International Convention is coming to Minneapolis, Minnesota

Now is your chance to get a piece of history and help raise the needed funds to Host this great Lions event.

Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.

\$50 per piece for a total of \$200

Limited Edition

2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms

Pin - \$100

Charms \$25 or all 4 for \$75



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

MD5M PARADE SHIRT ORDER FORM



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



Date: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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

Credit Card Information:

Name On card: _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____



MD5M LIONS BEACH PARTY

APRIL 24-26, 2026
Minnetonka, Minnesota
Hosted by District 5M-5

LAST CHANCE!
Meal Ticket Registration
Deadline: March 31, 2026

Sign up today!
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Deadline: March 31, 2026
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5m-multipleconvention/home>

Sign up today!
Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026
\$195 US - \$280 CDN

2026 MD5M Convention

Please bring a **Dog Toy** for Can Do Canines



Amazon wish list, Recommended list for toys:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/339CLTUGFCQRJ/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex



Scan the code



*A container near registration will be available for toy drop off

2026 MD5M Convention
April 24-26, 2026
Minnetonka, Minnesota
Hosted by District 5M-5

WE Need You!

to please bring an auction item or basket



This years foundation that receives all the proceeds is...
*Drop off items at the convention silent auction room.



2026 MD5M Convention
April 24-26, 2026
Minnetonka, Minnesota
Hosted by District 5M-5

Beach Party!

MD5M Multiple District Convention
April 24th • 8:30pm - 11pm

Cornhole Bags

Toss the Bags & Score Points!

Ring Toss

Hook the Rings & Win!

Granny Pants with Beach Balls

How Low Can You Go?

We are ending the third quarter for our KidSight screenings. Numbers are down as it's winter and we also dealt with some social unrest and schools postponing their events.

We had 11 events, 416 screened with 34 referrals. We are hoping to bring our numbers back to our normal levels in the upcoming weeks. We did screen at the pancake breakfasts; fish fry's and they are always great events.



Lions KidSight

KidSight is going international and as a result "KidSight USA" is changing to just "KidSight". We are dropping the MD5M as well and will be the "KidSight" program. With that change comes a new multicolored logo. You will begin to see it on our forms, nametags and shirts.

We would like to get more Lions involved in KidSight. To schedule a presentation for your club, training for club members or to learn about upcoming screenings please contact us.

Lion Shari Thurston

612-790-0507

seethurston@comcast.net

Lion Tim Conaway

612-269-0027

liontimconaway@gmail.com





The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF) remains financially strong and continues to expand its impact across Minnesota. Now in its eighth year, the Foundation is nearing a major milestone of **\$1,000,000 in cumulative giving to the Masonic Children's Hospital**, building on \$896,551 reported as of March 1, 2026.

Our focus is clear: **finish the \$1M campaign by our June 30, 2026 fiscal year.**

Key Highlights

\$1M Campaign – Final Phase

- Entering the final push toward \$1,000,000
- Emphasis on club participation and individual giving

Hamel Rodeo Partnership

- Over **\$76,000 raised to date**
- Continue as a reliable, high impact fundraiser.
- Strong volunteer support remains essential (all volunteer slots for this year's event have been filled)

Match Program (Direct Family Support)

- MLCCF matches up to **\$500 per family** supported by Lions clubs. Participation in 5M5 has been light. The March 2026 Informer had an article describing it which hopefully will result in greater participation.

KS95 for Kids Radiothon (Mall of America)

- Ongoing Lions volunteer involvement.
- High visibility opportunity for Lions service and impact
- Very successful this year with check presentation (photo below)

Kamp KACE Support

- Continued funding for a camp experience serving children battling cancer.

Lions LEGO Pub Crawl

- Successful and engaging community event
- Delivered significant donations to Masonic Children's Hospital
- Build awareness and participation in a unique way.

Expanded Outreach,

- Exploring additional partnerships with the other childhood cancer hospitals – specifically Children's Minnesota where we met with Senior Philanthropy Officer, Brady Gervais.

DGE Tour of Masonic Children's Hospital

- For the first time we were included in the District Governor Elects training in March. Received very positive feedback and hopefully it will be included every year going forward. (photo below)

Lions Day at the Capitol (March 2026)

- We were asked to present at Lions Day at the Capitol. Chair Gary delivered a 10-minute speech to those in attendance including state officials. Help raise awareness and strengthen relationships with state leaders and other Lions in attendance.



Gary Stevens, Chair
edenprairiegary@gmail.com

Colleen Patterson, Secretary
cmp55422@gmail.com



John and I were invited to speak at 4 clubs this quarter. We both spoke about our personal experience with type II Diabetes. In addition, I provided information on a new study that I participated in that significantly lowered my A1C.

The Diabetes Foundation received over \$20,000 during the parade of checks from 5M5 Lions clubs.

The foundation met on March 6 & 7 to approve donations totaling \$125,000 for continued research @ the University of Minnesota.

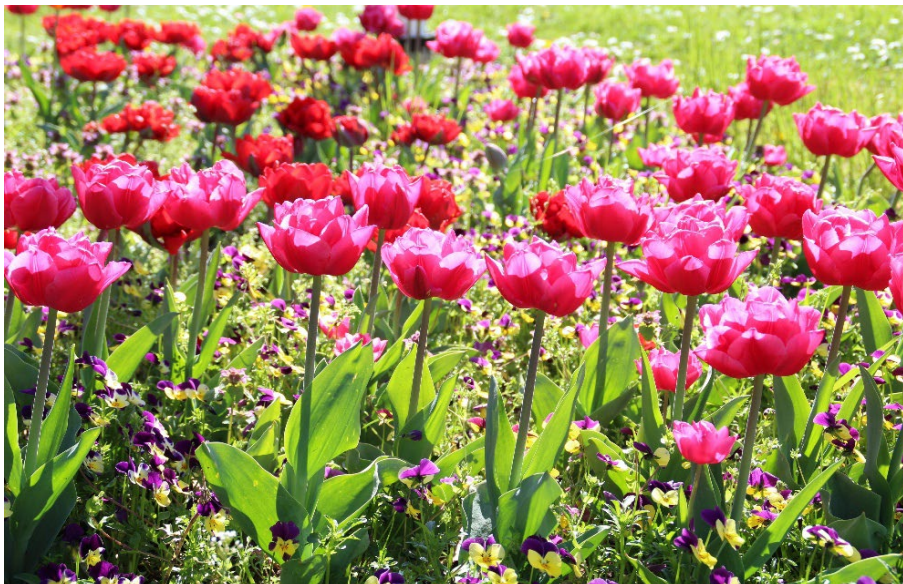
In addition, an \$8,000.00 grant was given to Camp Sweet Life to assist with campership costs for those campers in need.

Total donations from the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation with donations approved in December and March equal \$225,000 for the Grant Application we received dated 10/20/25.

In addition, March 6 we held our annual research update with physicians from Diabetes research department @ University of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will have a poker run fundraiser and will present our annual report on Saturday at the multiple convention.

Lion Marcia Plaschko
plaschkoma@aol.com





On Saturday, January 31, 2026, the Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees met for its quarterly meeting via Zoom. Dr. Samir Khariwala, Chairperson of the Department of Otolaryngology, presented research proposals and answered questions from the Board. The Board voted to fund four projects totaling more than \$35,000.

The Board also heard exciting news regarding the mobile testing van, to which the Hearing Foundation contributed \$125,000 for its construction and outfitting. The van's purpose is to provide hearing testing in underserved rural and urban areas across the state. It will be staffed by trained audiologists and physicians from the University of Minnesota Department of Otolaryngology as it travels throughout Minnesota. Currently under construction, the mobile testing van is expected to be completed in time for display at the Walk to DFeet Hearing Loss event. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the van, which is also expected to be featured at the State Fair.

The "Lions All Ears" hearing screening program continues to perform well, both in 5M5 and statewide. In 5M5, a team of eight Lions screened 430 students at Brooklyn Center Elementary School on November 11–12. Approximately 25% of students were referred for re-screening. During follow-up screening, one student was identified with total hearing loss in the left ear.

Save the date: June 6, 2026, for the Walk to DFeet Hearing Loss. The event will be held at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska and is the primary fundraiser for the Hearing Foundation. Arboretum admission is free. After exploring the beautiful gardens, attendees can enjoy a complimentary lunch provided by the Hearing Foundation. Activities will include games for children, face painting, a photo booth, mini donuts, cotton candy, and make-your-own snow cones.

Bring your family to the Arboretum and support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.

You can register at :

www.5mhf.org

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2026walktod-feethearingloss>

, or by scanning the QR code below.

The next Board meeting will be held on April 11, 2026, in St. Cloud.

Lion Cheryl Jechorek

PDG Kevin Walsh

Trustees, Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation



The international winner of the 2025 – 2026 contest was Yifan He from China. If you’re reading this report as part of the informer and want to copy and paste this link you can see a video of her accepting the award and sharing a bit about what winning the contest meant to her.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCUivgiaJ28>

The theme for the 2026 – 2027 Lions Club International Peace Poster contest has been announced, it is:

“Harmony in Humanity”

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

When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. This year, we invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully — celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true harmony in humanity.

Spring / summer aren’t usually the times of year that we think about this project as the posters aren’t submitted until November. But, why not – no reason this couldn’t be a vacation bible school activity, or a summer day camp activity.

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

We want to start off first by thanking all of the Lions Clubs that made donations to Project New Hope at the 2026 5M5 Midwinter Convention in January. We appreciate all of the support. Dick Kentzelman and Kevin Harris did a Project New Hope presentation at Mid Winter this year. They talked about what PNH does to support Veteran Mental Health Services.

At the Midwinter convention we had new flyers to promote the 4 scheduled retreats offered in 2026. See attached flyer and pass it on to Veteran or a place where Veterans go. We would love to see more Veterans from the Twin Cities attend the 100% Free retreats.

PNH conducted their last retreat in 2025 in Dec in Fairhaven MN. It was a great turn out but it was very cold but it was a good time for the Veterans and their families. PNH hosted a table at the St Cloud Veteran Stand Down in Dec 2025. Approximately 300-500 Vets attended and many of those were homeless.

PNH voted to approve a spot in the Md5M Multiple Convention to promote the upcoming 2026 retreats. We will also have items in the giveaway bags.

Presented by Lion Kevin Harris Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions Club
Co-Chair Public Relations Project New Hope
Dick Kentzelman- Constitution and Bylaws

Volunteer for the Special Olympics USA Games

Make a difference. Have Fun. Serve with the Lions.

Three Easy Steps:

1. Register

Scan the QR Code or use the button below to sign up. Registration includes uploading a photo.

<https://cerv.is/0430rLionsClub>



Register

2. Choose Your Volunteer Role

Family Night Setup

Tuesday, June 16 (1:00-6:00 PM)

Opening Eyes Vision Screenings

Friday, June 19 - Thursday, June 25

Family Night Guest Service

Wednesday, June 24 & Thursday, June 25 (4:30-9:30 PM)

Family Night Greet Team

Wednesday, June 24 & Thursday, June 25 (5:00 - 7:00 PM)

3. Show Up and Enjoy the Experience

You'll be part of something meaningful for athletes, families, and our community.

Early Access for Lions, Family & Friends through March 20

Feel free to share - the best spots will fill quickly.





HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

- The youth all speak English so there should be no language barriers.
- Meals at home should be provided.
- If they would like to be taken to a specific restaurant they will usually always pay.
- The one stipulation is they need to have their own bedroom and bed.
- There is a \$300 stipend to cover gas and food for their stay with their host family.
- Great opportunity to show them the best of Minnesota and learn something from them.

For more visions fun visit these links:

[2025, Day 6](#)

[2025, Day 7](#)

[2025, Day 8](#)

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1	Christopher	Gaarn-Larsen	M	18	UNITED KINGDOM
2	Misheel	Batjargal	F	16	MONGOLIA
3	Jargalmaa	Tumur	F	16	MONGOLIA
4	Noam	Karim	M	16	FRANCE
5	Maria Luiza	Stumpf	F	20	BRAZIL
6	Alice Vitoria	Pinheiro da Rosa	F	17	BRAZIL
7	Gaston	Voiriot	M	16	FRANCE
8	Jakub	Račák	M	18	SLOVAKIA
9	Naomi	Bage	F	17	GERMANY
10	Beatrice-Catherina	Cojocariu	F	20	ROMANIA
11	Konstantinas	Zimkus	M	18	LITHUANIA
12	Alice	Dias Penhalver Nett	F	17	BRAZIL
13	Antonina (Tosia)	Iżycka	F	17	POLAND
14	Matjaž	Renko	M	20	SLOVENIA
15	Leila	Vankó	F	16	HUNGARY
16	Sibelle	Sirapandji	F	15	INDONESIA
17	Om	Mhatre	M	19	INDIA
18	Maximilian (Max)	Rütten	M	17	GERMANY
19	Boray	Kurtuluş	M	16	TURKEY
20	Maria	Kuraxiewicz	F	16	POLAND
21	Juan Sebastian	Triviño Morales	M	16	SWITZERLAND

Lion Grant Hendrickson

5M5 Lions Youth Exchange Foundation/Camp Spicer

612-508-9461

grant@southsideservice.org

EVENT FLYERS

Email your Flyer or event information to: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

April 4, 2026

Get ready for a fun-filled Bingo Afternoon!

APRIL 4th, 2026

BINGO

Afternoon



Start at
3:00 PM

Wicked Wort
4157 West Broadway,
Robbinsdale, MN

Sponsored by Robbinsdale Lions

April 8, 2026

Crystal Lions Steak Fry



April 8, 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!

April 10, 2026

Come One, Come All
Volunteer!
RAISE MONEY FOR
FOR YOUR LIONS CLUB
BY VOLUNTEERING FOR
THE ROYAL CANADIAN CIRCUS
AT THE MALL OF AMERICA'S NORTH LOT

**10 DAYS!
17 SHOWS!**

APRIL 10-19th

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/CIRCUS26](https://tinyurl.com/circus26)

SIGN UP ON SIGN
UP GENIUS



PICK ONE
OR WORK 'EM ALL!

WELCOME TO THE
CIRCUS

Hi there!
BLOOMINGTON LIONS

CIRCUS DOES NOT USE EXOTIC ANIMALS

April 11, 2026

Fetching Ball Gala



Celebrating Can Do Canines

Join us for an evening celebrating the amazing teams of Can Do Canines. Enjoy dinner, games, and silent and live auctions – all benefitting the organization.

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Radisson Blu Mall of America

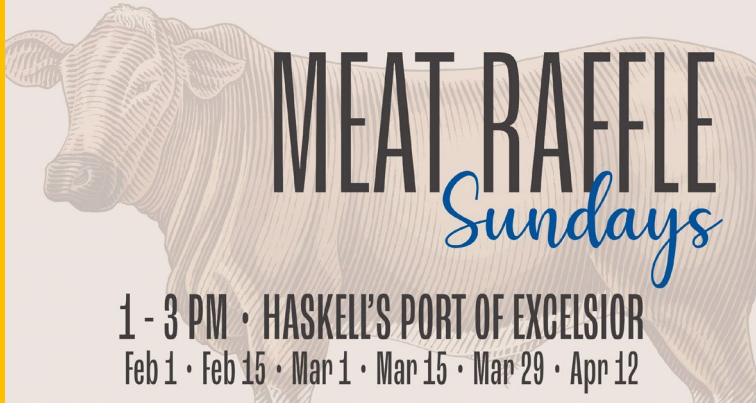
For questions regarding The Fetching Ball, please contact
Melissa Herman at mherman@candocanines.org.

Buy Tickets

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April 12, 2026



MEAT RAFFLE
Sundays
1 - 3 PM • HASKELL'S PORT OF EXCELSIOR
Feb 1 • Feb 15 • Mar 1 • Mar 15 • Mar 29 • Apr 12

Thank you for supporting the Excelsior Lions operations fund.

SPONSORED BY:



April 13, 2026

NOTE: NEW LOCATION

DISTRICT 5M5

ALL CLUB MEETING
APRIL 13TH

Don't need to purchase a meal to attend - but you still need to register
Everyone Welcome - Bring a Friend

5:30 PM SOCIAL
6:00 PM DINNER

RSVP by Sunday April 5th

Scan the QR Code
or
Click on the QR Code
\$22 per person

No Ticker Sales at the Door
NO REFUNDS

Wicked Wort Brewing Company
4165 W. Boardway
Robbinsdale, MN 55422
"Lower Level"

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

Roasted Pork or Baked Chicken
Garlic Mashed Potato & Mixed Veggies
Beverages available for purchase
Dessert provided by Zone Chairs

NOTE: NEW LOCATION

April 13, 2026

MYSTERY!

Raspberry Themed Gift Basket

Valued at \$100



\$2 for one ticket • \$5 for three tickets

Tickets on sale April 13th ONLY at the All Club Meeting
All proceeds will go to the MD5M Lions Convention in Minnetonka, MN

SPONSORED & DONATED BY:

Hopkins Lions Club



April 15, 2026



Lions Clubs of District 5M5:

District 5M5 is hosting the 2026 MD5M Multiple Convention April 24-26, 2026, in Minnetonka.

We are in process of putting together the articles for the "Welcome Bag" to be given to attendees upon arrival.

We are asking for donations of items to be placed in the bag complements of your club. It can be something specific to your club such as post it notes, bookmarks, pens, candy or snack bars, or something pertaining to our theme of a "Minnetonka Beach Party". You can be creative!

Monetary donations to help defray the costs of bag contents would be appreciated as well.

This would also be an opportunity to place any information, flyers, or pamphlets you would like to share about your clubs' events coming up in the future.

Please contact me for more information, questions or to let me know what you would like to contribute to the bag.

We will need your donations by April 15 as we are packing bags on the weekend of April 18.

We appreciate your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Shari Thurston

Convention Planning Committee

seethurston@comcast.net

612-790-0507

EVENT FLYERS

Email your Flyer or event information to: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

April 17, 2026



**EMERGING LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
ELLI**



Develop. Lead. Inspire.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is a leadership development experience designed for Lions and Leos who are ready to grow, lead, and serve at a higher level.

This interactive weekend builds confident leaders who will strengthen clubs, districts, and the future of Lions in MD5M.

**Join Us April 17- 19, 2026
Holiday Inn Detroit Lakes**

Why Attend ELLI?

- Develop practical leadership and communication skills
- Learn how to lead without a title
- Strengthen teamwork and collaboration
- Build confidence to lead projects, committees, and clubs
- Network with emerging leaders across MD5M
- Learn from experienced Lions leaders
- Create a personal leadership action plan to take home
- FUN, FUN, FUN

Who Should Attend?

- Lions or Leos in good standing within MD5M interested in leadership growth and service
- Willing to actively participate in all sessions
- Committed to applying learned skills in their club or district
- Lions who have **NOT** served as Club President



Registration due April 1, 2026
Use QR code to Register



Contact your District GLT for more information
PDG Jennifer Gilbert
winn0004@gmail.com

April 18, 2026

SAVE THE DATE



NEW SERVICE INITIATIVES FOR 2025-2026

FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT A.P. SINGH

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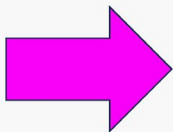


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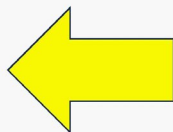
Join us at the EP Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Pancake batter & syrup donated by Original Pancake House



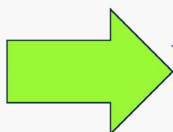
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Sunday, April 19, 2026
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon



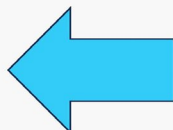
Where

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



Cost

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



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

April 22, 23, 24

FINALE

BROOKLYN PARK LIONS SMELT FRY

APRIL 22nd, 23rd, 24th
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Scan for tickets

BROOKLYN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER/ARMORY
5600 85TH AVE NORTH

PROCEEDS GO TO PROVIDE FREE EYEGLASSES FOR
LOCAL CHILDREN AND OTHER CHARITABLE CAUSES

April 24, 2026

MD5M LIONS BEACH PARTY

APRIL 24-26, 2026
Minnetonka, Minnesota
 Hosted by District 5M-5

LAST CHANCE!
Meal Ticket Registration
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Meal Ticket Registration
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Sign up today!
 Cost January 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2026
 \$195 US - \$280 CDN



April 24, 2026

WE Need You!

to please bring an auction item or basket



This years foundation that receives all the proceeds is...



*Drop off items at the convention silent auction room.

2026 MD5M Convention
 April 24-26, 2026
 Minnetonka, Minnesota
 Hosted by District 5M-5




April 24, 2026



Beach Party!

MD5M Multiple District Convention
April 24th • 8:30pm - 11pm

Cornhole Bags
 Toss the Bags & Score Points!
 Toss the Bags & Score Points!

Ring Toss
 Hook the Rings & Win!
 How Low Can You Go?

Granny Pants with Beach Balls

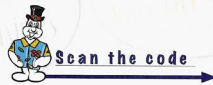
April 24, 2026

2026 MD5M Convention

Please bring a Dog Toy for Can Do Canines



Amazon wish list, Recommended list for toys:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3399CLTU0FCQRJ/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex



*A container near registration will be available for toy drop off

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April 25, 2026

Lions Worldwide Induction Day!

5M Multiple Convention

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 1:00 PM

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
Minnetonka, Minnesota

WWID is a global membership celebration held on the last Saturday in April to unite clubs around the world in welcoming new members.

MD5M is hosting a Worldwide Induction Day at this years Multiple Convention.

We welcome any new member (joining around Oct. 1 or after) to be inducted by International President AP Singh. Register using the QR code or this link:

<http://bit.ly/4202Uec>



Register Today!



April 25, 2026

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!

May 1, 2026

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May 2, 2026

BINGO

**SATURDAY
MAY 2ND 3:00 PM**

Wicked Wort Brewing Co. - Robbinsdale

\$20 Per Pack of 10 Games
\$2 for an Extra Sheet per Game

CASH Prizes Awarded Each Round

MEAT RAFFLE:

- Meat Raffle is held between bingo games
- \$2 and \$5 rounds

EVENT FLYERS

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May 4, 2026



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

5M5 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Monday, May 4, 2026 • 6:00 p.m.

Club officer training is in person!

What to Expect:

- Light dinner to begin the evening
- Training sessions grouped by officer position
- Each session is 45 minutes, including Q&A
- Designed for new and returning officers
- Great refresher for experienced Lions

RSVP by: April 30, 2026

RSVP to: PDG Jennifer Gilbert
winn0004@gmail.com

• \$10 per participant (collected at check-in)

Questions?

Contact PDG Jennifer Gilbert
651-226-0205
winn0004@gmail.com

Training Offered For:

- Club Presidents
- Secretaries
- Treasurers
- Membership Chairs
- Any Lion interested in learning about club officer roles

5M5 Global Leadership Team

To be held at Can Do Canines

9440 Science Center Dr, New Hope, MN 55428

May 9, 2026



Maple Grove Nature Run

Half Marathon, 10K, 5K



Saturday, May 9, 2026

100% of proceeds benefit the local community

Early Bird Pricing until March 1st!

May 13, 2026

Crystal Lions Steak Fry



May 13, 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!

May 15, 2026

Please join the Bloomington Lions
in celebrating 75 years of service

75 years

MAY
FRIDAY **15** AT 5:00 PM

5PM COCKTAIL HOUR
6PM DINNER
AFTER DINNER DUELING PIANOS!

MINNESOTA VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
6300 AUTO CLUB ROAD
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

TICKETS

\$75

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/LIONS75YEARS](https://tinyurl.com/lions75years)

TO RSVP, PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT THE LINK
ABOVE AND YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL BE CONFIRMED



EVENT FLYERS

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May 16, 2026



Can Do Canines Open House
Saturday, May 16, from noon to 2 p.m.
9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN

Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our organization can join us to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from five of the types of dogs Can Do Canines trains: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at CanDoCanines.org.

June 5, 2026

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June 6, 2026

2026 ANNUAL WALK TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS

JUNE 6

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
Chaska, MN
Registration: 9am - 10am
Walk Starts: 10:15am
Lunch Begins: 11:15am

Diamond Point Park
Bemidji, M
Registration: 8:30am - 9:30am
Walk Starts: 9:45am
Lunch Begins: 11:30am

- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2026walktod-feethearingloss/>

June 6, 2026

NEW HOPE LIONS 20TH ANNUAL 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

GOLF Tournament

New Hope Village Golf Course
8150 Bass Lake Road

Saturday, June 6, 2026
Tee time: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Entry Fee:

- \$60 per player
- \$20 non-golfer lunch only

Prizes & Awards:
Prizes for 1st, 5th, 10th and a random place.
Hole-in-one prize includes:
• \$5000 Cash

Try your hand at a putting contest! Cash prizes

Take a chance on fun raffle prizes!

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

Register Today!

New Hope Lions

For more info visit:
newhopelions.org

Contact us at:
612-710-9808

All proceeds benefit local charities, civic donations, vision and hearing impaired, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, and environmental programs

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June 10, 2026

Crystal Lions Steak Fry



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\$14 Includes:

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June 14, 2026

St. Louis Park Lions Club

65th Annual

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Come join us for a delicious pancake breakfast, free children vision screening, and a fun time to connect with the community!

St. Louis Park Parktaacular



June 14, 2026



8:00AM-12:00PM



**St. Louis Park ROC
3700 Monterey Drive**



Tinyurl.com/SLPSquare

PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY!



Tickets - \$10
5 & Under - Free!

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

June 20, 2026

Volunteer for the Special Olympics USA Games
Make a difference. Have Fun. Serve with the Lions.

Three Easy Steps:

1. Register

Scan the QR Code or use the button below to sign up. Registration includes uploading a photo.

<https://serv.is/0430rLionsClub>

Register



2. Choose Your Volunteer Role

Family Night Setup

Tuesday, June 16 (1:00-6:00 PM)

Opening Eyes Vision Screenings

Friday, June 19 - Thursday, June 25

Family Night Guest Service

Wednesday, June 24 & Thursday, June 25 (4:30-9:30 PM)

Family Night Greet Team

Wednesday, June 24 & Thursday, June 25 (5:00 - 7:00 PM)

3. Show Up and Enjoy the Experience

You'll be part of something meaningful for athletes, families, and our community.

Early Access for Lions, Family & Friends through March 20

Feel free to share - the best spots will fill quickly.



June 20, 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,
PPO Rob Hed 5M-5 LCIF Coordinator
Hedrob33@yahoo.com



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June 20, 2026



CALLING ALL CHAMPIONS™

Priority volunteer registration for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games is officially open—and as a valued member of the Special Olympics Minnesota community, we invite you to be among the first to register!

Sign up for a USA Games volunteer shift

Priority registration is available for a limited time; registration opens to the public on February 1. Don't wait—**shifts will fill quickly!** New shifts are added regularly, so check often for additional opportunities.

Secure your spot now and help shape an unforgettable experience at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games.

[Learn more about volunteering at USA Games](#)



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026



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Special Olympics Minnesota | 625 Marquette Ave S Suite 900 | Minneapolis, MN 55432 US

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June 20, 2026



**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

August 5, 2026



NEW HOPE LIONS CORN FEED

**MORE INFO
COMING SOON!**



**PARKING LOT OF
UNIQUE THRIFT STORE
4471 WINNETKA AVE N**

July 9, 2026

July 9th is
**MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
Night at the Hamel Rodeo!!**

**HOWDY
EASTER.**

**Hop on down
to fetch your
tickets!**

For every ticket sold for the July 9th show,
MNLCCF will receive a portion of the ticket sales!

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

5 shows throughout the weekend

Thu. 7-9	Fri. 7-10	Sat. 7-11	Sat. 7-11	Sun. 7-12
7:30 PM	7:30 PM	1:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

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

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September 19, 2026

THE ROCK N THE GROVE 2026

LIVE MUSIC • BEER • FOOD

SATURDAY 09.19.26 GATES OPEN: 3 PM
MUSIC STARTS: 4 PM

CENTRAL PARK • MAPLE GROVE

HAIRBALL

A BOMBASTIC CELEBRATION OF ARENA ROCK

Paul Peterson and
the Minneapolis Funk All Stars

RIVAL 5

October 2, 2026

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October 24, 2026

Save the Date!

Thanksgiving for Vision

Saving and Restoring
people's sight

OCTOBER 24, 2026

Holiday Inn & Suites

ST. CLOUD, MN

More Details Coming Soon!

ChatGPT

December 4, 2026

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July 1, 2029

MD5M PARADE SHIRT ORDER FORM



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



Date: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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

Credit Card Information:

Name On card: _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

July 1, 2029



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

2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

The International Convention is coming to Minneapolis, Minnesota

Now is your chance to get a piece of history and help raise the needed funds to Host this great Lions event.

Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.

\$50 per piece for a total of \$200

Limited Edition

2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms

Pin - \$100

Charms \$25 or all 4 for \$75



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