

# Informer



*August 2026*

*Service with a Song in your Heart*

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Osseo Lions  
Celebrating 82 Years!  
August 28, 1944

Northwest Tonka Lions  
Celebrating 76 Years!  
August 30, 1950



Wayzata Lions  
Celebrating 74 Years!  
August 27, 1952

Correction from July Excelsior Lions, July 21, 2016  
celebrated 10 years not 52 years as reported.



## 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               |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Maggie McKay           | Barbara Hanson  | Eden Prairie Lions |
| Kellie Murpohy-Ringate | Gary Ringate    | Excelsior Lions    |
| Richard Wulf           | Jodi Altenhofen | Mpls Ambassadors   |
| Panhia Yang            | Natalie Buckman | Mpls Ambassadors   |
| Jessie Janni           | Katie Trafton   | Plymouth Lions     |
| Jon O'Hagan            | Katuie Trafton  | Plymouth Lions     |
| Sharon Eagles          | Monica Murphy   | Robbinsdale Lions  |
|                        |                 |                    |



**New Members: 7**

**Cue the confetti cannons!**



**These seven fresh faces didn't just join — they leapt into Lionism like it was the world's best block party. Think of them as the July “Super Seven”:**

- **Bringing new energy!**
- **New ideas!!**
- **New hands ready to serve!!!**

**And probably at least one who will become your next Parade Chair someday!!!!**

*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 are happy 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 get 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

Submit events to: [lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com](mailto:lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com)



| August 2026                 |                                                                                                                          | Focus is Youth                                                                                                                        |                                                     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 08/01/2026                  | Eden Prairie Lions Corn Feed                                                                                             | Round Lake Park<br>16691 Valley View Road                                                                                             | 11 AM to 5 PM                                       |
| 08/05/2026                  | New Hope Lions Corn Feed                                                                                                 | 4471 Winnetka Ave N                                                                                                                   | 4:30 PM to 8 PM                                     |
| 08/05/2026                  | Rogers Lions Entertainment in the Park-<br>Taylor's Version                                                              | 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Bank Center rain or shine                                                                                    | 6 PM to 8:30 PM                                     |
| 08/08/2026                  | Robbinsdale Lions Bistro at the<br>Robbinsdale Public Safety Open House                                                  | 4101 Hubbard Ave N.<br>Robbinsdale, MN                                                                                                | 11 AM to 3 PM                                       |
| 08/10/2026                  | 5M5 District Cabinet Meeting                                                                                             | Wicked Wort Brewing Company<br>4165 W Broadway<br>Robbinsdale, MN                                                                     | 6:00 PM Social<br>6:30 PM Dinner<br>7:00 PM Meeting |
| 08/10/2026                  | Eden Prairie Charity Golf Tournament                                                                                     | Dahlgreen Golf Club<br>Chaska, MN                                                                                                     |                                                     |
| 08/12/2026                  | Crystal Lions Steak Fry                                                                                                  | Crystal VFW<br>5222 Bass Lake Road                                                                                                    | 5 PM to 7 PM                                        |
| 08/15/2026<br>08/16/2026    | Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball                                                                                             | North Hennepin Community College<br>Brooklyn Park, MN                                                                                 |                                                     |
| 08/18/2026                  | 5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series-<br>Map the Territory                                                                     | Zoom: Join Virtually<br>Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131<br>Password: 087451                                                                 | 7 PM to 7:45 PM                                     |
| 08/18/2026                  | St. Louis Park Lions Community<br>Corn Feed                                                                              | Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church<br>5801 Minnetonka Blvd, St Louis Park                                                     | 5 PM to 7:30 PM                                     |
| 08/19/2026                  | Rogers Lions Entertainment in the Park-<br>Shane Martin                                                                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Bank Center rain or shine                                                                                    | 6 PM to 8:30 PM                                     |
| 08/24/2026                  | All Club Meeting and District Wide Lego<br>Drive                                                                         | 21st Century Bank Event Center<br>12716 Main Street, Rogers, MN 55374                                                                 | TBD                                                 |
| 08/27/2026 to<br>09/07/2026 | MN State Fair Lions Booths-<br>KidSight Vision Screening                                                                 | <a href="#">MN State Fair Grounds, Education Building</a><br><a href="#">Sign Up Genius Link</a>                                      | 8:45 AM to 9 PM                                     |
| 08/27/2026 to<br>09/07/2026 | MN State Fair Lions Booths-<br>MN Lions Diabetes Foundation<br>MN Lions Hearing Foundation<br>MN Lions Vision Foundation | <a href="#">MN State Fair Grounds, Education Building</a><br><a href="#">Sign Up Genius Link</a>                                      | 8:45 AM to 9 PM                                     |
| September 2026              |                                                                                                                          | Focus is Childhood Cancer                                                                                                             |                                                     |
| 09/09/2026                  | Crystal Lions Steak Fry                                                                                                  | Crystal VFW<br>5222 Bass Lake Road                                                                                                    | 5 PM to 7 PM                                        |
| 09/11/2026                  | Excelsior Lions Golf Classic                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                       |                                                     |
| 09/11/2026                  | Osseo Lions Roar-                                                                                                        | Electronic Horse Racing ♦Live Music♦Beer Tent ♦Kids Zone ♦Food Tent♦                                                                  |                                                     |
| 09/12/2026                  | Robbinsdale Lions Bistro at the<br>Sacred Heart Fun Fest                                                                 | 4087 West Broadway<br>Robbinsdale, MN                                                                                                 | 4 PM to 8 PM                                        |
| 09/12/2026                  | Osseo Lions Roar-                                                                                                        | Electronic Horse Racing ♦Live Music♦Beer Tent ♦Kids Zone ♦Food Tent♦5K Run ♦Bean Bag Tourney ♦Petting Zoo ♦Raptor Center Presentation |                                                     |
| 09/12/2026                  | Rogers Lions Entertainment in the Park-<br>Troy Flemming (1PM to 3:30 PM)<br>Radio Nation (5 PM to 9 PM)                 | 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Bank Center rain or shine                                                                                    | 1 PM to 3:30 PM<br>5 PM to 9 PM                     |

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/19/2026           | Brooklyn Park Lions<br>Waffle Breakfast & Silent Auction  | Brooklyn Park Community Center<br>5600 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN          | 7:30 AM to Noon                                      |
| 09/19/2026           | Dayton Lion's Fall Fest                                   | Maple Grove Community Center<br>12951 Weaver Lake Road<br>Dayton, MN 55327    | Mason Meyer 1 PM to 3 PM<br>Kat Perkins 4 PM to 6 PM |
| 09/19/2026           | Maple Grove Rock 'n the Grove                             | Central Park<br>12000 Central Park Way                                        | Gates Open at 3 PM<br>Music Starts: 4 PM`            |
| <b>October 2026</b>  |                                                           | <b>Focus is Vision</b>                                                        |                                                      |
| 10/02/2026           | Brooklyn Park Lady Lions<br>Tenderloin Steak Fry          | Palmer Lake VFW<br>2817 Brookdale Drive                                       | 5:30 PM Social<br>6:30 PM Dinner                     |
| 10/02/2026           | Robbinsdale Lions at the<br>Robbinsdale Boo Bash          | Sanborn Park<br>Robbinsdale, MN                                               | 4 PM to 7 PM                                         |
| 10/02/2026           | Project New Hope Retreat Dates                            | Good Earth Village<br>Spring Valley, MN                                       |                                                      |
| 10/08/2026           | Week of Service-VISION                                    |                                                                               |                                                      |
| 10/14/2026           | PDG Steak Fry (Crystal Lions)                             | Crystal VFW<br>5222 Bass Lake Road                                            | 5 PM to 7 PM                                         |
| 10/20/2026           | 5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series-<br>Start the Conversation | Zoom: Join Virtually<br>Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131<br>Password: 087451         | 7 PM to 7:45 PM                                      |
| 10/24/2026           | Thanksgiving for Vision                                   | Holiday Inn & Suites<br>St. Cloud, MN                                         | TBD                                                  |
| <b>November 2026</b> |                                                           | <b>Focus is Diabetes</b>                                                      |                                                      |
| 11/06/2026           | Maple Grove Lions Holiday Boutique                        | Maple Grove Community Center<br>12951 Weaver Lake Road                        | 9 AM to 2 PM                                         |
| 11/11/2026           | Crystal Lions Steak Fry                                   | Crystal VFW<br>5222 Bass Lake Road                                            | 5 PM to 7 PM                                         |
| 11/24/2026           | All Club Meeting                                          | True Friends Camp Eden Wood<br>6350 Indian Chief Rd<br>Eden Prairie, MN 55346 | TBD                                                  |
| <b>December 2026</b> |                                                           | <b>Focus is Humanitarian</b>                                                  |                                                      |
| 12/04/2026           | Project New Hope Retreat Dates                            | Faith Haven Camp<br>Battle Lake, MN                                           |                                                      |
| 12/05/2026           | Maple Grove Lions Breakfast<br>& Lunch with Santa         | Maple Grove Community Center<br>12951 Weaver Lake Road                        | 8 AM to 1 PM                                         |
| 12/09/2026           | Crystal Lions Steak Fry                                   | Crystal VFW<br>5222 Bass Lake Road                                            | 5 PM to 7 PM                                         |
| 12/15/2026           | 5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series-<br>Build the Partnership  | Zoom: Join Virtually<br>Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131<br>Password: 087451         | 7 PM to 7:45 PM                                      |

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Bruce Strachota



“Service with a Song in Your Heart” is my theme for the year.

*A chorus of hands, a symphony of care,*

*We tune our hearts to those who are in need,*

*One voice can start a song, but together we are strong,*

*With kindness as our rhythm and service as our guide,*

*A melody of hope we lift into the air.*

*And harmonize our strength in every helping deed.*

*A grand orchestration where all of us belong.*

*We play the chords of unity, working side by side.*

I have had a lot going on since June. In June I attended the DFeat Hearing Walk at the Arboretum. I also attended the Mission 1.5 Summit in Atlanta. In July Dina and I attended the International Convention in Hong Kong. That was an experience! I had additional training for two days before the start of the convention and then attended Plenary sessions beginning on July 3. We did find time to visit a Night Market and Disneyland. In July I also attended the COG (Council of Governors) business meeting in St Cloud. At the meeting, PDG Rob Hed presented our district with the top banana award for service reporting and another award for being one of the four districts that had 100% service reporting.

IP Mark Lyon’s theme for 2026-2027 is: Rooted in Service. “Like the roots of a strong tree, our commitment to service runs deep.” We need to “get back to our roots by focusing on meaningful service.” We need to concentrate on bringing his message down to the club level. IP Mark Lyon’s focus is on the following areas:

### 2026–2027 Schedule and Focus Areas

- Vision: October 8–18, 2026 (featuring activities for World Sight Day and International White Cane Day).
- Youth: February 13–21, 2027 (empowering youth through mentorship and leadership programs).
- Environment: May 29–June 6, 2027 (focusing on sustainability and clean communities).

### Our District goals as well as some customized goals I have added include:

- Recruit at least 161 new members and achieve a net growth of +51.
- Retention: Keep drops under 100 (not including drops due to death)
- Add one new club (may include Join Together clubs)
- 75% of all 5M5 Club officers will be trained online or in person.
- 100% of all 5M5 zone chairs will be trained online or in person.
- Ensure 100% club visitation by DG Team and Zone Chairs
- Each club to identify singers and musicians to perform at District functions.
- DG/DG team will introduce ice breakers to at least 50% of all clubs to ensure fun is had at every meeting.

Service-related goals are of utmost importance this year-the GAT will be working hard on establishing new service projects to keep us and potential new members engaged.

**FUN FACT: In the last 17 years 5M has lost over 4000 members and has not had membership gains in over 40 years.**

### **\*\*Important dates to remember\*\***

- RLLI - October 16-18, 2026
- Midwinter Convention – January 8-10, 2027
- ELLI – March 19-21, 2027

Remember: the DG team as well as the GAT team and everyone on the cabinet are here to help struggling clubs. We are all in it together.



## 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Ken Kumpula

Did you know there is a title Service Chairperson? Yeah, neither did I, nor my club. The description is straight forward: critical role of facilitating the development and implementation of your club service goals. You help your fellow club members assess community needs, plan and implement service activities...

Before we knew this, we created a Strategy Committee. There were too many events and activities as well as moving parts of our equipment. This committee was tasked with trying to get everything under control and help make events happen easier knowing in advance what tasks or tools were needed. The problem is that we created this committee way too late. There is the first problem of "we have always done it that way" as well as the issue of only one person who knows how it was done. I am urging clubs to consider starting a Service Committee while you still can. Expand on it, to also help align your projects and events with our Pillars.

Every organization is perfectly designed to deliver the results it's getting today. If you want different results tomorrow, your organization has to evolve with them. That's not about fixing what's broken—it's about intentionally designing your business for the future you're trying to build.

In Service, Lion Ken

In Lionism, Ken





## 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Daren Johnson

### Dear Fellow Lions,

My involvement with Lions Clubs International began in 2016 through the mentorship of Lion Rob Rand, leading to my membership with the Minneapolis Next Generation Lions Club in January 2017. Since then, I have been dedicated to promoting the values and benefits of Lionism.

Raised on a farm near Bemidji, Minnesota, I learned the importance of community service at an early age. This foundation led to my long-time involvement with 4-H, a commitment to service that continues today through my work as a Minnesota State Fair judge.

Lion Shari Thurston thoughtfully summarized my service journey during her nomination speech at the 5M5 District meeting at the Winter Convention in January.

*Lion Daren has been a Lion for 9 years with Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions Club. He has been Vice President and President of club, Zone Chair, Regional Chair and current 5M5 Can Do Canines Chair. He is an Active Guiding Lion, has attended RLLI, and a member of Lions New Voices. Daren has received numerous awards: Everyday Hero, Top Dog Award, Melvin Jones Fellow and an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation He has spent 34 years in education. This fact is one of the many reasons I think he will be a terrific DG. He has volunteered for KidSight at the State Fair every year. Watching him interact with the kids is amazing. So, it is fun listening to them and their conversations. He goes above and beyond what's needed. Lion Bill and I do vision screening at lots of pancake breakfasts and Lion Daren is always attending, supporting other clubs.....or maybe he just likes pancakes! - Lion Shari Thurston*

**Lead Like a Lion,  
2VDG Daren Johnson**



### Building Stronger Communities Through Service

The **Global Extension Team (GET)** is a vital part of Lions International's Global Action Team (GAT), dedicated to expanding the reach and impact of Lionism by establishing new Lions clubs, Leo clubs, club branches, and specialty clubs in communities around the world. Our mission is to ensure that every community has the opportunity to experience the life-changing power of volunteer service.

The Global Extension Team works with local leaders, community organizations, libraries, schools, businesses, and other partners to identify unmet community needs and connect passionate individuals who want to make a difference. By creating new clubs and strengthening existing ones, we empower more people to serve, lead, and improve the lives of others.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to grow Lions International by:

- Establishing new Lions clubs, Leo clubs, and club branches in underserved communities.
- Building sustainable clubs that reflect the unique needs and diversity of their communities.
- Partnering with libraries, schools, nonprofits, businesses, and civic organizations to expand service opportunities.
- Supporting Lions' global membership initiative, **Mission 1.5**, to increase our ability to serve by growing our worldwide membership.
- Developing future leaders through mentorship, leadership development, and community engagement.

### Our Vision

We believe that every community deserves a strong network of volunteers dedicated to making a positive impact. Through collaboration, innovation, and service, the Global Extension Team helps create new opportunities for individuals of all ages to become part of the world's largest service organization.

### What We Do

The Global Extension Team helps communities:

- Start new Lions Clubs, Leo Clubs, and Club Branches.
- Develop community partnerships with libraries, schools, and nonprofit organizations.
- Organize Service Carnivals that introduce community members to volunteer opportunities.
- Promote Lions Quest, youth leadership, and community service initiatives.
- Support local service projects that address vision, hunger, environmental sustainability, childhood cancer, diabetes awareness, disaster relief, and humanitarian needs.
- Provide guidance, training, and resources to ensure every new club has a strong foundation for long-term success.

### Our Goal

Our goal is simple:

**To expand the reach of Lions International by creating new opportunities for people to serve their communities, develop leaders, and improve lives through meaningful volunteer service. Every new club means more hands to serve, more hearts to care, and more communities transformed.**

Together, we are building a future where service knows no boundaries and every community has the opportunity to experience the lasting impact of Lionism.



Childhood  
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

## Service Begins With Us

*Sharing ideas. Sharing hands. Sharing service.*

### SERVICE TAKES A LITTLE PLANNING

While our August focus is **Youth**, now is also the time to begin planning for September's **Childhood Cancer** and October's **Vision** projects.



**YOUTH**  
August  
Service  
Focus



### Challenge Your Club to help 31 students in 31 days

**Want to take the challenge?** Help 31 local students start the school year ready to learn. How your club helps is up to you — and what your local schools tell you they need most.

- Ask school nurses, counselors or teachers what would help students most.
- Check local school, store and school website supply lists for ideas.
- *Your 31 may look different from another club's 31.* You might provide classroom supplies that benefit 31 students, or fill 31 backpacks, stock a supply closet or meet another need identified by the school.

*No time to organize a 31 / 31 club project?* Individual Lions can shop, donate or volunteer, too. Able to help more than 31 students? *Keep going!*

#### Imagine the Impact!

If every 5M-5 club helps at least 31 students, together we could reach more than 1,100 students across Hennepin County!

*Taking the challenge?* Report your project in Lion Portal and share it on social media.

### Kindness Matters Award

Lions International's **Kindness Matters Service Award** recognizes creative, innovative service projects. Every MD5M District is expected to submit a Lions and a Leo club nomination.

Among the award requirements: Service must have been reported in Lion Portal and have taken place July 1, 2025 through February 27, 2027.

Club nominations are due February 28, 2027. [Click here for Kindness Matters award information.](#)

### Start Talking Childhood Cancer

September is **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** and our next Month of Service focus.

- Use your **August club meeting** to talk about how your club can support children living with cancer and their families.
- **Looking for service ideas?** Check out the Childhood Cancer article in this issue of *Informer* for opportunities, resources and ways to be involved.
- **Have an idea?** Invite another Lions club, Lions or community partners to serve with your club!

### Vision Week of Service October 8 - 18

Lions International's **Vision Week of Service** is two months away. Looking for service project? Connect with **MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation** about scheduling or volunteering at a children's vision screening. Potential locations:

- Schools and preschools
- Childcare and early childhood programs
- Community centers or libraries
- Community events and health fairs

### Congratulations 5M-5!

***We made an impact Lions Year 2025 – 2026! \****

**495,636 +** people served  
**14,606 +** volunteers  
**57,782 +** volunteer hours  
**\$1,325,190 +** funds donated  
**\$1,210,083 +** funds raised

*Thank you to every Lion and club that served. Thank you for sharing club stories reporting in Lion Portal!*

*\* based on information entered as of 7/27/2026*

### Closing Thoughts

*Great service starts with an idea and grows when Lions and others work together. Connect with your community. Ask what is needed. Invite other clubs, Lions and community partners to serve with your club.*

Lion Sara

5M-5 GST coordinator

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### 5M-5 Lion Year Service Focus Calendar

**July** Vision **August** Youth **September** Childhood Cancer  
**October** Vision (Oct 8 - 18) **November** Diabetes  
**December** Humanitarian **January** LCIF / Disaster Relief  
**February** Youth (Feb 13 – 21) **March** Hunger  
**April** Vision & Hearing **May** Humanitarian / Mental Health  
**June** Environment (May 29 – June 6)



Childhood  
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

### September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

*Start Planning Your Club's Service Now*

**Childhood Cancer** is one of Lions International's 8 global causes. In September, it will be a focus of service for 5M-5 and all of MD5M districts. We're asking your club to put Childhood Cancer service on your club's meeting agenda. Talk about how your Lions can support children with cancer, and their families, during September. *You don't have to wait until September to get started planning and doing!*

### Bring LEGOs August 24

District 5M-5 is collecting **new LEGOs** sets at our August 24 All-Club Meeting. (All-Club RSVPs are due no later than August 16.) The **LEGOs** will be donated through the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation for children receiving care in the hospital. *Bring a LEGO set and help brighten a child's hospital stay!*

### How Else Can Your Club Serve?

Cancer treatment can mean hospital stays, frequent appointments, travel and added responsibilities for the entire family. Sometimes relatively simple acts of service can make a meaningful difference. Start by connecting with a family, hospital, social worker or childhood cancer organization and ask what would be most helpful. Consider:

- providing gift cards for gas, groceries or restaurants
- preparing meals for family members at home
- helping with errands or transportation
- mowing the lawn, raking leaves, removing snow or helping with basic home maintenance
- caring for family pets
- providing activities and comfort items for children and siblings who are at home

### Minnesota Lions Helping Children & Families

The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, a 501(c)(3), provides Lions with additional opportunities to help children and families while supporting childhood cancer research, programs and services.

### Support Bags of Smiles

Bags of Smiles are filled with high-quality toys, books, crafts, stuffed animals and other activities to bring some fun and comfort to children during a hospital stay. Clubs may support Bags of Smiles through donations, by hosting a Bags of Smiles event or by volunteering. Generous companies provide many of the products at significantly reduced prices, helping donated dollars go even further.

### Help a Family — Double Your Impact

Through the Foundation's Matching Funds Program, a Lions club can provide up to \$500 to help a family living with childhood cancer, and the Foundation will match the club's contribution. *\$500 from your club + \$500 from the Foundation = \$1,000 to help a family.*

### Golf for the Gold — September 19

Support the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation at the **Golf for the Gold Scramble at Hawley Golf Course and Country Club**. [Click here Sept 19 Golf Scramble info](#)

### Start Your Club's September Service Conversation Now

- use your August club meeting to ask: *What can our club do in September?*
- ask what is needed and choose something that fits your club
- consider inviting another Lions club, community partners, friends and family members to serve alongside your club in service



- DO IT!** Turn your club's service idea into action in your community!
- REPORT IT!** Report your club's service in Lion Portal.
- POST IT!** Share your club's story and photos on your club's social media platforms, and the District 5M5 Lions Network Facebook page. Ask club members to share your club's posts on their personal pages, too.

## What to report in Lion Portal

Donations, Fundraising, Meetings / Club Socials & Dinners, Service Activities

## When to report in Lion Portal

As soon as possible after donations are made, funds are raised, club meetings or events take place, and service activities are completed. Try to have your club's reporting completed by end of each month.

## Quick Tips

- Report donations separately, rather than bundling several donations into one report.
- Report each fundraising event separately.
- For recurring events and activities, (for example weekly), report each activity separately.
- Use copy function for recurring events and activities, then edit the dates and number of volunteers, hours, people served and other information.
- Have photos? Include in your Lion Portal report.
- Be sure to check the **Report Complete** box and select **Save** to finish Lion Portal report.

## Who can file Lion Portal Reports?

Club secretary, president, administrator

## Why file Reports in Lion Portal?

Every Lion Portal report helps tell the story of Lions. Reporting celebrates your club, inspires others, and shows the difference Lions make in our communities and around the world.

## Why Post About Your Club?

Because people can't join, support or volunteer with a Lions club they don't know about.

- Shows your community what Lions actually do.
- Recognizes your members and community partners.
- Helps attract potential members and volunteers.
- Helps businesses and organizations discover opportunities to partner with Lions.
- Extends impact of your club storytelling when members share club posts.

***Don't just tell people you are a Lions club. Show them what Lions do!***

## Need help reporting in Lion Portal?

Contact Lion Sara McFee. [LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com](mailto:LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com)

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

*Loretto Lions*

*Mpls. Can Do Canines Lions*

*New Hope Lions*

*Wayzata Lions*

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*Eden Prairie Lioness Lions*

*Eden Prairie Lions*

*Hopkins Lions*

*Northwest Tonka Lions*

*Orono Lions*

*Saint Bonifacius Lions*

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*Mpls Ambassadors Lions*

*Mpls Next Generation Downtown Lions*

*Mpls Northside Roaring Lions*

*Richfield Lions*

*St. Louis Park Lions*

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*Bloomington Lions*

*Camden Lions*

*Excelsior Lions*

*Mpls Northeast Lions*

*Mpls Southwest Lions*

*Mpls Special Olympics MN Lions*

### ZONE 5 CHAIR (term ends 2027)

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*Brooklyn Center Lady Lions*

*Brooklyn Center Lions*

*Brooklyn Park Lady Lions*

*Brooklyn Park Lions*

*Crystal*

*Osseo Lions*

*Robbinsdale Lions*

### ZONE 6 CHAIR (term ends 2026)

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*Corcoran Lions*

*Dayton Lions*

*Hamel Lions*

*Maple Grove Lions*

*Plymouth Lions*

*Rogers Lions*

## LIONS SERVING

*Email Your Photos of your Lions in action.*

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

[lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com](mailto:lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com)



**Brooklyn Park Lions Club presented Rayan from Algeria and Matt from Slovenia with a club pin and club banner.**

**Lion Brenda & Lion Michael Reeves hosted them both as they do every year.**

**Brooklyn Park Lions Club: Lion Richard, Lion Michael R, Lion Grant, Lion Terry, Lion Carol, Lion April, Lion Carmelle. Lion Michael C was taking the picture. Doing concessions during a concert in the park.**



**The Explorers and Police Officers along with members of the Brooklyn Park Lions club working together at a Concert in the Park at the Brooklyn Park Community Center.**



**Minneapolis Riverview Lions Club President Lion Grant presented Lion Michael Crenshaw a Melvin Jones Fellow.**



**Here is a picture of the youth who are staying in 5M5.**

**From left to right Rayan from Algeria, Mat from Slovenia, Lasse, from Finland and Juan from Switzerland. Let me know if you would like anymore information.**

Maple Grove Lions corn feed was on Saturday, July 18th during Maple Grove Days. Sadly our parade was cancelled due to air quality and heat. We had a great group of volunteers including Lion Blade Wilson and his wife Rita, who joined us from North Carolina.





Maple Grove Lions cancer child Viola Watkins who was named the Rodeo Fan of the night.



Their other cancer child Charlize Hyser and her family including her godmother Lion Jenn Laitinen from our club.





**Maple Grove Lions from the Hamel Rodeo**

The rodeo pictures are our team of volunteers. Lions Cheryl Schissel, Tanya Hamilton, Theresa Burke, Beth Jansen, Nell Campbell, Sharon Houff, Alice Scheiss, Tim Conaway.

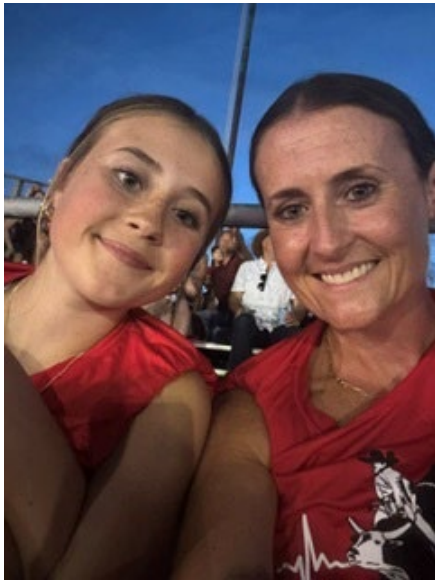


**Maple Grove Lions members Jeanne Kling, Nell Campbell, Lee Newman, and Claudia Newman presenting a check for \$7,500 to Crescent Cove.**

**Crescent Cove is 1 of 4 respite and end-of-life care facilities for children in the United States.**



Thanks to an anonymous donor MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation was able to purchase a flag for the grand entrance at the Hamel Rodeo.



MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Trustee Lion Lindsay and her daughter came from Monticello to volunteer at the Hamel Rodeo



**St. Louis Park Lions Club Annual Awards Ceremony that we had on Tuesday June 23.  
We wanted to congratulate all of our award recipients and we are excited for all the fun ways we can  
continue to serve our community next year!**





## August 2026 Informer - Leo Club

For many students, becoming a member of a Leo Club is about more than just accumulating volunteer hours; it is about finding a passion for community, leadership, and service.

At Champlin Park High School, senior Mikayla credits the Leo Club with opening doors to meaningful opportunities to serve. "Leo Club helped give me multiple opportunities to engage in my community and give back," she shared. Through the club, she found mentorship, joined the student leadership team, and helped plan service projects. "Everyone shared ideas and talked about our community; this was the perfect space for me." Even during a busy senior year, she remained committed to volunteering at least 10 hours each month.

For fellow senior Brynn, the Leo Club transformed how she viewed service. "Before joining this club, I struggled to find ways in which I could give back to my community," she explained. The experience taught her that meaningful service does not always require grand gestures. Whether writing thank-you notes to healthcare workers, cleaning up a park, or making blankets for those in need, she learned that "each little act of service can make a difference." Just as importantly, she found friendships and showed her the strength of her community.

Jennifer, another Champlin Park senior, describes the Leo Club as "the most impactful club I have ever participated in." After joining as a sophomore, she became more confident, more connected, and discovered a passion for helping others. "I started volunteering, became more open to people, and learned how to better help others," she wrote.

The impact of a Leo Club affects more than just students. Leo Club advisors have the privilege of mentoring young leaders, watching them grow in confidence and compassion while helping guide projects that benefit the community. Sponsoring Lions Clubs also gain new perspectives and enthusiastic partners in service, which strengthens their connection with local schools while inspiring the next generation of Lions. Together, Lions and Leos demonstrate that service is most powerful when generations work side by side.

The District 5M5 Leo Clubs are looking forward to the new school year for the new service and leadership opportunities to help their communities.

Submitted by:

District 5M5 Leo Club President Audra Houdek

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**District 5M5 Leo Club Chair - Lion Jane Hansen at [ljionjanehansen@gmail.com](mailto:ljionjanehansen@gmail.com)**



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## A Great New Opportunity for KidSight

After a record-breaking year of screenings in 2025-26 (more than 84000 screened and more than 12,000 referred across all of MD5M), Lions KidSight vision screening for children has accepted the opportunity to screen in all Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools.

This daunting task was previously handled by the Phillips Eye Institute and was supported entirely by donations. After a decision to redirect such funding to more immediate eye care, Phillips stopped the in-school vision screening. They contacted MD4M Lions Foundation and asked if we could take over the program.

Multiple District 5M6 will handle the St. Paul school system. The 62 Minneapolis Public Schools will fall to 5M5.

We can bring more equipment to the program than Phillips, speeding up the screening processes. In most cases this will cut down the screening time from two days to one. This means that the volunteer needs will entail less time.

We will need more volunteers, though, than we already use, given that all other school, pre-school and community event screenings will continue as they have in the past. We are especially hoping for involvement by Lions Clubs in Minneapolis and the immediate surrounding area.

Screenings will begin in late September, so now is the time to let us know about your interest in being part of this historic expansion of the KidSight program.

Another record-breaking opportunity is at the Minnesota State Fair, where the number of children screened by KidSight has grown each year. We still have many openings on the days when 5M5 is scheduled to screen: Wednesday, September 2 and Monday, September 7. Remember that you get a FREE TICKET to the Fair for the day you screen. Shifts are only three hours at the Education Building.

Here's the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-63293948-state>

[State Fair Kidsight: State Fair 2026 Kidsight Screening](#)

We're looking forward to working with you on these exciting KidSight projects.

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612-638-8730



### 5M5 Lions Make a Difference at the Hamel Rodeo



The 2026 Hamel Rodeo is now in the history books, and we want to take a moment to thank the **Lions volunteers from throughout District 5M5** who helped make this year's event such a success.

The Hamel Rodeo is a tremendous undertaking, operated entirely by volunteers who put in long hours—often in 90-plus-degree temperatures—to make the event happen. From scanning tickets and working the beer tent to flipping hamburgers and helping wherever needed, Lions from across our district gave their time and energy to support the event and the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF).

There was plenty of sweat, but also plenty of smiles and the satisfaction of knowing that every volunteer was making a difference.

Thursday night was designated as **Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Night**, with the Hamel Rodeo generously donating **\$2 from every Thursday ticket sold** to MLCCF. The funds raised will help MLCCF continue its mission of supporting Minnesota families whose children are battling cancer.



One of the highlights of the weekend was spending time with **Viola Watkins**, an 8-year-old Maple Grove girl battling neuroblastoma. Through the support of MLCCF and the Maple Grove Lions, Viola's family has received financial assistance during an incredibly difficult journey.

Viola and her family attended the rodeo. Rodeo tickets were provided for Viola, her family, and her best friend. An anonymous donor also made the evening extra special by giving each of the children \$50 to spend at the rodeo.

Moments like these are a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. Lions service is about much more than fundraising. It is about helping real families, creating special memories, and letting children and their parents

know they are not facing difficult times alone.



To every Lion from across **District 5M5** who volunteered at the Hamel Rodeo, **thank you**. Your time, hard work, and willingness to serve made a difference. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our Lions throughout the district.

**This is what Lionism is all about—neighbors helping neighbors, serving with compassion, and making a real difference in the lives of others.**

Submitted by Gary Stevens, Chair, MLCCF, and Colleen Patterson, Secretary, MLCCF

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## Vision Foundation Welcomes New Directors

The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation welcomed 3 new members to their board of directors in July! As the oldest sanctioned project in the Multiple, a Vision Foundation director post is a prestigious appointment for any Lion, and the foundation is proud of our Lions representatives and grateful for their work.

Directors oversee Lions funding for the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank and report on eye bank activities to the Lions of Minnesota. They promote the eye bank to fellow Lions club members and the general public. Directors also work to raise funds for other Vision Foundation initiatives, such as the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the Lions Macular Degeneration Center, used eyeglass collection, and the Lions Eye Surgery Center. Minnesota Lions have donated tens of millions to the people of Minnesota through sight-related endeavors at the University of Minnesota.

Invite your directors (contact information at left) to your club for an update!

## EVENT FLYERS

Email your Flyer or Event information to:

[lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com](mailto:lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com)



**DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM???**

The MLCCF will provide a matching grant of up to \$500 to match your club's contribution to a child with cancer. Contact Lion Gary Stevens at [edenprairiegary@gmail.com](mailto:edenprairiegary@gmail.com)

**UP TO \$500 MATCH**

**COMPLETE SHORT FORM**

Or click the link below for the form.  
MLCCF FAMILY MATCH APPLICATION 2026-02.pdf



**EDEN PRAIRIE LIONS PRESENTS THE ANNUAL CORN FEED**

A great summer event at the Round Lake Park with fun and games and (of course) all the corn you can eat. Starts at 11:00am and goes to 5 pm.

Enjoy fresh, hot, unlimited corn, a sloppy joe sandwich or hot dog, and chips.

All you can eat prices! Beverages extra.

**AUGUST 1ST, 2026**

PROCEEDS FROM THE FUNDRAISER will be used for local community projects including: Camp Eden Wood, True Friends, scholarships for local high school seniors, PROP (People Reaching Out to People), the PROP Shop, and more.

Location: Round Lake Park  
16691 Valley View Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55346

[www.eplions.org](http://www.eplions.org)



**NEW HOPE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CORN FEED**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT CORN!**

Adults **\$12** Kids **\$8**

For an additional cost, also serving: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pop/Water, Ice cream

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5\***  
4:30PM - 8:00 PM

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

\*weather permitting



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# ROBBINSDALE LIONS BISTRO AT THE FIREHOUSE

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SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH 11AM - 3PM



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BURGERS

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## Eden Prairie Lions Charity Golf Tournament August, 10th 2026

Join us for a fun, relaxed day of golf, laughter, and giving back at Dahlgreen Golf Club. Located in Chaska.

Sign up today and secure your spot.

Visit [www.eplionsgolf.org](http://www.eplionsgolf.org).

If you want to be added to a Foursome, email Lyle Hookom at [lhookom@comcast.net](mailto:lhookom@comcast.net)



Two - \$10,000 cash prize Hole In One Contests

- Shotgun Start and Scramble
- 18 Holes, Cart, and Dinner
- 1st Place Foursome \$800
- 2nd Place Foursome \$600

- Random Draw Foursome \$300
- Last Place Foursome \$200
- Add'l Course Contests and Prizes

Please forward and share!

## FIRST 5M-5 CABINET MEETING

**Monday, August 10**

6 pm Social 6:30 pm Dinner 7 pm Meeting

**Wicked Wort Brewing Company**  
4165 Broadway, Robbinsdale

Parking lots in back & across  
Hubbard Ave North & on street

**Cabinet Members**  
Free

**Non-Cabinet Members**  
\$20

**All Beverages: Cash Bar**



*service with  
a song in your heart*

**RSVP no later than August 2**

Email: [bpLionMichael@gmail.com](mailto:bpLionMichael@gmail.com)

## Crystal Lions Steak Fry



**August 12, 2026**

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

**\$15 Includes:**

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak Baked Potato  
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

**We Appreciate your support!**

**Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!**



ROBBINSDALE LIONS

# BAKE SALE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12TH

Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road  
4-7PM



## TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT! GUS MACKER 2026 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL

August 15-16, 2026 in Brooklyn Park, MN

### Partner with Minneapolis Northwest Tourism

Minneapolis Northwest Tourism is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting our vibrant cities of Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park.

Twin Cities Gus Macker is a community-driven basketball tournament that brings together athletes, families, and fans for a weekend of connection and impact. **Back for its third year**, the event is held at North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park, MN welcoming players of all ages and skill levels, creating an inclusive and energetic atmosphere both on and off the courts.



### How You Can Help Make the Event a Success

As a primary food vendor, we are looking to you for:

- Supplying hamburgers, hot dogs, and condiments on **either Saturday, August 15th or Sunday, August 16th**
- Materials for all preparations (grill, propane, plating, etc.)
- Pricing each item with us
- Staffing the booth each day
- Recommendations on splitting the proceeds with us for fundraising

With hundreds of teams, engaging on-site experiences, and strong local partnerships, Twin Cities Gus Macker continues to grow as a signature summer event in The Brooklyns. **100% of proceeds** raised from the tournament support local nonprofit organizations, reinforcing its commitment to our communities.

✉ Leslie@mplsnw.com

☎ (952) 956-2946

🌐 twincitiesgusmacker.com

5M LIONS QUEST  
WEBINAR SERIES

## ALL LIONS INVITED!

## IGNITE THE QUEST

Learn about Lions Quest and  
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A five-part webinar series for ALL Lions members to learn  
about Lions Quest – our Social Emotional Curriculum for  
youth – and the impact you can make in your community.

08-18-2026

7:00 - 7:45 PM



Zoom: Join Virtually  
Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131  
Passcode: 087451

Or email: [robrandmn@gmail.com](mailto:robrandmn@gmail.com) for invite

#### Seminar Dates (tentative):

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Webinar 1: June 18, 2026     | Topic: Ignite the Quest           |
| Webinar 2: August 18, 2026   | Topic: Map the Territory          |
| Webinar 3: October 20, 2026  | Topic: Start the Conversation     |
| Webinar 4: December 15, 2026 | Topic: Build the Partnership      |
| Webinar 5: February 16, 2027 | Topic: Train, Prepare, Celebrate! |

Lead the Pride. Launch the Quest!

# COMMUNITY CORN FEED

Brought to you by the St. Louis Park Lions Club and  
Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

SPIRIT OF CHRIST COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
5-7:30 P.M.

- FREE community event
- Suggested donation: \$10 per person at the event
- Bring non-perishable food items for STEP, as able

## FRESH CORN, BURGERS, LIVE MUSIC AND MORE!

All proceeds are given to the  
Lions Club International Disaster Relief Foundation  
and St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP)



# EVENT SCHEDULE

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## District 5M5 Lego Drive ALL CLUB MEETING Monday, AUGUST 24TH

Don't need to purchase a meal to attend -  
but you still need to register  
**EVERYONE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND**

**RSVP by Sunday August 16th**

**NO REFUNDS**

**No Ticket Sales at the Door**

Scan or Click  
QR Code



**\$20 per person**

**Cash Bar**

**5:30 PM SOCIAL / 6:00PM DINNER / 6:45PM Meeting**  
**Bring a new Lego set in support of Childhood Cancer**

**Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich or Baked Chicken Breast**  
**Scalloped Potatoes and Cole Slaw**  
**Dinner Roll and assorted Desserts**

**"New Location"**

**21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY BANK EVENT CENTER**  
**12716 MAIN STREET**  
**Rogers, MN 55374**

### MN LIONS District-Wide LEGO DRIVE

**HONORING CHARLIE**  
AND EVERY CHILD BATTLING CANCER

★ BRING A ★  
**NEW, UNOPENED BOX OF  
LEGO SETS**

to the  
**ALL-CLUB MEETING**

**AUGUST 24**

OUR GOAL:  
EVERY LION BRINGS  
AT LEAST ONE  
NEW BOX OF  
LEGO SETS!

**WHY LEGOS?**

- Legos spark creativity, imagination, and problem-solving.
- They provide joy, comfort, and a positive distraction during treatment.
- Your donation helps bring smiles and support to children in hospitals and treatment centers.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- ENCOURAGE FELLOW LIONS, FRIENDS & FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE.
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- TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE.

*Together, we can bring joy, comfort and hope.*

**Together We Serve. Together We Care.**  
IN HONOR OF CHARLIE.  
IN SUPPORT OF EVERY CHILD FIGHTING CANCER.

## LIONS AT THE STATE FAIR

August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>

Links to Sign up for:

[Kidsight](#)

[Diabetes, Hearing & Vision](#)



## A close-up photograph of a plated meal. The main component is a thick, rectangular piece of salmon, cooked on a grill, showing prominent dark, parallel grill marks across its surface. The salmon is positioned on the left side of a white plate. To its right is a baked potato, its skin appearing golden-brown and slightly wrinkled. The potato is topped with a generous layer of melted, orange-shredded cheese. In the foreground, partially overlapping the bottom of the salmon, is a small portion of a side salad consisting of fresh green leafy vegetables and thin slices of red bell pepper. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the food.

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

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# Timber Creek Golf Club

# September 11 & 12

★ 50 YEARS OF THE ROAR & AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY!

★ **FRIDAY NIGHT**

SEPTEMBER 11 ★ 5:00 PM - 10:30 PM ★

**NEW Taste of Osseo!**

AMAZING LOCAL FOOD VENUES  
COMING OUT TO THE STREET!

(weather permitting, while supplies last!)

**DICK'S BAR & POUR FOOD TRUCK**  
Smash burgers, cheese curds & fries.

**OLYMPIA CAFE & GYROS**  
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**OSSEO LIONS FOOD TENT**  
Hot dogs, chili dogs & nachos

**OSSED MEAT MARKET**  
Meat at discounts and specials

**CHAMPS OF OSSED**  
Loaded meat

**PAINTED TURTLE**  
Tanghulis, caramel apples & treats

**TWO SCOOPS**  
Ice cream

★ **SATURDAY**

SEPTEMBER 12 ★ 11:00 AM - 10:30 PM ★

**5K RUN**  
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**CAR SHOW**  
After the parade

**RAPTOR CREEP** NEW  
Presentation

**BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT**

**DJ EMERSON** NEW  
Spiriting music in the afternoon

**PARADE**  
Noon - 90 min

**VENDOR POP-UP**  
9 AM - 3 PM

**PETTING ZOO**

**KIDSWITCH TENT**  
11 AM - 3 PM

**BINGO IS BACK!**  
Under Premier's canopy & at the Community Center

★ **FRIDAY NIGHT HEADLINER** ★

**GENERATION RADIO**

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

★ **SATURDAY NIGHT HEADLINER** ★

**SKITZO FONK**

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

**SPECIAL RAFFLE**

NOW THROUGH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

TOP PRIZES

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**TICKETS: \$10 - WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

Winners announced on Main Stage  
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Contact an Osseo Lion member or visit the  
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[More Info: 918rs to order or purchase tickets online.](#)

★ **BOTH FRIDAY & SATURDAY** ★

**ELECTRONIC HORSE RACING\*** NEW

**BEER TENT\***

**KIDS ZONE**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**FOOD TENT**

Join the Parade
Become a Sponsor
Become a Vendor

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Come for the Roar - Stay for the memories!

Supporting Our Community TODAY & Always! ♥

\*You must be 21 yrs or older for some activities/events. A valid photo ID is required.

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**Brooklyn Park Lions Club**  
All you can eat  
**Belgian Waffle Breakfast**  
&  
**Silent Auction**

**Saturday September 19th 7:30 - Noon**



Gluten Free  
Option

Vegan  
Option

**\$12- Adults    \$10 - Vets & Seniors 62+    \$6 - Children 3-7**

Silent Auction (online) Starts Sept 14th, ends on the 19th

Brooklyn Park Community Center 5600 85<sup>th</sup> Ave North

**100% of event profits serve our community**

**Presented by Maple Grove Lions Club**  
**THE ROCK N' GROVE 2026**  
**LIVE MUSIC • BEER • FOOD**  
**SATURDAY 09.19.26** GATES OPEN: 3 PM  
MUSIC STARTS: 4 PM  
**CENTRAL PARK • MAPLE GROVE**

**HAIRBALL**  
A ROMASTIC CELEBRATION OF ARENA ROCK

Paul Peterson and the Minneapolis Funk All Stars

**RIVAL 5**

Maple Grove Lions Club  
**LOOKOUT BAR AND GRILL**  
**EXPERIENCE**

Maple Grove Parks and Recreation  
City of Maple Grove Minnesota



**Saturday, September 19**  
**NOON - 6PM**

**FREE Admission & Parking**

Live Music • Food Trucks • Kids Carnival • Vendors • Raffles

FEATURED MUSICIANS



Mason Meyer  
1PM - 3 PM



Kat Perkins  
4PM - 6PM



Hosted at  
**MAGNUS VETRAN'S FOUNDATION**  
16861 N. Diamond Lake Rd  
Dayton, MN 55327

Organized by the Dayton Lion's Club • daytonmnlions.org



**Brooklyn Park Lady Lions**  
**Tenderloin Steak Fry**

Silent Auction & Raffle

**Friday- October 2, 2026**

**5:30 pm Social 6:30 pm Dinner**

**Palmer Lake VFW**

**2817 Brookdale Drive**

**Brooklyn Park**

**Bacon Wrapped Tenderloin  
And Side Dishes**

**Tickets Advance Sales Only**

**Contact Lion Julie Foster 651-334-1803**

# WEEKS OF SERVICE

THREE WEEKS. THREE POWERFUL CAUSES.

2026-2027

LIONS SERVE. COMMUNITIES THRIVE. TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!



## VISION

OCTOBER 8-18, 2026

Opening eyes. Changing lives.  
Promote eye health and support  
sight-saving initiatives in your community  
and around the world.



## YOUTH

FEBRUARY 13-21, 2027

Empower today. Lead tomorrow.  
Invest in our youth through service,  
mentorship, and programs that  
build brighter futures.



## ENVIRONMENT

MAY 29-JUNE 6, 2027

Protect today. Preserve tomorrow.  
Take action to care for our planet through  
sustainability, conservation, and clean  
community initiatives.

adoptable & adaptable  
service project ideas

<https://bit.ly/CALionsOwnIt>



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version [here](#)



5M5  
Past District Governor  
Fellowship



STEAK DINNER  
\$15



Includes: 7-8 oz. Steak, Coleslaw,  
Baked Potato and Garlic Bread



Wednesday  
October 14, 2026  
5 PM to 7 PM

Crystal VFW #494

5222 Bass Lake Road

Brooklyn Center, MN 55429



All monies raised will go towards district  
approved projects.



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10-20-2026

7:00 - 7:45 PM

Zoom: Join Virtually  
Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131  
Passcode: 087451

Or email: [robrandmn@gmail.com](mailto:robrandmn@gmail.com) for invite



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Lead the Pride. Launch the Quest!



## Crystal Lions Steak Fry



**November 11, 2026**

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

### **\$15 Includes:**

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak    Baked Potato  
Coleslaw    Texas Toast    Beverage

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**11/24/2026**

**ALL CLUB MEETING-  
Save the Date**

**True Friends Camp Eden Wood**

6350 Indian Chief Rd  
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Social & Gather at 5:30 PM

Meeting Start at 6:30 PM

**More details to come.**

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